



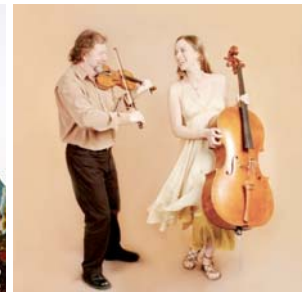
THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS March/April 2010

The First Thursday Art History Series Presents Edward Hopper at the Carroll Arts Center on March 4th

The First Thursday Art History Series will present a study of Edward Hopper at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, March 4th, at noon and 7:00 p.m. The enigmatic imagery of this admired American artist is transformed into a universal shared experience of quiet private moments in unexpected places during these sessions. The art history series, sponsored by the Carroll County Arts Council, will run through April 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.

FLICC Reschedules the Showing of *Departures (Okuribito)* at the Carroll Arts Center to March 5th

Due to the inclement weather of early February, Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) has rescheduled the showing of what was to be the opening film of the 7th annual Foreign Film Festival at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. *Departures (Okuribito)* will be shown on Friday, March 5th, at 8:00 p.m. This Japanese film was last year's Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Film. Daigo Kobayashi is a devoted cellist in an orchestra that has just been dissolved and now finds himself unemployed. Daigo decides to move back to his old hometown with his wife to look for work and start over. He answers a classified ad entitled "Departures" thinking it is an advertisement for a travel agency only to discover that the job is actually for a "Nokanshi" or "encoffineer," a funeral professional who prepares deceased bodies for burial and entry into the next life. While his wife and others despise the job, Daigo takes a certain pride in his work and begins to perfect the art of "Nokanshi," acting as a gentle gatekeeper between life and death, between the departed and the family of the departed. The film follows his profound and sometimes comical journey with death as he uncovers the wonder, joy and meaning of life and living. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students 18 years & under and seniors 60 years & over. For more information, call (410) 848-7272.



Cellists seem to be the theme at the Carroll Arts Center on March 5th & 6th, with the showing of the Academy Award winning movie *Departures (Okuribito)* on Friday, March 5th and Common Ground on the Hill presenting Alisdair Fraser & Natalie Haas in concert on Saturday, March 6th.

Common Ground on the Hill Presents Alisdair Fraser & Natalie Haas at the Carroll Arts Center on March 6th

Common Ground on the Hill's 2009-2010 Roots Music Concert Series continues its season with Alisdair Fraser & Natalie Haas at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 6th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Acclaimed as the "Michael Jordan of Scottish fiddling," Alisdair Fraser has a concert and recording career spanning 30 years, with a long list of awards, accolades, television credits, and feature performances on top movie soundtracks, like *The Last of the Mohicans* and *Titanic*. A graduate of the Juilliard School in New York City, Natalie Haas discovered the cello at age nine. In addition to having extensive classical music training, she is accomplished in a broad array of fiddle genres. Her musical journey found purpose when she fell in love with Celtic music at the Valley of the Moon Scottish Fiddling School at age 11. A vibrant young cellist, Natalie is already a seasoned performer, recording artist, and teacher. She has joined master Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser for festival and concert appearances in Scotland, Spain, France, and throughout the U.S., after touring extensively with Mark O'Connor as a member of his Appalachia Waltz Trio. "People may be familiar with the gorgeous, melodic cello sound," says Fraser, "but they're surprised to learn that the cello used to comprise the rhythm section in Scottish dance bands. Natalie Haas unleashes textures and deep, powerful rhythms that drive fiddle tunes. We can "duck and dive" around each other, swap melody and harmony lines, and improvise on each other's rhythmic riffs. She has such a great sense of exploration and excitement for the music; it's a joy to play with her!" 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.

March 9th's Box Lunch Talk Focuses on the Carroll County History Project

Carroll County has changed and grown over the years. In an effort to keep the county's heritage intact, the Community Media Center initiated the Carroll County History Project, a multi-year, multi-part initiative to electronically collect, archive and make accessible our heritage through the memories of Carroll's changing life through people who live on within the community. Join Marion Ware, Executive Director of the Community Media Center, as she examines The History Project to date and share plans for the future at the Tuesday, March 9th, 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.

FLICC presents "The Commitments" at the Carroll Arts Center on March 12th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) is pleased to present "The Commitments" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, March 12th, at 8:00 p.m. The movie is about the travails of Jimmy Rabbitte to form the "World's Hardest Working Band," The Commitments, and bring soul music to the people of Dublin, Ireland. Jimmy Rabbitte, just a tick out of school, gets a brilliant idea: to put a soul band together in Barrytown, his slum home in north Dublin. First, he needs musicians and singers; things slowly start to click when he finds three fine-voiced females virtually in his back yard, a lead singer at a wedding, and, responding to his ad, an aging trumpet player. Song by song, gig by gig, the Commitments start their climb to the top and Dublin gets soul. But internal strife also builds: the lead singer is insufferable, the trumpet player is a Casanova, and Jimmy may lack the seasoning to hold things together. Will the Commitments slip away? Come to the movie and find out! Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over.

Barleyjuice: Live in Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on March 13th

Every day is St. Patrick's Day when Barleyjuice takes the stage. Back by overwhelming demand is this Celtic Rock phenomenon that takes command of the stage with their high energy, hard driving rock performances. Often compared to The Pogues or Flogging Molly, this Philadelphia-based band will perform two concerts - 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, March 13th. Ireland has been called the land of happy war songs and sad love songs, and no one sings and celebrates this irony better than Barleyjuice. Their ode to the kilt, "What's Up Yours?" was voted Song of the Year 2005 by listeners of celticradio.net. Their sound (they call it tradiginal, neobilly, Brit-Scot-shamRock) is part traditional Irish, part rockabilly, part punk, and all good times. Barleyjuice sings the anthems of enjoying life and love to the extreme while having a sense of humor (and a few pints) along the way. All tickets for the Matinee Show are \$20.00. While tickets for the evening show are \$25.00 for adults and \$22.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over.



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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Eat & Drink Downtown!

From Harry's Main Street Grille on West Main to Maggie's Restaurant on East Green Street, Downtown Westminster's restaurants and eateries will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 17th, with Irish-flavored cuisine and beverages. Harry's Main Street Grille, 65 West Main Street, gets into the festive spirit by offering corned beef & cabbage, green beer and Irish tunes as their holiday treats. Rafael's, 32 West Main Street, will be having Irish food and beer specials all day. Johansson's Dining House, 4 West Main Street, will offer Irish fare while the Down Under Sports Bar and Grill on the lower level of the dining house gets into the spirit of the day by offering a great \$3.17 corned beef platter. Rooney's Corner Café, 172 East Main Street, will have an Irish lunch special of the day. Rubeen sandwiches and corned beef & cabbage with boiled potatoes will be served at Munch's Court Street Café, 199 East Main Street. O' Maggie's, more commonly known as Maggie's Restaurant the other 364 days of the year, 310 East Green Street, will be serving corned beef & cabbage and Irish stew. Green beer will be available upon request. A \$5.00 cover will be charged that also gets you a Maggie's commemorative glass and pin and participation in the balloon give-away. Last but not least, O'Lordan's Irish Pub, home of the most redheaded Irish bartenders in Westminster, at 14 Liberty Street, will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. serving fine Irish food from a limited menu between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. It will be "First Come, First Served" at O'Lordan's, as no reservations are being taken. Finally, live Irish music by Rosnareen will be featured in the Pub from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Don't forget to wear some green or you might get pinched!

The Carroll Players present *A Month of Sundays* at the Carroll Arts Center on March 19th - 21st and March 26th - 27th

The Carroll Players will present the play *A Month of Sundays* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, over two weekends - March 19th-21st and March 26th-27th. Set in a rest home, this play revolves around two residents: Cooper, who has voluntarily left his family to avoid the indignity of depending on them, and his friend Aylott, both on the verge of some geriatric embarrassment. To the painful ritual of family visits and empty condescension, the two inmates reply with humor and wit, aware that life can only be endured if treated as a comedy. Performances begin at 8:00 p.m. on March 19th, 20th, 26th and 27th and 2:00 p.m. on March 21st. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$14.00 for Arts Council members, children under 12 and seniors 60 years & over

Historical Society of Carroll County and Carroll Community College Present *Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective* on March 27th

The Historical Society of Carroll County, in conjunction with Carroll Community College, will present the 13th annual *Maryland and the Civil War: A Regional Perspective* conference on Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road. The conference focuses on various aspects of the Civil War and its impact on the region. The all-day event includes a series of general and concurrent sessions, along with an exhibit hall that allows participants to visit with representatives from several Civil War sites and museums, re-enactors and vendors. This year's topics include: *Lincoln's Webfeet: The Naval Forces of the Civil War*; *Securing the Potomac: Colonel Charles P. Stone and the Rockville Expedition, June-July 1861*; *Flags of the 1st Maryland Cavalry Battalion, CSA*; *Maryland Soldiers North and South and Agents & Activities of the Confederate Secret & Signal Services in Maryland 1861-1865*. This year's highlight is expected to be the presentation at 2:00 p.m. entitled "*Harriet Tubman: Meet the Woman*" by Gwendolyn Briley-Strand. Advance registration is strongly recommended and includes all sessions, continental breakfast and box lunch. For more information or to register, go to: http://www.carrollcc.edu/events/civilwar_event.asp.

Harriet Tubman: Meet the Woman - A Free Presentation at Carroll Community College on March 27th

Known as the "Moses of Her People," Harriet Ross Tubman led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom by way of the Underground Railroad. Join noted first-person impressionist Gwendolyn Briley-Strand, as she discusses the life of this remarkable woman and provides a photographic exhibit of plantations on which Tubman was enslaved, the home in which she lived as a free woman, and churches she helped build, at Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, on Saturday, March 27th, at 2:00 p.m. Harriet Tubman served in the Union Army as both a spy and a scout during the Civil War and nursed the contraband and black soldiers in the Federal City and other southern cities. Ms. Tubman repeatedly risked her life fighting for the freedom that the constitution guaranteed all Americans. Admission to this presentation is free. Registration for the conference is not required to attend only this session. Support for this presentation was graciously provided by the Maryland Humanities Council Speakers Bureau.

Civil War Ball at the Old Longwell Armory on March 27th to Benefit the Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee

The Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee cordially invites you to join them for an evening of 1860s period dancing, dance instruction, light refreshments, and fun, as they hold the 3rd annual Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball on Saturday, March 27th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the gym of the Old Longwell Armory, now the Westminster Family Fitness Center, at 11 Longwell Avenue. The event is for experienced and novice dancers alike. Live music will be provided by the ensemble of Smash the Windows, featuring Peg Shutes and Bruce Young. Briant and Karin Bohleke will serve as the Dance Master and Dance Mistress. Period or modern semi-formal attire is requested. Spurs, swords, heel plates, and firearms are prohibited in the gym and on the grounds. Tickets are \$20 per person and proceeds will benefit the Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee, a non-profit organization, established to educate the public on the Civil War History of Westminster, MD. For tickets or more information on the ball, call either Susan Harry at (410) 848-9161 or Kim Prehn at (410) 876-5390 or email them at sharry@westgov.com or ujltd@msn.com respectively.



Scenes from the 2nd annual Corbit's Charge Civil War Ball in March 2009

The First Thursday Art History Series Closes with Louise Nevelson at the Carroll Arts Center on April 1st

The First Thursday Art History Series will close out this year's series with a slide lecture and workshop on Louise Nevelson at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, April 1st, at noon and 7:00 p.m. This "work of art" with her multiple pairs of eyelashes and creative clothing, astounded the sculpture world with her monumental assemblages using found objects and spray paint that created a composition of form, light and shadow. Participants are asked to bring a bag of small "found" objects to create their own Nevelson inspired assemblage. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$8.00 for Arts Council members.

Seniors Keep in Touch Presents the 5th Annual Silent Purse Auction on April 1st - 3rd at the Carroll Arts Center

This silent auction held at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, showcases new purses, handbags, and totes filled with gift certificates, merchandise, sports memorabilia, and more, as well as gently used purses available for cash and carry. Admission to the event is free. Auction hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st and Friday, April 2nd; and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3rd. All proceeds benefit Seniors Keep in Touch, a non-profit program, supporting homebound mature adults with the reassurance of companionship through daily, scheduled telephone contact.

FLICC presents "Enchanted April" at the Carroll Arts Center on April 2nd

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) is pleased to present "Enchanted April" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, April 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. It's April in Italy, and anything can happen... even love. Imagine a month in paradise with nothing to do but everything you dreamed of. Lottie and Rose, two married women living in 1920's London share the misery of empty relationships with their spouses and decide to rent an Italian Castle for the spring to get away. In order to save money, they advertise for two other women to join them. Mrs. Fisher, an elderly widow who knew many famous authors in her youth is struggling with a lonely and regimented existence and jumps at the chance to join the vacation. Lady Caroline Dester is a gorgeous flapper who has been grabbed one too many times and is sick of men, she only wants to be left alone... or so she thinks. They arrive in San Salvatore, a seaside Italian castle drenched in wisteria and sunshine and find themselves in a transformative beauty so enchanting that they experience changes in themselves they never thought possible. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over.

Join the Easter Bunny at the City's Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday, April 3rd

The City of Westminster's Annual Easter Egg Hunts will be held on the grounds of Westminster City Hall, 1838 Emerald Hill Lane, on Saturday, April 3rd. The first hunt will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. for ages 1-4 years. The second hunt is for ages 5-8 years and begins at 11:30am. There will be over 4,000 plastic filled eggs with 100 special prize eggs scattered throughout the grounds. The hunts are free and open to the public. Don't forget to bring your basket! There will be a bunny petting zoo, face painting, and basket raffles, too. Food will be available for purchase. The Easter Bunny is planning to make a special visit. For more information, call (410) 857-9072.

The "Peep Show" Returns to the Carroll Arts Center April 9th - 17th

The tantalizing "Peep Show" returns to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from Friday, April 9th through Saturday, April 17th. This "Peep Show" features the lovable, unnaturally colored marshmallow critters that invade store shelves before just about every holiday. Just Born, Inc. began making Peeps® in 1953 and for over a decade they have been the #1 non-chocolate Easter candy

brand in the U.S. A few years ago, Just Born even came out with a Sugar-Free version sweetened with Splenda®. The Carroll County Arts Council has invited artists, community groups, businesses and anyone with a “sweet” sense of humor to participate in this exhibition. The Arts Council will be accepting dioramas, sculptures, and mosaics as long as they include actual Peeps®, in addition to entries utilizing photography, stop-action film making, or computer-generated art that feature Peeps® as the primary subject matter for the show. “We’re doing this to show that art doesn’t always have to be serious,” reports Executive Director Sandy Oxx, “and we were thrilled with the amazing showcase of creativity represented in last year’s Peep Show. It far exceeded our wildest expectations of what could be created from bizarrely colored sugary puffs and we can’t wait to see what comes in this year.” Decorators were encouraged to immortalize a moment in history, celebrate their favorite pop icon, recreate a masterpiece painting, recreate a scene from the latest blockbuster movie or perhaps reflect a slogan or play on words... as long as it uses Peeps®! The public will have the opportunity to vote on its favorites in a variety of categories with the winners being acknowledged on April 17th at the event’s closing party for the artists. Show hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, except Sunday when they will be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The show closes at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17th. It’s not too late to enter your own piece of “Peep” Art. Entrants must pre-register by March 26th. Guidelines and application forms can be requested by calling (410) 848-7272, or by downloading them from <http://www.carrollcountycouncil.org/pdf/PEEPguidelines2010.pdf>.



It is amazing what one can do with a few Peeps, even Governor O'Malley had to check it out last year

Common Ground on the Hill presents Gandydancer at the Carroll Arts Center on April 10th

Common Ground on the Hill’s 2009-2010 Roots Music Concerts Series presents Gandydancer at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, April 10th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The West Virginia string band, Gandydancer, performs spirited old-time mountain music on a variety of stringed instruments. Five musicians, from various counties in West Virginia, play driving fiddle tunes and banjo pieces, and sing ballads, folksongs and old-time spirituals in four-part harmony. The band takes its name from 19th-century railroad workers and much of their material emanates from that era. Ron Mullennex, Dave Bing, Mark Payne, Jim Martin and Gerry Milnes represent lifetimes of experience collecting and performing traditional music. They pride themselves on bringing to life unusual, old and rare selections at their performances and represent the very best of authentic old time southern Appalachian music. 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, call (410) 857-2771.

April 13th's Box Lunch Talk Focuses on Linwood

This small town was the subject of a “History of Linwood” published in the *Carroll Record* in 1895. J.P. Garner, the author, stated Linwood was a dutiful child of steam, the steam arising from the Western Maryland Railroad completed to Union Bridge in 1861 and 1862. Join presenter John Carr, as he provides more on the significance of Linwood in the history of Carroll County at the Tuesday, April 13th, 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.

The Annual Main Street Mile Runs Down Main Street on Wednesday, April 14th

The annual Main Street Mile running event comes to Downtown Westminster on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Sponsored by the Westminster Road Runners Club, 700 runners from all over the county and the State of Maryland are expected to race down East Main Street into the heart of Downtown Westminster, beginning at 7:00 p.m. As always, there are two heats and the event will be held rain or shine. Heat #1 is officially timed, scored and prizes awarded while Heat #2 is a Fun Run with medals being awarded to all children, ages 10 and under, who finish the race. To qualify for Heat #1, you must be at least 11 years old and be capable of running a mile in less than 10 minutes. There is no on-site registration for the event, although runners will pick up their race packets at the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department at 28 John Street. For more information or registration forms, contact Beth Weisenborn at wrrc.web@gmail.com or call (717) 677-6883.



Highlights from previous Main Street Mile events

2nd Annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*® Takes Place in Dutterer Family Park on April 17th

Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County, 224 North Center Street - Room 102, presents the 2nd Annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*®: *The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence* on Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dutterer Family Park. There is an old saying: "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've walked a mile in their shoes." The *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*® event asks men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes. It's not easy walking in these shoes, but it is fun and it gets the community to talk about something that's really difficult to talk about: gender relations and sexual violence. To participate, go to: <http://www.walkamilecc.org/register.php>.

Downtown Business Happenings

Great Things to Check Out

- Culinary delights will once again flourish at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, with cooking lessons occurring in March and April. The March lessons will occur on the 10th and 24th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to prepare Shrimp Fra Diavolo, Chicken Parmesiana, Red Clam Sauce with Linguini and White Clam Sauce with Linguine. At press time, Chef Billy was still working hard to develop his culinary curriculum for April so you'll have to check out Giulianova's website at <http://www.brothersun.biz/cooking.html> to see when and what he will have cooking in April. The cost for each class is \$30.00 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 March and April. The performance schedule is as follows: March 6th - NUA; March 13th - Ron Kraft; March 20th - The Henry Brothers; March 27th - Tony Denikos; April 3rd - Mike & Chris; April 10th - Ron Kraft; April 17th - Gary Brown Duo and April 24th - Ken & Wayne. O'Lordan's will have live Irish music by Rosnareen in the Pub from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. 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 traditional 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.
- Don't forget OneTree Productions presents Thursday Evenings of Poetry on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the **Carroll Arts Center**, 91 West Main Street.
- The works of **Off Track Arts**, the downtown artist co-op located on the side of the Liberty Building at 11 Liberty Street, will be displayed in The Great Hall of Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, from Sunday, April 18th through Friday, May 21st. The co-operative's painters, printmakers, jewelers and sculptors will present an exhibition that is both diverse and solidly professional while providing a "shop local" incentive for area art lovers. Hours of the exhibition are: Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.
- **Coffey Music** at 31 East Main Street is hosting open Bluegrass Jams on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Whether you're a picker, grinner or listener, you are welcome to join them. The jam will start at 7:00 p.m. and be held on their showroom floor. They'll also have an upright bass available for anyone to use.
- **Wine Me Up!**, 61½ East Main Street, currently has Chris Hurley scheduled to perform on Friday, March 5th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, March 13th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Ben Sherman will perform at **Wine Me Up!** on March 27th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also, **Wine Me Up!** is now serving lunch on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To check on other news, specials and upcoming events, including their next karaoke night, at **Wine Me Up!**, go to: <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/index.html>.
- **Rafael's**, 32 West Main Street, will be holding an 80's & 90's Party on March 20th, featuring DJ Mark Forrest. Multi-instrumentalist and singer Virgil Cain will be performing at the restaurant on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. For more information on what is happening at Rafael's, call (410) 840-1919.

New Faces or Different Places

- **NevrKno** is now open for business at 65 East Main Street. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Is it a unique lighting store with discounted brand name women's clothing? Or, is it a women's clothing store with unique lighting? Check it out because you'll "Nevrkno" what you might find in the store!
- Beth Rex and Rachann Ennis Mayer are pleased to announce that **Clip Clip Hooray**, 2-D Bond Street, is now **Mariah-Belle Grooming**, a part of the **Mariah-Belle Manor** family. **Mariah-Belle Grooming**, 2-D Bond Street, will provide the same fine services that were offered by Beth and **Clip Clip Hooray**, along with the availability of daycare and boarding services at the **Mariah-Belle Manor** facility in Mt. Airy. To learn more about the **Mariah-Belle Manor** family and services offered, go to: <http://www.mariahbell Manor.com/index.html>.

Coming Soon...

- **The Pit**, a take-out pit beef restaurant at 57 West Main Street, is expected to open by mid-March.
- Keep your eye out for the opening of the **Westminster Toy Shop** at 178 East Main Street in or around early April. The Westminster Toy Shop will carry traditional, non-electronic types of games and toys. The shop also will offer plenty of free customer parking in the rear of the building.

Kudos to...

- Beth Rex of **Mariah-Belle Grooming**, formerly **Clip Clip Hooray**, 2-D Bond Street, for being a member of the first graduating class at the National Cat Groomer's Institute of America's Cat Grooming School and most importantly the first and only Certified Feline Master Groomer in the State of Maryland! **Mariah-Belle Grooming** is downtown's premiere pet grooming shop.

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. Your information should be submitted to Stan Ruchlewicz before the last full week of February, April, June, August, October and December for inclusion in the next issue.