# MAIN STREET WADSWORTH NEWS



February 2022

Our Mission: to create an unmatched downtown experience



# **Upcoming Downtown Events**

February First Friday:
February Sweethearts
& Kickoff to Downtown
Restaurant Week
Friday, February 4
5:30-8:30 p.m.

March First Friday: March for Art Friday, March 4 5:30-8:30 p.m.





April First Friday: British Invasion Friday, April 1 5:30-8:30 p.m.



Shop, Dine, and H<mark>ave Fun in Downt</mark>own Wadsworth!

#### **Downtown Wadsworth News**

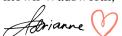
- Main Street Wadsworth wishes to thank Max and Diane Miller for their generous donation to our art mural program! We have nine (9) commissioned murals downtown so far. We are so excited to create more art downtown this year and appreciate our community's support!
- Main Street Wadsworth Past President Tom Stugmyer and Project Coordinator Teri Peters are competing in Dancing with the Medina Stars for charity Feb. 25! Learn more and buy tickets: fiamedina.org.
- 7 bands performed at January First Friday, with the Medina Gazette covering the event in articles on Dec. 30 and Jan. 8. The band that received the most community Facebook Likes was "K&A Band," who performed at Dolce at the Strand! Great job to all musicians!
- Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church announced that the renovation of their beautiful and historic sanctuary started on January 11.
- Wadsworth's hometown astronaut Mike Foreman visited our new space art mural in January (Strand/Boyer Alley on Broad Street).
- 112 Main Street (formerly Three Roses) is undergoing an exciting renovation that is restoring the building to its original glory!
- The City of Wadsworth's Downtown Improvement Grant continues! During Round 2, a volunteer committee of 5 Main Street Wadsworth volunteers have reviewed 14 applications and awarded 7 of the projects so far that will make improvements to downtown buildings.
- The Akron Beacon Journal did a fantastic article spotlighting downtown businesses Ann's Pastry Shop and Sub Station on Jan. 26.
- The Main Street Wadsworth Farmers Market returns on June 11! Vendors can register by e-mailing teri@mainstreetwadsworth.org.
- Do you have downtown Wadsworth news or announcements that you want to see here? E-mail them to adrianne@mainstreetwadsworth.org.

#### A Note from Main Street Wadsworth Executive Director Adrianne Patrick

Downtown Wadsworth is open for business all winter long! That's why we are launching our first-ever Downtown Restaurant Week February 4-12. Participating restaurants will provide you with a Dining Passport upon request containing all details; dine at 4 restaurants during the week for a chance to win a \$100 downtown gift package! This fun promotion kicks off on February First Friday, February 4th, 5:30-8:30 p.m.! Until spring arrives on March 20, bundle up, shop local, and thank you for supporting our downtown Wadsworth business community! They are here for us in all seasons; let us be there for them too!



See you in downtown Wadsworth,





DOWNTOWN WADSWORTH HISTORY WITH DR. PAESAR PARRINO

DID YOU KNOW?...

Eighty-three years ago, Admiral Richard Byrd was on his way to the South Pole with the Snow Cruiser. It was driven from Canada, where it was made, to Boston via Route 224, the main road through Wadsworth. At 30 mph top speed, it took several days to arrive at its destination. Students at Centralized School -- now Isham School -- were released from class at 2:00 in the November afternoon of 1939 to watch it go by the school. It stopped at the intersection of Watrusa and College Streets for people to examine it up close. It went from Boston to the South Pole by ship, and when it was unloaded from the ship, it broke the timber gangplank and landed in the snow, but the smooth 10' Goodyear tires wouldn't permit it to go farther. It lies deep in snow-covered layers of ice in Antarctica.



The Snow Cruiser in Downtown Wadsworth, 1939. Want to learn more Wadsworth history? Visit the Wadsworth Area Historical Society at the Johnson (Yellow!) House Museum, 161 High St. | wadsworthareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

### **MSW Volunteer of the Month! Gayle Zimmerman**





## **Downtown Business Spotlight**





### **Owner: Kathryn McDougal 185 Main Street**

(the blue house next to CIS)

Kathryn's Craft Closet is a studio craft store. A place were you can gather, create, be inspired and learn! You can work on your crafts in store or buy your supplies and take them home.

http://kathrynscraftcloset.com/ kathryn@kathrynscraftcloset.com | (330) 331-7761

#### 6 Ways You Can Support Downtown Wadśworth's Revitalization in 2022!

- 1. Support our downtown services, restaurants, and retailers. 70+ to choose from! Spend locally.
- 2. Volunteer for our events! Send an e-mail to: teri@mainstreetwadsworth.org.
- 3. Attend our monthly meetings, held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 6:15 p.m. E-mail adrianne@mainstreetwadsworth.org
- 4. Become a "Friend of MSW" via this blue QR Code or by visiting www.mainstreetwadsworth.org!



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