

"MAIN STREET" NEWS

"Main Street" Washington

2nd Quarter 2004

Farmers' Market Opening— May 13—3:30 to 6:30PM

The Washington Business District Authority is pleased to announce the opening of the Main Street Farmers' Market on Thursday, May 13. The Market is designed to provide farmers, growers and producers in our region with a venue to sell locally grown produce and locally made products to the Washington community.

The Farmers' Market will be held every Thursday for 25 weeks—from May 13th through October 28th. The market site is the metered parking lot on South Main Street, across from the *Observer-Reporter* and immediately adjacent to Westmoreland Supply and The Ivy Green.

As of April 15th, 10 vendors have already signed on offering everything from salsa, to cut flowers, bedding plants, tomatoes, just about every vegetable one can think of—including some organics, fruits, pumpkins, corn, nuts, baked goods, honey, herbs, garlic, ciders, and much, much more.

Weekly, one space will be made available

Musical Luncheon Series

Back by popular demand—the Musical Luncheon Series at the Washington Community Arts and Cultural Center will begin on April 30th. Wash Arts is located at 9 West Beau Street. The luncheons are from Noon to 1:15PM. Tickets are \$20 per luncheon, or \$75 for the series of four. Call 724-222-1475 to make your reservations.

April 30—"Poetry in Song" Jennifer Weber, Soprano Soloist

May 14—"Acoustic Harmonies" Singer/Songwriters Paula Purnell & Gerard Rohlf

May 21—"Cello and Friends" Classical program of Bach and Vivaldi

June 4—"Traverser Saxophone Quartet" Classical & jazz including Mike Sakash

Catered luncheon creations by Krecy's.

to local non-profit groups for community educational activities. Call 724-229-7207.

Downtowners are being asked to make the parking lot spaces available for the Market by 2:00PM each Thursday.

The Farmers' Market sponsors include: National City, The Three Rivers Auction Company, The VisuGroup, and Associated Graphics. The wonderful artwork that will be soon sprouting up around town was donated by local artist Ed Taimuty.

The Farmers' Market committee is local residents Suzanne Ewing and Kim Lucchini. They have done an incredible job putting our long-awaited Market together.

The first meeting of the Market group will be on April 22 at the WCTPA office.

Applications and information are available at the Main Street office. Call 724-229-7207 or email info@washpa.net. Watch the website for updates—www.washpa.net.

See you at the Market!

Washington Symphony Orchestra

Mark your calendars—May 15th is the next exciting performance of Washington's symphony in Symphony Hall at the George Washington. *Lights, Camera, Music!* - classics from the silver screen will begin at 8:00PM. Guest Conductor Bernard Goldberg and the symphony will bring movie sound track music to life including features from "The Titanic" and "Amadeus." Check www.washsym.org for a complete list of all the features of the program.

In addition, "150th Anniversary Celebration" - a historic Steinway piano exhibit and sale will be offered by Trombino Piano. Craver's Vineyard will also offer a 10% meal discount by presenting your WSO concert ticket for the evening. ?

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Volunteers are welcome to be a
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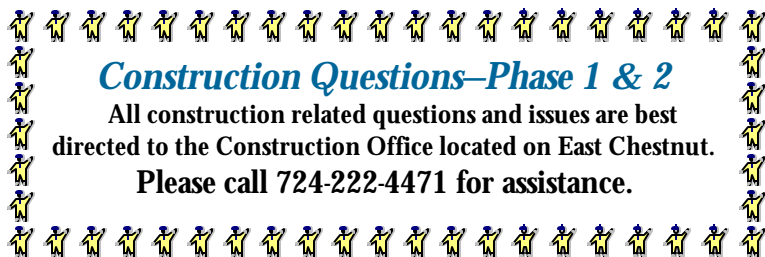
The Washington Business
District Authority meets the
2nd Tuesday of every month at
5:30PM in the board room of
the Main Street office at
50 East Chestnut Street,
Washington, Pennsylvania.
All WBDA meetings are
open to the public,
please plan to attend.

Christmas Decorations—2004

By the end of the 2004 construction season, the downtown capital improvements should be significantly completed. A community-wide committee is still being formed to plan for all aspects of the holiday decorations for the entire downtown area.

Volunteers are being asked to join the committee in choosing the decoration plan, fund raising, installation and take down planning and storage. It is quite an undertaking to decorate 14 blocks and all volunteers are welcome! Please call the Main Street office at 724-229-7207 or email info@washpa.net to volunteer for any part of this process.

The committee will begin meeting in April at the Main Street office located at 50 East Chestnut Street. *Please Call.*



Construction Questions—Phase 1 & 2

All construction related questions and issues are best directed to the Construction Office located on East Chestnut. Please call 724-222-4471 for assistance.

Salvation Army Celebrates to Raise Funds

The Salvation Army will be celebrating its 124 years in America with one of the worst budget deficits it has faced in years. With a short-fall of \$40,000 from their annual Christmas drive, the local center will be putting out the red kettles and bell ringers to try and recoup it's losses. During the month of May, the bell will be reminding the public that "Need Knows No Season."

The Annual Recognition Dinner & Auction will be held at the end of National Salvation Army Week on Friday, May 14th. The \$35 a plate dinner will be held at the Church of the Covenant on Beau Street. For additional information call 724-225-5740.

National Road Heritage Corridor Annual Dinner

The annual dinner will be Sunday, April 25 at 1:00PM at the Century Inn located on the National Pike at Scenery Hill. There will be a guest speaker discussing the French & Indian War. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Please call the National Road Heritage Corridor office at 724-437-9877 to make reservations.

Free Storytelling Walking History Tours

The Washington County Historical Society will be conducting free walking history tours of the City of Washington the weekend of May 15 and 16. Local history buffs Bill Keene, John Leggett and Joe Thomas will guide walkers on a loop around Washington, sharing the history and interesting stories of the many landmarks and places of significance in Washington. Each tour will take approximately two hours, with a rest stop break halfway at the LeMoyn House.

The strolling tours begin at 1:30PM in front of Citizens Library (corner of South College and East Wheeling Streets) on both Saturday and Sunday. Parking is available in the immediate area. For more information, call the Washington County Historical Society at 724-225-6740.

Although the walking tours are Free, donations will be accepted

Downtown Sidewalk Maintenance

The Main Street program is pleased to welcome Frank Moyer to our staff. Weather permitting, Frank will be working in the non-construction blocks keeping the sidewalks clean and litter free. He will also be assisting with the maintenance of the new landscaping and trees. He will be working the downtown on a regular rotating maintenance schedule. Due to safety concerns, blocks that are under construction will be added to the schedule after the construction crews have significantly completed their work.

Please remember, it is the responsibility of all property and business owners to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property. The maintenance program is designed to augment that responsibility. If you note specific areas of concern, please contact the Main Street office at 724-229-7207.

Join us in welcoming Frank into the downtown community!

Wash Arts Spring Schedule of Classes

The six-week Spring schedule of classes begins April 26th at the Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center. Offerings include the Visual Arts and a new Art Exploration course. Jewelry design, watercolor and fantasy drawing are just some of the classes offered.

Try your hand at dance and exercise classes, including Tap, NIA, Pilates and Yoga. Music classes include Songwriting, Guitar and Piano. Theater classes will include musical theater training and improv and scene work.

New for adults this Spring—Cooking Classes! Local chefs and gourmet talents will be sharing their secrets in the kitchen. Dine by candlelight in an elegant, historic setting overlooking the city.

Wash Arts is a non-profit entity and part of the rich artistic fabric and revitalization of downtown Washington. The mission is to provide fine arts instruction for children, regardless of their ability to pay. Wash Arts also offers adult classes and cultural events for the community and the region.

Call 724-222-1475 for full schedule information. Wash Arts is conveniently located at 9 West Beau Street.

Have news of downtown interest that you would like to share? Call or email the Main Street office and we will be happy to assist you with additional publicity through the newsletter, web site, posters or flyers. This is a FREE service of the Main Street program. 724-229-7207 or info@washpa.net

More than Spring is Springing up...

You might have noticed a lot of activity over the last few months right here in downtown. Welcome to: *Yandel's* located at 47 West Chestnut, *Southern Charm* at 209 South Main, *Craver's Vineyard Restaurant* at 62 South Main in the George Washington, *The VisuGroup* in the Washington Trust Building, *Maggie's Back!* at *Maggie's* at 21 East Chestnut, *R&J Collection* at 80 North Main, the *Vineyard Church* 92 North Main, *Dawn Andrews Studio* at 85 North Main, to name just a few. Welcome to downtown Washington! Please be sure to stop by and patronize these new additions to our community.

Façade Improvements

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

Improvements may include paint, lighting, signs, windows, awnings, doors and more. The application process is not complicated. The Main Street Manager or members of the Design committee are available for assistance and recommendations. Application packets are available at the Main Street office at 50 East Chestnut Street or online at www.washpa.net. The Design Committee meets the first week of every month to review and pre-approve applications.

Funds for this program are provided through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development. This is a four year grant program. The façade program is funded only until Spring of 2005.

Please call the Main Street office if you have any questions or need information, forms, referrals, or assistance—724-229-7207.

Commemorative Main Street Amenities

Included in the capital improvement project are all new amenities throughout downtown. The new items include: street lamps, street trees, trash receptacles, decorative planters, and benches. Commemorative sponsorships of these attractive amenities are 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.

Sponsorship brochures and order forms are available at the Main Street office and are also online at www.washpa.net. Maps for any special location requests are available in the Main Street office at 50 East Chestnut 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.

Parking Department Office—New Location

Please note that the Washington Parking Office has moved to the Police Station located at 56 West Strawberry—right around the corner from City Hall.

The new phone number is 724-223-4197.

Hours are Monday to Friday 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

Monthly Parking Garage passes are available for \$35.

Courtesy ticket payment boxes are conveniently located throughout downtown.

Coming in August...

The Ridge Runner Ride 2004 to benefit the Greater Washington County Food Bank. S.T.A.R. Touring Chapter 207 is coordinating this event for August 28th. The ride will end in downtown with a special event including Shot: 30, a DJ, vendors, food, Chinese Auction, and much more. Watch for details about this great effort for the Food Bank and opportunity for downtown merchants. Call 724-229-8175

Web Site Directory Listings

The "Main Street" Washington web site—www.washpa.net—continues to be a popular destination on the internet.

Please visit washpa.net and click the *Business Directory* under the *Online Resources* heading to check your business listing. Under the *alphabetical* listings, check out your business listing for completeness and accuracy. Is your address correct? Is your phone and fax listed?? Is your web site listed?? Is your email listed?? Next, try to find yourself in the *key word search*. Are you there??

If the answer to ANY of these questions is NO, you need to fill out the form (previously sent) or call the Main Street office with your correct and complete information. Listing your web site will automatically link from washpa.net to you. The Main Street office can not select your business keywords for the search feature. Please take a few moments and review your listing and fill out the form or call 724-229-7207.

Directory listings are **FREE** to all downtown businesses.

Real Estate Listings—Online

Did you know that you can post downtown real estate listings on www.washpa.net? The listings are **FREE** and stay posted for 30 days. Just go to Online Resources on the home page at www.washpa.net and click Real Estate Sales/Lease.

You may list office space and apartments to rent as well as properties for sale in the downtown. Take advantage of this free service today and fill those empty spaces. No internet access? Call 724-229-7207 to list your space.

Web sites to add to your FAVORITES:

Washington Symphony: www.washsym.org

Uptown Theatre: www.uptowntheatre.info

WCTPA: www.washpatourism.org

City of Washington: www.washingtonpa.us

National Road: www.nationalroadpa.org

Washington & Jefferson: www.washjeff.edu

"Main Street" Washington: 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.

"Main Street" Washington Dining Guide

Coffee, Donuts, Pizza, Soup, Salads, Panini, Sandwiches, Wraps, Greek, Chinese, Italian, Popcorn, Pasta, Ice Cream...

JOE'S BAKERY

Coffee & Best Donuts in Town
123 North Main Street 724-225-0450

ALFANO'S - The Uptown Place to Be

Restaurant and Deli
101 North Main Street 724-225-0770

MAIN STREET MARKET

Convenience Store, Coffee Shop, Sandwiches
18 South Main Street 724-229-8060

POPCORN WILLY

Soups, Sandwiches & 60 Flavors of Popcorn
20 North Main Street 724-229-7117

CAFÉ BEAN

Traditional Italian Coffee House/Desserts
31 East Wheeling Street 724-228-1799

CRYSTAL'S CAFÉ

Lunch Counter
Washington Trust Building (E. Beau St. Entrance)
724-222-8022

MAGGIE'S

Restaurant/Bar
21 East Chestnut Street 724-225-5255

HUNGRY JOSE'S

Restaurant/Bar
227 South Main Street 724-222-9404

CARMELLA'S

Pizza, Pasta, Subs
180 Brownson Avenue 724-223-8030

SHORTY'S LUNCH

Hot Dogs, Lunch Counter
34 West Chestnut Street 724-228-9919

SCHUBERT'S DELI

Deli, Sandwiches, Soup
86 East Chestnut Street 724-229-3354

MAIN STREET CAFÉ

Lunch Counter
90 West Chestnut Street - LL 724-222-7680

THE UNION GRILL

Restaurant and Bar
13 1/2 East Wheeling Street 724-222-2860

PEPPINO'S

Authentic Italian-American Restaurant
234 South Main Street 724-228-0801

VOCELLI'S PIZZA

Pizza Takeout and Delivery
192 South Main Street 724-229-7717

BAMBOO GARDEN

Chinese Restaurant Take-out & Delivery
201 South Main Street 724-228-0651

MR. GYROS 1

Authentic Greek Food Take-out & Delivery
18 West Maiden Street 724-229-1060

MAY'RZ INN

Restaurant & Lounge
165 South Main Street 724-222-6354

BROTHER'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Italian/American Family Restaurant
3 North Main Street 724-223-0212

ERNIE'S FREESTYLE

Bar and Appetizers
88 North Main Street 724-223-8282

CRAVER'S VINEYARD

Restaurant and Catering
62 South Main Street 724-884-0008

Visit www.washpa.net and view menus, hours, delivery service, etc. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & snacks are always just a short phone call away!

The Great Chowder Cook-off

In June 2004, Alfano's Restaurant will be traveling to Newport, Rhode Island to participate in the Great Chowder Cook-Off. As the only entrant from western Pennsylvania in this international competition, Marc Alfano seeks to bring back the winning title to his home town of Washington.

Having entered the "creative" category, his challenge will be to make 100 gallons of the best chowder soup. Aside from the logistical demands of such a task, Marc is looking for local sponsorship to support him in this effort.

Stop by Alfano's Deli located at 101 North Main Street or contact Marc at 724-225-0770. Be sure to try the daily soup specials when you are there. Good luck Marc and Alfano's! We'll keep you posted.

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 qualified 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. Call 724-229-7207



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