# MAIN STREET WADSWORTH NEWS





May 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
6:00-10:30 p.m.

Rain Date: July 2



## Shop Local. Dine Local. Love Local! See You in Downtown Wadsworth!

## DOWNTOWN WADSWORTH NEWS

- The Main Street Wadsworth Board of Directors will vote on proposed bylaw changes at their next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on May 10, 2022 starting at 6:30 p.m. at Wadsworth City Hall, 120 Maple St.
- Water Main Grille celebrated their 2 year anniversary on April 25!
- Downtown business Sydequest Games has extended hours, hired more staff, and is now moving to a bigger downtown location! Business owner John Abbott will move from 110 High Street to 131 Main Street (formerly Anshutz Movers, which is now operating from their HQ at 252 Main St.).
- 500+ tickets were distributed for Main Street Wadsworth LIVE! featuring the WHS Jazz Band and *In Cahoots, An Evening of Magic and Mentalism with The Alans* at O.J. Work Auditorium on April 22! Many thanks to our audience, sponsors, and volunteers for creating a magical evening!
- Main Street Wadsworth welcomes new Director of Economic Development for the City of Wadsworth, Matthew Springer!
- The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is visiting downtown Wadsworth on May 4 to continue their process of considering downtown Wadsworth for the National Register of Historic Districts designation.
- MSW will participate in Ohio Tourism Day in Columbus on May 11.
- The Downtown Wadsworth Merchants Coalition hosted an Easter Egg Hunt "shop hop" in downtown Wadsworth on Saturday, April 16!
- The MSW Design Team received multiple proposals in response to their 2022 Call to Artists for 2 new downtown murals, which will be painted on the cement block rear facades of 131 College St. (B.A. Schrock Financial Group) and 124 N. Lyman St. (Frontier Communications).
- Main Street Wadsworth participated in the Wadsworth Area Chamber of Commerce's Non-Profit Fair on April 27 at The Galaxy.

A Note from Main Street Wadsworth Executive Director Adrianne Patrick



Thank you to everyone who attended Main
Street Wadsworth's ribbon cutting of Art Mural
#9 on April 1. The mural by local artist Tim
Carmany, which honors Wadsworth's
connections to space, was installed in the alley
of The Strand and Dr. Boyer's office at 123
Broad Street. Two special guests spoke at the
event: David DeFelice, Acting Chief, Office of
Communications, NASA Glenn and
Wedsworth's homotown astropaut, Miles

Wadsworth's hometown astronaut, Mike
Foreman, who flew two missions to the
International Space Station. Following the
ribbon cutting, Mike signed autographs and
took pictures with visitors. It was truly an "out
of this world" experience for our community!



See you in downtown Wadsworth,





#### **DOWNTOWN WADSWORTH HISTORY** WITH DR. PAESAR PARRINO

#### DID YOU KNOW?...

One-hundred years ago this month (1922), Rural Electrification came to Wadsworth. The area about one-thousand feet from the downtown square in all four directions had electricity that was generated at the power plant on Broad Street, but the rest of the Village and Township did not. Two wires were strung on thin poles that were about fivehundred feet apart, and then two wires went into the houses. The wires were coated with a cloth substance that soon decomposed in the sunlight. During a storm, the wires would touch and cause sparks, frightening the people who saw them. Each house would be wired by a professional, but there was only one plug and one light in each room. Since electricity was not available before this, there were no electrical appliances, so lighting was the only need for installing it. In 1930, there were only 1.5 electrical appliances per household on average. Today there are well over 50 in even the smallest home. As a result, electric installations are now replete with grounded wiring, 440 volt electric service, and multiple webs of wires strung throughout every home.

"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 (161 High Street near City Hall). The WAHS is committed to preserving the history of Wadsworth and surrounding areas. wadsworthareahistoricalsociety.org facebook.com/WadsworthAreaHS wadsworthareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

### **MSW Volunteer of the Month!** Randy Toddy





## **Downtown Business Spotlight**

### Kelly Graham, State Farm Insurance 117 Broad Street





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

- 1. Support our more than 70 downtown services, restaurants, and retailers. Support local!
- 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 6:30 p.m. E-mail adrianne@mainstreetwadsworth.org.
- 4. Become a "Friend of MSW" with this blue QR Code or by visiting www.mainstreetwadsworth.org!



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