

Downtown Waynesburg Gets In the Spirit

Once again the atmosphere of an old-fashioned Christmas with strolling musicians, horse drawn wagons, decorated store windows, and warming barrels bring the sights, sounds & scents of the season alive in historic, downtown Waynesburg during the annual Holiday Open House, presented by Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful, Inc. Several blocks of High Street will be closed to motorized traffic, beginning at 4pm on Friday, Dec 5, the evening before the annual Waynesburg Christmas Parade (always on the first Saturday of December). The two events have cooperated in recent years to become the downtown district's official welcome to holiday shoppers. Saturday night, the festivities continue with the Winter Wonderland Gala at the Greene County Courthouse, presented by The Waynesburg Rotary Club, a crowning celebration to this Christmas Season kick-off in downtown Waynesburg.

On Friday night, over thirty merchants will extend their hours until 8pm or later, and offer special sales, door prizes and refreshments during Friday night's activities. Horse-drawn wagons will carry riders through the decorated streets of town and the borough parks. Burn barrels with lit fires for hand-warming and street vendors selling such seasonal treats as cinnamon roasted nuts, funnel cakes and cider will round out the holiday atmosphere. Santa will make a sneak preview appearance, and pictures with Santa will be

offered by McMillen Photography. Instead of reindeer, Santa invited Lippencott Alpacas to be on site for fun and petting.

Greene County Corner Cupboard Foodbank is coordinating another Canstruction® event with displays to premier on Friday night during Holiday Open House. Local artists and youth group volunteers design and construct "sculptures" made from actual packaged foods, which will remain on display at the merchant or business locations for the next several days. Only on Friday night, however, can the public vote on the people's choice award for the Canstruction® displays. Voting is by donation at the business locations from 4pm - 7pm that evening. All the food and funds raised will benefit the Greene County Corner Cupboard Foodbank. CONSOL Energy is underwriting the cost of the canned goods to the tune of \$6,000, making this an outstanding opportunity for the food bank and for you to help by voting.

Another unique attraction back by popular demand is Flix on Brix. The holiday classic *A Christmas Story* will be projected on the side of a brick building for a bigger-than-life movie experience. There will also be a supervised children's craft & activity center located at the Community Foundation of Greene

County office at 108 East High Street. Children will enjoy creating their own Christmas ornaments, with all materials provided free of charge. At the same location, Greene Community Church volunteers are providing a FREE gift wrap center. Shoppers can bring any and all packages and purchases to the Community Foundation office and have them wrapped for free.

Caricaturist Jeff Harris will be back, compliments of Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency, offering free caricatures on commemorative Holiday Open House posters. GCTPA is also coordinating a keepsake fun map of the downtown area by artist Leslie Fehling that will pinpoint the locations of various activities and sights for the evening. The streets will be alive with music as several acts will be staged throughout downtown that night. Performers include popular vocalist Carl Donley, and from Waynesburg University, a "Beauty Shop Quartet," also the WU Woodwind Ensemble, WU Pipe Band and WU Strings Ensemble among others.

CONSOL Energy is again the lead sponsor of the Annual Holiday Open House, with significant support also being provided by Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency. Community Bank has underwritten the cash prizes for the merchant's window decorating competition. There will be brief introductions and a lighting ceremony with the "flipping of the switch" on the courthouse steps at 5pm to introduce the evening's activities.

The following day, Saturday, Dec. 6, Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce will present the 2014 Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade beginning at 2pm. The execution of the parade is underwritten by Greene County Tourism. Miss Rain Day 2014, Morgan Voithofer, and the Chamber's 2014 Distinguished Service Award winners - Rev. Dr. Donald P. Wilson, Patriot's Dream Riding Association and Ed and Sandy Zeglan - will have the honor of leading the parade down High Street as its Grand Marshals.

WCYJ Television from Waynesburg University will videotape the parade for later broadcast on local stations. Late entries in the parade will be accepted through Nov. 25. If you want more info, call the Chamber office at 724-627-5926.

Waynesburg University's free Christmas concerts will be held the following weekend this year. The Tuba Concert is on Friday, Dec. 12, 7:30pm, at the Goodwin Performing Arts Center. The Waynesburg University Symphony and Lamplighters Concert Choir program titled "A Childhood Christmas" is Saturday, Dec. 13th, 7:30pm at Roberts Chapel on Saturday.



Musicians, carolers and ensembles are staged throughout downtown for the Holiday Open House

Weekend Schedule

Friday, Dec. 5
5:00pm - 8:30pm

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides!

Pictures with Santa on Courthouse Steps

By McMillen Photography

FREE Flix on Brix!
"A Christmas Story" projected outside

Warm Your Hands Over Lit Fire Barrels!

FREE Caricatures!
Sponsored by Greene County Tourism

Lippencott Alpacas!

Decorated Window Contest!

Live Music & Holiday Foods!

FREE Children's Crafts & FREE GIFT WRAP Center!
Located at the Community Foundation Office on East High Street

Saturday, Dec. 6 • 2:00pm - 9:00pm

2pm Waynesburg Christmas Parade, organized by The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Greene County Tourism
Special Guest: Santa!



6-9pm Winter Wonderland Gala at the Greene County Courthouse, presented by the Rotary Club of Waynesburg

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