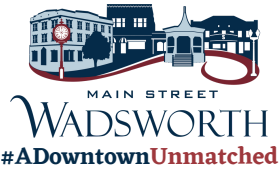


# MAIN STREET WADSWORTH NEWS



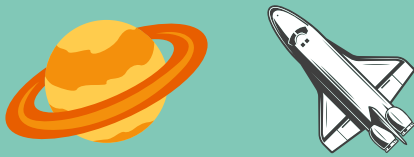
April 2022



Our Mission: to create an unmatched downtown experience

## Upcoming Downtown Events

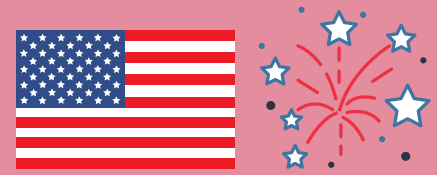
**May First Friday:  
Out of This World  
Friday, May 6  
5:30-8:30 p.m.**



**June First Friday:  
Safety Forces Unite!  
Friday, June 3  
5:30-8:30 p.m.**



**July First Friday:  
FIREWORKS & Food Trucks!  
Friday, July 1  
5:00-10:30 p.m.**



**Shop Local. Dine Local. Love Local! Have You Been Downtown Today?**

### DOWNTOWN WADSWORTH NEWS

- Thank you to April First Friday's Sponsors of Blue Evolution, Cleveland's British Invasion Era Band: Kelly Graham, State Farm Insurance, Rexroad Insurance, Todd Baughman, CPA, Thurber's Jewelers, & Gearhart Insurance
- Main Street Wadsworth LIVE! has launched! Our first show at O.J. Work Auditorium is on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Get your tickets for The Wadsworth High School Jazz Band and "In Cahoots...An Evening of Magic and Mentalism with The Alans" at [showpass.com](http://showpass.com) (or the Showpass App).
- The Call to Artists has been launched for 2 downtown murals in 2022! Artist proposal deadline: May 2. Visit [mainstreetwadsworth.org/call-to-artists](http://mainstreetwadsworth.org/call-to-artists).
- Downtown Business News
  - 4 new businesses have signed leases downtown in the last month alone!
    - eXp Realty (122 Main), Dustin Purtan
    - Howard Hannah (114 High)
    - The Corner (102 High), Ryan & Kelly Dressler
    - Uniquely Handmade For You (136 Main), Dave & Daneen Kreuzer
  - Rise and Grind is under new ownership, purchased by Sean and Stephanie Miller, who also own Coffee in the Valley in Valley City.
  - Cambria's Italian Kitchen (129 Broad St.) owner Roni Ketterer has announced on Facebook that their spring opening is delayed.
  - The "That New Bar" building (127 Watrusa Avenue) has been purchased and we are told it will be another bar.
- Thank you to Bud-N-Bloom, Zach Butdorf, and the City of Wadsworth Parks Dept., who will soon be at it again, planting beautiful flowers downtown!
- The Downtown Wadsworth Merchants Coalition held their St. Paddy's Day Dining and Shopping event on Saturday, March 19!
- Downtown Improvement Grant, Round 2 Update:
  - 15 total applications submitted, \$35,781/\$50,000 in grant money committed. The total dollar impact of these projects so far is \$192,118.
  - Visit: [www.mainstreetwadsworth.org/grants/](http://www.mainstreetwadsworth.org/grants/) for more information.

A NOTE FROM MAIN STREET  
WADSWORTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ADRIANNE PATRICK



We are so excited to announce the launch of **Main Street Wadsworth LIVE!** to bring family-friendly entertainment to downtown Wadsworth's historic O.J. Work Auditorium. I want to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers (especially Tom Strong) for making this happen. Our first performance and MSW fundraiser is "In Cahoots...An Evening of Magic and Mentalism with The Alans" on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The opening act is the acclaimed Wadsworth High School Jazz Band! Scan the QR Code below for tickets. Make sure to support your downtown small businesses before and after the show!

Tickets: [www.showpass.com](http://www.showpass.com)

SCAN ME



See you downtown,

*Adrienne*

**DOWNTOWN WADSWORTH HISTORY  
WITH DR. CAESAR CARRINO**

**DID YOU KNOW?...**



In 1871, the entire Village of Wadsworth turned out for a huge Easter egg hunt that was staged on the northeast corner of the Village where Dr. Lyman had his office. The eggs were hidden by a group of men from the Methodist Church the night before. Women had boiled the eggs a few days earlier so they could be colored. There were so many -- over 100 dozen -- that they colored them with beets and dandelion greens in big pots, making the eggs either red or green. There were many trees and the children were instructed to find them close to a tree so they wouldn't step on them while searching. Mayor Thomas Browning blew the whistle to start the hunt and then blew it again when it was over. The child with the most eggs won a prize: A certificate from the Mayor, signed by him and the Councilmen: J.A. Horst, H. J. Traver, W. M. Codding, Samuel Nash, John Clark, and Josiah Andrews. After the hunt, everyone enjoyed a meal of, what else: boiled eggs, fresh bread, roasted chicken, potatoes, squash, black-eyed beans and gallons of lemonade, milk, coffee, and tea. Over 500 attended the event.

**"How Do I Learn  
More About  
Wadsworth's  
History?" Visit the  
Yellow House!**



The Johnson House Museum

Open Saturdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. for tours

**The Wadsworth Area Historical Society is located at the Johnson House Museum located at 161 High Street near City Hall. The WAHS is committed to preserving the history of Wadsworth and surrounding areas.**

wadsworthareahistoricalociety.org  
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**MSW Volunteer of the Month!  
Tara Harrison**



**Downtown Business Spotlight**



**Sonnets/Zydeco Bistro**

**Owner: Todd Power  
Chef Johnny Schulze**

**Coffee Shop & Whiskey Bar now serving  
authentic New Orleans-style cuisine**

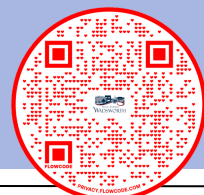
**Currently undergoing an exciting expansion  
that will double its storefront!**

**117 College Street  
(330) 336-5557**

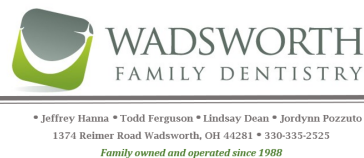
**Hours  
Wed.-Sat., 8-2 p.m.  
Thu-Sat., 5-10 p.m.**

**6 Ways You Can Support Downtown  
Wadsworth'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](mailto:teri@mainstreetwadsworth.org).
3. Attend our monthly meetings, held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. E-mail [adrienne@mainstreetwadsworth.org](mailto:adrienne@mainstreetwadsworth.org).
4. Become a "Friend of MSW" with this blue QR Code or by visiting [www.mainstreetwadsworth.org](http://www.mainstreetwadsworth.org)!
5. "Like," "Follow," and "Share" our social media.
6. Become a MSW Sponsor with this red QR Code or by visiting [www.mainstreetwadsworth.org](http://www.mainstreetwadsworth.org)!



**THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
SPONSORS!**





## **Ayten Öykü Anderson | Board President | City of Wadsworth**

Ayten joined the City of Wadsworth team in September 2018 as Marketing Coordinator. She brings a wealth of experience in branding, digital media marketing, public relations, and economic development to the City's Economic Development Department. As a certified economic development professional, Ayten ensures the promotion of Wadsworth's assets and resources through effective marketing campaigns and ensures that Wadsworth is on the map for potential businesses. Her proficiency in developing, deploying, and measuring strategic communication plans makes her a valuable asset to the City's team. She has designed and launched numerous successful public relations and promotional campaigns. Ayten fosters strong relationships with local stakeholders. Additionally, she serves as an advisory council member at the George Washington University School of Business, Digital Marketing Program where she received her digital marketing professional certification. She lives in Wadsworth with her husband and two kids.



## **Stacey Renner | Board Vice President | LRC Realty**

Hello Wadsworth! I have been a Board member for MSW since 2019 and have loved getting to know the community and working with others to benefit the downtown. I grew up in Michigan and moved to Ohio for graduate school where I met my husband, Brian. We have three kids—Brenna, Ashley, and Molly who also love to come volunteer downtown. We also have a dog—Loki. I work for LRC Realty- a Property Management Company in Akron. I oversee the Student Housing portfolio and do project management, IT, HR, and more at our corporate office. I am looking forward to my continued volunteer work with MSW to continue our positive momentum downtown in 2022!



## **Adam Barton | Board Secretary | Mosaic**

Adam has been lead pastor at Mosaic Church in Wadsworth for 11 years. Grew up in Manchester and moved to Wadsworth about 7 years ago. Adam earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Malone University. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Grace University in Michigan and has been on the MSW board since 2019. He married his high school sweetheart Lisa 18 years ago and they have 4 kids together—Trinity, Gideon, Ezekiel, and Miriam Joy. His claim to fame is hitting a three pointer over LeBron James in high school (he says he has witnesses).



## **Jon Yurchiak | Board Treasurer | Wadsworth City Council**

Ward 2 Councilman Jon Yurchiak began his second term on City Council in 2022. He serves on the Economic Development & Planning Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and the Woodlawn Union Cemetery Board. Previously, he was a member of the Public Ways Committee. He is also a member of the ad hoc Parks Committee, formed in 2021. Jon currently works for Patterson Pope as an Account Executive. Much of his career has been focused on project management and event planning. He earned a Bachelor of Science and Associate of Applied Science from The Ohio State University. He also served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for six years. Jon represents the City on the Wadsworth Rittman Joint District Hospital Board. In addition, he serves on the Wadsworth Grizzlies Community Foundation. Jon married his wife Stephanie 22 years ago and they have lived in Wadsworth since 2015. They are proud parents of three children – Mason, Kyle, and Jenna. Both he and his wife graduated from Wadsworth High School before starting their careers and their family in the Columbus area.



## **Tom Stugmyer | Board Past President/Ex Officio | Wadsworth City Council**

Councilman At Large Tom Stugmyer is involved with many organizations within the City and Medina County. Appointed to fill a Council vacancy in 2016, he has been re-elected for a third term. Currently, Tom chairs the Economic Development and Planning Committee and serves on the Public Service Committee, as well as the Senior Citizens Commission. Tom works with Wadsworth Community Radio as an on-air personality, along with producing show and remote broadcasts, on-air production and studio engineering. He also freelances as a photographer, videographer, and graphic designer. He completed an appointment as Interim Executive Director for Main Street Wadsworth in 2016-2017. He is a member Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. Tom received recognition from The Medina County Economic Development Corporation for The 2021 Outstanding Community Advocate Award which is given to a company or individual whose volunteer activities enhance the economic development of the community. Tom serves on the Board of Directors for The Village of St. Edward, Wadsworth, and the Wadsworth Salvation Army. He is past President of the Wadsworth Lions Organization. Tom also serves on the Board of Directors of Higher Orbits, a non-profit national organization promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through the use of spaceflight. Tom holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics/ Astronomy and Mathematics from The University of Mount Union. He has been a Wadsworth resident for 40 years.



## Emily Davis | Palecek, McIlvaine, Hoffmann & Morse Co., LPA

Emily Davis is an attorney at Palecek, McIlvaine, Hoffmann & Morse Co., LPA. Her practice focuses on the areas of estate planning and probate. Emily is originally from Calcutta, Ohio, and now lives in Wadsworth. Emily went to West Liberty University for her undergraduate degree where she received a degree in Communication Studies. While at West Liberty University, Emily helped lead the women's tennis team to three straight NCAA DII Women's National Team tournament berths. Following her undergraduate degree, Emily attended the University of Akron School of Law where she received her Juris Doctor degree. Emily met her husband, Brandon, at Akron Law School. Emily and Brandon have a son, and they are enjoying every moment of parenthood. Emily loves the Wadsworth community, and she is excited to contribute to Main Street Wadsworth's efforts of creating an unmatched downtown experience.



## Stephanie Koontz | Walsh University

Stephanie Koontz leads alumni programming for her alma mater Walsh University. Through the planning and oversight of strategic events, networking opportunities and volunteer programs, she provides opportunities for the University's alumni network of 16,000+ to stay connected over a lifetime. Prior to joining Walsh, Stephanie spent more than 10 years working in the non-profit sector in fund development, volunteer management, event planning and community outreach. Stephanie is proud of her Korean American heritage and her passion for service is exemplified in her volunteer service in the community and professional affiliations. She is an active member of the Leadership Stark County Diversity Committee, the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northeast Ohio, the Independent College of Advancement Associates. Stephanie is a graduate of the 31st Class of Leadership Stark County and was honored in 2019 as an Advancing Diversity Scholar for CASE: District V. Stephanie and her husband Jason have called Wadsworth home since 2019 and the new parents look forward to raising their son in the community.



## Rod Loveless | Edward Jones

Rod Loveless is a Certified Financial Planner with Edward Jones and attended Ohio University in Athens. He grew up in Wadsworth where he currently lives with his wife, Cathy, and two sons, Luke (16) and Eli (13). He joined the Main Street Wadsworth Board of Directors in 2017 and served as board president in 2019.



## Jeff Novak | Advanced Insurance Designs, Inc. (AIDI)

Jeff has a strong passion for the insurance industry which follows in the footprint of his family. He started his insurance career in 1999. He is a graduate of the University of Akron and member of many industry and local organizations including NAIFA, NAHU, and Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce. Jeff is an active alumnus of Leadership Akron. Jeff and his wife Tawnia have three children and in his free time, Jeff enjoys music, sports, and spending time with his family.



## Dana Mountjoy | Bober Markey Fedorovich

Dana Mountjoy is a certified public accountant and Senior Manager of Assurance and Advisory at Bober Markey Fedorovich and Company, a regional accounting firm headquartered in Akron. She also serves on the Board of Trustees as the Treasurer of The Blick Center and is an active member of The Chapel – Wadsworth. Originally from the Philadelphia, PA suburbs, she is a graduate of Grove City College, and a proud Wadsworth transplant. Dana married into a love of Wadsworth (her husband, Matt, is a lifelong resident), and is proud to raise her family (a two-year-old son and a baby on the way, due in July) in this community. She cannot wait to contribute in her role on the board to furthering Main Street Wadsworth's mission of creating an unmatched downtown experience.



## Johanna Perrino | Wadsworth Community Television (WCTV)

For the past 30 years, Johanna has worked as the Operations and Community Relations Coordinator for WCTV, and has volunteered with many organizations throughout the community. She currently serves on the Main Street Wadsworth Board of Directors, and has served on many other boards including Leadership Medina County and the Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce, where she was just recognized as the longest-serving board member with 12 years. Johanna is also a top-selling realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeService Stouffer Realty, and enjoys introducing new residents to everything that Wadsworth has to offer, especially our amazing Main Street Wadsworth businesses, restaurants and family-fun events. Although she has worked and volunteered in Wadsworth for a longer time, Johanna has only lived in Wadsworth for 6 years, but now wishes she had made the move sooner. Wadsworth has so much to offer its residents, and she is so happy to be able to play a part in keeping the heart of our community, Main Street Wadsworth, thriving for many years to come.



## Jason Sanders | Cleveland State University

Originally from Alabama, Jason and his wife Amy moved to Wadsworth in 2014 after having lived in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Connecticut, and New York. He earned a Bachelor's in Communications from Jacksonville State University (AL) and a Masters in Sport Administration from Mississippi State University. He is a two-time graduate of Leadership Medina County and is currently enrolled at The University of Akron School of Law and as a visiting student at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He expects to earn his Juris Doctor from UA in 2022. Jason lives with his family in Wadsworth and enjoys exercising, the Metroparks, and serving the community.



## Leah Schrock | SeibertKeck Insurance Partners

Leah Schrock was born and raised and currently living in Wadsworth. She loves watching Wadsworth grow with people and businesses. Leah loves the hometown feeling she feels every time she drive through Downtown. Leah studied Corporate Communications and Marketing at Walsh University. Now, she uses her marketing skills at SeibertKeck Insurance Partners which she is their Creative Marketing Specialist. When she is not working, she is spending time with her 5 nephews, family and friends. Leah first started volunteering for MSW a few years ago on the Promotions Committee. She is excited to be a part of Main Street Wadsworth and watch the community grow.



## Randy Toddy | Clampco Products, Inc.

Randy Toddy is the Engineering Manager at Clampco Products, where he has worked since 1986. He is responsible for product, process, and machine design as well as oversight of more than 25,000 clamp designs. He has been a member of the Main Street Wadsworth Board of Directors since 2018. He is a member of the Design Committee, with emphasis on the mural program. Randy married his college sweetheart, Jody, in 1985, raised their two children in Wadsworth, and will soon celebrate their sixth grandchild! He is an avid golfer, Lake Erie fisherman, archery hunter, and snow skier.



## Dustin Zuravel | US Bank

My name is Dustin Zuravel and I am a proud graduate of Kent State University. I am currently a Business Banking Relationship Manager at US Bank. I have spent 12 years of my career in the banking industry helping retail consumers and business owners with their financial goals. I am husband to my wonderful wife Brianne of 13 years, the proud father of my son Dylan and the expecting father of a baby girl in June.