

"MAIN STREET" NEWS

"Main Street" Washington

2nd Quarter 2003

Capital Improvement Project – Phase II Bids Awarded Construction Began April 7

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*Volunteers are welcome to be a part of
any committee. Please call the Main
Street office to sign up, 724-229-7207.*

The Washington Business
District Authority meets the
2nd Tuesday of every month at
5:30PM in Council Chambers at
City Hall located at 55 West
Maiden Street, Washington,
Pennsylvania 15301.

**All WBDA meetings are
open to the public,
please plan to attend.**

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington has authorized award of construction contracts for the City of Washington Business District Revitalization Project Phase II, Project No. CD 02-29.

The General Contract was awarded to Frank J. Zottola Construction, Inc. of Valencia, PA and the Electrical Contract was awarded to Zavala, Inc. of Pittsburgh, PA on March 27, 2003.

The limits of the project are as follows: Main Street from the railroad tracks to Walnut, Maiden Street from College to Franklin, Wheeling Street from College to Franklin, Cherry Alley from College to Brownson, Walnut Street (south side) from Main to 200 linear feet east of Main, and the parking area bounded by Main/Chestnut/Pine/Schaffer.

The scope of work included in the project is summarized as follows: general contract work

Phase I Work Continues

With the final break in this long winter, the construction work on Phase I (Beau and Chestnut Streets) of the project has resumed.

Sidewalk and curb work on East Chestnut is being completed. All landscaped areas will be completely planted, all trash receptacles will be installed, new signs will go up, and the light poles will continue to be erected. The milling and resurfacing of Chestnut Street has happened.

includes storm sewer, concrete curbing, concrete walk, brick walk, asphalt resurfacing, signage, pavement markings, concrete pavement, brick paver crosswalks, landscape plantings, trash receptacles, and benches. The electrical contract work includes underground electrical power distribution and service connections, ornamental street lighting, traffic signalization, and raceways for miscellaneous utilities.

The consulting firm of E.G. & G., Inc. of Akron, Ohio has been retained by the City of Washington to provide construction administration and field representation services during the construction process.

The Phase II field office will be set up within the next two weeks.

Actual construction began on Monday, April 7th in the block of North Main between Beau and Chestnut Streets. Work will begin on the west side of the

street. It is anticipated that construction in this block will last until late June.

This block of work will necessitate a partial traffic detour. North-bound traffic on Main Street will be permitted to use this block between Beau & Chestnut throughout the construction period. South-bound traffic on Main Street will be detoured. The official south-bound detour will be West Chestnut to left on North Franklin to left on West Beau and then back on to South Main.

Pedestrian traffic will always be maintained, and as necessary, bridges over the sidewalk areas are being provided to all businesses.

Construction updates will be routinely given to the media and through the "Main Street" office and the construction field office.

The planned work on Shaffer Alley between East Beau and Pine Alley began in April.

Allegheny Power is now working on the electrical for Phase I. All property and business owners will be notified in a timely manner when it is time to make the changeover from above-ground to underground.

Questions and concerns should be addressed to the Phase 1 construction field office at 724-229-0519.

Enjoy a Memorable **Mother's Day Afternoon**
 with the
WASHINGTON SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA
 as they present
"American as Mom & Apple Pie"

The concert will be held
 Sunday, May 11th at 3:00PM
 in the
Grand Ballroom
 of the
George Washington
60 South Main Street
Washington, Pennsylvania

? Music with an American theme, such as Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," takes center stage along with favorites by fellow American composers Leroy Anderson, Aaron Copland, Ferde Grofe, Henry Mancini, John Philip Sousa and others.

? This is a must see event, featuring wheeling Park High School's award winning piano soloist Nathan Strasser.

? Tickets for the concert can be purchased at any Washington Federal branch.

Ticket prices are: Adults—\$10, Students & Seniors—\$7
 Children under 12 with Adult—FREE

? The Washington Symphonic Orchestra celebrated its first birthday on April 4th and consistently performs before standing room only audiences.

? A pre-concert lecture will be presented by John Canon—one hour before the concert. ?

Visit <http://www.washsym.org> or call 724-229-WSYM for more information.



Mother's Day Buffet

Enjoy a Special Pre-Concert Mother's Day Buffet
 In the Washington Room
 May 11th Noon to 3:00PM
 Call 724-222-2505 for Information & Reservations

National Tourism Week May 3–10

The official start of the vacation season across the USA
 Washington County Displays will be set up:
 Monday, May 5 at the I-79 North Welcome Center
 Thursday, May 8 at the I-70 East Welcome Center
 Call WCTPA at 724-228-5520 for more information
 or www.washpatourism.org

Do you have a special event or article of interest about your business or organization? "Main Street" News is happy to work with you to provide FREE, extra publicity. Contact the Main Street office at 724-229-7207 for details.

The ARTS in Washington...

Musical Luncheon Series at Wash Arts continues:

May 9—"Cello & Friends" - cellist Paul Umbach, pianist Diana Schott
 Final Concert of this series—you don't want to miss it
Ticket & Reservation Information
 Call— 724-222-1475

Artists' Co-op Public Hanging:
 Opening, Friday, May 9 at 7:00PM.
 Call 724-229-0365 for details.

Celebrity Arts Weekend Performances—Music & Readings at Wash Arts—

Saturday, May 10 at 7:30—performances by Congressman Tim Murphy, Pete Povich and Bill Northrop, Jr. and more...
 Call 724-222-1475 for additional information.

Art in the Park—Second Annual "Art Adoption Show"

Saturday, May 10 10AM to 8PM
 at the Main Pavilion at Washington Park
 Featuring: Judy Hopson, Alexas Covato, Kenny Hubb, Robin Muzur, Carol Randolf, Phyllis Staskiewicz, John Simpkin, Regis Turocy, Martin Howsare, Cindy Howsare, Monart School of Arts, and Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center.

Artist Reception—World West Galleries

Friday, May 16 6 to 10PM at 50 North Main Street
 Paintings, Prints & Ceramics by Artists:
 Brody Burroughs, Toby Fraley, Robert Connell



**Americans Will Always Fight for Liberty:
 The Poster Art of World War II**

Free Lecture by
 Commonwealth Speaker **Paul Newman**
 Monday, May 19 7:00PM
 Citizen's Library
 55 South College Street
 Sponsored by **Washington County
 Historical Society**
 724-225-6740

Dr. Newman's presentation is a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council (PHC), supported in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, a state agency.

Construction Zone...

Phase I of the Capital Improvement construction is winding down and Phase II has begun.

For Phase I—East and West Beau Streets, East and West Chestnut Streets, and Shaffer Alley between East Beau and Pine Alley—any questions or problems contact the Allison Park Construction trailer at 724-229-0519.

For Phase II—beginning on North Main between Beau and Chestnut Streets and South Main from the railroad tracks and Maiden Street—any questions or problems contact the Frank J. Zottola Construction office located at 16 East Chestnut, rear entrance or call 724-222-4471 or 724-222-4470.

Please don't wait to call if there are questions and problems. We will do our utmost to keep everyone informed and updated as the project continues. There will be unavoidable, temporary road closures and no parking times. When feasible, the local media will be informed to help keep you informed.

The most important thing to continue to remember is—these are temporary inconveniences for long term improvements. Please continue to patronize ALL of our downtown businesses during the construction. Check out the improvements along the way to your favorite restaurant and business.

There is always ample, inexpensive parking available in the East Chestnut Street Parking Garage. The Garage can be accessed from East Chestnut, Shaffer Alley (from East Beau) and Pine Alley (from College).

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation!

FREE *Storytelling Historical Walk Around Washington*

Begins at 1:30PM in front of Citizen's Library
On Saturday, May 17 & Sunday May 18
Call 724-225-6740 for more information or directions.
Sponsored by Washington County Historical Society

The David Bradford House Re-opens for 2003

175 South Main Street 724-222-3604
Built in 1788 by David Bradford, leader of the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794. The Bradford House is open Wednesday thru Saturday 11AM-4PM and Sunday 1-4PM

Changes...

The "Main Street" News is moving to a quarterly issue, beginning with this issue. To continue to keep you informed, special notices and updates will be mailed and will also be posted on the web site at www.washpa.net.

During the month of June the Main Street office will be moving to new quarters in the former Parking Authority building on East Chestnut Street.

Women's Economic Development Outreach Tour 2003

The WEDO Tour will be making its way through Western PA the week of June 9-13 to bring economic opportunities to women business owners.

The WEDO mission is "a coalition of resource partners working in collaboration to provide focused resources that directly impact woman-owned businesses and their opportunity for business expansion."

Day 3 of the tour will target Washington and Greene counties. For more information and to register for this FREE, exciting event, go to www.e-magnify.com or contact Susan Ameel at 412-854-4344 or abcexec@nb.net.

Salvation Army Annual Recognition Dinner

The Salvation Army Annual Recognition Dinner will start the National Salvation Army Week on Monday, May 12th. The dinner will be at the George Washington in the grand ballroom beginning at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$35 each or you may sponsor a table of eight for \$250.

Some awards include "Volunteer of the Year," "Bell-Ringer of the Year," and certificates of merit. The service club or business that typifies the spirit of the Salvation Army at the kettles receives the "Ding-A-Ling" award.

This year's dinner is different from previous years—this year is also a fund raiser. In addition to the \$35 a plate admission, there will be a silent auction of donated gifts.

For ticket information and auction donation information call 724-225-5740. *The Salvation Army is located at 60 East Maiden Street.*

ELECTION DAY—Tuesday, May 20th
Your Voice, Your Choice: Be Sure to VOTE

National Road Heritage Corridor Receives National Scenic Byway – All-American Road Designation

On May 8, 2003 at 10:30AM, the NRHC, along with five other National Road states, will formally celebrate the naming with the simultaneous cutting of a ribbon marking the National Scenic Byway—All-American Road designation. The celebration will be held at the historic "S" Bridge in Buffalo Township, Washington County.

Tourism is a leading industry across the Nation and heritage tourism is the #1 marketing niche. The preservation, development and marketing of the Historic National Road as a designation unto itself makes a significant contribution to community and economic development along the corridor and in the region. www.nationalroadpa.org



The mission of the Washington Business District Authority "Main Street" program is to preserve, improve, promote, and enhance the downtown business district following the four main principles of organization, design, promotion, and economic restructuring. The WBDA "Main Street" will work to move Washington into the 21st century, while retaining our historic character and yet complimenting regional economic development efforts.



The vision of the Washington Business District Authority "Main Street" program is for the city of Washington to have a vital downtown business district that compliments Washington's role as the County seat. Washington will continue to play a role in southwestern Pennsylvania's growing tourism efforts. But more importantly, downtown will be an attractive, safe environment for the residential and business community partners to live, work, learn, shop, worship and play.

Revitalization Project Amenities Sponsorships

Included in the capital improvements are all new amenities throughout downtown. The items include: street lamps, street trees, trash receptacles, decorative planters, and benches. Commemorative sponsorships of these attractive amenities are being made available to the public.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to have yourself or someone special memorialized in a permanent way in downtown Washington. On a limited, first-come, first-served basis, you may also designate a special location within the project boundaries for your commemorative choice.

Now the luminaires are installed on Beau and Chestnut Streets and the ones on West Beau are illuminated in the evening. Their installation should give all a better idea of how the new capital improvements will look throughout downtown once the project is finally completed.

Sponsorship brochures and order forms are available at the Main Street office and are also online at www.washpa.net. Maps for the special location requests are available in the Main Street office at 80 North Main Street. Please call 724-229-7207 for additional information or ask any member of the City of Washington Economic Development Council or Washington Business District Authority.

Design Challenge Grant Program Continues

The Washington Business District Authority Design Committee continues to accept and review applications for the Design Challenge Grant program for front footage façade improvements in the Special Services District. Matching grants, up to \$2,500 for approved improvements, are available to all qualified property and business owners.

Application packets are still available at the Main Street office at 80 North Main Street or online at www.washpa.net. The Design Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month to review and pre-approve applications.

Have you noticed all of the improvement projects—both in progress and completed?? Take the time to mention this to the participating property and business owners. Things are looking great with the façade program!

Funds for this program are provided through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. This is a four year program. Please call the office if you have any questions or need information, referrals, or assistance—724-229-7207.

City of Washington Policemen's Ball
Saturday, May 17 7PM to Midnight
Grand Ballroom – George Washington Hotel

The Road that built the Nation. Take your time...take a drive...and enjoy the Historic National Road.
Check out the new website at: www.nationalroadpa.org

Is Your Mailing Label Correct?
Please share your newsletter with a friend.
Read the News at www.washpa.net

Have a story, story idea or suggestion for the *Main Street News* staff?? Email suggestions, comments to info@washpa.net

Advertising Opportunities...

Space is available in the quarterly "Main Street" News for up to 10 advertising inserts. This offer is available to all interested "Main Street" businesses and non-profits. 650 copies of the insert must be provided to the Main Street office by the posted date. There is no charge to participants. The Calendar-of-Events at www.washpa.net is another FREE opportunity to list events, sales, etc. Take advantage of these FREE opportunities. Limited Main Street office window display space is also available on a first-come basis.



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