



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS July/August 2009

Michael Rosman in "Amazing Feats of Comedy" at the Carroll Arts Center on July 1st

Catch this Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey-trained clown performer at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Wednesday, July 1st, at 10:30 a.m., as he amazes you with his juggling, unicycling, and pie-in-the-face fun! Sponsored by Maryland State Arts Council, tickets for this performance are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18.

The Inaugural "Songs at Six" Concert Series on Locust Lane Kicks Off Thursday, July 2nd

To celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the popular "Lunch on the Lane" Concert Series, the Downtown Westminister Main Street Program will present a new evening music concert series on Locust Lane, named "Songs at Six," that will kick off on Thursday, July 2nd. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., hence the name of the concert series, these concerts will be held every Thursday evening in July. The line-up for this inaugural season includes:

July 2nd - The Robert Allen Blues Band
 July 9th - YDOUASK
 July 16th - Tony Denikos

July 23rd - Christopher James
 July 30th - Turtle Buddy

Bring a lawn chair or blanket, if possible, as seating is expected to be limited. The Locust Lane Stage is located at 43 East Main Street between Pomeroy Jewelers and The Optical Solution, and across the street from the Westminister branch of the Carroll County Public Library. The Downtown Westminister Main Street Program and Coffey Music are co-sponsoring this year's concert series. While downtown for the concerts, grab a bite to eat or a beverage at one of the local eateries, and see what Downtown Westminister has to offer before or after the performances.



Here are a few of the bands performing at the "Songs at Six" and "A Month of Sundays" Concert Series.
 From left to Right: The Robert Allen Blues Band, Turtle Buddy, Sound Storm and The Van-Dells

"A Month of Sundays" Concert Series Celebrates Its 15th Summer of Concerts in July

Join "A Month of Sunday" Concert Series in celebrating their 15th summer of bringing great entertainment to the public at Westminister City Park each Sunday in July at 6:45 p.m. The concerts are free and open to the public. The concert series is presented in joint cooperation with the Westminister City Recreation and Parks Department, Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks, and Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for comfort and get there early to find a great viewing spot. This year's performers include:

July 5th - Spiral (Classic & Modern Rock and Dance Tunes)
 July 12th - Sound Storm (Motown, R&B, Rock, and Funk)

July 19th - The Van-Dells (50's & 60's Rock & Roll Show Group)
 July 26th - In Search of Carroll's Idol 2009 Show

Donations of personal care items for all ages, plus baby food, diapers, formula, paper goods and cleaning supplies, will be collected at each of the concerts to benefit the Human Services Programs of Carroll County Inc. Food and beverages are available on-site for sale.

"Balancing Act: Magical Airborne Art" on Display in The Tevis Gallery Through August 7th

If you have not already done so, catch "Balancing Act: Magical Airborne Art" in the Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, before it closes on August 7th. 20th-Century American artist Alexander Calder dared to make sculpture appear weightless, as his large pieces of steel floated precariously balanced in space. This kinetic art, in mobile and stabile form, has amazed viewers ever since. Following in his footsteps, artists Bob Sapora of Westminister, Rick Eisenmann of Baltimore, and Andrew Cronan of Silver Spring, have created works of art that rely on nature's air currents to bob, turn and flutter, and are presently on display in The Tevis Gallery. Viewing *Balancing Act* is the perfect experience to add to the eternally youthful energy of the summer season.

Free Monday Movie Musicals Continue at the Carroll Arts Center through August 10th

Through mid-August, the Carroll County Arts Council is hosting a series of free movie musicals, every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. The movie schedule is as follows:

July 6 th - "Annie"	July 27 th - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"
July 13 th - "Oliver"	August 3 rd - "Mary Poppins"
July 20 th - "Pete's Dragon"	August 10 th - "The Sound of Music"

The movies are individually sponsored by Downtown Westminster businesses. Free tickets are available in advance at the box office or by sending a S.A.S.E. to the Arts Council at 91 West Main Street, Westminster, MD 21157. No outside food will be permitted, as snacks are available for purchase. Purchase of snacks from the Arts Council benefits their Scholarship Program. For more information, visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or call (410) 848-7272.

"Artists' Choice" Continues in the Carroll Art Center's Community Gallery through July 31st

The Carroll County Artists Guild continues to present "Artists' Choice: Artwork by the Carroll County Artists Guild" in the Community Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, through July 31st. This art exhibit in the Community Gallery presents a myriad of 2-D works in many artistic styles and media, including watercolor, oil, acrylic and collage. True to the theme, these artists picked their own favorite works of art to display. Over 30 works of art are on display. For gallery hours, call (410) 848-7272.

July 14th's Box Lunch Talk is about The Politics of Forming a New County - Carroll County - 1837

The process of forming a new county in this region was a major political controversy during the first four decades of the 1800s. Join former member of the House of Delegates, Joe Getty, as he discusses the 19th century political process that led to the creation of Carroll County in 1837 at the Tuesday, July 14th, 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 Third Miracle" at the Carroll Arts Center on July 16th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are proud to present "The Third Miracle" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, July 16th, at 8:00 p.m. *The Third Miracle* is a provocative and powerful mystery about a priest (two-time Academy Award nominee Ed Harris) who, while investigating the life of a possible American saint, faces temptations and unexpected transformation as he falls in love with her more profane daughter (Anne Heche). Part unconventional detective story, part inner sanctum courtroom thriller, and part star-crossed romance, *The Third Miracle* is a spellbinding and sensual inquiry into the crossroads of faith and reality. 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 Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market is on a Roll This Season

If you have not yet visited the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market, you do not know what you are missing! With more than 13 vendors, there are many great finds: from emu burgers & steaks, Old Bay Cheddar Cheese, and artisan breads to your traditional organic and non-organic fruits, meats, and vegetables. Additionally, the farmers market is hosting numerous musical and educational events from 10 a.m. until noon most weeks. For more information on the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market and its special events throughout the season, check out www.westminsterfarmfresh.com. The market is conveniently located in the Conaway Parking Lot on Railroad Avenue, right across the street from the High's Convenience Store and Duke's Car Wash. Market hours are 8 a.m. to noon, every Saturday, through November 21st.



Check out Sunshine Acres "colorful" flowers and plants



De la Tierra Gardens is one of the market's Certified Organic Growers



Orchard Country & Produce is back for its 4th season



Strings on Wings entertaining market goes in May

The Summer Kids Theatre Series Presents "Camp Carroll Capers" on July 24th

The Summer Kids Theatre Series will present two free performances of "Camp Carroll Capers" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, July 24th. Catch the free performances by the talented young actors in the Carroll County Arts Council's summer drama program. Performance times are 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. for this production. For more information, call the Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

The Comedy Pigs Return to the Carroll Arts Center on July 25th

Back by popular demand at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, July 25th, will be the Maryland Ensemble Theatre's acclaimed "Comedy Pigs," the longest continuously running improvisational comedy troupe in the state. Well known to local audiences, they have also been seen on the Comedy Central cable network, at national improv festivals, and by audiences in Washington and Baltimore. The "Pigs" describe themselves as a cross between "Whose Line is it Anyway?" and "Saturday Night Live." Their timely sketches and caustic humor keep audiences roaring with laughter throughout the show. This 8:00 p.m. performance is suggested for mature audiences only. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for Arts Council members and seniors 60 years & over.

The Baltimore Ravens Open Their 14th Training Camp at McDaniel College on July 28th

The Baltimore Ravens kick off their 14th consecutive training camp at McDaniel College with two practices for Ravens rookies, quarterbacks, and injured veteran players on Tuesday, July 28th. The first full-squad practices open to the public are scheduled for Friday, July 31st, at 8:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. The team breaks camp on Sunday, August 23rd. All told, The Ravens have scheduled 39 practices over their 28-day camp. All sessions are open to the public, *except* on Thursday, July 30th, Monday, August 10th, Wednesday, August 12th, and Sunday, August 23rd, which are mainly administrative and pre-game walk-through days. The Ravens will host numerous special event days throughout the training camp, including a couple of 98 Rock live broadcast events on July 31st and August 10th, Baltimore Football Alumni Day on August 11th, and Military Appreciation Day on August 19th. As the training camp schedule is subject to change, please feel free to call 410-261-RAVE for updated information on practice times during Training Camp. For more information on the Ravens training camp and the special event days, go to: http://www.baltimore Ravens.com/News/Training_Camp_2009/Training_Camp_Schedule_2009.aspx. Below are some photographs of past training camps, courtesy of the Carroll County Department of Economic Development.



Fans coming to camp at McDaniel College



Ray Lewis getting in shape for the season



The Ravens stretching their "wings"

Summer Kids Theatre at the Carroll Arts Center Continues "Storytime with A. Wolfe" on July 30th

McDaniel College's Alpha Psi Omega Chapter will present "Storytime with A. Wolfe" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, July 30th, with performances at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., as part of the Summer Kids Theatre series. Based on books by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, this mini-musical, narrated by the Big Bad Wolf, tells HIS side of the story of the *Three Little Pigs*. It turns into a wild and wacky adventure. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students 18 years & under. For more information, call the Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

"Seuss Stories" Arrive at the Carroll Arts Center for the Summer Kids Theatre Series on August 6th

The Tree of Life Theatre Troupe will present a production of "Seuss Stories," as part of the Summer Kids Theatre series, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, August 6th, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. This production is a sing-a-long, dance-a-long, and laugh-a-long with Dr. Seuss' most famous characters: The Cat in the Hat, Horton, The Grinch, and more! Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students 18 years & under. For more information, call the Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

The Shakespeare Factory Presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Arts Center on August 6th

The Shakespeare Factory of Sykesville, Maryland, is pleased to present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, August 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Join the talented cast of the Shakespeare Factory Players for an enchanting production of William Shakespeare's classic comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It is a delightful tale of wayward lovers, comic "Rude Mechanicals," and fairies. Filled with music and magic, you are sure to enjoy this fast-paced and lively production. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors 60 years & over and students 18 years & under. For more information, call (410) 218-1479.

The Christopher James Band Presents a CD Release Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on August 7th

Come celebrate the highly anticipated release of The Christopher James Band's new recording, "Out of Wooden Boxes", at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, August 7th, at 8:00 p.m. The new recording features Christopher James on acoustic guitar, mandolin, harmonica, and vocals; Jeff Reed on acoustic bass; and Jon Seligman on a global assortment of percussion, including the cajón, riqq, and frame drum. "Out of Wooden Boxes" carries a message of hope with the wisdom to learn from the past and the creativity to find new ways forward. The CD release concert will be an all acoustic show focusing on work, war, hope, and love; drawing from over a hundred years of roots, blues, and folk music. Stay for a reception and CD signing following the show. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 & under. For more information please contact chris@christopherjames.com



Christopher James' past performances in Downtown Westminster include: Lunch on the Lane, Midnight Madness, and the Flower & Jazz Festival

Maryland, Miss Maryland is the Subject of August 11th's Box Lunch Talk

In 1955, Westminster resident Carol Jennette (now Shook) became Carroll County's first and only Miss Maryland. Since 1936, the state-wide pageant has sent representatives to the national Miss USA competition. Join Carol, as she tell tales about her experience in the pageants, the strong local support she received, her numerous appearances, and the climatic trip to Atlantic City at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, August 11th. 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.

The Summer Kids Theatre Series Closes with "The Invisible Dragon" on August 13th

The Carroll Players' presentation of "The Invisible Dragon" closes out the Summer Kids Theatre series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, August 13th, with performances at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A happy kingdom, a gloomy princess and a handsome prince looking for a dragon to slay are the main ingredients for this production. It is a fun show that proves that love indeed conquers all! Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students 18 years & under. For more information, call the Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

7th Annual Arts Council Members' Show to be held at the Carroll Arts Center Beginning August 13th

The Carroll County Arts Council will present its 7th Annual Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from August 13th through September 25th. This art show is an annual favorite. The walls of the Tevis Gallery and the Community Gallery will be filled with an inspiring display of work from many of their members who are artists. Professional work balances perfectly with that of the beginner. Up to 18 artists will receive Excellence Awards from the Arts Council for their works. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, August 13th, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

FLICC presents "In America" at the Carroll Arts Center on August 14th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) will present the film *In America* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, August 14th at 8:00 p.m. This movie is an enchanting view of how our country appears through the eyes of foreigners. The story begins with an Irish family of four nervously trying to cross the border into the United States. The young children are told to tell the Immigration Officer that they are "on holiday." Miraculously they are waved through and their life in New York begins. From getting acclimated to the climate, the city, and its colorful inhabitants, the movie brilliantly illuminates how vastly "America" can be described. Indeed, it highlights the diversity that has come to define our country. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students 18 years & under.

The Municipal Band to Perform an Old-Fashioned Band Concert at Belle Grove Park on August 23rd

Come enjoy a lovely summer evening of great band music performed by Westminster's own award-winning municipal band on Sunday, August 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. in Belle Grove Park. Bring your lawn chair and get there early, as the park fills up quickly with fans of the band and music lovers alike. Belle Grove Park is located at the corner of Bond and West Green Streets.



You have seen them perform in parades and in support of others, like Santa Claus; now see the award-winning Westminster Municipal Band perform in concert for their highly appreciative fans at Belle Grove Park on August 23rd

The Stone Hill All-Stars & Bucky's Brother in a Benefit Concert at the Arts Center on August 29th

The Stone Hill All-Stars and Bucky's Brother will perform a benefit concert on behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation Chesapeake Region Abilities Network at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, August 29th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from the concert will be used for programs providing respite care, advocacy, counseling, and family support. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children age 12 & under.

Downtown Business Happenings:

Great Things to Check Out in Downtown

- Wish you were touring southern Europe this summer, but can't? Allow **Maggie's Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, to take you on an exciting culinary excursion with their Tour of the Mediterranean menus this summer. Beginning July 2nd and ending on August 26th, you can try meals from 8 different countries on a weekly basis. The schedule is as follows: July 2nd to 8th - Portugal; July 9th to 15th - Italy; July 16th - 22nd - Spain; July 23rd to 29th - France; July 30th to August 5th - Turkey; August 6th to 12th - India; August 13th to 19th - Morocco and August 20th to 26th - Greece.
- **Rooney's Corner Café** at 172 East Main Street is celebrating its 1st Anniversary by now offering table service and breakfast all day. Go grab a bite to eat and congratulate Dena Rooney and her staff for making it through one of the worst economic times in history!
- To get more bang for your bucks, go to **Harry's Main Street Grille**, 65 West Main Street, for dinner every Monday Movie Musical Night this summer. From 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. those Monday evenings, kids age 12 and under are the stars at Harry's! Mention this ad and get a free kid's meal with every adult entree purchased at the regular price. The offer is valid on Mondays from June 22, 2009 to August 10, 2009. Not valid with other offers.
- **Coffey Music** and Taylor Guitars present a fingerstyle guitar workshop with guitar virtuoso and Grand Ole Opry favorite Doyle Dykes at Coffey Music, 31 East Main Street, on Tuesday, July 28th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are recommended so call (410) 876-1045 to reserve a spot.
- **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on certain Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during July and August. The current performance schedule is as follows: July 11th - Ben Sherman and Elena Martin; July 18th - Finnegan's Woo; August 8th - Ken & Wayne and August 22nd - Tony Denikos. 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 updated performance 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 July 15th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to have a traditional New England Clam Bake, featuring New England-style clam chowder and the actual clam bake process. The cost of the July classes is \$45.00 per person. Billy has been rather secretive about August's program so to find out what's cooking and to sign-up for both of these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- **Rafael's** popular monthly deck parties continue in July and August with great food and great times for all. The deck parties go from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with live music beginning at 4:00 p.m. Into the Sun will perform on July 12th while Number 1 Cause will play at the August 9th party. You can find Rafael's at 32 West Main Street. Of course, there are more things happening than deck parties at Rafael's, like Ben Sherman's acoustic act on July 18th at 9:00 p.m., 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 July 25th from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. To get an up-to-date listing of performers in July, August and beyond, go to <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/music.html>.

New Faces or Different Places

- **Ain't That a Frame** is now operating in their new home at 99 West Main Street.



Check out Ain't That a Frame's new location at the corner of West Main and Anchor Streets



CMC Computers has moved to 1 South Center Street from MD 140, next to the 7-11

- **Americana Construction Group & Design Services** has a new home in The Times Building at 63 East Main Street, Suite 102.
- **CMC Computers**, as known as **Caquette's Micro Computers, LLC**, has moved from MD140 to 1 South Center Street, Suite 102.
- **Family Funtopia** is now open at 77 John Street. To see what it is all about, check out their website at <http://www.TheFamilyFuntopia.com>.
- **Kairos, Wealth Advisors of Raymond James & Associates, Inc.**, has located its offices in Locust Lane Centre at 12 Locust Lane.
- **The Shop at Cockey's** is now open at 216 East Main Street. Check out the Historical Society of Carroll County's new gift shop for unique items related to Carroll County. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.
- **Totalee Funkee Thrift Shop** is up and running at 58½ West Main Street. The shop's hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Check it out!

Coming Soon...

- **d.a.n.c.e.Inc.**, a dance studio under the direction of Ms. Heather Hensley, is planning to open in the old Firehouse at 66 Main Street early in September.
- Due to an illness, **Semiramis Grille** at 57 West Main Street has unfortunately closed. But there is good news! A new owner has bought the Mediterranean grill and will soon open back up at the same location with a new name. Keep an eye out for it!

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