

"MAIN STREET" NEWS

"Main Street" Washington

November/December 2002

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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 Lighting of West Beau Street

On Thursday, November 7th at 5:30PM the City of Washington, the City Washington Economic Development Council Inc. and "Main Street" Washington hosted the *Lighting of West Beau Street*. The brief ceremony took place below the intersection of Main and West Beau Streets.

After opening remarks by Mayor Westcott and County Commissioner John Bevec, Senator Barry Stout spoke about the importance of the downtown revitalization and then "flipped the switch", officially lighting the block of West Beau between Main and Franklin Streets. This signifies the *basic* completion of the first block of the proposed 14

block capital improvement project.

Those in attendance went on to Martha's Public House in the George Washington for a reception and birthday cake, in honor of Senator Stout's birthday.

Phase I construction work continues on East and West Chestnut Streets. Most of the trees will be planted this fall, with the remaining ones to be put in during the spring of 2003. Very shortly, banners will be installed on the new luminaires. Work will continue during November and into December, weather permitting. The foundation of West Chestnut Street is being poured now and then a temporary base will

be applied for the winter. The final milling and resurfacing of East and West Chestnut will follow in the spring.

Phase II will begin in April of 2003. It will be during this phase that the intersections will be done.

The amenities sponsorships of the luminaires, trees, and benches continues. Information is available at the Main Street office and through any member of the Economic Development Council or the Washington Business District Authority. The sponsorship brochure is also available online at

Washington Symphonic Orchestra

The *new* Washington Symphonic Orchestra will be performing in their *new* home—the Grand Ballroom of the historic George Washington, 60 South Main Street—on Saturday and Sunday, November 23rd and 24th.

The WSO was formed in April of 2002 by a group of tri-state area musicians. Their first concert was in June of this year. The organization provides musicians from Southwestern Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia and Southeastern Ohio the opportunity to play pops, light classical, and classical music in a full symphony orchestra.

The November concert will be "White Christmas" - Selections by composers from countries that have a "White Christmas" as

well as traditional Christmas music. Additional performances are scheduled for February 15th and a special Mother's Day brunch and performance will be May 11th.

All performances are free, with donations appreciated. The Washington Symphonic Orchestra rehearses in the Ballroom from 7:30 to 10:00PM on Thursdays thought the season. Rehearsals are also free and open to the public.

We hope you will join us during this exciting inaugural season.

For additional information check the WSO web site at www.washsym.org or call Dave Owens at 724-263-6752.

Holidays in Downtown Washington...



City of Washington Fire Department's Annual Christmas Parade

The annual Firemen's Christmas Parade will be Friday, December 6th beginning at 7:00PM. The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Washington High School, proceeding up West Chestnut to North Main and ending at the South Main at Wheeling.

We hope many of our merchants will stay open and take advantage of the crowd. Many of our restaurants will be open also. The Parking Authority will again have the Parking Garage at East Chestnut open and FREE to the public to ease congestion.

Don't miss this wonderful Washington tradition as we begin the holiday season. For additional details, call 724-223-4231 (the Tylerdale Fire Station) or 724-229-7207 (the Main Street office).

Reminder...

You CAN do some of your Holiday Shopping right in Downtown!

This year, as you prepare your holiday gift lists, please remember to give our downtown merchants the opportunity to show you what is conveniently located right here in our own downtown. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you find.

Our antique stores and floral shops are already stocking up with wonderful gift ideas. Don't be afraid to check out the art galleries. Many of our merchants and restaurants also offer gift certificates for the really hard to shop for.

The Main Street office will also be happy to offer suggestions. Email questions info@washpa.net.

Happy Shopping!

Colonial Christmas in Downtown

The annual Main Street Colonial Christmas Craft Mall will be held Friday, December 6th and Saturday, December 7th at 75 North Main Street (the former Artists' Co-op location). Friday hours are from 11:00AM to 8:00 PM and Saturday hours are from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM.

Be sure to stop by this year for some very special hand-made Christmas treats. Crafters will be joining us from the tri-state area in this end-of-the-craft season special event. You'll be sure to find something to please everyone on your holiday list. There are some special surprises planned. Start watching the storefront window for hints of what will be happening!

Again this year, we hope all merchants will decorate their windows and doors accordingly. This year's street decorations will be festive wreaths hung at each intersection. Volunteers are welcome to join the Main Street staff on Monday, December 2nd for the annual "Hanging of the Greens."

Holiday Activities...

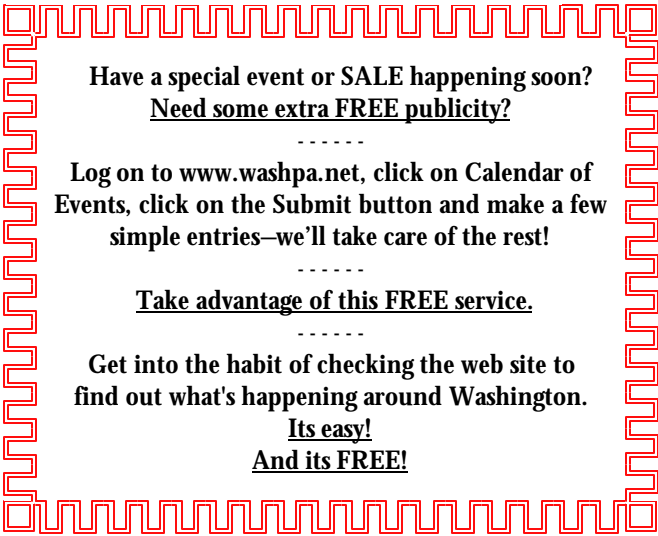
Check the enclosed inserts for extra details of some of the special events planned this season. Also, check the Calendar of events at www.washpa.net. New listings are being added daily. To list your event, just follow the easy instructions and we will be happy to post your listing.

Breakfast with Santa...

Breakfast with Santa will be held December 7th and 14th beginning at Main Street Café located at 60 South Main Street in the historic George Washington. There will a Breakfast Buffet served, craft making, and a special visit with Santa. Price is \$5.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children. Call 724-222-7680 for Reservations.

Candlelight Tours at LeMoyne & Bradford Houses

The candlelight tours are set for 5-9 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - December 6, 7 & 8 and continue the following Saturday and Sunday, December 14 & 15
See the enclosed insert for all the details



Have a special event or SALE happening soon?
Need some extra FREE publicity?

Log on to www.washpa.net, click on Calendar of Events, click on the Submit button and make a few simple entries—we’ll take care of the rest!

Take advantage of this FREE service.

Get into the habit of checking the web site to find out what’s happening around Washington.

Its easy!
And its FREE!

Washington Business District Revitalization Project Amenities Sponsorships Available

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.

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Winter Maintenance

During the winter months, Leon DeSantis will *continue* doing the fantastic job of sidewalk maintenance we are becoming accustomed to—weather permitting. Please remember that he is out there Monday through Friday cleaning, to *augment* what all business and property owners should already be doing.

If you haven’t already, please take the time to introduce yourself to Leon. Downtown looks very cared for and shows that we are a community that cares. Based on the comments we’ve been receiving at the Main Street office, we know this extra maintenance is making a difference.

Snow removal is still the responsibility of all business and property owners. Please remember to remove any snow in a timely fashion. Leon will NOT be doing snow removal. Please take care in using any deicing materials or preferably sand.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Design Challenge Grant Program

The Washington Business District Authority Design Committee continues to accept and review applications for the Design Challenge Grant program for 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.

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.washpa.net

Additional promotion of the web site is now up in the form of a billboard on Route 19. Be sure to send in your business listing, real estate listing, special events for inclusion on the web site.

This is a great FREE opportunity for all business and property owners in the Special Services District. If you haven’t checked out the web site yet, please do so. The site is full of helpful information about our downtown, with more to come. www.washpa.net



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.

Terrorist Awareness & Prevention

Tuesday, November 19 5:30PM

Washington City Hall 55 West Maiden Street

One Hour Presentation by Cpl. Chuck Mutich

City of Washington Police Department

Course is Open to the Public – Plan to Attend

The Terrorism Awareness and Prevention (TAP) presentation has been an evolutionary process since the tragedy from September 11, 2001. Shortly after the incidents on 9/11, crime prevention officers from around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania began inquiring about terrorism training for the average citizens with the possibility of focusing on block and neighborhood watch groups. The concern expressed was that while our government was asking us to be alert and participate in the war on terrorism, we weren't told how.

The purpose of the TAP presentation is to:

- ◆ Show average citizens how they can assist law enforcement in preventing terrorism
- ◆ Develop educated and empowered citizens
- ◆ Provide some indicators of suspicious activity, and
- ◆ Educate the public on how to properly report suspicious activity.

The presentation will show you how and why terrorists operate, the threat, terrorist vulnerabilities, what to look for and how and where to report.

The target audience for this program are: Neighborhood Watch, Veterans groups, professional groups, security agencies, teachers and staff, road crews, firemen, college faculty and staff, realtors, bank tellers, utility workers, government workers, and the sports and entertainment industry.

This course was produced by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The presentation is free and open to the public. Please plan on attending, or send a representative. Additional presentations can be arranged for. Call the Main Street office for additional details. Thank you to the City of Washington Police Department and Cpl. Mutich for making this training available.

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

Advertising Opportunities...

Space is available in the bi-monthly "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 window display space is also available.

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