

## *What has Main Street Done for Palestine?*

**Since January 2007:**

**26 buildings are planned for rehabilitation, work began on the first two in January, the Redlands and the Gregg-Link Building, and work has begun on the Paramount Building, Texas Title Company, the K-Wolens Building, Bell Finance building, and others.**

**The International Existing Building Code was adopted to facilitate the rehab of the downtown buildings.**

**Held a Historic Preservation Workshop to educate residential and commercial building owners about methods of repair and various programs, methods, and incentives for historic preservation.**

**Held a Destination Business Seminar to show businesses ways to increase sales and profits.**

**The biggest eyesore in downtown has been sold and is in the process of being rehabilitated and it will be the Flagship of “Newtown”.**

**Plans for downtown loft apartments in the upper floors of now partially vacant or abandoned buildings is in process.**

**New retail, restaurant, and office spaces are planned in the soon to be rehabilitated buildings.**

**Existing, operating businesses are cleaning up and rehabbing their storefronts**

**Vacant and occupied buildings with bats are being cleaned up and bats are being excluded from them including the Silliman building and the Gregg-Link Building.**

**The Palestine Main Street web site, [www.palestinemainstreet.org](http://www.palestinemainstreet.org) is up and running.**

**New restaurants are successfully in operation in the Main Street area including the Redlands and the Ranch House will be rebuilt.**

**Construction should begin on The Historic Palestine Lofts in 2009 in the Ivanhoe Building, Pittman Graphics building, and the Oak Street Village Shops (formerly Hodges Dry Goods, F. W. Woolworth, and J. C. Penney).**

**Has begun the “*Greener than New*” Workshop series, the first being the “Greener than New Window Workshop” held Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>.**