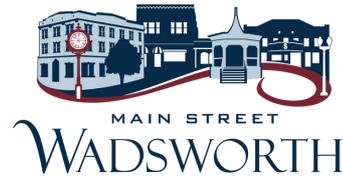


FALL 2022

MAIN STREET WADSWORTH NEWS

CREATING AN UNMATCHED DOWNTOWN EXPERIENCE



DOWNTOWN NEWS

Welcome to two new downtown small businesses!:

- **Sweets on High** (110 High Street) opened on Oct. 1 and is your downtown Wadsworth Vintage Candy Shop.
- **New World Spice and Tea Traders** (138 Main Street) opened on Oct. 7 and has a rotating selection of 80 loose leaf teas, 50 spice blends that change with the seasons, 125 small batch hot sauces, over 40 flavored oils and vinegars, and a Tea Bar to grab a warm cup and a treat to go.

The MSW Design Team has commissioned 2 art murals this year titled "Music is the healing force." Watch the artist paint the murals through the month of November at 131 College St. and 124 N. Lyman St. and learn more at www.artofanon.com.

Our downtown has reached **100%** occupancy of first floor spaces! Congratulations to our stakeholders for this important milestone!

At its annual state conference in Toledo, Heritage Ohio presented Main Street Wadsworth with its 2022 "Best Main Street Committee Project or Event Award" for **Wadsworth First Friday**. Congratulations to our Premier Sponsor Clampco, businesses, and volunteers for providing over 50 First Fridays to our community since 2018!



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ADRIANNE'S CORNER

Fall is beautiful (and busy!) in downtown Wadsworth! We want to thank the Bud 'N' Bloom Garden Club and The City of Wadsworth for all of the ways they beautify our historic district each season. Now in our 6th year of pursuing our mission **to create an unmatched downtown experience**, Main Street Wadsworth has seen 30+ new businesses open, 200 new jobs, \$500,000 in grants, 60 historic building projects, 10 art murals, a gorgeous clock, and 150+ free community events. We want to thank our Sponsors, Friends of MSW, and volunteers for donating 15,000 hours of their time to help make these things happen! Not every community has a historic downtown district, so we are grateful to our stakeholders (you!) for rallying around our efforts to preserve the charming heart of our community! #ADowntownUnmatched

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scare on the Square & Wadsworth Thriller

October 20
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



November First Friday

"Made in Wadsworth" & Warm in Wadsworth Community Collection (new hats, scarves, gloves, socks)

November 4
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Candlelight Walk

November 18
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



WADSWORTH HISTORY WITH DR. CAESAR CARRINO



Sylvia Beach: Lost, Never Found

In 1823, nine years after the Dean and Durham families came to Wadsworth as their first settlers, Abel and Roxy Taylor Beach arrived from the East with their three sons and 23-year-old daughter, Sylvia, to start their new life. Despite the snow... they began building a cabin by making a small clearing in the woods, shaping the trees into logs for their new shelter. Sylvia suffered from the effects of scarlet fever as a small child and was a deaf-mute. The disease also affected her mental acuity, causing her to become confused at times. It was not unusual for her to wander from the house, but each time she did, she was either found and returned or returned on her own. On a fateful day in March 1823... Sylvia slipped away while her mother's back was turned. Both her mother and father called for her, listening even for a faint reply, but there was none. The trees were huge and the underbrush thick, and despite a light coat of snow on the ground, only faint impressions of foot tracks were evident. They followed the tracks but found them to become almost nonexistent as they searched farther from the cabin. The location of the cabin was on the north side of what is now Route 261, almost at the top of the hill going West into Wadsworth. From that point, neighbors searched every direction, but especially to the southwest, where some tracks were spotted. As night fell, the searchers lighted torches that illuminated the dense woods and continued their search. A week went by... before declaring that she was never to be found. Wadsworth commemorated Sylvia's loss for years, but the community's coming together as it did to evince their compassion was the start of a tradition that speaks to what makes Wadsworth a family. In 1824, the family erected a stone (which you can see today if you visit Woodlawn Cemetery) to mark the empty grave with the heart-wrenching words: "Sylvia Beach, Lost in the Woods, and Never Found."



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THANK YOU FOR 9 YEARS OF WADSWORTH THRILLER!



WAYS TO SUPPORT MAIN STREET WADSWORTH

1. Support our downtown services, restaurants, and retailers. Spend locally and make a difference!
2. Volunteer for our events! Send an e-mail to: teri@mainstreetwadsworth.org to sign up.
3. Attend our monthly board meetings, held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. E-mail adrienne@mainstreetwadsworth.org to learn more about getting involved as a volunteer.
4. Become a "Friend of MSW" via the blue QR Code or by visiting www.mainstreetwadsworth.org!
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