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Main Street Wadsworth Announces "April First Friday: All Things British" Friday, April 1, 2022 • 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Wadsworth, Ohio—March 23, 2022) – The British are coming! Yes, downtown Wadsworth is going British on April 1st, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The small businesses and organizations invite visitors to an evening of "across the pond" fun, dining, and shopping during Main Street Wadsworth's "April First Friday: All Things British." Begin your British adventure by stopping at the MSW table located at My Personal Trainer (104 High Street) for event information.

A British Costume Contest: Wear your favorite British attire/costume and register (and get photographed) at Jazzercise Wadsworth (134 College Street) between 5:30-6:30 p.m. for an online costume contest. The contestant with the most online votes will win a gift card to a downtown business! Jazzercise will be hosting a short Jazzercise class for the costume contestants with a surprise guest!

A British Trivia Contest: Pick up a trivia contest sheet in one of the downtown businesses and test your level of British knowledge. Turn in your trivia sheets at the MSW table at My Personal Trainer (104 High Street) for a chance to win gift cards.

Live Music at the Gazebo: listen to Blue Evolution, playing at the Gazebo from 6:00-8:00 p.m., as you stroll through downtown. Blue Evolution is a group of veteran musicians from Northeast Ohio dedicated to delivering the best in danceable British Invasion Era Rock from the 60's, 70's, and even some 80's. Rain location is the Wadsworth Public Library.

Space Mural Ribbon Cutting: Join Main Street Wadsworth at 6:30 p.m. in The Strand Alley (123 Broad Street) for a Space Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Wadsworth's hometown astronaut, Mike Foreman. Mike will also be signing autographs and taking photos with visitors.

Over 20 downtown businesses and organizations will be open for the April First Friday with specials and activities for kids and adults of all ages. Main Street Wadsworth chooses each First Friday theme, coordinates downtown small business participation, and oversees programming during the event. Volunteer for downtown events by emailing teri@mainstreetwadsworth.org!

Follow <u>www.facebook.com/mainstreetwadsworth</u> for details and updates. Main Street Wadsworth encourages downtown visitors to follow the current coronavirus guidelines as recommended by the Medina County Health Department (MCHD). 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.

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Founded in 2016, Main Street Wadsworth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the revitalization of historic downtown Wadsworth. One of only 24 Main Streets in the State of Ohio, Wadsworth's volunteer-powered organization uses Main Street America's Four-Point Approach[™] of Design, Economic Vitality, Promotion, and Organization to coordinate preservation-based economic development, enhancing quality of life for residents and supporting downtown small businesses.