



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS September/October 2011

The Madness Returns to Downtown Westminister!!! Midnight Madness Happens on Friday, September 23rd!!!

Downtown Westminister's largest retail special event returns when Midnight Madness hits the streets on Friday, September 23rd. Great shopping and fine dining opportunities will abound in our shops and restaurants from 6:00 p.m. until midnight. Sales, drawings and special events will be happening all around downtown. Some of the already-announced special sales discounts and events include: the annual \$25 Formal Gown Sale at Cecelia's Bridals; 20% off new fall lines at Sidetracked; all new comics, graphic novels, action figures, t-shirts and board games will be on sale at up to 25% off during Gotham Comic's annual Midnight Madness Sale; celebrate Unique Jewelry's 20th Anniversary Sale with jewelry priced 20-50% off its regular retail price; buy two discounted books, get one free (of equal or lesser value) at Eclecticity; enter the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate at Ballard-Bunting Boutique; 50% off studio fees at The Pottery Loft; Room for Friends will be offering Sparkling Hair Strands that get tied onto individual hairs for only \$3 per strand from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; 10% of all art sales at the Carroll Arts Center; 10% off any Breast Cancer shirt or accessory, as well as 20% off all candles at The Olde Liberty Shoppe; 1/2 price burgers & \$2.00 domestic bottles from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Harry's Main Street Grille; 50% off everyday low prices on "ALL" flooring prices plus two years no interest financing at Mercer Carpet One; enjoy the "Evening with Rocky Patel Cigars" Cigar Sale at Westminister Cigars; buy one Nathans hot dog, get one free, or take a \$1.00 off an Italian cold cut sub at Giulianova's; and finally, stock up at the annual Midnight Madness book sale at Westminister Branch Library. Free in-shop activities to catch during Midnight Madness include a live solo performance by *Christopher James* in the dining room of Giulianova Groceria and Italian Deli from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; a performance by *Set Sail Joseph* at Birdie's Café from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; a performance of original music by *Skyla* at Eclecticity from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; a performance by *Devils in the Details* at Johansson Dining House from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and "Spillabration" demonstrations at Mercer Carpet One. Live entertainment will also be available on the streets throughout downtown. Downtown Westminister Ghost Walks will commence from Birdie's Café, 233 East Main Street, at 7:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The Locust Lane Stage will feature live music and entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. Roots rock vocalist and a 2010 Wammie Award-winner *Patty Reese* will perform from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., followed by a series of dance performances by students of d.a.n.c.e. Inc. from 8:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. and a martial arts demonstration from Tri-Star Marital Arts from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. *Joe Keyes and The Late Bloomers* will conclude the entertainment on the Locust Lane Stage with a performance of funk, rock and jazz from 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. *Carroll Rhythms* will run a Drum Circle at the corner of Main and Liberty Streets next to the Welcome to Downtown Westminister sign from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They will be bringing along spare drums and the public is invited to join in with them. The "Cruise on In to Main Street" Classic Car Display will line East Main Street while The 2nd Annual OTHER Westminister Dog Show will take place in Mary Lou Dewey Park in front of the library beginning at 6:00 p.m. *The Rube Goldberg Solution* will perform in front of American Auction and Appraisal, 35 West Main Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. while the *Wild Hare Band* will perform there from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Don't forget Film Lovers in Carroll County will be showing "Red," the third part of the "Three Color Trilogy," in the Carroll Arts Center theater, beginning at 7:30 p.m., too. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. So come downtown on the 23rd and join the Madness... Midnight Madness!!!



Patty Reese (l) and Wild Hare Band (r) are two of the new musical additions to Midnight Madness this year



Tri-Star Marital Arts Demo Team is set to perform again this year



A custom car display will again be staged on East Main Street during Midnight Madness

2nd Annual "OTHER Westminister Dog Show" to Take Place during Midnight Madness; Benefits *Carroll Pets in Need*
Join Carroll County Public Library and the Community Foundation of Carroll County for the 2nd Annual "OTHER Westminister Dog Show" during Midnight Madness on Friday, September 23rd. A "Best in Show" trophy, individual competition medals and participation ribbons will be awarded. To enter the competition, register your dog before the show from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in front of the library, 50 East Main Street. The dog show will take place in the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. During the event, the Community Foundation will be accepting donations of dog food, leashes and other pet items for *Carroll Pets in Need*. All dogs must be on a leash. Children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

The 2011 Westminister FallFest Schedule Announced: Parade Kicks Off the Event on Thursday, September 22nd
The 2011 Westminister FallFest is almost upon us! While the festival midway and rides open in Westminister City Park at 6:00 p.m., Westminister FallFest only truly begins when the annual FallFest Parade kicks off at 7:00 p.m. and marches down Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street to Longwell Avenue and East Middle School. As tradition has it, the FallFest Road Mile will immediately

precede the parade. This year's Road Mile will be presented by Fit4Women to benefit the Stacey Davis Breast Cancer Fund. Entertainment on the Food Court Stage will include: Carroll's Idol Variety Show on September 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Wylde Fire Band on September 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Music with Monte on September 24th from 10 a.m. to noon; Whitehouse Effect Band on September 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Jim Cabral on September 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A Wing Eating Contest, sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings, will be held on Friday, September 23rd, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The 2011 Karaoke Contest, sponsored by WTTR, will be held on Saturday, September 24th beginning at 1:00 p.m. Both contests will be held on the Food Court Stage. Additional entertainment will perform on the Longwell Deck Surface Lot from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. FallFest will once again feature rides by Snyder's Amusements, with \$15.00 armband ride specials all night on Thursday, September 22nd; \$18.00 armband ride specials all night on Friday, September 23rd; \$20.00 armband ride specials all day on Saturday, September 24th; and \$15.00 armband ride specials all day on Sunday, September 25th. Don't forget to check out the numerous vendors selling food, crafts and commercial products, as well as non-profits promoting their organizations throughout the weekend. FallFest hours are 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, September 22nd and 23rd; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th; and Noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25th. The 2011 FallFest charities are: Access Carroll, Boys and Girls Club of Westminster, Carroll County Youth Service Bureau and Carroll Hospice Club. Come support Carroll County's largest community charity event! For more information on the Longwell Deck Surface Lot entertainment or FallFest itself, go to: <http://www.westminsterfallfest.com>.



The Main Entrance to the FallFest Festival is just off Longwell Avenue at Paide Way



The FallFest Parade on Thursday, September 22nd, starts at 7:00 p.m.



Local groups strut their stuff on the Longwell Lot on Saturday & Sunday



Take advantage of the ride specials

Glass Artist Josh Ries is Off Track Art's Guest Artist for September and October

Off Track Art, 11 Liberty Street – Side Entrance, is pleased to have Josh Ries as their guest artist for September and October. Josh's passion for glass was ignited the first time he encountered glassmaking on a college trip to the Corning Museum of Glass. He began classes and an apprenticeship at the Art of Fire Contemporary Glass Studio in Gaithersburg, MD. Josh has studied with such masters as Gianni Toso, Ellio Quarisa, Josh Simpson and Dante Marioni. He loves studying new techniques such as traditional Venetian, English, and contemporary styles of working with glass. He also loves to share his knowledge of glass with others by helping to teach classes at the Art of Fire and the Corning Museum of Glass Studios. Josh's work can be found in many galleries and exhibits around the country. He has exhibited at the Renwick in Washington, DC, The American Craft Council show in Baltimore, and local venues like the Carroll Arts Center. His addiction to glass continues as he creates art with his wife, Amanda, in his studio in Littlestown, PA. Each piece he creates employs age-old Venetian and English techniques to create unique modern art glass. An artist's reception will be held on Friday, September 9th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

9th Annual Arts Council Members' Exhibit Continues at the Carroll Arts Center through October 1st

The Carroll County Arts Council continues to present its 9th Annual Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, through October 1st. 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. Works from over 150 member artists are on exhibit. Professional work balances perfectly with that of the beginner. The exhibit is presented in conjunction with the Carroll County Artists Guild. For gallery hours, call (410) 848-7272 or visit <http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/>.



Examples of the art on display at the 9th Annual Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center now through October 2nd

FLICC to Present "The Three Color Trilogy" at the Carroll Arts Center beginning September 9th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) has chosen the highly acclaimed 1993 "Three Color Trilogy" to be screened on three consecutive Fridays in September, beginning September 9th. The Trilogy deals with contemporary French themes, and is loosely based on the symbolic attributes of the colors of the French flag. Liberty, honesty and bravery are explored with drama, suspense and comedy. The film schedule is as follows: September 9th - "Blue;" September 16th - "White;" and September 23rd - "Red." The films are written and directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski and showcase stellar performances by Juliette Binoche, Julie Delpy and Irene Jacob. See one... or see them all. Each of the films will be shown at 7:30 p.m. with English subtitles. Tickets for individual movies are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. A 3-Movie Series Discount

Price is available at \$15.00 for adults or \$12.00 for Arts Council members, seniors and students. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Historical Society's Antiques Appraisal Day is Saturday, September 10th, at the American Legion

Join the Historical Society of Carroll County as they host their 11th Annual Antiques Appraisal Day on Saturday, September 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This fun and informative annual event will be held at the American Legion, Carroll Post 31, 2 Sycamore Street, in Downtown Westminster. 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. The event will feature 10 appraisers. The appraisers will be specialists in the areas of militaria; Civil War artifacts; fine & decorative arts; quilts & textiles; coins, silver & watches; jewelry; clocks; musical instruments; paintings; toys and much more. 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, with a limit of 3 items per person. This is plenty of parking and food is available on-site. Proceeds from the event benefit the Historical Society of Carroll County. For more information on the event, call the Historical Society of Carroll County at (410) 848-6494.

September Song Presents *There's No Business Like Show Business!* at the Carroll Arts Center on September 10th

Join September Song for their first ever gala musical revue, "There's No Business Like Show Business," at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, September 10th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This fabulous musical revue will be performed by past and present stars from the September Song family along with some very special guests. A silent auction in the Arts Center Gallery, a slide show presenting September Song's extensive past history of excellence, and various refreshments will also be available. Come hear your favorite Broadway show tunes and help keep September Song alive and well in our community! Tickets are \$15.00 per person. For more information, visit <http://www.september-song.org/>.

Westminster Branch Library Presents *Bringing the Civil War to Life* on September 12th

Whether you are a Civil War enthusiast or someone who has never been interested in the subject, this program is sure to pull you in! Join presenter Mike Eckard at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Monday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m., as he shares fascinating Civil War facts, history, and stories, many pertaining to Carroll County. He'll also be bringing some exciting artifacts that will be discussed and on display. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. For more information on this event, call (410) 386-4488.

September 13th's Box Lunch Talk is New Windsor: A Town at the Crossroads

New Windsor traces its history back to a rustic tavern built near where two wagon roads met in the 1790 wilderness. From there the town went on to experience life as a resort, a visit by some notorious bank robbers, incursions by both the blue and the gray during the Civil War, scandalous behavior involving two literary lions of the early 20th century, and the favor of one of America's leading abstract expressionist painters. Join Frank Batavick and R. Bryce Workman as they discuss the little town with a big history at the September 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 \$4.00 for non-members.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Dewey! A Birthday Celebration at the Library on September 16th

Join the staff of the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, as they fondly remember Mary Lou Dewey, after whom the library's park is named, on Friday, September 16th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. They'll be celebrating her birthday with cake and refreshments, while supplies last. Refreshments will be served.

National Players to perform "The Taming of the Shrew" at Carroll Arts Center on September 18th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to host a return engagement by the renowned National Players on Sunday, September 18th, at 3:00 p.m. The National Players, America's longest running classical touring company, has now reached its 63rd consecutive season of touring. The Players will be performing one of William Shakespeare's most popular comedies, "The Taming of the Shrew." "Shrew" is known as one of the best-loved 'battle of the sexes' and the National Players have retro-fitted the comedy with a Wild West flare! Cowboy boots, whips, and lassos give a biting punch to this classic tale. Sparring lovers Kate and Petruchio duke it out on the Western frontier. Will they ride off into the sunset or die tryin'? The verbal duel never stops during this marvelously updated adaptation of Shakespeare's masterpiece. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$15.00 for Arts Council Members, Students & Seniors. For more information call (410) 848-7272.



The National Players have retro-fitted "The Taming of the Shrew" with a Wild West flare. Catch it at the Carroll Arts Center on September 18th.

Super Scary Saturday Movie Fest Begins at the Westminster Branch Library on September 24th

Join the staff of the Carroll County Public Library at the Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, beginning on Saturday, September 24th, as they screen some great scary seasonal movies. The film schedule will be: September 24th - Monster House; October 1st - Hocus Pocus; October 8th - Beetlejuice and October 15th - The Goonies. All of the movies will begin at 2:00 p.m. They are a little bit of scary, a little bit of silly, and a whole lot of fun! All of the movies are rated PG, so parental guidance is suggested. Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages to enjoy. Children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

The Rogues to Perform at the Carroll Arts Center on September 24th

America's "#1 Celtic Band," *The Rogues*, will bring their bagpipe-based Celtic/world-beat sound back to the stage of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, September 24th at 8:00 p.m. Over the past 17 years, the performances of this Texas-based Celtic Rock group have electrified audiences on two continents. They have added to their ever-growing family of fans -- affectionately known as the Rogue Army -- at music festivals, theaters, Highland Games, renaissance festivals, clubs and pubs. 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 8 other CDs and 2 DVDs including "Glad to be Plaid," "Hollerin for Haggis," "American Highlander," and "3 Lbs. of Rage." They've also received a combined total of seven gold medals at the World Pipe Band Championships held each year in Scotland. In December of 2009, *The Rogues* defeated bands from all over the world to win the 1st Battle of the Celtic Bands. 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 \$22.00 for adults and \$20.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over, and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.



The Rogues' publicity photograph



Catch some world-class snare drumming



The Rogues' vocalist Jeania performing live at the Carroll Arts Center

Thursday Evening Poetry Returns to the Carroll Arts Center on September 29th

One Tree Productions is pleased to once again present Thursday Evening Poetry on the last Thursday of the month at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, beginning on Thursday, September 29th, at 6:30 p.m. Come listen to an evening of free poetry readings featuring Kathy Mangan. There will be an open mic for those poets wishing to share. Are you interested in reading at a future session? Contact One Tree Productions at: onetreemanybranches@gmail.com.

Common Ground on the Hill Presents Scotland's Paul McKenna Band at McDaniel College's Baker Memorial Chapel on September 29th to Kick Off the 2011-2012 Concert Series

Common Ground on the Hill's 2011-2012 Concert Series kicks off with a special performance by The Paul McKenna Band from Scotland in Baker Memorial Chapel on the campus of McDaniel College on Thursday, September 29th, at 8:00 p.m. Combining their love for traditional and folk music as well as original songs and tunes, The Paul McKenna Band has been touring the UK and internationally since 2006. With a contemporary approach to traditional songs, although not straying too far from their roots, their arrangements are both fresh and innovative. Their exciting sound is created through outstanding vocals, driving guitar and bouzouki, intense fiddle playing, a warm pairing of flute and whistles and dynamic bodhrán and percussion. Tickets for the concert are \$19.00 for Adults and \$17.00 for teens and seniors 65 years & over. Children ages 12 and under are free, along with all McDaniel College ID holders - students, faculty and staff. For tickets or more information on the 2010-2011 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.



Two great concerts in one week! Common Ground on the Hill hosts The Paul McKenna Band (l) on Thursday at McDaniel's Baker Memorial Chapel and Ramblin' Jack Elliott (r) on Saturday at the Carroll Arts Center in Downtown Westminster

Cult Classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Returns to the Arts Center for Two Screenings on September 30th

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, October 16th. Join the folks at the Carroll Arts Center this year for either the 9:00 p.m. showing or the traditional Midnight screening. Or, go to both for double the fun! Costumes are welcomed at these special

screenings of the cult classic that star young Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, and Tim Curry. Tickets are \$15.00 each. A limited number of Carroll Arts Center specially pre-packaged "audience interaction kits" will be available for purchase at \$5.00 a piece and may be reserved when you buy your ticket. The kits contain all the props you need to "properly" interact with the movie, and a card explaining when to use them! Sorry, no props from outside will be allowed. For tickets and information, call (410) 848-7272.



Did you know that "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," an original kitsch parody of science fiction and horror, is the longest running cinematic theatrical release of all time.

2011- 2012 Common Ground on the Hill Concert Series at the Carroll Arts Center Begins with Ramblin' Jack Elliott on October 1st

Opening Common Ground on the Hill's 2011-2012 Concert Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is Grammy award winner Ramblin' Jack Elliott, on Saturday, October 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. Ramblin' Jack Elliott is a true American original, since the early 50s personifying the footloose, carefree, hitchhiking, "sing for your supper" troubadour. He is Woody Guthrie's spiritual heir and an early inspiration to two generations of fledgling folkies, including his pal from his Greenwich Village days, Bob Dylan. He's a singing cowboy who numbers rodeo stars, range hands, buckaroos, and cowboy poets among his friends and admirers, as well as fellow freethinkers as various as Tom Waits, Robert Duvall, Sam Shepard, and the late Jack Kerouac. He's rambled to every corner of the United States and most of Europe, and he may just now be coming into his prime. In 2009, Jack released his latest Grammy Award winning recording, *A Stranger Here*. In this recording, Jack stepped out of the country/folk arena that has shaped his career and examined a carefully selected number of pre-WWII blues songs in a wholly unique way. Ramblin' Jack's life is the stuff of legend - don't miss this opportunity for a memorable evening of music. Other performers in the 2011-2012 Concert Series include: Sierra Hull on November 5th; Walt Michael & Company on December 17th with their annual Holiday Concert; Tom Chapin on January 7th; Si Kahn on February 4th; Grainne Hambly and William Jackson on March 3rd; and Kevin Burke on April 7th. Tickets for each concert are \$19.00 for adults and \$17.00 for students with ID, teens, and seniors 65 years & over. Series tickets are \$114. For tickets or more information on the 2010-2011 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.



In addition to Ramblin' Jack Elliott, the above musicians will be performing at the Carroll Arts Center as part of the 2011-2012 Common Ground on the Hill Concert Series. From left to right: Sierra Hull, Walt Michael, Tom Chapin, Si Kahn, Grainne Hambly & William Jackson and Kevin Burke.

"Cartooning for the 21st Century" Opens October 6th in the Community Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to present the exhibit "Cartooning for the 21st Century" in the Community Gallery from October 6th through November 5th. "Cartooning for the 21st Century" gives viewers a close up look at the world of Manga and Anime. Manga is the written comic and Anime takes those comics into animation. This art form is not computer generated but hand drawn and colored using markers or colored pencils. Popular Japanese comics and cartoons such as "Sailor Moon," "Dragon Ball Z," "Hetalia and Card Captor Sakura" and many others have influenced the way contemporary youth view and create art. The artists in this exhibit create original work, attend national cartooning symposiums and have garnered awards for their creations. These Carroll County young artists include: Anna Eckard, Katlyn Harmona and Kelsey Wailes. An artists' reception for this exhibit will be held on Thursday, October 13th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Full Figure" Opens October 6th in the Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to present the exhibit "Full Figure" in the Tevis Gallery from October 6th through November 16th. Figures. We all have them. They come in different sizes and shapes, ages, colors and attitudes but they are all full of life, breath, flesh and bones. "Full Figure" honors the human form in all its presence: moving, resting, thinking, working, posing. From the ancients until now, artists have been fascinated with creating likenesses of humans. Athletic poses, historic figures, balletic form, stylish and otherwise created in realism, abstract, painted, sculpted and mixed media will offer the viewer a glimpse of "us" and the glory of our "full figures." One of the highlights of the exhibit will be a portrait of Anna Ella Carroll, after whose family, Carroll County was named. This painting reveals a tour, not only through Civil War history, but through a history of the artistic development of the human form as well. An artists' reception for this exhibit will be held on Thursday, October 13th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. while gallery talks will take place at noon and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20th. For more information on the exhibit, call (410) 848-7272.

Westminster Branch Library Presents Mark Harris & Grave Matters on October 6th

Author Mark Harris will present a visual tour of the green burial movement (alternative burials) at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Thursday, October 6th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Drawing on his research and travels, Harris will showcase funerals and burials that take place in backyard grave sites, at sea and in "natural" cemeteries. He will also talk about the embalming process, the environmental aftermath of modern funerals, and the growing popularity of eco-caskets and home funerals. This program is sponsored in part by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.

IMA World Health 5K Walk/Run for Health Happens Downtown on October 8th

The 2nd annual IMA World Health 5K Walk/Run for Health will be occur on Saturday, October 8th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Westminster Family Fitness Center, 11 Longwell Avenue. The cost to participate is a \$25.00 donation if registered by September 23rd. From September 24th to October 8th, the participation fee will be a \$30.00 donation. To register, sign up online at <http://www.ima5k.org>. The top 3 male and female finishers will receive prizes. Tee shirts will be available to all that sign up by September 23rd. The proceeds from the event will primarily support IMA's International Health Program in countries such as Haiti, South Sudan, DR Congo, Tanzania and others. Located on the historic campus of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland, IMA World Health is a faith-based, nonprofit organization working to restore health, hope and dignity to those most in need. They work primarily in the developing world, where an estimated 30 to 70 percent of health care is provided by faith-based organizations. IMA is the largest US-based, ecumenical, international health organization, and is widely recognized for its effective and careful use of resources.

The Carroll County Times: 100 Years of News is the Subject of October 11th's Box Lunch Talk

In October 1911, T.W. Mather, owner of the T.W. Mather Department Store in Westminster, started The Times to give Carroll County a newspaper with a strong Republican voice. *The Times* and *The Democratic Advocate* offered competing versions of politics until the late 1960s when *The Times* purchased *The Democratic Advocate*. Join Jim Lee as he takes a look back through 100 years with the *Carroll County Times* at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, October 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.

Carroll County Public Library's Downtown Westminster Ghost Walks Return Beginning October 13th

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 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 26th, 27th and 31st, 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. If you would like to schedule a private ghost walk for your own group of 10 or more, please contact Jillian at (410) 386-4490, x7723.

Molasses Creek: Live in Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on October 15th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to present the bluegrass band *Molasses Creek* in concert on Saturday, October 15th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. *Molasses Creek's* humble beginning arose amidst exotic fig trees and rich tidewater marshes of isolated Ocracoke Island. The bluegrass group continues to win loyal followers with a captivating stage presence, elegant harmonies, blazing instrumentals and a quirky sense of humor. Award winners from Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion," *Molasses Creek* has recorded 11 albums and its members have been featured in Warner Brothers' movie "Nights in Rodanthe." Additionally, they have even performed at Presidential receptions. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$13.00 for Arts Council members, students and seniors.

The Westminster Coin and Currency Show to be Held at the John Street Quarters on October 16th

The semi-annual Westminster Coin and Currency Show will be held in the John Street Quarters of the Westminster Fire Department, 28 John Street, on Sunday, October 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Coin and currency appraisals, buying, selling and trading will occur, with more than 30 coin dealers from Maryland, Delaware and Virginia in attendance. For more information, go to www.coinshows.com.

FLICC Presents Oscar-Nominated Animated Shorts at the Carroll Arts Center on October 21st

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present two showings of a series of seven Oscar-Nominated Animated Shorts at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, October 21st, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The animated shorts to be presented are "Day 7 Night," "Let's Pollute," "The Lost Thing," "Madagascar, Carnet De Voyage," "The Gruffalo," "Urs" and "The Cow Who Wanted to be a Hamburger." Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. Free admission to the showings for McDaniel College students and staff who present a valid ID. For more information and tickets, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

Joe Forrester & The Roadrunners Live! at the Carroll Arts Center on October 22nd

Joe Forrester, a.k.a. Elvis for All Occasions, returns to the stage of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, October 22nd, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Joe has performed at the Carroll Arts Center many times in the past five years, but this will be the first time that he'll be there with a live band, being backed up by *The Roadrunners*. *The Roadrunners* are the recently reunited original members of *Rich and the Roadrunners* and are now performing in the Baltimore, Washington and Pennsylvania areas. This will be an incredible Vegas style show that is very audience interactive. Don't miss this opportunity to see *Joe Forrester & The Roadrunners* live. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Ghosts and Goblins to Roam Main Street during the Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 25th

Tuesday, October 25th, 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 25th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Monroe St. near Dutterer's Park. 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, call (410) 857-7953.

One Tree Productions Presents MD Poet Laureate Michael Collier at the Carroll Arts Center on October 27th

Join One Tree Productions and the Carroll Arts Center for a very special Thursday Evening Poetry featuring Michael Collier, former Maryland State Poet Laureate, on Thursday, October 27th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. Michael Collier is the author of five books of poems: *The Clasp and Other Poems*; *The Folded Heart*; *The Neighbor*; *The Ledge* and *Dark Wild Realm. An Individual History*, his sixth, will be published in spring 2012. Poet Laureate of Maryland from 2001 to 2004, Collier teaches in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Maryland and is the director of Middlebury College's Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. He lives in Catonsville, Maryland.

Carroll Arts Center Presents a Hitchcock Double Feature on October 29th

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, invites you to view a Halloween double feature of two of the greatest films from the master of suspense, Alfred Hitchcock, on Saturday, October 29th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin with "*Rear Window*," which focuses on wheelchair-bound photojournalist L. B. Jeffries, played by James Stewart, and his beautiful fiancée Lisa Fremont, played by Grace Kelly, as they spy on their neighbors to solve a brutal murder that no one else believes occurred. It is an elegantly frightening film and enthralls the audience with its building suspense. Following a brief intermission, "*The Birds*" will take to the screen. It is an extraordinary piece of filmmaking that employed thousands of real birds to produce a nightmarish effect. The 1963 film stars Rod Taylor and Tippi Hedren and is set in hauntingly beautiful Bodega Bay. Tickets for the double feature are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for Arts Council members, students and seniors.

Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market Continues Through November 21st

While the other Carroll County Farmers Markets are winding down their seasons, the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market continues its 18th 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. The market will also continue to host musical performances from 10 a.m. until noon during September and October, including the *Ashby Brothers* on September 17th and October 29th, *Klausmeyer Sisters* on October 15th and *Strings on Wings* on September 10th and October 22nd. 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.

Downtown Business Happenings:

Great Things to Check Out in Downtown

- **Birdie's Café** at 233 East Main Street has the following performances presently slated for September and October: September 2nd - *Jesse & Jeremy* from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 10th - *Claire Anthony* from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 16th - *Jesse & Jeremy* from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 23rd - *Set Sail Joseph* from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 24th - *Jaime Carbo* from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; September 30th - Belly Dancing with Java Hafla from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; October 7th - *Jesse & Jeremy* from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and October 10th - *Jeremy Willet* will perform a benefit concert for The Hunger Strike from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. On September 9th, a Grand Opening for Scott Gore's Art Exhibition at Birdie's Café will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Are you interested in displaying your talent? Birdie's Café also hosts Open Mic Nights on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. You must sign-up by 7:00 p.m. to perform that evening. Finally, don't forget Birdie's monthly poetry series, The Corner of Poetry and Main, on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- Culinary delights will once again amaze at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, in September and October. On Thursday, September 15th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to prepare rockfish Italiano, shrimp pâté and a broiled Maryland tomato stuffed with prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, parmesan, Romano, rosemary and basil. In October, Billy will be hosting the 4th Annual "Cooking with the Blues" on Saturday, October 15th, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., featuring the *Christopher James Blues Band* and a cooking class that centers around four blue crab dishes of Cajun influence. To sign-up for these wonderful culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425. Also, don't forget to drop by Giulianova's during Midnight Madness, as Christopher James will be playing in the dining room from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Billy will be having many specials to add to the madness. Finally, looking ahead to November, *Kelly Bell* will be returning to Giulianova's for an evening on acoustic music on Saturday, November 12th. Come see Kelly play and enjoy an authentic Louisiana Shrimp Boil to boot!
- **Johanssons Dining House** at 4 West Main Street will have live music on Friday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. during September and October. The current performance schedule is as follows: September 2nd - *Triple Shot*; September 9th - *Altered Mike*; September 16th - *Finnegans Woo*; September 23rd - *Devils in the Details* (Chris Swam); September 30th - *One Too Many*; October 7th - *D.A.M Trio* (Jeff Debonis); October 14th - *Mike Sharp*; October 21st - *Devils in the Details* (Chris Swam); and October 28th - *Finnegans Woo*.
- **Maggie's Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, has live music on Saturdays in September from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. September's performance schedule is: September 3rd - *Rich & Famous*; September 10th - *Chris Schoberg*; September 17th - *2 Fold* and September 24th - *Ben Sherman*. As the schedule is not yet in place for the month of October, check out Maggie's website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/> for performers as October draws near. Don't forget to check out Maggie's "Sirloin and a Side" for \$12.00 special on Mondays starting at 6:00 p.m. or their "½ Price Burger Night" on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

- **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 current performance schedule is as follows: September 3rd - *Finnegans Woo*; September 10th - *Ben & Elena*; September 17th - *One Third Wish*; September 24th - *Gary Brown*; October 1st - *Moe Strings*; October 8th - *Ken & Wayne*; October 15th - *NUA*; October 22nd - *Moe Strings*; and October 29th - *One Third Wish*. Also, 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 to all traditional Irish and Celtic musicians and listeners. Check out O'Lordan's menu at <http://www.olordansirishpub.com> and don't forget their Sunday breakfasts.
- **Rafael's** popular summer deck parties come to an end on September 4th with great food and fun times for all. The deck party will run from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. *Group Therapy* will be providing the musical entertainment. You can find Rafael's at 32 West Main Street. Of course, there are more things happening than deck parties at Rafael's. On Wednesdays, Rafael's has Karaoke by Dave Merrill from 9:00 p.m. to midnight while DJ Chris McDonald spins tunes from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Thursdays. The current live music schedule at Rafael's for September and October is: September 2nd - *Will Hill*; September 16th - *Rich Fehle*; September 17th - *Greg Gottlieb*; October 14th - *Rich Fehle*; October 22nd - *Greg Gottlieb*; and October 28th - *Will Hill*. Performances run from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. To find out what else is happening, call (410) 840-1919 or visit Rafael's website at <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/>. Also, keep Rafael in your thoughts as he recovers from his recent injuries.
- **Ballard-Bunting Boutique**, 77 East Main Street - Rear Entrance, will be hosting children's author, Joseph Fleck, at the shop on Saturday, October 22nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Fleck will be bringing his new book "River Rat, The Barnacle and The Bracelet" to **Ballard-Bunting** and will be available to sign copies.
- Effective immediately, **Clayland Tile & Marble**, 279 East Main Street, has extended their business hours until 7:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Eclecticity - Arts, Books, Music... and More**, 13 John Street, has announced a couple of events happening in September and October. On Saturdays, September 17th and 24th, Eclecticity will host an event entitled "Away with the Faeries" from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Help a faerie cross over from the Otherworld as you create your own faerie and learn lots of faerie lore. Cost for the event is \$30 per person. On Saturdays, October 8th, 15th and 22nd, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., learn how to make handmade cards. Design and print your own original Christmas or seasonal greeting card with a simple linoleum block design. Cost for the event is \$35 per person. For more information, registration, details and supply lists, call Shawn at (240) 409-4863 or drop into the shop. Eclecticity also expects to host a book-signing event for a new book by Bob Porterfield entitled "Westminster...The Way It Was" in the near future.
- **Room for Friends**, 11 Liberty Street, has a busy Events Calendar in September and October. Join Carroll Rhythms at **Room for Friends** for a First Saturday Drum Circle every month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Every Wednesday Laurie Precht hosts Drop-In Drum Classes from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., create a unique fall fairy out of polymer clay and enjoy tea and special treats at the Fall Fairy Tea Party with Karen Boger. Bob Gonder will present a Native American Flute Playshop on Sunday, October 9th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Room for Friends** is pleased to have Zorina Wolf, world renowned TaKeTiNa instructor and founder of Village Heartbeat, come in from California to teach Introduction to the Drum on Friday, October 14th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Reconnecting with Rhythm Saturday, October 15th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Getting Up to Speed with Your Drum on Saturday, October 15th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of community drum circles in Carroll County. Finally, **Room for Friends** will host *A Taste of TaKeTiNa: Rhythms for Evolution* with Zorina Wolf at Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalists, 2912 Club House Road in Finksburg, on Saturday, October 15th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. For more event information, event fees and/or to register for an event, visit www.roomforfriends.com or email hostess@roomforfriends.com. Also, don't forget the Indoor Yard Sales every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at **Room for Friends**.
- **Westminster Cigars** and **O'Lordans Irish Pub** will be presenting their final "Pint & Puff" Party of the Season on the patio of **O'Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street on Thursday, October 13th, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Altadis Brands will be featured, including Monte Cristo and Romeo and Juliet Cigars. Special cigar deals and drawings for free cigar stuff will abound at the event, along with an extended Happy Hour!

New Faces or Different Places

- **Carroll County Chamber of Commerce** now calls 9 East Main Street their home. Welcome back downtown!
- **Hats by Marjae** has opened at 234 East Main Street. **Hats by Marjae** offers unique hats from elegant to extravagant to every day. They can also custom create the ideal hat for you. To set up an appointment, call Margie at (443) 226-1117. To see what Hats by Marjae has to offer, visit www.MarjaeHats.com.
- **Electro Enterprises, Inc.**, an electrical and electronic component supplier, has relocated its Maryland office to 182 East Main Street in Westminster.
- **The Main Arterie** has recently opened at 51 East Main Street. The shop will offer art lessons, along with art work, photography, woodwork, fashions & jewelry for sale. Hours of operation are presently 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday.
- The offices of **Goodwill-STEP** are now located at 257 East Main Street.

Coming Soon...

- Expect **J Café** at 172 East Main Street to open in the very near future. J Café will be serving breakfasts and lunches with table service, along with a rotating series of specials.
- **CUP Tea Bar & Café**, a contemporary tea room and cafe, will be opening on or about September 19th at 7 East Main Street.

Anniversaries...

- Congratulations to Bill Clayland of **Clayland Tile & Marble** for celebrating 9 years in business in Downtown Westminster.
- Congratulations to Kim Prehn of **Unique Jewelry** for celebrating 20 years in business in Downtown Westminster.
- Congratulations to Ron & Con Buczkowski of **Harvestin' Natural Foods**, 38 West Main Street, for celebrating **Harvestin's** 35th year in business.

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.