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Main Street Wadsworth Announces “November First Friday: Community Collection Challenge” Kicking Off on Friday, November 5, 2021

November is almost here, and Main Street Wadsworth has a special First Friday planned for the community! First Friday events feature themed activities, family-friendly fun for all ages, shopping, and dining to support our downtown businesses. With Thanksgiving around the corner, the businesses want to express their gratitude for the support shown to them in 2021 by helping to give back. On November First Friday, downtown Wadsworth small businesses are partnering with local non-profit organizations to collect donations from the community. The businesses have chosen causes near-and-dear to their hearts and challenge the community to show their support for these wonderful causes.

Here’s how it works! Before November First Friday the list of participating non-profits will be shared on Main Street Wadsworth’s Facebook page. Check them out and pick one or a bunch to support. When you come downtown for November First Friday, bring your donations with you to drop off. Each time you donate, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes from Main Street Wadsworth! The challenge will kick off on November First Friday, November 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. and run through November 20th. This gives the community several weeks to drop off donations downtown. Many of the non-profits will be present inside of the sponsoring businesses during First Friday to meet the community and share information about their causes.

During your First Friday adventure, be sure to stop by the downtown clock at 5:45. Ohio Magazine will be presenting the City and Main Street Wadsworth with their “Best Hometown” Award at a short ceremony, and will unveil the November *Ohio Magazine* featuring Wadsworth’s commemorative cover. And there’s even more First Friday entertainment! Don’t miss live music by local musician Jim Gill at Rise and Grind from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Drop in for a sweet treat, a warm beverage, and even sweeter tunes.

Enjoy strolling downtown, shopping local, dining local, and supporting great local nonprofits. Over 20 downtown restaurants and retailers will be open and offering delicious food and unique shopping. Downtown businesses and organizations will also be offering activities and specials throughout the event. Main Street Wadsworth events are made possible by the generous support of Main Street Wadsworth’s Premier Sponsor, Clampco Products, Inc., Friends of MSW, MSW Sponsors, and with support from The City of Wadsworth. Follow www.facebook.com/MainStreetWadsworth for updates.