



Parkville
Missouri

APPENDIX A: History



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History



Fig. A.1 - Colonel George S. Park Stone Hotel (Constructed in 1851-53). Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

A.1 History

With the Platte Purchase Treaty signed in 1836 and ratified on 1837, the area in which Parkville is located quickly converted from Indian occupied territory to be highly populated by white settlers. Platte County was first organized on December 31, 1838 and named after the Platte River.

Originally a thriving river port for hemp, tobacco, and other products, Parkville grew faster than Kansas City, which was located approximately ten miles to the southeast. The close proximity of the Missouri River afforded easy access from river traffic and trade, drawing Indians, trappers, and farmers to Parkville. Hemp was produced and cleaned primarily through manual labor as no machinery had yet been created for this. This strenuous work developed a demand for slave labor in Platte County. After the Civil War, the hemp industry in Platte County virtually disappeared.

The site, which eventually became the town of Parkville, was selected and settled in 1837 by Stephen and David English. Colonel George S. Park, a veteran of the Texas War of Independence and noted as Parkville's first postmaster, purchased the site of Parkville and a riverboat landing from the English brothers in 1838 through a 99 year lease. Park filed the first plat of the town in 1844, and by 1850 had built warehouses and a large stone hotel. In 1849, the Missouri State Legislature granted a charter recognizing Parkville as an incorporated city. In 1853, Park established one of Platte County's earliest newspapers, "The Industrial Luminary." At this time, the border between Missouri and Kansas was plagued with battles over the issue of slavery. Colonel Park's newspaper gained national attention when, raided on April 14, 1855, a pro-slavery mob of roughly two hundred people reacted to his abolitionist editorials by throwing his printing press into the river.

These priorities include:

Two primary church organizations existed in Parkville in 1851, the Methodists and the Presbyterians. The Methodist church was a wooden structure located on East and Fifth Streets. The Presbyterian church was a stone structure located on the east side of town where the Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel stands on the Park Campus. The Baptist Church at Parkville was organized in 1852 and housed in a building located at 300 Main Street.

The future of Parkville seemed to be in jeopardy after the Civil War, but two significant ventures ensured its survival. First, prior to the Civil war, the town had been unsuccessful in acquiring a bridge across the Missouri River and therefore railroad traffic, which went to Kansas City. When George Park returned after the war, he assisted the town in securing a railroad connection. Second, in 1875, Colonel Park and Dr. John A. McAfee collaborated to establish Park College. Initially utilizing the

stone hotel constructed by Colonel Park, the college was eventually shifted to donated property east of downtown. The hotel (which stood on the site currently occupied by the Parkville Memorial Fountain) was designed to combine a hotel and business house, with the first floor as store rooms, the second and third and fourth to be used as a hotel. The second floor housed a printing office for Park and Cundiff.

Park University, a religiously affiliated college, was directed by Dr. McAfee with seventeen students and a vision of providing education for any young man or woman with free tuition and board in exchange for working up to half day in the college's farm, electrical shop or printing plant. Literally built by students, Mackay Hall, completed in 1893, and the Scott Observatory, constructed in 1896 still stand as icons at the edge of the historic town. From this time on, the college played a key role in the development of Parkville.



Fig. A.2 -

View of Parkville Downtown looking Southwest, c. 1900. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

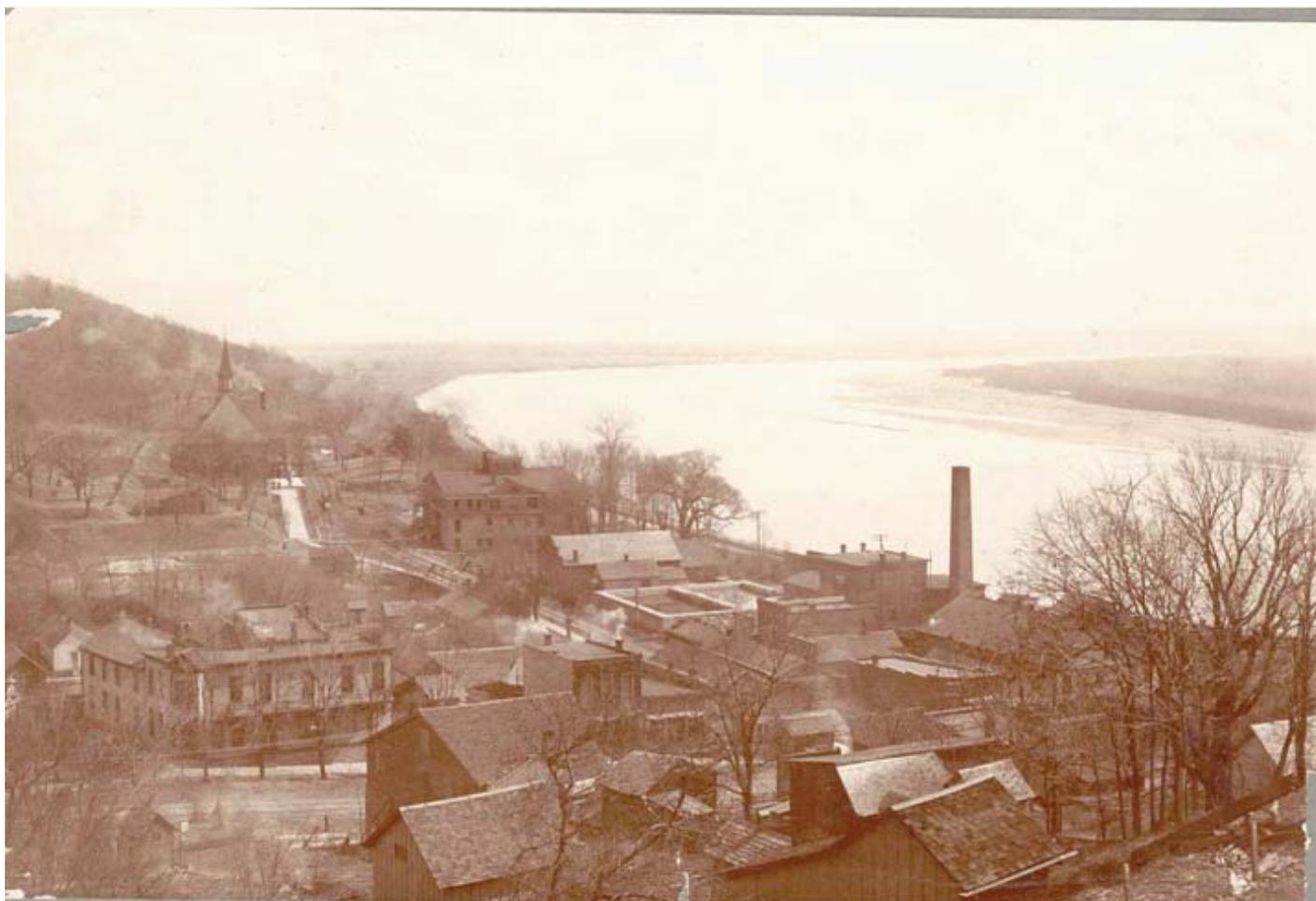


Fig. A.3 – View of Parkville looking Southeast (c.1894), note proximity of Missouri River to Downtown. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

Mid 1800s through 1900s architecture comprised of modest and traditional detailing, is illustrated throughout the historic downtown with unique ties to the past. In 1851, the mercantile business was primarily represented by four practices; Aspling and Stevens, Remington and Couch, R.A. Ringo and M.T. Summers. George W. Summers, the son of M.T. Summers, carried on the family business after his father's death. Drugstores were run by two firms at this time. Dr. J.W. Ringo and Dr. Young were proprietors of one store, and the other was run by Dr. Love and J.H. Bueneman. Love and Beuneman's store was located at 107 Main Street. Ringo after periods in several area towns (including a few returns to Parkville), settles back in Parkville in 1866 forming a partnership with Doctor J. A. Campbell under the name of Ringo and Campbell.

J. H. Nash operated a livery stable from 1857 to 1862 on East Street with his brother William Nash. In 1870 Nash and Brothers traded the stable to John Haynes for interest in Standard Mills on Water and West Streets. After William Nash's death in 1872, the company was operated by Nash and Bemis through 1874. The property currently housing Stone Canyon Pizza, was constructed for Dr. A.T. Holt by August, 1900. By 1877 there were general stores, a shoe store, grocery, hardware, blacksmith shop and two hotels. In 1880, Parkville's population stood at 482, compared to today's approximate 5,554 (per the 2010 census).

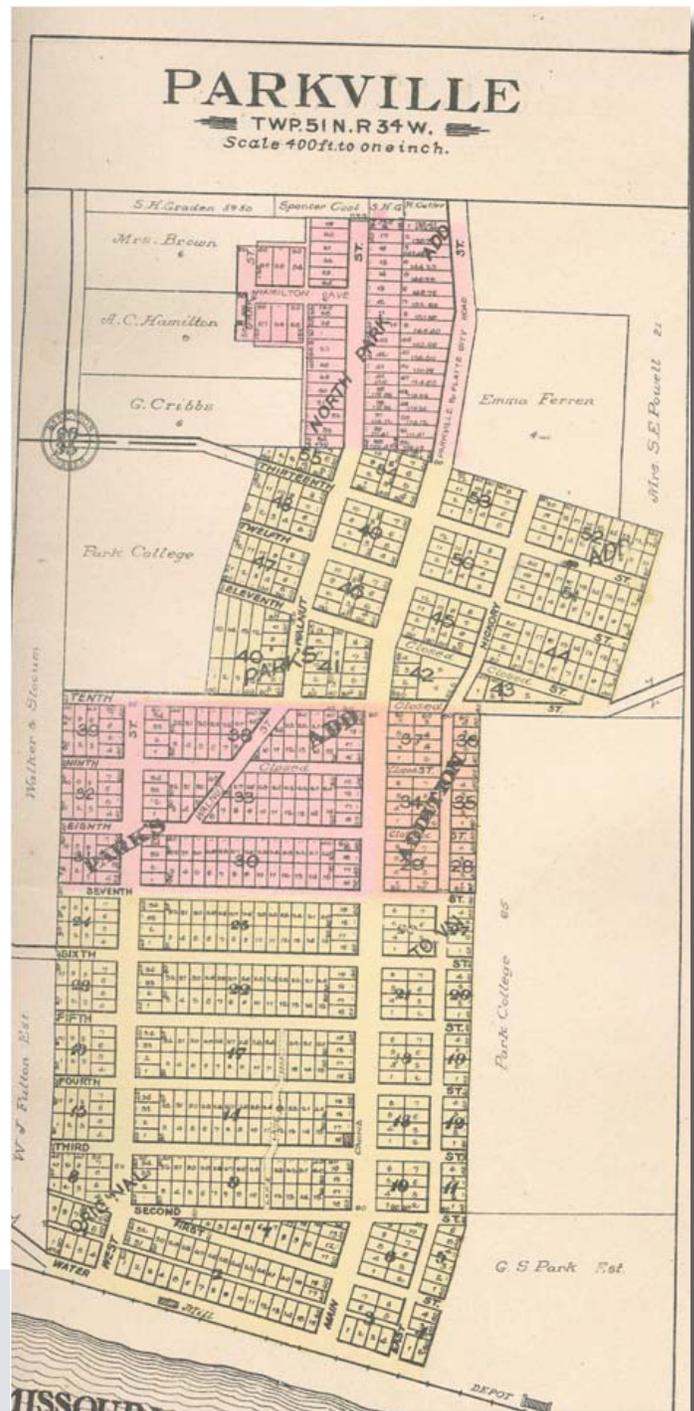


Fig. A.4 – 1907 Atlas of Platte County. Image courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.5 –
View of Main Street looking Northwest. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

Fig. A.6 –
View of Main Street looking Northwest. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.7 –
View of Main Street looking Northwest (c. early 1930s). Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.8 –

Main Street looking Northwest – Note the safes in the street, reputed to have been there from a bank robbery in the late 1870s and used as hitching posts up through the 1890s. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.9 –

View of First Street looking Northeast (c.1900). Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.10 – View along Main looking Northeast towards First Street. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.11 – View of First Street along Main looking Northeast. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

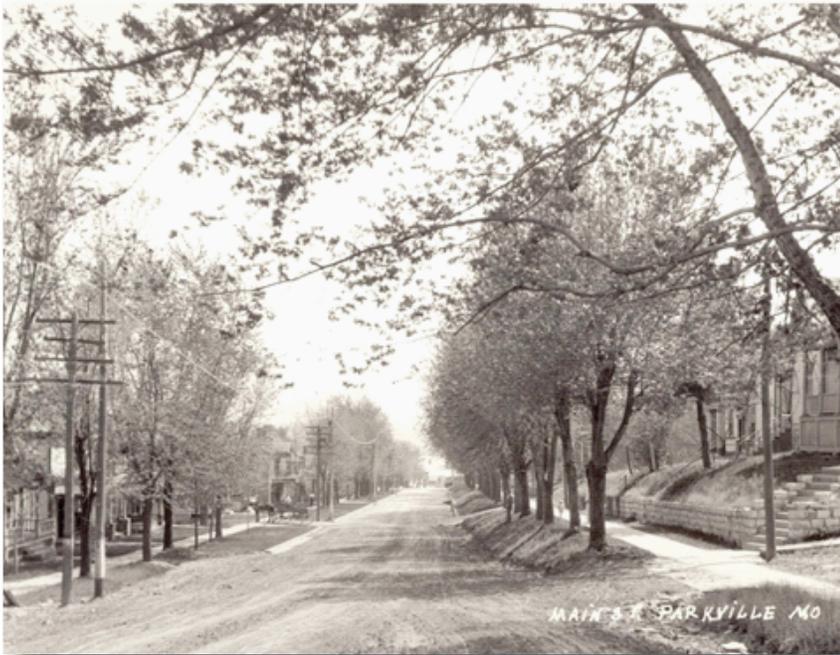


Fig. A.12 –
View of Main Street looking South. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

Fig. A.13 –
View of Main Street looking Southeast, upper end. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.



Fig. A.14 –
View of Main Street looking Southeast, lower end. Photo courtesy of Fishburn Archives Photographic History Collection, Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

A.2 Present-Day Use

Today, Downtown Parkville still reflects much of the history from which it came. Many homes and commercial buildings retain the character of the 19th and early 20th centuries in which they were built. Maintenance of the existing buildings varies greatly from one property to another. Buildings downtown would benefit from rehabilitation of exterior walls, storefronts and signage. The topography and natural beauty of the area is also a large part of the character and charm of the downtown core. English Landing Park, which runs parallel to the Missouri River along the south edge of downtown, is Platte County's most used park. The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday, 10 month out of the year. This highly successful market is located in the parking just south of the railroad tracks within the English Landing Park.

The Main Street Parkville Association is an important organization for the promotion of Main Street businesses and the preservation of the historic character of the downtown. They distribute maps and other information regarding the various businesses and events that happen downtown. More information can be found at: www.parkvillemo.org.



Fig. A.15 – Main Street Parkville Association Map of amenities and businesses in downtown Parkville (MSPA, 2012).

Visitors to downtown will find a variety of dining, shopping, and entertainment opportunities, including:

Dining

- Coffeehouse
- French Bistro
- Italian
- Mediterranean
- Pastries
- American
- Wine boutique

Shopping

- Antiques
- Collectibles
- Art
- Boutiques
- Home Décor
- Fabric/Hobby
- Specialty Stores
 - o Cigars
 - o Science
 - o Music
 - o Watch repair
 - o Glass
 - o Jeweler

Entertainment/Events/Festivals

- Final Fridays
- Cruise Nights
- MicroBrew Festival
- Parkville Days
- River Jam
- Christmas on the River
- Farmers Market
- Mini Golf

Services

- Banks
- Salons
- Dentists
- Financial Advisors
- Insurance
- Accountants
- Commercial Offices
- Education/Tutors
- Shipping/Transportation
- Marketing/Sales
- Landscaping
- Automotive
- Photography
- Lawyers
- Main Street Association
- American Legion
- Masonic Lodge
- Funeral Home
- Utilities
- Counseling
- Chamber of Commerce
- Security
- Architecture/Design
- Catering
- Web Design

SOMETHING TASTY TO PLEASE EVERYONE IN THE FLOCK!

Café Cedar Restaurant & Bar
2 East 2nd Street, 816-505-2233
Open Daily, 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
www.cafecedar.com

Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, American and Greek cuisine made with the finest ingredients and spices. Acoustic open mic night every Tuesday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Chef's creations every Thursday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., and enjoy a special chef-created appetizer on the house. Friday - Sunday, Chef's specials from around the world. Acoustic guitar every Saturday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Café Cedar hours listed every Sunday, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Banquet facilities for up to 150 people. Visit our website and sign up for e-mail alerts. Like us on Facebook and Twitter.

La Estancia Steak House
(formerly Piropea Grille)
Steaks with a View
1 West 1st Street, 816-741-9600
Please call for details.

The Old Filling Station
10 Main Street, 816-587-1411
Open Tuesday - Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday at noon.

Serving up the "coolest" ice cream treats, malts, shakes and sundaes in town, fresh smoothies and blends. Dig into one of our authentic, New York-style quarter-pound hot dogs and join us for Grandpa Moe's meatball grinder with egg sauce on weekends.

Shabby Hatzie's Tea Room & Boutique
113 Main Street, 816-587-1044
Lunch served Monday - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Breakfast served on Saturday for reserved groups only. www.shabbyhatzies.com

Made-from-scratch quiche, soups, hearty sandwiches and desserts. Fruit tea smoothies, hand blended drinks, and Missouri River Bottom fudge. More than 55 bulk teas, accessories and gifts.

Café des Amis A French Bistro
112-1/2 Main Street, 816-587-6767
www.cafedesamis.com

Lunch served Tuesday - Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Dinner served Tuesday - Saturday, 5:30 - 10:00 p.m. Sunday brunch, Noon - 3:00 p.m. Sunday dinner, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Amusing service and delicious food! Extensive wine list and full service bar. Outdoor deck seating available.

Pancho's Villa
100 South Main Street (in the Train Car)
We've returned to historic Downtown Parkville! You'll find all your old favorites from the original Pancho's menu, plus many new items to enjoy.

Parkville Coffeehouse
103 Main Street, 816-216-6560
www.parkvillecoffeehouse.com
Monday - Saturday, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Handcrafted espresso, whole leaf teas and fruit beverages served hot, iced or frozen. Sandwiches baked on fresh, Farm-to-Market bread, pastries, soups, salads, chips, oatmeal and quiche too. Fresh, whole bean coffee roasted in Parkville. Gift items and coffee accessories.

Stone Canyon Pizza Co.
15 Main Street, 816-746-8686
www.stonecanyonpizza.com
Open Daily at 11:00 a.m.

A wonderful family environment! Daily lunch specials starting at \$7.95, Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Happy Hour, Monday - Friday, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. 1/2-price wines by the bottle every Thursday evening. Table-side magic every 2nd and 4th Friday evening, 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. Family Night every Sunday, 4:00 p.m. until closing. Burger 24 Night every Thursday, 4:00 p.m. until sold out! Affordable private dining area available for up to 25 people.

Café Italia
190 English Landing Drive, 816-584-0607
Sunday - Thursday, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.
www.cafeitalia2.com

An authentic Italian experience! Enjoy the Italian cuisine in a casual atmosphere. Come in and socialize with us over our wonderful pastas and breads.

River's Bend Restaurant & Bar
2 Main Street, 816-880-9999
www.riversbendrestaurant.com
Open Daily, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Enjoy hearty foods, your favorite drinks, and your favorite games on big-screen TV. Featuring burgers, pork tenderloins, pastas, salads, sandwiches, steaks and an array of appetizers. Banquet room available for parties of 20 to 150. Rooftop deck seating.

Wines by Jennifer
406 Main Street, 816-508-9463
www.winesbyjennifer.com
Tuesday - Saturday, Noon - 8:00 p.m.

A global wine boutique and tasting room. Wine tastings, wine by the glass, more than 60 beer varieties, appetizers, specialty foods, wine accessories and gifts. Private parties and catering services available. Check our website for information about our special events.

Frank's Italian Restaurant
100 Main Street, 816-746-8282
www.franksofparkville.com
Tuesday - Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Friday, 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Home of the Italian dining in Historic Downtown Parkville. \$5.99 lunch specials Tuesday thru Friday. Breakfast on weekends, 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.



DOWNTOWN PARKVILLE AFTER HOURS

FINAL FRIDAYS

Last Friday of Every Month
Starting at 6:00 p.m.

Come for the fun. Stay for dinner. Special evening entertainment featuring guest artists and musicians, plus special activities at participating shops and restaurants.

SHOP LATE EVERY FRIDAY

Enjoy convenient evening shopping at River's Bend Gallery, H.M.S. Beagle, Varsity Convenience, The Cigar Shoppe, and the Parkville Antique Mall.

CRUISE NIGHTS

First Saturdays
May 3th, June 2nd, August 4th, and September 1st in the South Main parking lot. Starts at 4:00 p.m. Music, food and awesome wheels!



Parkville Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. 'til Noon
Wednesdays, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. (starting in June)

Shop for in-season vegetables, fruits, flowers, jams, honey, baked goods, eggs, meats and more. Located just south of the railroad tracks near the banks of the Missouri River.

For more information, call 816-505-2227 or visit www.parkvillemo.org.

Upcoming Festivals & Events

Music On Main

Enjoy live music by local musicians on Saturday afternoons, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Jazz, Blues & Fine Art River Jam

Friday & Saturday, June 15th & 16th

Free Admission

Non-stop music, art fair, food and fun!

4th of July Celebration

Wednesday - Saturday, July 4th - 7th

Free Admission

Carnival Rides July 4th
10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
July 5th - 7th
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Parade Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Fireworks Wednesday, 9:45 p.m.

Parkville Days

Friday - Sunday, August 17th - 19th

English Landing Park.

More than 100 vendors including art and crafts. Free Admission

Carnival Rides Friday
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, Noon - 6:00 p.m.

5k Run Saturday Morning (before parade)

Parade Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

For more information and updates, visit www.parkvillemo.org.

Parkville Visitor's Map and Calendar of Events

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Fig. A.16 – Main Street Parkville Association businesses and events in downtown Parkville (MSPA, 2012).

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