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Celebrate The Holidays In The City



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Kicking off on "Black Friday," November 27th, the City of Lancaster will offer residents and visitors plenty of options to ring in the Holidays. Enjoy Downtown at the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony and Tuba Christmas, visit with Santa in Binns Park and shop extended holiday hours. For a copy of the holiday guide with times and locations of all the great Downtown events, visit www.DowntownLancaster.com.



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Northwest Gateway Project Phase I Completion

During the first week of October, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster General Health and EDC Finance Corporation hosted several celebrations to dedicate the first phase of the Northwest Gateway Project, the ambitious redevelopment effort transforming the former Armstrong World Industries' Liberty Street flooring plant site to new healthcare and education uses.

On Saturday, October 3rd, the project team hosted adjacent residents and property owners for an informal gathering, thanking them for their patience during the demolition and construction period and inviting them to utilize the new green spaces and walking trails. Then on Friday, October 9th, members of the Boards of Trustees of the project partners, public officials, community leaders and other team members gathered for the formal dedication ceremony.

The final component of the Northwest Gateway Project involving Norfolk Southern's Dillerville Rail Yard has started. The first step of removing the former municipal dump is now complete. Construction to build the new rail yard behind the United States Post Office on Harrisburg Pike will begin later this fall. The timeline for the construction of the rail yard project, which ultimately will include connecting College Avenue into Liberty Street, is projected to go through 2012.

Please consider a contribution to continue the JSID's initiatives. Visit www.jsidlancaster.org for more information and to make a secure online pledge.

SUPPORT THE JAMES STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Check out the new calendar of events (now with a special web feature for businesses and organizations to input events) and sign up for the re-designed Downtown Difference at www.DowntownLancaster.com



Hats Off To...

- Central Market, for its recent recognition as one of America's Top 10 Great Public Spaces by the American Planning Association, putting a national stamp of approval on what locals already know is a treasured community asset



- Susan Lepage (left), Irish Gypsy and Molly Adams (right), Details and Pappagallo, for taking the helm of the Downtown Retailers Committee, and to Dwight Hess, owner of the recently closed urban gardening store Space to Grow, for his two years of service as committee chair
- Larry Helicher and the staff at TMB as it celebrates its 40th year in Downtown Lancaster
- Stevens-Smith Historic Site and the Historic Preservation Trust for the completion of the exterior facades of their properties, dramatically enhancing the intersection of Queen and Vine Streets



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- Auntie Anne's for showing off the Lancaster community to more than 1000 franchisees from all over the world, and supporting Downtown through the purchase of \$10,000 Downtown Dollars given to conference attendees
- SCORE and ASSETS for forming a productive strategic alliance to administer the new Kauffman FastTrac workshop series for entrepreneurs that launched in September
- 2009 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award winners Scott Standish, Director for Long Range and Heritage Planning, Lancaster County Planning Commission, who received the 2009 Visionary Award, and the partnership of Radnor Property Group, Franklin & Marshall College and Lancaster General Hospital, along with architect Tippetts/Weaver, for their creative collaboration to rehabilitate a 1906 manufacturing building into the College Hill Children's Center and Albright Care facility
- Jeff Kenderdine, the YMCA and the YMCA Foundation, among many others, for the phenomenal new City Center facility on Harrisburg Avenue



JSID Promotes Wiker to Site Supervisor

Karen Wiker (right) joined the JSID bike squad in January 2009 as a full-time ambassador assigned to address quality of life concerns throughout the District. In May, Karen became the lead team member in the Downtown Investment District. Most recently, this past September, Karen was promoted to the position of Site Supervisor, in which she will oversee all Ambassadors assigned to the JSID and DID. She earned this new role through her consistent and positive interaction with the community, her high visibility and her diligence in following up on various quality of life concerns, exemplifying the role and skill set sought in an Ambassador.

Karen is the mother of three children, Tyler, Tony and Tara, and the family dog, Eshelman. She plays co-ed softball with the Lancaster Recreation League and enjoys camping, hiking, kayaking, fishing and hunting. Karen also works part-time for Lancaster County Parks as a Naturalist doing Environmental Education programs.

Consider Downtown Dollars as a great gift for family, friends and co-workers. Contact Cheryl Kieffer at 399-7977 or ckieffer@teamlanc.org.



Connecting District Businesses

In our summer newsletter, we asked businesses in the District to log on to our website to help us understand what business-to-business tools may be valuable. The response showed the diversity of business activities that exist within Downtown and Northwest Lancaster and also confirmed interest in communication that could help knit the local business base closer together.

The JSID is working on two specific next steps. First, our current on-line directory (www.jsidlancaster.org) has been updated to include all of the businesses that submitted a response. We're working on options such as a search feature to make this database more useful and flexible.

Second, beginning in January 2010, we're planning to launch a periodic - every other month - e-mail that simply highlights a sampling of the diverse businesses in the District. One consistent theme we've heard from business representatives is that they often don't know their neighbors or have an awareness of what services may be just around the corner. Many report a willingness to "buy local" for everything from office supplies to legal services if they knew what was readily available to them.

Please use the on-line directory as a reference and contact Lisa Riggs at lisariggs@jsidlancaster.org to update the database or offer ideas and suggestions.

Crow Control

As many residents, property owners, and businesses in Lancaster City know, each fall brings the potential for flocks of migratory crows to visit the city, roosting in trees and on rooftops. They often leave behind a mess on sidewalks, cars, and buildings, but thanks to the efforts of the Lancaster Crow Coalition, this annual rite of passage has been minimized over the past two years. The Coalition plans to follow the same plan it implemented last year, which includes early harassment pyro-technics, with shots fired from garage rooftops in downtown. This tactic is used proactively, in late October and early November, often before crows have begun to roost. For more information on the Lancaster Crow Coalition or to report a neighborhood experiencing problems with large numbers of crows (100+), visit www.lancastercrows.org or call the Crow Coalition hotline at 717-413-2545.