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Main Street Organization's next meeting Tuesday

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People interested in learning more about the Main Street Organization forming in Brookville and Franklin County should come to the Schilling Center Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

Mark McConaghy, director of Indiana Main Street, will give a presentation on the next step to forming the organization.

Several interested residents met Aug. 16 at the Schilling Center to

learn about the organization.

It's purpose is to revitalize downtowns throughout the state.

In his first meeting in the community, McConaghy said he was very impressed with Brookville's downtown.

A great majority of the town's unique architecture has been maintained and the downtown section is historically intact.

"I have been in downtowns in bad shape; this is definitely not one of them," McConaghy said at the Aug. 16 meeting.

According to Brookville/Franklin County Chamber of Commerce President Sid Bradley, those present at Tuesday's meeting will break up into small groups to better get an understanding of the organization and how to best reach the goals at hand.

With Brookville Lake and Metamora, Brookville's downtown should become a magnet for those visiting the county, McConaghy said earlier. In doing so, existing businesses should benefit as well as enticing new businesses to open.