



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS September/October 2010

Join the Madness... Midnight Madness ... on Friday, September 24th ...in Downtown Westminister!!!

Downtown Westminister's largest retail special event returns when Midnight Madness hits the streets on Friday, September 24th. Great shopping and fine dining opportunities galore will be occurring in our downtown shops and restaurants from 6:00 p.m. until midnight that evening. Sales, drawings and special events will be occurring all around downtown. Some of the special discounts, offers and drawings will include: the annual \$25 Formal Gown Sale at Cecelia's Bridals; new fall apparel and accessories will be offered at a 20% savings at Sidetracked; free ring cleaning and prong inspection, and 20% off all repairs at Unique Jewelry; Gotham Comic's annual Midnight Madness Sale; 50% off studio fees at The Pottery Loft; 20% off all candles at The Olde Liberty Shoppe; the drawing of a \$25 gift certificate at Ballard-Bunting Boutique; 10% discount on any gallery or art mart purchase at the Carroll Arts Center; 35% off all wedding accessories and 20% off all jewelry in stock, along with a designer-inspired handbag sale, at Country View Tuxedo & Wedding Accessories; reduced appetizers & drink specials at Harry's Main Street Grille; a special giveaway of a 5' x 8' Ravens rug and "balloon pop" prizes on purchases at Mercer Carpet One; an "Evening with Rocky Patel Cigars" Cigar Sale at Westminister Cigars, and many more!. The Carroll County Public Library - Westminister Branch will be holding their annual Midnight Madness book sale until 10:00 p.m. There will also be in-store activities to witness and take advantage of like the opening of a photo exhibit by Jeff Wright at Sidetracked; the Troll Bead Trunk Show at Artworks and Apparel Boutique; a live performance by Christopher James in the dining room of Giulianova Groceria and Italian Deli from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; an acoustic musical jam for string players and singers in Room for Friends, beginning at 9:00 p.m.; and Rick Fehle playing on the patio of Harry's Main Street Grille from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Free live entertainment will be available throughout downtown. The Locust Lane Stage will feature music and entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. The *Skyla Burrell Band* will perform hard-driving blues 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. The band *Ros Wilting* concludes the entertainment on the Locust Lane Stage with a performance of original music from 9:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Carroll Rhythms will perform a Drum Circle at the corner of Main and Liberty Streets near the Welcome to Downtown Westminister sign from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 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 OTHER Westminister Dog Show will take place on West Main Street, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Greg Gottlieb & Friends will be jammin' out favorites from Bob Marley to Neil Diamond and everything in between in front of American Auction and Appraisal, 35 West Main Street, from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Don't forget The Rogues will be performing at the Carroll Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. too. So come downtown on the 24th and join the Madness... Midnight Madness!!!



The Skyla Burrell Band (l) and Ros Wilting (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

The 2010 Westminister FallFest Schedule Announced: FallFest Parade & Run is Thursday, September 23rd

The 2010 Westminister FallFest is almost upon us! While the festival midway and rides open in Westminister City Park at 6:00 p.m., Westminister FallFest truly begins when the annual FallFest Parade kicks off at 7:00 p.m. and travels down Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street to Longwell Avenue and East Middle School. As tradition has it, the FallFest Mile Run/Walk will immediately precede the parade. This year's entertainment on the Food Court Stage includes: Crossfire on September 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Jay D Henley and the Stone Broke Band on September 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Music with Monte on September 25th from 10 a.m. to noon; The Robert Allen Blues Band on September 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and The Back Pages band on September 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional entertainment will occur 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. The 2010 Karaoke Contest, sponsored by WTTR and Hoffman's Ice Cream, will be held on Saturday, September 25th beginning at 1:00 p.m. FallFest will once again feature rides by Snyder's Amusements, with \$15 armband ride specials all night on Thursday, September 23rd; from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25th; and all day on Sunday, September 26th. 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 23rd and 24th; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 25th; and Noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 26th. The 2010 FallFest charities are: Access Carroll, Carroll County Youth Service Bureau, Taneytown Lions Club and Westminister Lions Club. Come support Carroll County's largest community charity event! For more information on FallFest, go to: <http://www.westminsterfallfest.com>.



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



The FallFest Parade is on Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.



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



Take advantage of the ride specials

Ghosts of Maryland: Meet the Author at the Library on September 3rd

The Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, will be hosting a special after-hours author event with Mike Ricksecker, author of *Ghosts of Maryland*, on Friday, September 3rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. With a long history, Maryland is full of local ghostly lore. Mr. Ricksecker will share some of the stories from his book, as well as the inside scoop on the research that went into bringing some of these long-forgotten stories back to the light of day. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing after the program.

Piano Virtuoso Thomas Pandolfi: Live in Concert at the Carroll Arts Center on September 3rd

The Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is pleased to announce a return engagement by pianist Thomas Pandolfi at the Carroll Arts center on Friday, September 3rd, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The performance will celebrate the 200th anniversaries of the birth of three of the greatest composers of all time, Franz Liszt, Robert Schumann and Frederic Chopin. Mr. Pandolfi is an exciting virtuoso who, with each passing season, is becoming more and more sought after by audiences, and showered with superlatives by critics for his passionate artistry and amazing technique. Thomas is also considered a leading interpreter of the works of George Gershwin. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. For tickets or more information, call the Carroll Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

8th Annual Arts Council Members' Exhibit Continues at the Carroll Arts Center through October 2nd

The Carroll County Arts Council continues to present its 8th Annual Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, through October 2nd. 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 160 member artist will be on exhibit. Professional work balances perfectly with that of the beginner. Up to 18 artists will receive Excellence Awards from the Arts Council for their works. Go to the Arts Council's website - <http://www.carrollcountyartscouncil.org/> - for gallery hours or call (410) 848-7272.



Examples of the art on display at the 8th Members' Show at the Carroll Arts Center now through October 2nd

Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Carroll Arts Center on September 9th

You are cordially invited to the marriage of Hero and Claudio...OR ARE YOU!?!?!? The Shakespeare Factory Players are pleased to present their summer touring production of William Shakespeare's classic battle of the sexes comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, September 9th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Shakespeare Factory Players is an Original Practices Troupe and emphasize Shakespeare's language, universal lighting, and audience interaction. The audience is the final cast member in all of their productions, so join them as a citizen of Messina and party like it's 1599! Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors and students.

FLICC presents "*Harvard Beats Yale 29-29*" at the Carroll Arts Center on September 10th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present "*Harvard Beats Yale 29-29*" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, September 10th, at 8:00 p.m. "*Harvard Beats Yale 29-29*" is an independent film by Kevin Rafferty. On November 23, 1968, Yale and Harvard's undefeated football teams met in Cambridge, with Yale, ranked 16th in the nation, heavily favored. The film mixes contemporary interviews with 30 of the men who played that day with game footage, including instant replay. Led by Brian Dowling (B.D. of *Doodles* fame) and future NFL Hall of Famer Calvin Hill, Yale goes up 22-0. With less than one minute to play, Yale leads 29-13. For Harvard, the end is exhilarating; for Yale, supreme confidence gives way to a life lesson and to being a small part of football history. Adding context to the time period of the game are comments about the Vietnam War, the sexual revolution, Garry Trudeau's Yale cartoons (that are the beginning of the *Doodles* comic strip), and players' relationships with fellow college students George W. Bush (Yale), Al Gore (Harvard), and Meryl Streep (Yassar). Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Historical Society's Antiques Appraisal Day on Tap for September 11th at the American Legion

Join the Historical Society of Carroll County as they host their 10th Annual Antiques Appraisal Day on Saturday, September 11th, 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 this year in honor of its 10th Anniversary. Five of the appraisers will be specialists in the areas of quilts; coins, silver & watches; jewelry; clocks and toys. 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 14th's Box Lunch Talk is about the Hoff Barn

The Maryland Historical Trust calls the Hoff Barn (c.1794) "one of the most significant farm buildings in Carroll County." The structure's age, condition and architectural integrity make it a rare example of 18th century craftsmanship. Join Bob Jones as he presents the story of the log barn and its move to the Carroll County Farm Museum at the September 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.

Carroll County Public Library celebrates the completion of the Westminster Branch Library Renovations with the Unveiling of *Wild Imaginings* on September 17th

Carroll County Public Library will celebrate the Westminster Branch Library's 30 years of service to the community with the unveiling of *Wild Imaginings*, a library-inspired sculpture by world-renowned artist Bart Walter, on Friday, September 17th, at 3:00 p.m. The event marks the 30th anniversary of the Westminster Branch and the completion of a 3-year renovation to the busy library. The Westminster Branch will also hold a full schedule of activities on Saturday, September 18, to celebrate *Wild Imaginings* and the new performance stage in the park. The extensive library renovations started with the installation of a new roof in 2008 and ends with the re-landscaping of the library's Mary Lou Dewey Park and the unveiling of Bart Walter's *Wild Imaginings*. The redesign of the park is based on ideas shared by a broad-based community task force that recommended more open space, new walkways for better access, and a performance stage area for library programs and community concerts. In recognition of the arts district initiative in Downtown Westminster, and through private funding, the library will eventually purchase a total of four sculptures by local artists for the park, starting with *Wild Imaginings*. The second piece will be created from limestone contributed by Lehigh Cement Company and carved onsite next summer. The public is invited to join in the celebration.

The Children's Chorus of Carroll County to Perform on Library's Outdoor Stage on September 18th

The Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, is pleased to present The Children's Chorus of Carroll County for the very first public concert in their newly renovated park on Saturday, September 18th, at 10:00 a.m. Come enjoy a wonderful performance by members of The Children's Chorus of Carroll County, a world renowned chorus based right in our own backyard. In case of rain, the performance will be held inside the library. Children 3 years and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

The National Players Present "*The Scarlet Letter*" at the Carroll Arts Center on September 18th

America's longest running professional touring theatre troupe, The National Players, returns to the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, September 18th, for a fully staged performance of the literary masterpiece "*The Scarlet Letter*", beginning at 7:30 p.m. "*The Scarlet Letter*" is the stark and allegorical tale of adultery, guilt, and social repression in Puritan New England and is considered a foundational work of American literature. Nathaniel Hawthorne's unforgettable story explores the conflict of human emotion and human intellect. Set in the chilly winter of 1666 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Hester finds herself living with her only child, born out of wedlock. Scorned by her adulterous history, Hester bears the punishment of a scarlet red "A" emblazoned on her chest. Hester's husband, long believed dead, creeps into the scene waiting to seek his revenge on Hester, as well as the father of her child. Will his murderous plot succeed? Hester discovers strength in the face of ostracism and emerges as a heroine ahead of her time. Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$15.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18.

September "*Evening of Poetry*" Features Alan Bogage & Jody Nusholtz at the Arts Center on September 23rd

OneTree Productions is pleased to feature the poetry of Alan Bogage and Jody Nusholtz at its monthly Thursday Evenings of Poetry at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, September 23rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free and complimentary refreshments will be served. Open Mike opportunities will be available this month too. For more information, contact Christina Collins-Smith at onetreemanybranches@gmail.com.

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

America's recently crowned "#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 Friday, September 24th at 8:00 p.m. during Midnight Madness. This Texas-based band is best known for its powerful live sets. Their CD "Off Kilter," which was released in 1999, received 6 Grammy nominations in various new artist categories. This acclaim thrust them into the national spotlight and they have since recorded several other CD's including "Glad to be Plaid," "Hollerin for Haggis" and "American Highlander." They've also received a combined total of seven gold medals at the World Pipe Band Championships held each year in Scotland. Then, in December of 2009, *The Rogues* defeated nearly 65 other 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 \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over, and students under 18. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.



The Rouges' 2010 Publicity Photograph



The Rouges performing live at a RenFest



Catch some world-class snare drumming

2010-2011 Common Ground on the Hill Roots Music Concert Series at the Arts Center Kicks Off on October 2nd

Opening Common Ground on the Hill's 2010-2011 Roots Music Concert Series at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, is The Vanaver Caravan from New Paltz, New York, on Saturday, October 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. The Vanaver Caravan will present *Earthbeat - An Evening of Traditional and Original Dances from Around the World*. The production's focus is on the rhythms that different peoples have evolved to express their need to harmonize with the earth. This exotic yet accessible program includes Rumanian stick dances, English "Rapper Sword," French Canadian and Cape Breton step dancing, Appalachian Clogging, South African Gumboot Dance, Philippine Igorat Sun Dance, dances from Bulgaria, India, Brazil, and Spain, original stick dances, body percussion and stomp dances. Other performers in the 2010-2011 Concert Series include: Jonathan Edwards on November 6th; Walt Michael & Company on December 18th with their annual Holiday Concert; Robin and Linda Williams on January 8th; Archie Fisher on February 5th; Happy Traum on March 5th; and Craobh Rua on April 9th. Tickets for each concert are \$19.00 for Adults and \$17.00 for students with ID, children & teens, and seniors 65 years & over. Series tickets are \$114. For tickets or more information on the 2010-2011 Concert Series, call Common Ground on the Hill at (410) 857-2771.



Some photographs of the variety of dances that The Vanaver Caravan will perform in *Earthbeat* at the Carroll Arts Center on October 2nd

FLICC presents "The Man Who Wasn't There" at the Carroll Arts Center on October 8th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present "The Man Who Wasn't There" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, October 8th, at 8:00 p.m. "The Man Who Wasn't There" is an intriguing, dark, moody film written and directed by the always surprising Joel and Ethan Coen. The film is about a laconic, chain-smoking barber who blackmails his wife's boss and lover for money to invest in dry cleaning, but his plan goes terribly wrong. Billy Bob Thornton, Frances McDormand and James Gandolfini star in this neo-noir film. 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.

CHANGE, Inc. presents "Rockin' Again in 2010" at the Carroll Arts Center on October 9th

For the second year in a row, CHANGE, Inc. is hosting an exciting fundraising event at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. On Saturday, October 9th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., join CHANGE, Inc. for a silent auction, along with wine, beer, and appetizers, to kick off the evening. One drink is even included in the admission price. Then two "Rockin" bands will have you dancing in the aisles of the theater! CHANGE, Inc. is proud to welcome back two of the Baltimore/Washington area's premier cover bands: Hip Pocket and Number 1 Cause! Enjoy a fantastic evening out while supporting an agency that has provided services for those with developmental disabilities in Carroll County for over 40 years. Tickets are \$25.00 each. For more information on the event, call (410) 876-2179 or (410) 848-1824.

Downtown Westminster Ghost Walks Return in October; Begin October 11th

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 11th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 27th and 28th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. They will start at the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street. This program is recommended for ages 10 and older. Children under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Registration is required. You may register for one of the tours by going online to http://library.carr.org/programs_news/programs.asp, calling (410) 386.4488, or visiting any of the branch libraries during open hours, no more than 2 weeks prior to the event.

Fireplace to Cookstove is the Subject of October 12th's Box Lunch Talk

The heart of the home has historically been the kitchen. Open hearth fireplaces evolved into jam (five plate) stoves and eventually to more modern ten plate stoves which allowed for stove top cooking, as well as baking. Join Wendy Looker as she discusses the history of stoves, their significance to family life and how they were cast at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, October 12th. 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.

***Doing the Ordinary, Extraordinarily* Opens in the Tevis Gallery on October 14th**

"Doing the Ordinary, Extraordinarily," is a thought-provoking phrase coined by Maryland pictorialist photographer, A. Aubrey Bodine, and the theme of the exhibition that opens in The Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, October 14th. Bodine was a talented photojournalist who lived his life between photo shoots and the darkroom, tirelessly working to perfect his craft. He posed his subjects, altered his compositions and, at age 64, collapsed of a massive stroke in his darkroom. The Carroll County Arts Council is proud to be presenting an exhibit that uses Bodine's work as the cornerstone. "Doing the Ordinary, Extraordinarily" will feature a selection of Bodine's work, focusing on Carroll County scenes, displayed alongside contemporary works inspired by Bodine's images, created by local artists. The 22 artists who were chosen to participate by curator Susan Williamson and Bodine's daughter, Jennifer, are truly among Carroll County's finest talent. All have been featured regularly in CCAC exhibits and have won numerous awards in these shows, as well as others in the region. Several of the artists will be reproducing a Bodine image in their own unique style, others, in the spirit of Bodine, are pushing their media further and harder to see what new outcomes can be obtained. Artwork will be created in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, photography, felt fiber, mixed media and woodblock cut prints. The opening reception for this exhibit is on Thursday, October 14th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

***As We See It* is on View in the Community Gallery at the Carroll Arts Center from October 14th to November 19th**

The Carroll County Camera Club will be presenting a member show entitled *As We See It* in the Community Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from October 14th to November 19th. The featured photographs will cover a range of subjects and styles, ranging from journalistic to impressionistic. The Club invites you to join them for the opening reception on Thursday, October 14th, from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. They also invite you to visit their club, which is open to both novices and advanced photographers interested in learning about and sharing the joys of photography. For more information on the Carroll County Camera Club, visit <http://carrollcameraclub.wordpress.com/>.

USAF Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble Performs Live at the Carroll Arts Center on October 14th

The Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble of the United States Air Force will perform a free concert at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, October 14th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Established in 2004, the ensemble performs throughout the world, as well as for local community audiences. The concert will include a wide variety of traditional Celtic music and popular pub tunes, along with an occasional "celtified" pop song. Members perform on traditional instruments such as Irish flute, tin whistles and bodhran, as well as modern instruments like acoustic guitar and button accordion. Advanced tickets are available to CCAC members only. Seating for non-members will be on a first come, first serve basis at the time of the show.



What a difference a couple days make at the Carroll Art Center - Heritage Aire (l) performs the 14th & Rocky Horror Picture Show (r) screens the 16th

Cult Classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Returns to the Arts Center for Two Screenings on October 16th

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. show 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 a young Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, and Tim Curry. Fans with the best costumes will be rewarded with special prizes. Tickets are \$15.00 each. A limited number of Carroll Arts Center specially pre-packaged "audience interaction kits" will be available for purchase at \$5.00 a piece. 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.

Carroll Players present Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap* at the Carroll Arts Center October 22nd - 24th and 29th - 30th

The Carroll Players will present five performances of Agatha Christie's famous murder mystery, *Mousetrap*, at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street. A group of strangers are stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one of whom is a murderer. Into their midst comes a policeman, traveling on skis. No sooner does he arrive, does the killer strike. To get to the rationale of the murderer's pattern, the policeman probes the background of everyone present, and rattles a lot of skeletons. With a famous Agatha Christie switch finish, chalk up another superb intrigue for the foremost mystery writer of her time. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. on October 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th and 2:00 p.m. on October 24th. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$11.00 for Arts Council members, seniors 60 years & over and students under 18.

Ghosts and Goblins Roam Main Street during the Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 26th

Tuesday, October 26th, 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 26th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Coordinated by American Legion Post #31, the parade follows the route of the FallFest and Holiday Parades; down Pennsylvania Avenue and up Main Street. For more information or to sign up to participate in the parade, call (410) 857-7953.

Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market Continues Through November 22nd

While the other Carroll County Farmers Markets are winding down their seasons, the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market continues its 17th season every Saturday, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, through November 22nd, to provide you with the freshest products for your Thanksgiving Day dinner. Don't forget to check out all of the fall items available at your downtown farmers' market, like fresh apples and cider to name a couple. The market also will continue to host musical performances from 10 a.m. until noon during September and October, including Dan Ashby on September 11th and October 9th and Strings on Wings on October 23rd. 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

- **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 4th - Tony Denikos; September 11th - Gary Brown Duo; September 18th - Nick Henry; September 25th - One Third Wish; October 2nd - NUA; October 9th - Mike & Chris; October 16th - Finnegan's Woo; October 23rd - Ken & Wayne; and October 30th - Nick Henry. 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. Check out O'Lordan's new menu at <http://www.olordansirishpub.com>.
- From September 1st through September 30th, all dine-in appetizers will be half price at **Johanssons Dining House**, 4 West Main Street. The offer is available Mondays through Thursdays only and cannot be combined with any other promotions.
- **Rafael's** popular summer deck parties come to an end on September 5th with great food and fun times for all. The deck parties run from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with live music beginning at 4:00 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, so call (410) 840-1919 to find out what else is happening.
- Culinary delights will once again amaze at **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, in September and October. On Thursday, September 16th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Chef Billy Schroeder will be taking you on a delicious trip to the Orient, as he shows you how to cook up egg drop soup with wontons, teriyaki beef sticks, shrimp lo mien and fortune cookies just for you and your dining pleasure. The cost of this class will be \$30.00 per person. In October, Billy will be hosting an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 23rd, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Oktoberfest will feature bratwurst, knockwurst, weisswurst, German potato salad, sour beef & dumplings and a German beer tasting. The cost of this event is \$35.00 per person. To sign-up for these wonderful culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- **Wine Me Up**, 61 ½ East Main Street, invites you to join them for a spoken word and poetry reading event, hosted by local author, R.J. Ridgley, on Wednesday, September 1st, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and listen or sign up to read your favorite words or your own poetry! To get an up-to-date listing of performers in September, October and beyond at Wine Me Up, go to <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/events.html>.
- **Wine Me Up**, 61 ½ East Main Street, also invites you to try **Wrap It Up**, their new carry-out window, and its breakfast & lunch menu! Call ahead or walk on up to their window on the rear-side of the building for breakfast, lunchboxes, sandwiches, wraps, snacks and beverages! **Wrap It Up's** hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To check out the menu at Wrap It Up, visit: <http://www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com/WrapItUp-Menu.pdf>.
- The Corner of Poetry and Main is **Birdie's Café's** monthly poetry series, held the third Saturday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the café, 233 East Main Street. Listen to award-winning and world-class featured poets from Maryland, Pennsylvania, DC and beyond. Plus, try your own hand during open mic! Future featured poets include hometown-girl-made-good Barbara DeCesare, multi-media poet Rocky Jones from southern MD, and D.C. poet/visual artist Sami Miranda. Call Birdie's at (410) 848-7931 for performance dates for these and other poets. P.S. Birdie's will also feature music in the near future.
- Join Christine Brown of the **Westminster Toy Shoppe**, East Main Street, at the Westminster branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, on Saturday, September 18th, at 11:30 a.m., as she shows off the cool collection of toys available in her downtown store. Fun for both kids and adults. Come play and learn together while getting some great ideas for the holiday gift season. Children 3 years and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

New Faces or Different Places

- **Birdie's Café**, 233 East Main Street, is now open. Located at the former Pour House Café location, Birdie's Café offers fine coffee, tea and espresso drinks, soups, sandwiches and baked goods. Free Wi-Fi is available as you enjoy your beverage and food. Check out Birdie's website at www.birdiescoffee.com for events and menu items. Hours of operation are Monday through Wednesday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Dr. Shawn Anglemyer has opened **Café of Life Chiropractic** at 235 East Main Street. To find out more about Café of Life Chiropractic, visit www.cafeoflifemaryland.com.
- **Westminster New & Used Furniture** has recently relocated to 31 West Main Street from its previous location in the rear of 63 East Main Street.
- **Westminster Mustang Pizza & Subs** has recently opened at 45 Pennsylvania Avenue.
- **Yama studio - Westminster** will be holding an Open House at its new location in Downtown Westminster - 63 East Main Street, Suite 7 - on Saturday September 11th. Free yoga classes will be offered all day. Also, they will be offering free classes the whole first week from Sunday, September 12th through Saturday, September 18th. In addition to yoga classes, **yama studio - Westminster** will be offering yoga teacher training programs and meditation and ayurveda programs, as well as private yoga therapy and ayurvedic consultations. For more information on **yama studio - Westminster**, visit <http://www.yamastudio.com/> or call either (410) 848-0320 or (410) 464-9000.
- **The Manicure Stop** is now open for manicures and pedicures at 257 East Main Street.
- **Lucky 7 Bail Bonds** has opened at 62 West Main Street.

- The law offices of **Grant M. Murchison and Associates** are now located on the 2nd Floor of the Judge Bond House at 202 East Main Street.
- **Crawford Insurance**, 58 West Main Street, has expanded into the space next door at 58 ½ West Main Street that was previously vacated by **Totalee Funkee Thrift Shop** when they moved into a larger space at 2-C Bond Street.
- The offices of **Timothy Hatfield Building and Remodeling Inc.** are now officially at 289 East Main Street.

Coming Soon...

- After some required "facility" renovations, **Room for Friends**, a face-to-face social networking service, is now expected to open in September at 11 Liberty Street. Owner Laurie Precht said "Room for Friends is like Facebook, but live and in-person." Find out more about Room for Friends by visiting www.roomforfriends.com.

Kudos to...

- **Kristi Denning**, one of **Artworks and Apparel Boutique's** Troll Beads customers, for winning Troll Bead's People's Bead 2010 Contest. Her Ice Bear design, which will now be included in Troll's 2010 Christmas Collection, was selected from more than 6,000 entries worldwide.
- **Kim Prehn and Unique Jewelry**, 15 East Main Street, for celebrating their 20th year in business.
- Everyone who participated in, along with the winners of, the 2010 Paint the Town Purple Contest. Below are photographs of the award winning storefronts:



The Purple Phenomenon Award - Ain't That a Frame



The Purple Pfanatic Award - Aura Salon & Spa



The Purple Pride Award - Ernie's Place



The Purple Passion Award - Sturgill & Associates, LLP

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.

Save the Date!!! The "Miracle on Main Street" Holiday Event is Saturday, November 27th

Santa Claus is coming to town again in a big way, as the Miracle on Main Street Holiday Event returns to Downtown Westminster on Saturday, November 27th. The highlight of the event is Westminster's Holiday Electric Parade. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., with lighted floats (2,000+ lights on each float), marching bands, horses, exotic cars, and marching units, Santa Claus will parade down Pennsylvania Avenue and Main Street into Historic Downtown Westminster to the awe and amazement of young and old alike. But wait... there's more! Immediately after the parade, head over to Locust Lane Park and join Mayor Utz and Santa in lighting the City's holiday tree, awarding the Mayor's Cup for the best downtown holiday storefront, and singing holiday carols accompanied by the Westminster Municipal Band. Closing out the day's free activities will be Santa's Treat at the Westminster Family Fitness Center, 11 Longwell Avenue, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Santa's Treat is a fun winter carnival, geared to children ages 5-12 years, with games, crafts, face painting and door prizes! Santa Claus will be there greeting and visiting with his fans after the tree lighting. More information on this great day will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Main Street News. Below are some of last year's highlights.



Holiday Electric Parade



Mayor's Cup Award being announced



Mayor Utz & Santa



In the holiday spirit



Santa's Treat