



## THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS November/December 2009

### **The First Thursday Art History Series Presents Van Gogh at the Carroll Arts Center on November 5<sup>th</sup>**

The First Thursday Art History Series will present a study of Van Gogh at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at noon and 7:00 p.m. Post Impressionist Paris of the late 19th Century is the backdrop for the oeuvre of Van Gogh. This brilliant colorist and tortured genius's work still amazes and astounds viewers to this day. Using Simon Schama's "The Power of Art" episode on Van Gogh by the BBC as the starting point, Visual Arts Coordinator Susan Williamson will lead a lively post-film discussion. The art history series, sponsored by the Carroll County Arts Council, will run through April 2010 and consist of a mix of films about artists, short lectures and hands on creative activities. Single event tickets are \$10.00 and \$8.00 for Arts Council members while the entire series is \$35.00 and \$25.00

### **The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Westminister "Cookie Walk" to be Held on November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Yes, it is "Cookie Walk" time again in Downtown Westminister. What more can you ask for on a fall Thursday evening in Downtown Westminister than to have the opportunity to shop to your heart's content at select shops until 9:00 p.m. while sampling homemade cookies and obtaining the recipes for them? The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Westminister Cookie Walk once again has 16 businesses committed to providing cookies and recipes for those who visit and check out their shops between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The participating businesses are:

Ballard-Bunting Boutique - 79 E Main St (Rear)  
d.a.n.c.e.Inc. - 66 E Main St  
A Piece of My Heart Quilt Shop - 63 E Main St (Rear)  
Carroll County Public Library - 50 E Main St  
Pomeroy Jewelers - 41 E Main St  
Artworks & Apparel Boutique - 29 E Main St  
Performing Arts Connection - 15 E Main St  
Sugarplum Fairy - 11 Liberty St

Cecelia's Bridals - 13 Liberty St  
Wireless Outfitters - 13 Liberty St  
The Olde Liberty Shoppe - 39 Liberty St  
The Hickory Stick - 28 Liberty St  
Clip Clip Hooray - 2-D Bond St  
Clementine's Country Boutique - 18 John St  
Totalee Funkee Thrift Shop - 58 1/2 W Main St  
Carroll Arts Center - 91 W Main St

### **Common Ground on the Hill Presents Russ Barenberg on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Carroll Arts Center**

Common Ground on the Hill's 2009-2010 Roots Music Concerts Series continues its season with GRAMMY nominated acoustic guitarist and composer Russ Barenberg at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Russ creates "exquisitely original" music that joyously integrates bluegrass, jazz, and American/Celtic fiddle and dance traditions. Long at the creative forefront of the acoustic music scene, he has collaborated with many of its finest artists, including Jerry Douglas, Edgar Meyer, Bela Fleck, Alison Krauss and most recently, legendary jazz bassist, Charlie Haden. Tickets are \$19.00 for adults and \$17.00 for students with ID, children 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over. For tickets or more information on the 2009-2010 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.

### **November 10<sup>th</sup>'s Box Lunch Talk Focuses on Town & Country: Commercial Buildings in Carroll County**

Carroll County's rich heritage of residential and agricultural architecture has been the subject of many studies. Join architectural historian Ken Short as he examines the less well-known story of the county's commercial and industrial buildings and their development from the 1830s through the 1920s at the Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 a \$4.00 donation is requested from non-members.

### **Veterans' Day Service to be Held at the Old Westminister Armory on November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Westminister's annual remembrance service for Veterans' Day will be held on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m., at the old Westminister Armory, 11 Longwell Avenue. The service is open to the public and honors veterans of the past and present. For more information on the service, call Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at (410) 857-7953 or (410) 876-0746.

### **The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mistletoe Mart Brings the Holiday Season to Downtown Westminister beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mistletoe Mart at the Church of the Ascension, 23 North Court Street, helps kick off the Holiday Season from Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Purchase items from one of the fifty juried crafters or unusual gift shops. Additionally, there will be a café with savory fare, a silent auction, hourly door prizes and tea served throughout the day. The Mistletoe Mart is open Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under the age of 12. For more information, go to: <http://mistletoemart.org/wp/>.

### **Mayor Kevin R. Utz and Other Local Celebrities to Cameo in "Romeo & Harriet" at the Carroll Arts Center**

The Carroll County Arts Council, in partnership with the Maryland Ensemble Theatre, will be presenting a fully staged musical "Romeo & Harriet" on stage at the Carroll Arts Center. Show times are 7:00 p.m. on Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. "Romeo & Harriet" is a deliciously funny spoof of "Romeo & Juliet," set in modern day New York City. It features the feuding clerks of the swanky Montague's Department Store and the second-rate Capulet's Discount Mart. Romeo and Harriet, the heirs to these two retail empires, fall in love, just as Shakespeare's

characters did, but this musical has a happy ending! The musical features more than 40 middle-school aged actors, and 4 middle-aged celebrity performers! A special addition to the cast will be a different local "celebrity" playing the part of Officer Escalus at each performance. This is the donut-loving "officer" who is constantly breaking up fights between the warring Capulets and Montagues. The celebrity stars will be Westminster Mayor Kevin Utz (Friday), Westminster Middle School Principal Tom Hill (Saturday matinee), Westminster Police Sgt. Keith Benfer (Saturday evening show) and popular restaurant owner Harry Sirinakos of Harry's Main Street Grille (Sunday). The show is directed by Julie Herber of Maryland Ensemble Theatre, assisted by Tabettha White as Stage Manager. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for arts council members, students 18 & under and Seniors 60+. For tickets or more information, call (410) 848-7272.

### FLICC presents "Diner" at the Carroll Arts Center on November 20<sup>th</sup>

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are proud to present "Diner" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. Directed by Barry Levinson and starring the likes of Steve Guttenberg, Mickey Rourke and Kevin Bacon, this movie is a nostalgic look at the 1950's through the eyes of a group of young men hanging out at their favorite Baltimore diner. Bring a canned food item for Carroll Food Sunday and get a free bag of popcorn. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over.

### GROW Mission presents Amateur Night at the Carroll Arts Center on November 22<sup>nd</sup>

The big cities are not the only ones that have talent! Westminster does too! Come check out the local talent at GROW Mission's Amateur Night at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00. For tickets and more information, please contact GROW Mission at (410) 751-5600 or [youramateurnight@gmail.com](mailto:youramateurnight@gmail.com).

### Enter the Westminster Holiday Shopping Spree by November 27<sup>th</sup> to Win

Interested in winning a 4 Night Cruise to the Bahamas donated by the Charmed Traveler? How about an autographed Baltimore Ravens team football donated by WTTR? Or tickets to see *A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas* and *The Christmas Carol* at the Carroll Arts Center? Perhaps even gift certificates to Johansson Dining House, O'Lordan's Irish Pub, The Hickory Stick and Artworks & Apparel Boutique? All of these are possible; along with many more gift certificates and prizes when you enter the Westminster Holiday Shopping Spree before November 27<sup>th</sup>. To enter, visit one of the 21 participating downtown shops and eateries or one of the participating TownMall of Westminster businesses as often as you can and fill out either a green Cruise entry or a purple Ravens football entry. Drawing for the prizes will take place during the "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 p.m., on the steps of the Westminster Family Fitness Center, 11 Longwell Avenue. You do not need to be present to win.

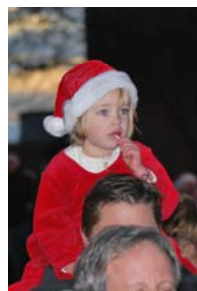
**"Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Festival Kicks Off the Holiday Season in Downtown on November 28<sup>th</sup> with a Holiday Electric Parade Featuring Over 40 Lighted Floats; Holiday Tree Lighting; Santa's Treat & Starlight Shopping**  
Santa Claus is coming to town... to Downtown Westminster, that is - in a big way on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>! To celebrate his arrival and the start of the holiday shopping season, Downtown Westminster will be abuzz with the "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Festival. The event, sponsored by the City of Westminster and the Main Street Committee of the Greater Westminster Development Corporation, kicks off at 1:00 p.m., with the opening of the ticket booths for the children carnival rides to be located along Longwell Avenue near the Westminster Family Fitness Center (the old Armory). At 2:30 p.m., the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, will host a free Laurel & Hardy Family Film Festival. The film festival will conclude before the 4:45 p.m. start of the Wishbone Mile Benefit Run for the Women's Initiative Supporting Health (WISH) program; so you can have time to find yourself a great spot to watch the race and the ensuing holiday parade. Westminster's first ever Holiday Electric Parade will kick off at 5:00 p.m. Following the traditional holiday parade route of Monroe Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street to Longwell Avenue, over 40 lighted floats (with more than 2,000 lights on each), marching bands, horses, exotic cars, marching units and of course, the big guy himself - Santa Claus will pass in the review through Historic Downtown Westminster. Immediately following the parade, somewhere around 6:30 p.m., the City's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Locust Lane. Join Mayor Kevin R. Utz and other City Officials as he awards the Mayor's Cup to the best-decorated downtown storefront, sing carols to the accompaniment of the Westminster Municipal Band and, along with help from all of the youngsters in attendance, light the holiday tree. After the tree is lit, Santa and the kids will head up to the gymnasium at the Westminster Family Fitness Center where the City's Department of Recreation and Parks will host Santa's Treat. This children's event is free and will feature games, crafts, activities, prizes and much more. Outside on the Longwell Lot, the lighted floats will be displayed to allow for a closer look at them after the parade. Finally, at 9:00 p.m., the drawing of the Holiday Shopping Spree winners will occur on the steps of the Family Fitness Center. However, if you rather be shopping, join us by doing lots of Starlight Shopping from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in many of downtown's finest establishments. Many one of a kind and hard to find gift options will be available for the holidays. Of course, great food and drink can be discovered downtown throughout the day. If you do not get into the holiday spirit after such an action packed day in Downtown Westminster, your last name must be Scrooge!



Interstate Battery's lighted float was previewed in the FallFest Parade in September



Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Locust Lane crowd with one of his fans looking on last year



Some of last year's children's rides at "Miracle on Main Street"

## Catch the Holiday Spirit by Checking out the Holiday Storefront Displays in Downtown Westminster

Get into the holiday spirit by taking a stroll downtown some evening after Thanksgiving with your loved ones and checking out the numerous holiday storefront and window displays. Downtown Westminster is truly a festive looking place heading into the holidays with all of the decorated trees, shrubs and holiday lights done by the City and the many wonderful window displays completed by the downtown businesses. While many of the windows are done up to compete in the Mayor's Cup Holiday Decorating Contest that is annually awarded at the tree lighting ceremony, there are just as many that do it solely for the spirit of the season. Come to Downtown Westminster and enjoy!



Here is a sampling of holiday window displays in Downtown Westminster over the years

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Wreaths Begins December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Carroll Arts Center

For the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year, the Carroll County Arts Council will host its annual "Festival of Wreaths" from December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. The Festival, which has become one of Carroll County's best attended holiday events, will again feature more than 200 uniquely decorated theme wreaths on display for the public through a five-day silent auction. All proceeds from this annual event benefit the Carroll County Arts Council. The wreaths will range from elegant to whimsical to traditional to funky. The public is invited to vote for their favorites throughout the event and awards in several categories will be presented. The wreaths themselves are crafted from materials as diverse as dried flowers, copper tubing, stained glass, wood, wrought iron, and pheasant feathers. Festival Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Bidding ends promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The highest bidders are not required to be present at the close of the auction. Admission to the Festival is free. For more information on The Festival of Wreaths, call the Carroll County Arts Council at (410) 848-7272.



Some Examples of the Wreaths Displayed at Last Year's Festival of Wreaths

## Free Holiday Movies Slated for the Carroll Arts Center - December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>

During the Carroll County Arts Council's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Wreaths, Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) will be hosting a series of free classic holiday films. Admission is free and advance tickets are not needed. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. Concessions will be available for sale and the income received will benefit the Arts Council's scholarship fund. Before or after the films, be sure to take time to visit the Festival of Wreaths. The schedule is as follows:

### Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 p.m. Holiday Inn  
5:00 p.m. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer  
7:00 p.m. Frosty the Snowman

### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

1:00 p.m. George Balanchine's The Nutcracker Ballet  
4:30 p.m. William Wegman's 12 Dogs of Christmas

### Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. It's a Wonderful Life  
4:30 p.m. National Geographic Animal Holiday

### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. William Wegman's 12 Dogs of Christmas

### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

1:30 p.m. Emmett Otter's Jug Band  
3:30 p.m. How the Grinch Stole Christmas

## Carroll County Arts Council Presents A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center

What do you get when you pair the beloved animated holiday film "Charlie Brown's Christmas" with a live performance of the film's Vince Guaraldi jazz score? You get a fabulously festive show featuring Charlie Brown and the gang, along with the renowned Eric Byrd Trio! This annual presentation is always very popular with both families as well as discriminating jazz aficionados and is a great way to celebrate the season. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Before or after the show, you'll be able to enjoy the Carroll County Arts Council's Festival of Wreaths. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over. For more information or to reserve tickets in advance, call (410) 848-7272.



The Eric Byrd Trio in the holiday spirit



Santa Claus enters his house after a Holiday Tree Lighting event



Santa chatting with some admirers on his steps



Santa chatting with a friend in his house on Locust Lane

### **Santa Claus Returns to Locust Lane on Saturday Afternoons in December**

Santa Claus will once again make Locust Lane Park in Downtown Westminster his home away from home on Saturdays during the December shopping season. He is looking forward to seeing his many local friends at his house on Locust Lane across East Main Street from the library from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited to bring their own cameras to take free pictures of their youngsters with Santa Claus, but do not forget to check the batteries, film or digital media card before you leave the house.

### **FLICC presents "Joyeux Noel" at the Carroll Arts Center on December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present a free showing of "Joyeux Noel" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. This heartwarming movie chronicles the true-life wartime event that would offer hope for peace in mankind's darkest hour. Set in war torn Europe on Christmas Eve in 1914, the lonely souls of the front lines abandoned their arms to reach out to their enemies on the battlefield and greet them not with anger or hostility, but with kindness. They put aside their differences long enough to wish their brothers a Merry Christmas. Admission is free.

### **Farm Life in Carroll County is the Subject of December 8<sup>th</sup>'s Box Lunch Talk**

Farming - and related industries, such as milling and canning - have been the backbone of Carroll County's economy since the first settlers moved into the region. Join Lyndi McNulty, author of the new book *Images of America: Farming in Carroll County*, as she presents the story of the county's farm families in the 19th and 20th centuries at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 a \$4.00 donation is requested from non-members.

### **Gallery of Gifts on Display in the Tevis Gallery of the Arts Center December 10<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Carroll County Arts Council is pleased to present a "Gallery of Gifts" in the Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from December 10<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup>. This exhibit is perfect for holiday gift shopping. "Gallery of Gifts" will offer unique, one of a kind, finely handmade arts and crafts. Local artists combine with regional artists for a distinct flavor of fashion, fantasy and whimsy. Local artists in the exhibit include Cliff Losee of Pigeon Hill Pottery; Kelsey Wailes with Painting and Printmaking; Laura Wailes of Thistledown Farm Pottery; Lindsay Wailes of Clever Cat Bags; John and Deborah Sosnowsky of Sozra Jewelry; and Kim Tyssowski with Ceramic Art. More than 15 other regional artists also are participating. All the artwork is handmade by some of the most creative artists you will ever meet. This show has a young, hip element as well emphasizing recyclables, funky imagery and cool inspiration. The Opening Reception for this exhibit will be held on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### **Maryland Ensemble Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" at the Carroll Arts Center December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Back by popular demand at the Carroll Arts Center will be the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol." This is the timeless story of grumpy Ebenezer Scrooge who thinks Christmas is a "humbug." When the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future call on Christmas Eve, Mr. Scrooge starts to see his life in a different light. This clever and heartwarming adaptation is presented by the acclaimed Maryland Ensemble Theatre. The whole family will enjoy this beautifully staged production celebrating the true spirit of Christmas. Performances will be at 8:00 p.m. on both December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, along with a 3:00 p.m. performance on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students 18 years & under.

### **Walt Michael & Company Return Home for the Holidays on December 19<sup>th</sup> for a Concert at the Arts Center**

Common Ground on the Hill Founder and Executive Director Walt Michael wants you to catch the spirit of the season at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walt Michael & Company Holiday Concert, featuring top-drawer traditional acoustic music, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on December 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Half a century ago, people in the mountains of the North Carolina and Southwest Virginia celebrated Christmas quite differently than the way most of us do now. They held two weeks of informal house parties that were filled with old time fiddle music, song and dance - a tradition they called "Breaking Up Christmas." These Christmas parties ran through and ended with Old Christmas, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Walt Michael & Company will "break up Christmas" with you on December 19<sup>th</sup> as they share their wide-ranging repertoire of tunes and songs that reflect the rich musical heritage of the Appalachians. Welcome to an evening of old time music. Let the season begin! Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for students with ID, children under 18 years and seniors 65 years & over. For tickets or more information, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.

## Downtown Business Happenings

### Great Things to Check Out in Downtown

- **Coffey Music**, 31 East Main Street, will be presenting two great clinics in November at the store. On Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., touring artist Vicki Genfan will show you tips and tricks of the trade, so bring your guitar and tuner! Vicki knows her stuff, as she was the first prize winner in the 2008 Guitar Player Magazine's 'Guitar Superstar' Competition. Vicki's appearance is courtesy of Luna Guitars. On Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., The Taylor Roadshow returns to Coffey Music. The guys from Taylor Guitars will be bringing some awesome rare and limited edition guitars for you to check out. They'll also help you find the right Taylor for you!
- **Clementine's Country Boutique** at 18 John Street, **The Hickory Stick** at 28 Liberty Street and **The Olde Liberty Shop** at 39 Liberty Street will be holding Holiday Open Houses from Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Their Open House hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday; 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday
- Culinary delights will once again abound at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, with cooking events occurring in November and December. The November culinary experience will be the Second Annual "Cooking with the Blues" on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Guest Chef John Helmanski will show you how to prepare four blue crab recipes of Cajun influence. To accompany the blue crab dishes, Christopher James will perform live blues music. An added feature will be a wine tasting by Bacchus Importers, Ltd. In December, Chef Billy Schroeder will host his 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Party on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Holiday food ideas will abound with chef carved prime rib, Gran Marnier ham, butter and sherry injected turkey breast, shrimp creole and saffron rice pilaf, crab marscapone, seasonal fruit and vegetables, assorted imported cheeses, and the best tasting Italian, German and Polish sweets available. There will be a wine tasting by Bacchus Importers, Ltd., along with live music by Christopher James. The cost for each of these events is \$80.00 per person. To sign-up for these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during November and December. The performance schedule is as follows: November 7<sup>th</sup> - Gary Brown; November 14<sup>th</sup> - Ben Sherman; November 21<sup>st</sup> - Tony Denikos; November 28<sup>th</sup> - Finnegan's Woo; December 5<sup>th</sup> - NUA; December 12<sup>th</sup> - Ron Kraft; December 19<sup>th</sup> - Tony Denikos; and December 26<sup>th</sup> - Ben Sherman. 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. To check out O'Lordan's great menu and beverages on tap, go to [www.olordansirishpub.com](http://www.olordansirishpub.com).
- **Rafael's** at 32 West Main Street will have Virgil Cain performing live on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Also, Santa Claus will be visiting Rafael's from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. To find out what else is happening at Rafael's, call (410) 840-1919.
- **Wine Me Up**, 61½ East Main Street, has Chris Hurley scheduled to perform on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To check on news, specials and events at Wine Me Up in November, December and beyond, go to: <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/index.html>.
- You are invited to **Totalee Funkee Thrift Shop's** Christmas Open House on December 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be daily drawings, pictures with Santa, apple cider, cookies hot cocoa and more. The Open House hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. **Totalee Funkee Thrift Shop** is located at 58½ West Main Street.

### New Faces or Different Places

- **Orbital Salon** is now open at 15 East Main Street, Suite 103, in the Winchester Exchange. Orbital stylists specialize in handcrafted haircuts, haircoloring, scalp treatments, bridal parties, make-up, waxing and facials. The salon's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Aquino & Wolpoff Financial Group, LLC** has relocated to larger quarters in The Times Building, 63 East Main Street. Steve (Aquino) and Charlie (Wolpoff) also will be teaching a Business Finance Class at InfoPathways, Liberty Street on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- The accounting firm of **William G. Jones, CPA** is now in operation at 73 East Main Street, Suite 2.
- Artist Ed Maiello is opening **The Maiello Gallery**, a new art gallery, at 121 W. Main St. The gallery is in the pastel purple townhouse just past the intersection of West Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, across from Vince's Seafood. The work on display is the artist's own, which ranges from Surrealist/fantasy work to nudes and still-life. The official opening date is Saturday, November 14, 2009. The hours of the gallery are by chance or by appointment. To make an appointment, call (443) 789-0275.
- If you have not heard, **PNC Bank** is closing the Westminster Main branch at 71 East Main Street on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and reopening the East Main Street branch at 111 East Main Street, which has undergone a renovation, on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The newly renovated branch location will offer PNC's full range of financial services, including convenient Drive Up ATM access.

### Anniversaries

- Congratulations to **Bladerunner Hair, Nail & Skin** for celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in business this year. **Bladerunner** is located at 104 East Main Street.
- Tina Warehime at **Esquire and the Lady Salon**, 83 West Main Street, will be celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> year in business in December.

### Extended Holiday Hours Announced - Begin November 27<sup>th</sup>

- **The Hickory Stick**, 28 Liberty Street, will be open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- **The Olde Liberty Shop**, 39 Liberty Street, will be open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- **ArtWorks and Apparel Boutique**, 29 East Main Street, will be open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday; 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Locust Books**, 9 East Main Street, will be open 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

#### Coming Soon...

- Rob's Truck & Auto Repair is planning to open at 19 Liberty Street on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the old Yingling Tire center location. Rob's Truck & Auto Repair was previously located in Woodbine.
- Aura Salon & Spa, 21 East Main Street, is putting the finishing touches on its space and will be open soon.

#### The Lowdown...

- Mary Gill of Cecelia's Bridals, 13 Liberty Street, wants everybody to know the rumor about Cecelia's Bridals closing is FALSE. Please help her stop this rumor by correcting anyone who might mention it.

#### Kudos to...

- Pat Hahn of the Carroll County Public Library and Timmi Pierce of the Historical Society of Carroll County for their appearance and fine job on WBAL-TV with Jennifer Franciotti on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ghost stories of Westminster. If you missed the story on television, either go to the City's website - [www.westminstermd.gov](http://www.westminstermd.gov) and click on the City Spotlight story or visit [www.wbaltv.com](http://www.wbaltv.com), click on video and search for "Westminster Boasts Real Ghost Stories."

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](mailto:sruchlewicz@westgov.com) with the information for inclusion in a future issue.

**HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

## Enter the Westminster Holiday Shopping Spree Drawing!

Enter the Westminster Holiday Shopping Spree Drawing for a chance to win either a 4 Night Cruise to the Bahamas\* (donated by the Charmed Traveler) or an autographed Ravens Team Football (donated by WTTR) plus many other Gifts Certificates and Prizes from local Westminster businesses, of which many are listed below.

Visit the following Downtown businesses, as often as you like, to register to win. While at these businesses, check out what they have new for the holidays. No purchase required, but all purchases are appreciated.

A Piece of My Heart Quilt Shop - 63 East Main Street (Rear)  
Artworks & Apparel Boutique - 29 East Main Street  
Ballard-Bunting Boutique - 79 East Main Street (Rear)  
Carroll Arts Center - 91 West Main Street  
Cecelia's Bridals - 13 Liberty Street  
Clementine's Country Boutique - 18 John Street  
Clip Clip Hooray - 2-D Bond Street  
Country View Tuxedo & Wedding Accessories - Westminster Exchange, 15 East Main Street  
Dutterer's Flower Shop  
Gotham Comics - Westminster Exchange, 15 East Main Street  
Harry's Main Street Grill -  
Johansson Dining House - 4 West Main Street  
Locust Books - 9 East Main Street  
Mercer Carpet One - West Main Street  
O'Lordan's Irish Pub - 14 Liberty Street  
Pomeroy Jewelers - 41 East Main Street  
Rooney's Corner Café - 172 East Main Street  
The Hickory Stick - 28 Liberty Street  
The Olde Liberty Shoppe - 39 Liberty Street  
Unique Jewelry - Westminster Exchange, 15 East Main Street

Drawing Time & Date for the Westminster Holiday Shopping Spree is 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28, 2009 at the Westminster Family Fitness Center (The Old Armory), 11 Longwell Avenue. You need not be present to win.

\* Note: Transportation to & from cruise departure site not included in prize.

**Shop Downtown Westminster for the Holidays!!!**