



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS September/October 2009

Midnight Madness Returns to Downtown Westminister on Friday, September 25th!

Downtown Westminister's largest and craziest retail special event is back on Friday, September 25th, as Midnight Madness returns. Great shopping opportunities will abound in our fine downtown shops from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. Sales, drawings and special offers will be occurring all around downtown, including: the annual \$25 Formal Gown Sale at Cecelia's Bridals; 20% off candles at The Olde Liberty Shoppe; 20% off all in stock items at Performing Arts Connection; free ring prong inspection and jewelry cleaning at Unique Jewelry; Gotham Comic's annual Midnight Madness Sale; 50% off studio fees at The Pottery Loft; the Brighton Power of Pink promotion as well as 15% off all regularly priced fall clothing at Artworks and Apparel Boutique; \$25 gift certificate drawings at both Ballard-Bunting Boutique and A Piece of My Heart Quilt Shop; 10% off on items in the Art Mart at the Carroll Arts Center; and 25-35% off discounts and special financing on Relax, It's Lees carpet, Earthscapes and Cushion Step sheet vinyl, Hanover Hills hardwood and Mirror Lake laminate at Mercer Carpet One, just to mention a few. There also will be in-store activities to witness, like at the Westminister Cigar Company, where you can witness the delicate and demanding art of crafting handmade cigars by a Cuban master roller from the Rocky Patel Cigar Company. Live music and special activities also will be happening throughout downtown. The Locust Lane Stage will feature music and entertainment from 6:15 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. The band *Number 1 Cause* will perform from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by a martial arts demonstration from Tri-Star Marital Arts from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The band *Train of Thought* concludes the entertainment on the Locust Lane Stage with a performance from 9:15 to 11:15 p.m. The Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, will be holding a Used Book Sale from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The Carroll Dance & Drum Circle will perform on West Main Street near Heinz Bakery from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Classic cars will line East Main Street while a display of motorcycles will be located along West Main Street. Rumors have it that there might be even more surprising entertainment as you stroll through Downtown Westminister too. Don't forget to grab a bite to eat at one of our fine restaurants too!!! Come downtown on September 25th and join the Madness...Midnight Madness!!!



Tri-Star Marital will present a demonstration on Locust Lane Stage starting at 8:30 p.m.



Parents & kids alike love shopping at Midnight Madness



Classic cars will return to East Main Street during Midnight Madness



What will be this year's surprise event?

The 2009 Westminister FallFest Schedule Announced; FallFest Parade & Run is Thursday, September 24th

The 2009 Westminister FallFest is almost upon us! There is a major change to the festivities this year. The annual FallFest Parade and Mile Run will be held on Thursday, September 24th, instead of Wednesday night. While the festival midway and rides open in Westminister City Park at 6:00 p.m., Westminister FallFest truly begins in earnest when the parade kicks off at 7:00 p.m. and travels down Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street to East Middle School. As tradition has it, the FallFest Mile Run/Walk will immediately precede the parade. This year's entertainment on the Food Court Stage includes: The Third Power on September 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Bone Dri on September 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; The Robert Allen Blues Band on September 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Cruise on September 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional entertainment will occur on Longwell Avenue from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The 2009 Karaoke Contest, sponsored by WTRR and Hoffman's Ice Cream, will be held on Saturday, September 27th beginning at 1:00 p.m. FallFest will once again feature rides by Snyder's Amusements, with \$15 armband ride specials all night on Thursday, September 24th; from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th and all day on Sunday, September 27th. Don't forget to check out the numerous vendors selling food, crafts and commercial products as well as non-profits promoting their organizations. FallFest hours are 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, September 24th and 25th; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th; and Noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27th. The 2009 FallFest charities are: Carroll County Youth Service Bureau, Mission of Mercy, Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County and Westminister Lions Club. Come support Carroll County's largest community charity event! For more information on FallFest, go to: <http://www.westministerfallfest.com/>.

7th Annual Arts Council Members' Show Continues at the Carroll Arts Center through September 25th

The Carroll County Arts Council continues to present its 7th Annual Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, through September 25th. This art show is an annual favorite. The walls of the Tevis Gallery and the Community Gallery are filled with an inspiring display of work from many of the Arts Council's members who are artists. Professional work balances perfectly with that of the beginner. Up to 18 artists will receive Excellence Awards from the Arts Council for their works. Go to the Arts Council's website - <http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/> - for gallery hours or call (410) 848-7272.

September 8th's Box Lunch Talk is about Googling Your Ancestors

Instead of burying their noses in musty old books, today's genealogists stare at computer screens. Join Sue Bundy, a volunteer in the Historical Society of Carroll County's Research Library, as she provides an overview of the resources that are available on-line, how to find the best websites with the most reliable information and how to share your information with other researchers at the September 8th Box Lunch Talk. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC), 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.

FLICC presents "The Visitor" and a Drum Circle at the Carroll Arts Center on September 11th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present "The Visitor" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, September 11th, at 8:00 p.m. "The Visitor" is an independent film that follows Walter, a college professor, who travels to New York to attend a conference, and returns to find a Syrian man and his Senegalese girlfriend living in his apartment. The couple has nowhere to go. When Walter reluctantly allows the couple to stay with him, they return his kindness by teaching him the exuberant rhythms of the African drum and rekindle his passion for life. Following the film, audience members are invited to participate in a live drum circle lead by Laurie Precht and the members of Carroll Dance & Drum Circle. 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.

Historical Society's Antiques Appraisal Day on Tap for Saturday, September 12th, at the American Legion

Join the Historical Society of Carroll County as they host Antiques Appraisal Day on Saturday, September 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Whether you have a pieced quilt that belonged to your great grandmother, an old wooden trunk in the basement, a treasured dinner service, an old toy you played with as a child, or a rocking chair that belonged to your great aunt, go to the Antiques Appraisal Day and discover the value of your family heirlooms. This fun and informative annual event will be held at the American Legion Carroll Post 31, corner of Green and Sycamore Streets, in Downtown Westminster. Bring your family treasures for examination by accredited appraisers and national experts who will provide a verbal estimation of value. Cost for the appraisals is \$20.00 for the first item, \$10.00 for the second item and \$5.00 for the third item. For more information on the event, call the Historical Society of Carroll County at (410) 848-6494.

Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble to Perform at the Arts Center on September 12th

Called "The Bolshoi of Barn Dancing," the percussive dance ensemble *Footworks* will take to the stage of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. For decades, *Footworks* has delighted audiences of all ages throughout the US, Canada, UK, Japan and Finland. They present a high-spirited production of live music, comedy, singing and a dazzling array of percussive dance. Accompanied by a live string band, they seamlessly blend elements of clog, step and tap dance into an exuberant performance. They learned their artistry from the masters; old time buck dancers and flat-footers of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, and remain true to preserving and celebrating these roots. They have won numerous awards and have performed at such venues as The Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall and Wolftrap. Their fast paced shows are filled with energy, artistry and lots of pizzazz. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

The 6th Annual Autumn Classics Car Show on Tap for the Longwell Parking Lot on September 13th

The Mid-Maryland Ford Club and Westminster FallFest are pleased to present the 6th Annual Autumn Classics Car Show in Downtown Westminster's Longwell Parking Lot on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The event is open to all makes and models. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 200 cars registered. Registration, with a \$13.00 entry fee, is from 9:00 a.m. until noon or until the lot is full. A portion of the proceeds will go to Carroll Hospice and the FallFest Charities. 70 trophies will be awarded at 3:00 p.m., as the result of participant judging. Admission for spectators is free. Food will be available on-site. For more information on the car show, call Charlie at (410) 374-2321 or (410) 374-2816

Cult Classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Returns to the Arts Center for Two Screenings on September 19th

Let's do the time warp again! Back, by popular demand, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" returns to the silver screen of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, September 19th. Join the folks at the Arts Center this year for either the 9:00 p.m. show or their new Midnight screening. Or, go to both for double the fun! Costumes are welcomed at these special screenings of the cult classic that star a young Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, and Tim Curry. Fans with the best costumes will be rewarded with special prizes. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$20.00 for a ticket and a bag of props containing all of the "goodies" you need to participate in this fabulously freaky cult phenomenon! Sorry, no props from outside will be allowed. For tickets and information, call (410) 848-7272.



The Carroll Arts Center has an action-packed September with Footworks (on left) on September 12th, two showings of the Rocky Horror Picture Show (middle) on September 19th & The Rogues (on right) in concert on September 25th

***The Rogues* to Perform at the Carroll Arts Center on September 25th during Midnight Madness**

One of the biggest names on the Renaissance festival circuit, *The Rogues* will bring their bagpipe-based Celtic/world-beat sound to the stage of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, September 25th at 8:00 p.m. This Texas based band is best known for its powerful live sets. Their CD "Off Kilter" which was released in 1999 received 6 Grammy nominations in various new artist categories. This acclaim thrust them into the national spotlight and they have since recorded several other CD's including "Glad to be Plaid," "Hollerin for Haggis" and "American Highlander." They've also received a combined total of seven gold medals from the World Pipe Band Championships held in Scotland each year. The Rogues appear regularly on XM Radio and have a loyal fan following. They possess the unique combination of being highly polished instrumentalists, yet engaging performers that can inspire their audiences to sing and dance along with their energetic shows. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$17.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

The Annual Creekside Fishing Showcase Concert to be held at the Carroll Arts Center on September 26th

The annual Creekside Fishing Showcase Concert, featuring local and regional talent in an evening of soulful blues, bluegrass and laid back music, will be held at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, September 26th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Performers in this concert showcase will include Karyn Oliver, an up-an-coming singer-songwriter from Baltimore, who has been turning heads on both sides of the Atlantic; Gary Ferguson, a talented singer, songwriter, and musician, who brings together all the elements of a great show; and Galloway, a locally based group who performs classic ballads and originals. All tickets are \$20.00.

Change, Inc. presents "Oh What a Night: Change, Inc. Still Rocks at 40!" at the Carroll Arts Center on October 2nd

Change, Inc. celebrates 40 years of service to individuals with developmental disabilities with an evening of fun at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, October 2nd. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., a silent auction with wine, beer, and appetizers will kick off the evening in the art gallery. The silent auction will be followed by a live concert on the stage of the arts center by three of the Baltimore/Washington area's premier cover bands: Hip Pocket, Captain Jack, and Number 1 Cause. These bands will rock the house with everything from Motown and rock to your favorite dance tunes from the 60s to the present. Tickets are \$35.00 a piece or two for \$65.00. For more information on the event, call (410) 876-2179 or (410) 848-1824.

April Verch Kicks Off the 2009-2010 Common on the Hill Concert Series at the Carroll Arts Center on October 3rd

Opening Common Ground on the Hill's 2009-2010 Roots Music Concert Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, are April Verch and her band from Ontario, Canada, on Saturday, October 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. April Verch is a dynamic world-class fiddler, composer, singer and champion stepdancer. With her band, she plays a traditional and original repertoire that is deeply rooted in the style she grew up with in the Ottawa Valley region of Ontario. In addition to April's talents, the April Verch Band features world-class musicians Marc Bru on percussion, Lincoln Meyers on guitar, and Cody Walters on upright-electric bass. They have established a reputation as consummate performers, winning over audiences not only with sheer virtuosity on their respective instruments, but also with charm, humor and boundless energy on stage. Other performers in the 2009-2010 Concert Series include: Russ Barenberg on November 7th; Walt Michael & Company on December 19th with their annual Holiday Concert; Guy Davis, Professor Louie and Mark Murphy on Friday, January 8th; John McCutcheon on February 6th; Alisdair Fraser & Natalie Hass on March 6th; and Gandydancer on April 10th. Tickets for each concert are \$19.00 for Adults and \$17.00 for students with ID, children & teens and seniors 65 years & over. Series tickets are \$114. For tickets or more information on the 2009-2010 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.



April Verch from Ontario opens the Roots Music Concert Series at the Arts Center on October 3rd



Walt Michael presents his annual Holiday Concert on December 19th



Guy Davis headlines the January 8th Concert



The band Gandydancer closes the Roots Music Concert Series on April 10th

Downtown Westminster Ghost Walks Return in October; Begin October 7th

It's that spooky time of the year! Join the staff of The Carroll County Public Library for a Ghost presentation and evening stroll through Downtown Westminster to visit the abodes of our local ghosts and legends. The walk through Westminster is approximately 1½ miles in length. Ghost Walks are scheduled for October 7th, 12th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th and 28th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. They will start at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street. This program is recommended for ages 10 and older. Children under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Registration is required. You may register for one of the tours by going online to http://library.carr.org/programs_news/programs.asp, calling 410.386.4488, or visiting any of the branch libraries during open hours, no more than 2 weeks prior to the event.

The Tevis Gallery Presents "Four Visions in a Different Light" from October 8th through November 20th

The Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, takes great pleasure in being the first stop for the exhibit "Four Visions in a Different Light" from October 8th through November 20th. Antoine de Saint-Exupery's quote, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye." sets the tone for this traveling exhibit of infrared photography that features the work of Susan Ruddick Bloom, Westminster, MD; Theresa Airey, Monkton, MD; Jill Enfield, NYC, NY and Elizabeth Opalenik, Oakland, CA. Using alternative photographic processes, digital manipulation, printmaking, painting and non-silver techniques, these works create a spellbinding exhibit. These photographers, as well as being artists, are educators, lecturers and published multiple times. Their work appears in galleries around the world. The opening reception for the exhibit is Thursday, October 8th, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

FLICC presents "Lars and the Real Girl" at the Carroll Arts Center on October 9th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) will present the film *Lars and the Real Girl* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, October 9th, at 8:00 p.m. Lars, played by Ryan Gosling, is a painfully introverted and lonely guy. His family is excited to hear that he has a new female friend, but then fear for his sanity when they realize he has bought a "Real Girl" blow-up doll that he fully believes is real. It is a delightful story about family relationships. 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 Elder Young Band presents "Get Rocked in the Classic Position" at the Carroll Arts Center on October 10th

Enjoy an evening of classic rock with The Elder Young Band at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, October 10th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This group of seasoned professionals from Richmond, VA is skilled at stealing the show. They also are masterminds of music forgery. Members of The Elder Young Band have past musical associations with the likes of Hank Williams Jr., The Doobie Brothers, Cheap Trick, Molly Hatchet and War. Band member Jeff Rothman recently received a Grammy for working on Doctor John's latest record along with Eric Clapton. Be advised these men are armed with an arsenal of the best rock music that our nation is capable of producing. Should you come in contact with The Elder Young Band do not attempt to resist the Rock-n-Roll assault you will receive. All tickets for this concert are \$15.00. For more information about the band, go to www.elderyoungmusic.com.

The Ghost of Legh Furnace is the Subject of October 13's Box Lunch Talk

Over the years, legends and ghost stories abounded in Carroll County about the wicked deeds of Legh Master, a wealthy English ironmaster who settled near Westminster about 1771. Join Don Riley, author of the new book *The Ghost of Legh Furnace*, as he presents the findings from his research into Master's life in England and Maryland at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, October 13th. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC), 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.

Ghosts and Goblins Roam Main Street during the Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 27th

Tuesday, October 27th, is the night for all little ghosts and goblins to strut their stuff in Downtown Westminster. Come watch and enjoy the Halloween Parade in Downtown Westminster on Tuesday, October 27th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Coordinated by American Legion Post #31, the parade follows the route of the FallFest and Holiday Parades; down Pennsylvania Avenue and up Main Street. For more information or to sign up to participate in the parade, call (410) 857-7953.

Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market Continues Through November 21st; Egg Vendor Added to the Market

While the other Carroll County Farmers Markets end their seasons early, the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market continues its 16th season every Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, through November 21st, to provide you with the freshest products for your Thanksgiving Day dinner. Don't forget to check out all of the fall items available at your downtown farmers' market, like fresh apples and cider to name a couple, as well as our newest vendor - Green Akeys Farm - and their great eggs. The market also will continue to host numerous musical performances from 10 a.m. until noon during September and October, including Strings on Wings on September 19th; Dan Ashby on September 26th; Chris Hurley on October 3rd; The New Southern Cowtippers on October 17th and Dan Ashby on October 31st. The market is conveniently located in the Conaway Parking Lot on Railroad Avenue (MD27), right across the street from the High's Convenience Store and Duke's Car Wash. For more information on the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market and its special events for the remainder of the season, check out www.westminsterfarmfresh.com. Below are a few photographs of the market.



A recent Saturday morning at the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market

Downtown Business Happenings:

Great Things to Check Out in Downtown...

- Have One On Dave!! Dave Johansson, that is. Show the staff at **Johansson Dining House**, 4 West Main Street, your sales receipt from any Downtown Westminister merchant and receive one free 10oz. house draft beer, courtesy of Dave Johansson. To qualify, you must present a valid, same day sales receipt from a Downtown Westminister business. This promotion excludes purchases of food and from convenience stores. Kudos to Dave for his unique economic stimulus offer! Also, don't forget to check out Johansson's Sunday brunch buffet too. For more information, go to: <http://www.johanssonsininghouse.com/>.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during September and October. The performance schedule is as follows: September 5th - NUA; September 12th - Ron Kraft; September 19th - 3rd Wish; September 26th - Ben Sherman; October 3 - Tony Denikos; October 10th - Finnegan's Woo; October 17th - Ken & Wayne; October 24th - Ron Kraft and October 31st - 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. For O'Lordan's great menu and other information, go to <http://www.olordansirishpub.com>.
- Culinary delights will once again abound at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, with a cooking class on September 16th, beginning at 7:15 p.m., entitled "Maryland Crab Forever." Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to make lump crab and marscapone on toasted ciabatta; Crab tortellini with Asiago Béchamel and lump crab with penne, fresh Maryland tomato, basil, and grated Manchego. The cost of the September class is \$40.00 per person. Once again, Billy has been rather secretive about October's program and date so to find out what's cooking and to sign-up for both of these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425 or check out <http://www.brothersun.biz/cooking.html>.
- **Rafael's** popular summer deck parties conclude on September 13th with great food and great times for all. The deck party will be from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with live music beginning at 4:00 p.m. *Spiral* will perform at the final deck party of the year. You can find Rafael's at 32 West Main Street. Of course, there are more things happening than deck parties at Rafael's, like the Back to School Naughty or Nice Party on Friday, September 12th, so call (410) 840-1919 to find out what else is happening.
- **Wine Me Up**, 61 ½ East Main Street, has Chris Hurley scheduled to perform on September 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and September 26th; October 10th and October 24th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To get an up-to-date listing of performers and to find out what else Wine Me Up has to offer, go to <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/index.html>.
- **Coffey Music**, 31 East Main Street, is holding its annual Band Instrument Tryout Day, on Saturday, September 12th, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for the new musician, as they may try the various instruments available to play in the school music program. Also, Coffey's teachers will be on hand to help guide your child to the perfect instrument for him or her.
- **The Shop at Cockey's**, 216 East Main Street, will host a book signing by Cathy Baty, Curator of the Historical Society of Carroll County, for her latest book *Images of America: Westminister* on Saturday, September 26th, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

New Faces or Different Places...

- **d.a.n.c.e.Inc.**, a dance studio under the direction of Ms. Heather Hensley, is now open in the old Firehouse at 66 Main Street.
- **Gargoyles, Inc.** has established an office at 229 East Main Street, Suite A.
- **Hemler Financial Group** is now located in Suite 304 of the Locust Lane Centre, 2 Locust Lane.
- **Kebab Kitchen** at 57 West Main Street is now open. In addition to serving great Mediterranean fare, it offers hookah.
- **Livingston Financial Group** is now established in Suite 306 of the Locust Lane Centre, 2 Locust Lane.
- **MRW Systems, Inc.** have moved their operation into Suite 309 of the Locust Lane Centre, 2 Locust Lane
- **Professional Homecare Services, Inc.** and **Professional Hospital Staffing, Inc.** are now located in Suite 1 of 230 East Main Street.
- **Serenity First Financial** has moved its offices to 201 East Main Street.
- **Clark Shaffer** has moved his law office to 73 East Main Street.
- **Thomas & Libowitz, P.A.**, a law firm based in Baltimore and Wilmington, has established a branch office in Suite 308 of the Locust Lane Centre, 2 Locust Lane.
- **The Law Offices of Arlene L. Thompson** are now located at 77 East Main Street.

Coming Soon...

- **Aura Salon & Spa** is planning to open soon at 21 East Main Street.
- **Orbital Image Co.**, a salon & spa, is moving into the Winchester Exchange, 15 East Main Street, from the Westminister Gateway Business Center on November 1st.

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

Save the Date!!! The "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Event is Saturday, November 28th

Festivities will abound in Downtown Westminister on Saturday, November 28th. Stroll downtown early and try to figure out which decorated storefront will win this year's Mayor's Cup while grabbing a bite to eat. Root for your favorite runner, as the Wishbone Mile takes to the streets of downtown. Sponsored by The Women's Initiative Supporting Health (WISH) at the Carroll Hospital Center, this one mile fundraiser will occur at 4:45 p.m., just prior to the holiday parade. And, what a parade it will be! Catch Westminister's first ever Holiday Electric Light Parade at 5:00 p.m. More than 35 themed floats with at least 2,000 lights on each will travel down Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street to Longwell Avenue. Immediately following the parade, the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and awarding of The Mayor's Cup will occur at the Locust Lane Stage. Join Mayor Kevin Utz, Santa Claus and the Westminister Municipal Band, as they sing carols, award the Mayor's Cup for the best decorated holiday storefront in Downtown Westminister and light the City Tree. Santa's Treat, a children's event that includes children's rides, games, prizes and, of course, Santa, will be held at the Westminister Family Fitness Center (Old Armory) following the Tree Lighting. Downtown shops will stay open until 10:00 p.m. that evening, as they hold their annual Starlight Shopping event. Closing out the event will be the Grand Prize Drawings of the Holiday Giveaway at 9:00 p.m. More information on this great day will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Main Street News.