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Form **990-EZ**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150
2009
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009, and ending 12-31-2009

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: MAIN STREET STERLING
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: PO BOX 283
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: STERLING, KS 67579

D Employer identification number: 74-2841820
E Telephone number: (620) 278-2099
F Group Exemption Number:

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify)

H Check if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. **\$ 33,345**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1 21,950
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2 0
3 Membership dues and assessments	3 6,570
4 Investment income	4 201
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b 0
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c 0
6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a 2,017
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b 3,238
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c -1,221
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
b Less cost of goods sold	7b 0
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c 0
8 Other revenue (describe <input type="checkbox"/>)	8 2,607
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9 30,107
Expenses	
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12 16,375
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15
16 Other expenses (describe <input type="checkbox"/>)	16 14,724
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17 31,099
Net Assets	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 -992
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19 84,941
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20 -45,082
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21 38,867

Part II Balance Sheets—If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	52,843	22 34,215
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe <input type="checkbox"/>)	32,213	24 4,738
25 Total assets	85,056	25 38,953
26 Total liabilities (describe <input type="checkbox"/>)	115	26 86
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	84,941	27 38,867

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)		Expenses (Required for section 501 (c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Downtown revitalization & education			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title			
28 ASSISTED IN REVITALIZATION OF BUILDING AT 115 S BROADWAY LOAN (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	20,000
29 PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE AND 12 MONTH E-NEWSLETTERS MONTHLY NEWSPAPER COLUMN (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	250
30 HELD 3 DOWNTOWN EVENTS AND REPLANTED DOWNTOWN FLOWER POTS (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	4,371
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32	24,621

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		No
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033 (e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		No
35b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a _____		
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		No
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	<i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
40b	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		No
40c	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
40d	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	<i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>CHRISTI GILMORE</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(620) 278-2099</u> 136 S BROADWAY Located at ▶ <u>STERLING, KS</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>67579</u>		
42b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 _____		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	Yes	No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.		No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
48 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		No
49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

50(f) Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

51(d) Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: ***** Date: 2010-09-03

CHRISTY GILMORE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: CHERYL L BUCKMAN Date: 2010-09-03 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: MISHLER ACCOUNTING, P O BOX 306, STERLING, KS 67579

Preparer's identifying number (See instructions): EIN: Phone no: (620) 278-3727

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	50,678	21,352	70,518	48,240	30,537	221,325
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge			2,600	2,600	2,600	7,800
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	50,678	21,352	73,118	50,840	33,137	229,125
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						229,125

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	50,678	629	73,118	50,840	33,137	229,125
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	430	629	645	695	201	2,600
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						231,725

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions) **12**

13 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f)) **14** 98.880 %

15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15**

16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						0

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						

14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	0 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 74-2841820
Name: MAIN STREET STERLING

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
BLAIR MARTIN 8703 N BONE SPRINGS RD STERLING, KS 67579	Chairperson 8 00	0		
SHARLYN THODE 2355 18TH RD STERLING, KS 67579	Vice Chair 1 00	0		
BARBARA RANDOLPH 329 E GARFIELD STERLING, KS 67579	Sec 1 00	0		
TOM STEFFEN 218 W MONROE STERLING, KS 67579	Treas 1 00	0		
TONY SMITH 102 N BROADWAY STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
JEFF LAUDERMILK PO BOX 67 STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
DEBBY OLLER 116 S BROADWAY STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
MARVIN EWERTT 137 N BROADWAY STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
MARK SAVER 224 N 4TH STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
ANDY PREBBLE 112 E ADAMS STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
JESSICA SCHMIDT 1710 AVE Y STERLING, KS 67579	Director 1 00	0		
CHRISTI GILMORE 136 S BROADWAY STERLING, KS 67579	Exec Dir 20 00	15,450		

TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** MAIN STREET STERLING**EIN:** 74-2841820

Description	Amount
Committee Expense	4,982
Insurance	400
Office Expense	2,746
Operations Expense	1,976
Travel Expense	3,535
Christmas Bucks	85
Sterling Legacy Fund	1,000

TY 2009 Other Revenues Schedule

Name: MAIN STREET STERLING

EIN: 74-2841820

Description	Amount
In Kind	2,600
Non-General Use Income	7