



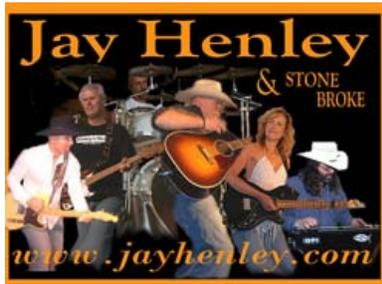
THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS July/August 2010

"A Month of Sundays" Concert Series Celebrates Its 17th Summer of Concerts in July

Join "A Month of Sundays" Concert Series in celebrating their 17th summer of bringing great entertainment to the public at Westminister City Park, every Sunday in July, beginning at 6:45 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public. However, donations of personal care items for all ages, diapers, formula, paper goods and cleaning supplies are appreciated and will be collected at each concert to support the Human Services Programs, Inc. of Carroll County. The concert series is presented in joint cooperation with the Westminister City Recreation and Parks Department, Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks, and the Human Services Programs, Inc. of Carroll County. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for comfort and get there early to find a great viewing spot. As always, food and beverages will be available on-site for purchase. This year's performers include:

July 3rd - Jay Henley & the Stone Broke Band (Country)
 July 10th - King Teddy (Swing)
 July 17th - The Rockersons (60s -80s Pop Rock)

July 24th - Big Cam & The Lifters (50s & 60s Rock & Roll)
 July 31st - The Majestics (Variety, R&B, Motown)



Jay Henley & The Stone Broke Band, King Teddy and The Majestics are several of the performing groups for this year's "A Month of Sundays" Concert Series in Westminister City Park beginning July 3rd

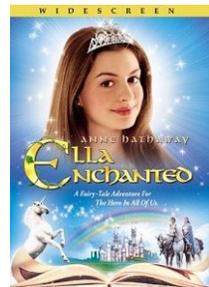
Free Summer Kids Movie Series Continues at the Carroll Arts Center with *How to Train Your Dragon* on July 5th

Running through August 9th, the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, will be presenting free kids movies on Tuesday evenings, starting at 7:00 p.m. "*How to Train Your Dragon*" continues the series on Tuesday, July 5th. The film follows a hapless young Viking who aspires to hunt dragons becomes the unlikely friend of a young dragon himself, and learns there may be more to the creatures than he assumed. Upcoming films in the series include:

July 5th - How to Train Your Dragon
 July 12th - Lassie
 July 19th - Ella Enchanted

July 26th - The Muppet Movie
 August 2nd - The Secret of NIMH
 August 9th - Back to the Future

Admission is free, with no advance reservations required.



These films will be shown as part of the Summer Kids Movie Series at the Carroll Arts Center in July and August

The Westminister Branch Library Presents a Hitchcock Lovers Film Fest on Wednesdays in July

The Westminister Branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, will present Hitchcock classics on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning July 6th. You may have already seen these films, but if you are a fan of the iconic filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock, you will probably love to see them again! Bring your own snacks and be prepared to be entertained by The King of Suspense! The film schedule will be: July 6th - Rear Window; July 13th - The Birds; July 20th - To Catch a Thief and July 27th - Strangers on a Train. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

"Songs at 6:30" Concert Series Takes to the Library Stage on July 7th

Great musical sounds will abound from the stage of the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, every Thursday in July at 6:30 pm, as the "Songs at 6:30" Concert Series returns to rock the town with a wide variety of musical stylings. Westminster-based *Aspen Run* will kick off the series on Thursday, July 7th. *Aspen Run* is an amazing 6-man bluegrass band that performs hard driving, upbeat and lively bluegrass music. The band draws their musical influence from many prominent bluegrass bands. The most exciting thing of all for the band to see is the foot tapping and smiling faces of the people that come out and support them. *The Tom Garmin Project*, which features Downtown Westminster's own "music man" Bob Coffey, performs on July 14th. Bob and his mates - Melody Workman on vocals, Michael Hirsh on drums, Dan Vogel on guitar and Dan Aitken on bass - weren't sure of the musical direction of the band when they began, so they decided to name it after two GPS systems - Tom-Tom and Garmin. However, they do hope you get lost in the eclectic variety of music they perform, which includes anything from Steely Dan, Alanis Morissette, Miles Davis, Joe Walsh, Sheryl Crow and beyond. *The Tony Scuito Band* takes to the "Songs at 6:30" stage on July 21st. Front man Tony Scuito has been playing, writing and performing music since the age of 12. From 1990 to 1997, Tony was a member of the Little River Band. He also performed with the band *Player*. You might even recognize him from television, as he was a member of Uncle Jesse's band *Jesse and the Ripper's* on ABC's *Full House*. Closing out the series on July 28th is *The Tony Denikos Band* from Sykesville, Maryland. With his band, Tony creates a roots rock'n, country blues'n, power folk'n Americana musical experience! Think Creedence Clearwater Revival meets John Prine meets Bruce Springsteen!! Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket, as permanent seating is limited. As each concert runs from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, come downtown early and have dinner at your favorite restaurant. Or, buy a slice of pizza and/or a sandwich from one of our downtown take-outs, bring it to the library and listen to the music while you savor our local flavors. The Downtown Westminster Main Street Program, City of Westminster and Coffey Music are the proud sponsors of the "Songs at 6:30" Concert Series.



Aspen Run, Westminster's own "music man" Bob Coffey and The Tony Scuito Band (l-r) are some of the folks performing in this year's "Songs at 6:30" Concert Series on the Westminster Branch Library Stage beginning July 7th

Catch "The Tortoise and the Hare Puppet Show" at the Westminster Branch Library This Summer

It's an amazing race! Hare loves to boast how speedy he is. His animal friends will try to guess if he can really beat the Tortoise in the "big race" at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street. What do you think will happen? Join the library staff at the finish line for this hopping summer puppet show on Friday, July 8th at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, August 3rd at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to find out. Children age 3 must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration is required and already underway for the July 8th shows; registration begins July 20th for the August shows. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

FLICC presents "Walk the Line" at the Carroll Arts Center on July 8th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present "Walk the Line" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, July 8th, at 7:30 p.m. *Walk the Line* Chronicles the life of country music legend Johnny Cash from his early days on an Arkansas cotton farm through his rise to fame with Sun Records in Memphis. The film has Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash and Reese Witherspoon as June Carter. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over, and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

"The Four Seasons" Runs Through July 30th in the Community Gallery of the Arts Center

Painters of the Carroll County Artists Guild present their vision of an artistic tour through the four seasons of nature in the Community Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, through July 30th. The imagery is captured in watercolor, oil, acrylic, gouache and mixed media in styles of realism to abstraction. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission is free. For more information, please call (410) 848-7272 or visit www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org.



Some of the art on display in "The Four Seasons" exhibit in The Community Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center

Kingston Trio Tribute Band to Play at the Carroll Arts Center on July 9th

Who can forget the popular folk sounds of "The Kingston Trio"? The Three Jolly Coachmen, a Williamsburg, VA-based tribute band, will play some of the Kingston Trio's most popular tunes with the same style and likability of the original trio at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, July 9th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Greg Davy, Peter Budnikas and Gary Allen make up The Three Jolly Coachmen, with bass support played by Pete Vining. Davy is a 1973 graduate of Westminster High School and looks forward to re-uniting with fellow classmates at the special concert. Catch this wonderful celebration of 60s folk music! Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$17.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over. For more info and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

"The Art is Inside You" Continues in the Tevis Gallery until August 13th

If you have not already viewed it, the exhibit "The Art is Inside You" continues to run through August 13th in the Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Art Center, 91 West Main Street. Visionary artists are generally self-taught without formal training, but they can be trained artists as well. These artists find inspiration from mystical, magical and spiritual experiences, mythological symbols and a profound sense of the creative act. Visionary art is deeply imaginative and comes from a place deep inside the soul of the artist. Featured artists in the exhibit include: Joel Cohen of Baltimore, MD; Danny Doughty and Joyce Ritz of Cambridge, MD; David Evans of Taneytown, MD; Brian Dowdall of South Carolina; Tim McAvoy of Buffalo, NY and Tom Steck of Fallston, MD. Gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Admission is free. For more information, please call (410) 848-7272 or visit www.carrollcountycouncil.org.



Some of the art on display in "The Art is Inside You" exhibit in The Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center

July 12th's Box Lunch Talk Discusses Carroll County's Cornish Mining Influence

Carroll County and nearby areas of Maryland were once significant producers of copper and chromite. Cornish mining influences have been studied in many other mining regions, but they have not been considered for this area. Join Johnny Johnsson as he examines the role of Cornish miners, mining captains, technology, and terminology in these mid-19th Century mines at the Tuesday, July 12th Box Lunch Talk. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County, the Box Lunch Talks are a monthly lecture series on topics relating to local history. The talks are held the second Tuesday of each month, from noon to 1 p.m., at Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at the corner of East Green and Sycamore Streets. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided for all. Admission is \$1.00 for Historical Society members and \$4.00 for non-members.

The Library Presents "Picnic Party in the Park" - Annual Book Sale Extravaganza on July 15th & 16th

Join the staff of the Westminster Branch Library for a 2-day book sale extravaganza in the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park at 50 East Main Street on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At noon each day, bring your lunch and be entertained! Friday will showcase the Andy Poxon Band, featuring 16-year-old phenom Andy Poxon on guitars and vocals; while Saturday will feature a dance demonstration of jazz, hip hop and Zumba. Both events will occur on the stage in the park. Plan to do some book and CD shopping either before or after lunch. Bargains are sure to be found! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending!

The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market is on a Roll This Season

If you haven't visited the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market, you don't know what you're missing! With 15 vendors, there are many great finds: from raw milk cheddar cheese aged over 60 days in many wonderful flavors, unique jams & jellies, home-made beef & cheddar hot dogs and specialty baked goods to your traditional organic and non-organic fruits, meats, and vegetables. There are even a variety of dog and pet treats available! Additionally, the farmers' market is hosting numerous musical and educational events from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information on the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market, what is available at the market, and its special events throughout the season, check out www.westminsterfarmfresh.com. The market is conveniently located in the Conaway Parking Lot on Railroad Avenue, right across the street from the High's Convenience Store. Market hours are 8 a.m. to noon, every Saturday, through November 19th. Don't forget to enter the 4th Saturday Market Basket Raffle every month.



Lehigh View Farm had great strawberries this spring



Strings on Wings will perform several times at the market this season



Evermore Farm sells pasture-raised meats and now has beef jerky and hot dogs available at the market



Thorne Farm offers wool, along with eggs & veggies



Rare Opportunity Farm is back for its 2nd year and offers unique jams & jellies

Nashville Recording Artist Shelly Rann with Drew Stevyns: Live in Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on July 16th

Nashville Recording Artist Shelly Rann will be bringing her brand of country/rock and adult contemporary music to Downtown Westminster for one very special performance at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, July 16th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Shelly is a singer/songwriter born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. Following in the footsteps of many legendary performers from the Bluegrass state, she moved to Nashville to pursue her musical career. Her songwriting talent and uniquely gifted voice quickly caught the attention of the Nashville songwriting community. She has recently finished "*Afterwords*", her first major studio album produced by Henry Paul of BlackHawk and Dale Oliver of Bucky Covington, writing 9 of the 11 songs. Joining Shelly and her band in concert will be Sykesville resident and *America's Got Talent* Season Four Finalist Drew Stevyns. Drew Stevyns' fervor voice is unlike any other on today's contemporary music scene. It is real, deep, soulful, extremely penetrating, and full of passion. His style will touch you like no other. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Arts Council members, students and seniors. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.



Nashville Recording Artist Shelly Rann and her band, along with Sykesville Artist Drew Stevyns take to the Carroll Arts Center stage on July 16th

Lisa Matthews and Mikel Gehl of the Milkshake Band will perform at the Arts Center on July 21st

The Milkshake Duo to Shake Up the Carroll Arts Center on July 21st

"The Milkshake Duo" will shake up the theater of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, with exciting performances on Thursday, July 21st at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The duo, Lisa Mathews and Mikel Gehl, are part of the Milkshake Band. Milkshake is a band on a mission: *to create great rock music for kids*. Led by singer Lisa and guitarist Mikel, whose songs for grown-ups have been featured in movies and prime-time television, and whose indie rock group Love Riot garnered critical praise during its 10-year run, Milkshake has won over preschoolers without compromising songcraft, stagecraft or their authentic rock & roll spirit. In Milkshake's seven years together, the band has released three award-winning CDs, received a Parents Choice Silver Award for their DVD "Screen Play," and they have had music videos on Noggin, PBS KIDS and Discovery Kids' Emmy-winning "Todd's World." "Great Day" is Milkshake's fourth CD for kids and kids at heart. It was nominated for a Grammy for "Best Musical Recording for Children" in 2010. In keeping with the band's desire to grow with their own children, the songs on "Great Day" touch on issues of friendship, age, self-esteem, goals and ambitions among other things --- things that matter to 6 -10 year olds! Like all Milkshake CDs, the music transcends age, and both younger and older fans will enjoy the music. As "Parents Magazine" says, "If kids don't push the replay button, parents will!" Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for CCAC Members, Students under 18 and Seniors 60+. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call (410) 848-7272 or visit www.carrollcountycouncil.org.

Westminster Branch Library Presents "Milk a Sheep?!?" on July 23rd

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, invites you to come hear Colleen and Michael Histon of New Windsor talk about their farm, Shepherd's Manor Creamery, which is Maryland's very first sheep-milking dairy farm, on Saturday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m. They will share some facts about sheep, the milking of sheep, and the end products of that milk. Guests of honor will be some of Colleen and Michael's lambs. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

2nd Annual Carroll County Dance Collaboration Happens at the Carroll Arts Center on July 23rd

The 2nd Annual Carroll Dance Collaboration Showcase will take place at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Center Street, on Saturday, July 23rd, beginning at 2:00 p.m. An outstanding gathering of elite dancers from dance studios throughout the County awaits you at this event. These are dancers that have studied and trained for years to hone their skills and take their dancing to the next level. Dance studios being represented include North Carroll Dance Center, Project C Dance Collective, Reflections in Dance, Tami Gee's Studio of Dance, Taneytown Dance Center and Winters Mill Dancers. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Arts Council members. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Westminster Branch Library Presents "The Magic of Roger Lindsay" on July 25th

Join Summer Reading ambassador Roger Lindsay at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Monday, July 25th, at either 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m., as he transports kids, ages 4 to 104, to a realm of magical happenings, illusions and laughter! Join Prop, the Magic Bunny, as he and Mr. Lindsay amaze and amuse in this show loaded with audience participation. You never know what surprises await you! Registration is required for both children and adults planning to attend with children and begins July 11th. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending! For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

Synetic Theatre Presents "The Miraculous Magical Balloon" at the Carroll Arts Center on July 27th

Synetic Theatre, a professional pantomime troupe that combines dance with clowning, music and mime, will tell the fascinating story of balloon with a mind of its own at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Wednesday, July 27th, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The company, under the direction of Georgian-born choreographer, Irina Tsukurishvili, has been nominated twelve times for the prestigious Helen Hayes Awards. An extraordinary theatrical experience for all ages! Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for Arts Council members, seniors and kids. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Classic Movie Matinees at the Westminster Branch Library Start Friday, July 29th

Join the staff of the Westminster Branch Library at 50 East Main Street on Fridays at 1:30 p.m., beginning July 29th, to catch an afternoon matinee of a film classic. Bogart, Grant, Hepburn and Welles will dazzle you in some of the greatest film classics ever! Bring your own snacks and enjoy an afternoon of film. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending! The film schedule will be: July 29th - Casablanca; August 5th - Bringing Up Baby; August 12th - Arsenic and Old Lace and August 19th - Citizen Kane. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.



Catch these great films at the Library's Classic Movie Matinees starting July 29th

Sing-a-long with Sam at the Westminster Branch Library on July 30th

All over the world, people enjoy music! Come join musician Sam Eddington at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Saturday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m., in a sing-a-long celebration of children's songs. All ages are welcome to this interactive event, so come to the library and sing with Sam and the library staff! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

Catch the C.S. Lewis Classic "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" at the Arts Center on August 3rd

The Children's Theatre Association will present an imaginative version of the classic tale of sacrifice and adventure by C.S. Lewis at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Wednesday, August 3rd at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" is a great teaching tool about literature and about the meaning of living for others. A cast of two magically transforms themselves to portray a variety of roles and characters. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for Arts Council members, seniors and kids. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Oh Boy: A Buddy Holly Tribute at the Carroll Arts Center on August 6th

Oh Boy: A Buddy Holly Tribute will be presented at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, August 6th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This 4-piece tribute band celebrates the music of the late, great rock & roller Buddy Holly and his back-up band, the Crickets. This fabulous "blast from the past" authentically recreates Holly's music, as well as other rockabilly classics by Richie Valens, the Big Bopper and Johnny Cash. Band members are Walt Hetfield as Buddy with Barry Eli, Ken Schleifer and Mike Long as the Crickets. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$15.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over, and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Water Resources of Carroll County is the Subject of the August 9th Box Lunch Talk

Water - ground and surface - is Carroll County's most essential natural resource. Join Tom Devilbiss of the Carroll County Department of Planning as he discusses how surface and ground water occur, a brief history on their use and the County's effort to protect and manage the resource at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, August 9th. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County, the Box Lunch Talks are a monthly lecture series on topics relating to local history. The talks are held the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion on the corner of East Green and Sycamore Streets. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided for all. Admission is \$1.00 for Historical Society members and \$4.00 for non-members.

Westminster Branch Library to Host a Fairy Princess Party on August 10th

The Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, invites all fairy princesses, ages 2 to 8, to fly on over to their fairy princess party on Wednesday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. Wear your best fairy outfit, if you like, and join the library staff for fairy stories, a craft and fairy-approved refreshments. Look out for the pixie dust! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration for this program is required and begins July 27th. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

9th Annual Arts Council Members' Show to be Held at the Carroll Arts Center Beginning August 11th

The Carroll County Arts Council will present its 9th Annual Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from August 11th through October 1st. This art show is an annual favorite. The walls of the Tevis Gallery and the Community Gallery will be filled with an inspiring display of work from many of their members who are artists. Professional art work balances perfectly with that of the beginner. Numerous artists will receive Excellence Awards from the Arts Council for their works. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, August 11th, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

FLICC presents "All About Eve" at the Carroll Arts Center on August 12th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) will present the film *All About Eve* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, August 12th at 7:30 p.m. This film is about aspiring actress Eve Harrington, played by Anne Baxter, who maneuvers her way into the lives of Broadway star Margo Channing (Bette Davis), playwright Lloyd Richards (Hugh Marlowe) and director Bill Sampson (Gary Merrill). This classic story of ambition and betrayal has become part of American folklore. Bette Davis claims to have based her character on the persona of film actress Tallulah Bankhead. Davis' line "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night" is legendary. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over, and students under 18.

Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition Picks Their Way on the Carroll Arts Center Stage on August 20th

Enjoy an evening of traditional toe-tapping bluegrass favorites performed by the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, August 20th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition is a top-notch bluegrass band from Annapolis, Maryland and one of the hardest working bluegrass bands in the mid-Atlantic area. With musical roots that are deeply planted in the traditional, the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition thrills audiences with their unique blend of traditional and contemporary bluegrass music. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over, and students under 18.

Eight Downtown Eateries to Participate in Carroll County Restaurant Week - August 21st to 28th

The first ever Carroll County Restaurant Week will take place the week of August 21-28, 2011. Carroll County Restaurant Week will highlight the diverse choice of dining options amongst the sit-down restaurants of Carroll County, Maryland. Participating restaurants will provide fixed price menus during this week-long promotion, with prices ranging from \$10.11 to \$35.11, excluding beverage, tax, and gratuity. Each restaurant will feature a menu with selections of their choice, including either lunch and dinner menus, or both. Downtown Westminster is well-represented with 8 out of the 24 eateries participating in what is expected to become an annual event. Downtown Westminster's Birdie's Café, Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli, Harry's Main Street Grille, Johansson's Dining House, Maggie's Restaurant, O'Lordans Irish Pub, Paradiso Ristorante and Rafael's are participating. The event is being supported by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce and the Carroll County Department of Economic Development/Tourism Office. For more information on the Carroll County Restaurant Week, visit <http://www.CarrollCountyRestaurantWeek.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/CarrollCountyRestaurantWeek>.

The Municipal Band to Perform Annual Old-Fashioned Band Concert at Belle Grove Square Park on August 28th

Come enjoy a lovely summer evening of great band music performed by Westminster's own award-winning municipal band on Sunday, August 28th, at 6:00 p.m. in Belle Grove Square Park. Bring your lawn chair and get there early, as the park fills up quickly with fans of the band and music lovers alike. Belle Grove Square Park is located at the corner of Bond and West Green Streets.



You have seen them perform in parades and in support of others, like Santa Claus; now catch the award-winning Westminster Municipal Band perform in concert at Belle Grove Square Park on August 28th

Downtown Business Happenings:

Great Things to Check Out in Downtown

- **Birdie's Café** at 233 East Main Street has the following performances presently slated for July and August: July 1st - Jeremy Norris from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 2nd - Set Sail Joseph from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 8th - Donna Frost from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 16th - Treading Lemmings from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 22nd - Belly Dancing with Java Hafila from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 23rd - Bali Benefit from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 29th - ATM Trio from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; July 30th - Matt Wheeler from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; August 5th - Jesse & Jeremy from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; August 6th - ATM Trio from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm; August 19th - Jesse & Jeremy from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; August 20th - Rise of the Witness from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and August 27th - Jaime Carbo from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Birdie's Café also hosts Open Mic Nights on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. If you are interested in displaying your talent, you must sign-up by 7:00 p.m. to perform that evening. Don't forget Birdie's poetry on the 3rd Saturday of every month, too.
- Join the management and staff of **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, as they host *An Evening of Beans, Bread, & Blues* featuring The Kelly Bell Band on Friday, July 8th, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Local musician Ben Sherman will kick the event off performing from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., Chef Billy Schroeder and his crew will serve some great down home southern fare featuring BBQ ribs, fried chicken, gumbo, red beans & rice, macaroni & cheese and collard greens. The Kelly Bell Band will conclude the evening with a performance of great music from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. A cash bar to benefit the Kiwanis club will be available throughout the evening. Tickets are \$40.00 each and must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door! P.S. doors open at 6:00 p.m. Billy's next cooking class will be on Thursday, August 18th, when he teaches you how to prepare sweet corn & crab chowder, jumbo lump crab Smithfield and a few other treats. For more information on this cooking experience, visit www.brothersun.biz or call him at (410) 876-7425.
- **Maggie's Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, has lots of things happening in July and August. First, Maggie's Culinary Tour of America runs July and August. The Tour offers a special menu based on the foods of the selected cities: This year's tour includes: June 30th to July 8th - Key West, FL; July 9th to July 15th - Portland, OR; July 16th to July 22nd - Dallas, TX; July 23rd to July 27th - Sonoma Valley, CA; July 28th to August 3rd - New Orleans, LA; August 4th to August 10th - Savannah, GA; August 11th to August 17th - Boston, MA and August 18th to August 24th - Lanai, HI. Second, Maggie's will be hosting a Tour of Scotland Scotch Dinner on July 27th at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Wine Dinner featuring Carroll County's Serpent Ridge Winery on August 27th. Both of these events require reservations. Third, live music continues on Saturday evenings from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. July's performance schedule is: July 2nd - Rich & Famous; July 9th - Bobby; July 16th - Chris Schoberg; July 23rd - Greg Gottlieb & Henry and July 30th - Ben Sherman. As the schedule is not yet in place for the month of August, check out Maggie's website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/> for performers as August draws near. Finally, to celebrate the 4th of July, on which Maggie's will be closed, Gary Brown will perform live from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 3rd.

- **Johansson's Dining House**, 4 West Main Street, is bringing back its \$16.95 Dinner Deal for the month of July on July 5th. The Deal is valid Monday through Thursday only. No other coupons or discounts will apply with this promotion. The Deal is for dine-in only. Make your reservations today at (410) 876-0101.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music only on certain Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during July and August. The current performance schedule is as follows: July 16th - Ben Sherman and Elena Martin; August 20th - Chris Swam and August 27th - NUA. Also, don't forget that traditional Irish music sessions are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The sessions are open to all levels and all traditional Irish and Celtic musicians and listeners. Don't forget to check out O'Lordan's Sunday Breakfasts from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. that recently started. For a look at O'Lordan's great menu, go to <http://www.olordansirishpub.com>.
- The first two were so much fun, they're doing it again! **O'Lordans Irish Pub** and **Westminster Cigars** will be presenting a "Pint & Puff 3.0" Party on the patio of **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street on Thursday, July 28th, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. **Drew Estate Cigars** will be the featured brand. Special cigar deals and drawings for free cigar stuff will abound at the event, along with an extended Happy Hour!
- **Rafael's** popular monthly deck parties continue in July and August with great food and fun times for all. The deck parties run from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with **Scam** performing on July 10th while Rafael is still deciding on who will play at the August 21st party. You can find Rafael's at 32 West Main Street. Of course, there are more things than deck parties happening at Rafael's. Karaoke with **Dave Merrill** occurs every Wednesday from 9:00 p.m. to midnight while DJ **Chris McDonald** spins the tunes every Thursday from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Finally, Rafael's has live music with **Pasadena** performing on July 5th from 9:00 p.m. to midnight; **Ben Sherman** on July 8th and August 26th from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and **Greg Gottlieb** on July 16th and August 20th from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. To find out what else is happening at Rafael's, check out their events calendar at <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/> or call (410) 840-1919.
- **A Little Bit of Tuscany**, 84 East Main Street, invites you to enjoy authentic food with delicious Italian wines in a warm & welcoming atmosphere while listening to smooth jazz on Friday, July 8th, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The jazz will be provided by **Nick Reider**. Please call (410) 857-4422 for reservations to ensure you get a table for the evening.
- **Eclecticity**, 13 John Street, has announced a couple "Front Porch Music on Saturdays" concerts in July and August. Jazz guitarist **Tim Jenkins** will be performing on Saturday, July 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Ceol Anam Cara**, featuring **Bob & Toni Dougherty** and **Tom & Dorothy Scanlan**, will take to the "porch" on Saturday, August 6th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music! Musician donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information or performers interested in performing, contact **Shawn Lockhart** of **Eclecticity** at (240) 409-4863.
- The artists' cooperative gallery, **Off Track Art**, located at 11 Liberty Street (Side Entrance) has completed its mid-year reinstallation. Come see the new arrangement of artworks by the **Off Track Art** artists, as they swapped spaces with each other and brought in fresh, new works to fill the gallery. Additionally, there is a new Guest Artist installation for July and August by **Katherine Scofield**. You can meet Katherine at the Guest Artist reception on Friday, July 29th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Off Track Art** is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **Room for Friends**, 11 Liberty Street, is hosting an exhibit of art work by **Off Track Art** artist **Mary Decker** during July and August. The Artist reception for this exhibit coincides with that of **Katherine Scofield** at **Off Track Art**, Friday, July 29th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., so you only have to park once and stop by both events.

New Faces or Different Places

- **Furnace Hills Coffee Company** is now open at 71 West Main Street. The shop, currently open Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is producing the finest coffee roasted in Carroll County. If you run out of coffee for the weekend, stop by and see them at the Downtown Westminster Farmers Market on Saturdays.
- **Ice Shack Shaved Ice** is now open for the summer season at 257 East Main Street.

Coming Soon...

- Keep an eye out for the opening of **J Café** at 172 East Main Street in early August. The café will be open to serve breakfast and lunch, along with providing a wide range of delectable baked goods.

Anniversaries...

- Congratulations to **Birdie's Cafe**, 233 East Main Street, on its 1st Anniversary on Wednesday, July 13th.
- Congratulations to the **Carroll County Times**, 201 Railroad Avenue, on celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Check out their window display in the old Times Building at 65 East Main Street.

If you have a business happening you want to share with the Westminster Main Street Community, please feel free to email **Stan Ruchlewicz** at sruchlewicz@westgov.com with the information for inclusion in a future issue.

Check out the Downtown Street Art...



If you haven't already done so, check out all of the artistic Carroll County Times newspaper stands in Downtown Westminster. These newsstands are in celebration of the Carroll County Times' 100th Anniversary this year.