



Downtown Wadsworth News

Our mission: to create an unmatched downtown experience



MAY FIRST FRIDAY!
 Friday, May 5, 2023 • 5:30-8:00 p.m.

- Play "Qué es?" - a Spanish-to-English Challenge in the downtown businesses.
- Live music at the Gazebo with the "K and A Band" - bring a lawn chair.
- Enjoy a festive evening of shopping, dining, and family-friendly fun!
- Food Trucks: Taco Veloz and Kona Ice

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Upcoming Downtown Events

TOMORROW!:**May First Friday: Cinco de Mayo!**

Friday, May 5, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

- Bring your lawn chair to enjoy live music at the Gazebo 5:45 - 7:45 p.m.!

June First Friday: Sound the Alarm! Celebrate Our Safety Forces | Downtown Chili Cook-off & Hot Sauce Contest

Friday, June 2, 5:30-8:00 p.m.



MAIN STREET WADSWORTH RECEIVES 2023 NATIONAL MAIN STREET AMERICA ACCREDITATION

Main Street Wadsworth (MSW) has been designated as an Accredited Main Street America™ program for meeting rigorous performance standards. Each year, Main Street America and its partners announce the list of Accredited programs to recognize their exceptional commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach™.

In 2022, MSW saw 11 new small businesses open downtown and received a statewide award for its First Friday events. MSW's Design Team Mural Program commissioned two large art murals featuring a celebrated local musician and a giant cardinal, the state bird of Ohio. Started in 2020 and continued into 2022, MSW has coordinated the City of Wadsworth's Downtown Improvement Grant to assist building owners with beautification projects. In addition, Main Street Wadsworth provided 14 free downtown events and 16 farmers markets to the community, bringing over 20,000 visitors downtown. MSW also continued its initiative to add downtown Wadsworth to the National Register of Historic Places, which is

anticipated to be completed in Summer 2023. In 2022, Main Street Wadsworth tracked \$646,038 in total combined public/private reinvestment downtown, 16 completed façade renovation projects, 3,450 donated volunteer hours (valued at \$98,040), 65 new jobs, and a 100% first floor occupancy rate.

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Calling All Wadsworth's Chili Chefs! It's Contest Time!

Save the date, because [Main Street Wadsworth](#) is having an inaugural Chili Cook-off during June First Friday (Friday, June 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.)

Categories of Entrants:

- *First Responders:* We know you're made of tough stuff- but do you have what it takes to be the best in our chili competition? Compete against the best-of-the-best local first responder to win bragging right!
- *Professional Chef:* Restaurants, culinary experts and instructors- show off what you've got in our chili competition.
- *Home Chef:* Always wowing your family and friends with your famous Chili? Bring it down to our Chili Competition to see if you can make the cut.

Entry Fees

- \$25 per chili team
- Will need to bring your own table and extension cord
- Make 2 to 4 gallons of chili

Voting

- Visitors to the event can purchase an arm's length of tickers for their favorite chili
- Winners will be selected in each category

Interested? Contact ahoy@newworldspiceandtea.com for all of the details and to register.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Main Street Wadsworth Farmers Market Opens on Saturday, June 24!

Wadsworth's favorite outdoor market will return for its 8th season every Saturday from June 24 to September 30, 2023, 9:00-12:00 in the parking lot of Central Intermediate School (CIS) located at 151 Main Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281.

With 40+ vendors already registered, there will be something for everyone: from produce to baked goods, from syrups and jams to crafted items, and more!





**Blog Article from Travel Lens:
Wadsworth's historical downtown district made this cool list of [15 Best Things to Do in Wadsworth!](#) Check it out and share with your friends who enjoy local tourism!**



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