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May 3rd Sharon Spring Fling! Celebrate Spring in Beautiful Downtown Sharon!

Spring Fling Flower Giveaway! Spring is in the air! With 15+ new stores in downtown, Sharon is spiffing up for spring and giving away spring flowers. Participating Greater Sharon Associates merchants will decorate their entrance with planters and hanging baskets. Shoppers can register from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in each store to win, and, at the close of business, each shopkeeper will give the flowers to one lucky winner. Dozens of people will go home with fresh flowers for spring. Come shop LOCAL and see the fresh new faces and shops of Beautiful Downtown Sharon! Enjoy refreshments at many of the local shops!

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream! Penn State Shenango will hold a Rummage Sale in McDowell Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will sell Penn State Berkey Creamery Ice Cream from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The campus will also host an Open House at the Lartz Memorial Library where the community may sign up for a Community Library card with proof of PA residency.



Celebrate Spring with Maifest! The Apollo Maennerchor Club is hosting a Maifest celebration in the club's Festhalle. This family-friendly event will showcase the heritage and traditions of the Sharon community. There will be German music, beer, and food, as well as dancing around the Maibaum and a performance by the Apollo Maennerchor singers. Maifest is the traditional German celebration of the arrival of spring. Maifest is still celebrated throughout Germany with the Maibaum (Maypole) decorated to show off the history and crafts of the town. Maifest is one of mankind's oldest traditions, the celebration of nature's bright reawakening after winter's cold darkness. For more information, call the Apollo Maennerchor Club at 724-308-6599.

Play in a Day Imagine a collection of original 10-minute plays that are written, cast, rehearsed and performed all in 24 hours! That's what will be happening at the James E. Winner Jr. Arts and Culture Center. Be amazed and surprised at the results, performed live at 7:30 pm.

About Hunger & Resilience In Michael Nye's exhibition About Hunger & Resilience, so much comes to light. The 50 portraits and audio stories reveal the courage and fragility of those individuals who have experienced hunger. In simple, eloquent detail, these voices and images draw you closer into their lives. For the past four and a half years, Michael has been listening and asking questions about hunger. Why does it happen? What can we learn from them? Stories have a way of illuminating issues with an elemental and engaging power. These diverse audio narratives take us underneath complicated issues where empathy and understanding begin. On display at the James E. Winner Jr. Arts and Culutre Center from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. FREE.

Show your Sharon Pride! The Sharon Beautification Commission's annual city-wide spring "Sharon Pride" clean-up! Hundreds of volunteers will come out, divide and conquer to beautify our great city. Meet up with friends and neighbors at 9 a.m. at Musser School, Hadley School, Sacred Heart School or Thornton Hall parking lot.

Henry Ekker's Autograph Sports Collection A must see for sports fans. An extensive collection of signed memorabilia from all aspects of the sports world – on view at the Community Library of the Shenango Valley.



Calendar of Events

May

May 1 – The Herald's Food Drive – The Herald's 150th Anniversary – Herald lot to benefit Community Food Warehouse

May 4 – Shenango Valley Chorale Concert – First Methodist Church

May 7 – Strimbu BBQ – Yankee Lake

May 10 – I Believe, faith-based marketplace – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center

May 11 – Downtown Walking Tour – Beautification Commission

May 15 – Friends of Penn State Annual Dinner – Penn State Shenango Auditorium – featuring Coach Patrick Chambers

May 17 – Sharon Regional Spring Gala – Tiffany's Banquet Centre

May 23-25 – I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center

June

June 14 – start Mercer County Trails Bike Tour – end Quaker Steak & Lube

June 14 – Penn State Shenango Alumni Golf Outing – Pine Lakes Golf Club

June 21 – Jimmy Buffet Tribute – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center

June 27 – Small Ships Review – Quaker Steak & Lube / throughout downtown

July

July 19 – WaterFire Sharon

July 25-27 – Lube-aPaloosa

July 27 – Northwestern PA Guitar Show – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center

August

August 3 – Evening in the Gardens –Buhl Mansion Guesthouse & Spa – to benefit Beautification Commission (advanced tickets required)

August 8-10 – Godspell – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center

August 10 – PHN Charitable Foundation/ Children's Center Pizza Cook off Contest –PHN Foundation Ballroom

August 15-17 – Woodstock Fest – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center

August 23 – WaterFire Sharon

August 30 – Sharon Hall of Fame Induction – Sharon City School

September

September 1 – Buhl Day – Buhl Park

September 6 – Duck Race & Kid Fest sponsored by Shenango Valley Professionals

September 27 – WaterFire Sharon

Ongoing

May 28 – August 27

Wednesdays at Noon
Brown Bag Lunchtime Concert Series

Mid-May – Mid-September

Thursdays from 4 to 9 p.m.
Artie Gras at Quaker Steak & Lube

June – August

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Buhl Farm Park Summer Concert Series

Please consult with the specific organization listed for exact dates, times and details. Subject to Change.

WaterFire Sharon Announces Dates and Themes for 2014



WATERFIRE
SHARON
PENNSYLVANIA

Plans are underway for the second season of WaterFire Sharon. The three events in the 2013 inaugural season brought over 70,000 visitors to Beautiful Downtown Sharon. A team of artists helped create unique themes for each event, so that no, two "WaterFires" will ever be the same, and visitors can expect a different mix of entertainment, vendors and artists at each one. The themes were chosen by the artisan committee who reviewed dozens of suggested themes and chose these due to the artistic representation and interpretation they each offered.

July 19, "Elements" Whether referring to the elements of art (line, shape, form, space, texture, value and color), or any category that makes up life, the "Elements" theme celebrates not only the elements that create water and fire, but all fine and performing arts, the artists who create them, and the visitors who appreciate them.

August 23, "Origins" takes us back to our beginnings. We honor our origins by passing traditions, knowledge, and stories down to the next generations. The story of origins is often told in both performing and fine arts. "WaterFire" recognizes the use of water and fire as far back as imaginable, and celebrates our origins as individuals and as a community. "Origins" will be a virtual "Homecoming" as artists and performers who hail from the region are invited back "home" to participate.

September 27, "Motion" is in recognition of our lives and the world around us. A part of life, perceived or not, we are always moving. Just as the earth we're walking on is moving, art is often an expression of motion. Whether the artist uses motion in telling the story of life or situation progression, or in dance, it's all motion. Through a specific medium or song, a story unfolds.

"WaterFire Sharon" highlights the motion of the river and the volunteers who glide down the river to a dark backdrop, tending to the blazing fires. The fire performers twirl fire in directions and speeds that leave us mesmerized. Visitors move through the streets as artists create.

WaterFire Volunteers always needed!



I ♥ LOCAL!

Welcome to Beautiful Downtown Sharon!



Beader's Utopia – 142 East State
Sara Frazier



Thyme in Your Kitchen – 79 East State
Pat Evans



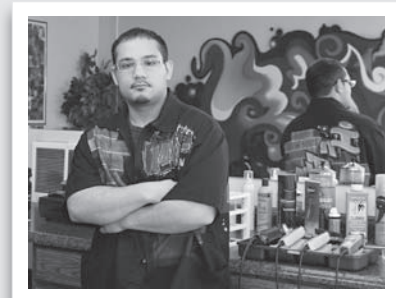
Tickled: Where Feet Come First – 110 East State
Marcia Moyer



Lambkins Children's Boutique – 157 East State
Mary Reimold

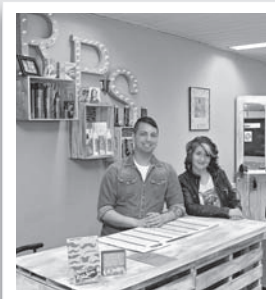


Cazzco Printing – 1020 East State
Brian Caiazzo



Mark's in Tha Cut Barber Styling – 19 North Water Ave.
Mark Khannouvong

Business is so good at these new businesses that they have already had to remodel, expand, or move!



Rock Paper Shears – 114 East State
Rosie Platt and Alan Stevenson



Gallery 29 – 150 East State
Donna Bostardi & Tony Kropp



Beths New Beginnings – 160 West State
Beth Budhow



Emily Rose Photography
157 East State – Emily LaBruzzo

And here's to the "old guard," tried and true, who have withstood the test of time!



Niko & Lou's Coney Island Restaurant – 44 West State
Since 1983 – Nick Fatimus



Reyers – 40 South Water
Since 1886
Mark & Steve Jubelirer



Outdoor Army Navy – 47 East State
Since 1947
Harmon Lustig



Daffin's – 496 West State
Since 1949
Diane Daffin

Thank you to all who participated in the Small Business Saturday Holiday Extravaganza!

“Holiday Extravaganza” was a grand success in Beautiful Downtown Sharon! Thousands came out over the course of “Small Business Saturday” to enjoy shopping in the many fabulous new boutiques, while enjoying the caroling and dancers, and trolley and horse drawn sleigh rides. The “Night of Lights” festivities included the fantastic arrival of Santa escorted by Shenango Valley Ballet dancers and fireworks.

Countless thanks to those who supported the Holiday Extravaganza financially or through hours of volunteerism. Special thanks to our church, high school and dance groups for entertaining the



crowds, and to the Shenango Valley Professional, Beautification Commission volunteers, Youth Advocacy Program volunteers, the Carpenters Union, the

fabulous City of Sharon road crew, police and fire departments, and electricians, for helping make our city exceptional this holiday season!

Over \$4000 in prizes were given away during the annual DownTown ShopAround. Participating merchants were:

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| Beth's New Beginnings | Designs by GI | Marigold/The Other Side | Rock Paper Shears |
| Bills Avenue Lottery | Donna's Diner | Never Enough Yarn | Rosewood Vintage Guitars |
| Billy's Black and Gold | Donny's Barbershop | Niko & Lou's Coney Island | Sharon Hot Dog Shop |
| Buhl Community Recreation Center | Emily Rose Photography & Bowtique | Party Zone for Kids | Shenango Valley Meats |
| Buhl Mansion Guesthouse & Spa | Ferrara's A Taste of Italy | Penn Ohio Cigar Company | Tickled: Where Feet Come First |
| Circle K Studio Pottery | Gallery 29 | Petals Floral | Vaporosity Electric Cigarette Superstore |
| Clarencedale Cake | Gold Mind Sports | Quaker Steak & Lube | Warehouse Sales |
| Community Library Book Sale | James E Winner Arts & Culture | Redeemed: Remade, Restored, Reborn | The Winner |
| Daffins Candy | Laskey's Furniture & Carpeting | Reyers Shoes | |
| Dave Pegg's Barbering & Shave Parlor | Lems Footware | Reyers with LEMS Footwear | |

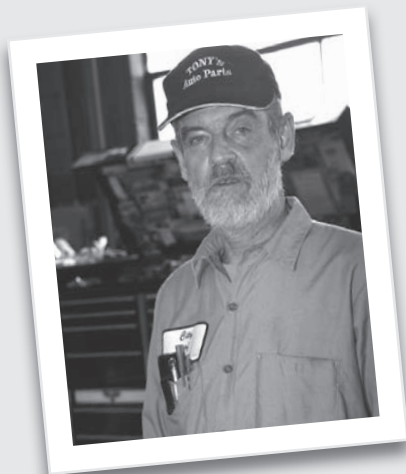
Many thank you's to our sponsors for supporting the Holiday Extravaganza!

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| Allegiant Camera | Davis Alloy Manufacturing | HHS DR | Reyer's Shoes |
| Animal Advocacy of Mercer County | Designs by G | IBEW #712 (Electricians' Union) | Rock Paper Shears |
| Black, Bashor & Porsh | Donna's Diner | J. Bradley McGonigle Funeral Home | SCP Group |
| BPOE Sharon Lodge (Elks) | Dr. Joel P. Ways | John and Therese Gallagher | Sharon American Legion |
| Buhl Community Recreation | Dr. Leonard Pleban | Knights of Columbus | Sharon Hot Dog Shop |
| Buhl Mansion Guesthouse & Spa | Emily Rose Photography & Bowtique | Laskey's Furniture | Sharon Regional Health System |
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| Carpenters' Union | Evans, Garvey & Lackey | Mud-Hut Studio | Shenango Valley Professionals |
| Chris Levitt Electric | Ferencik Films | Never Enough Yarn | Shenango Valley VFW Post 1338 |
| Cimperman Photography | Fringe Benefit Services Inc. | Party Zone for Kids | Stevenson Funeral Home |
| City of Sharon | Gallery 29 | Pete's Auto Sales | SV Chamber of Commerce |
| Combine Construction | Gilbert's Insurance | Preston of Sharon | Tickled |
| Community Action Partnership | Gold Mind Sports | Primary Health Network Foundation | Warehouse Sales |
| Community Foundation | Herald - corporate | Quaker Steak & Lube | The Winner |
| Daffin's Candy | Herald - Good News Fund | Reinhardt's Insurance | William E. Cowan Furnace Co |

Recycling Works

Did you know that every aluminum can or plastic bottle that you recycle not only helps the environment but also helps the City of Sharon too? Each year the total tonnage of materials collected and recycled is reported to the state. The city receives grant funding back from the state and the amount of the grant is based on the tonnage collected. The more material that gets reported, the bigger the financial incentive to the city.

The state requires that any municipality with over 2,000 residents maintain a recycling program. The city's program is operated by Waste Management and the material is collected on the same day that your trash is collected. If you are a new resident, the city can provide you with a recycling container. Replacement containers are \$11.35, which is the price the city pays for the containers.



Meet Ron Maurice, *City Mechanic*

Birthday: November 12

Family: Wife, Marianne and two daughters, Michele and Monica

Length of Employment with City of Sharon: 20 years

Favorite Place to Vacation: Virgin Islands

Hobbies: Spending time outside

Favorite Food: "Anything that my wife makes--she's a great cook!"

Best Advice You Have Ever Been Given: Actually work hard and be honest.

Favorite Thing About Sharon, PA: The people I work for!

We Need You! If you've read 16146 to this point, you can see that Sharon is hopping with great events and opportunities! All our events and activities rely on the dedication and hard work of our community. More than 750 volunteers made WaterFire a success. Greater Sharon Associates' Small Business Saturday and Night of Lights engaged dozens of merchants, numerous churches, student groups and charitable organizations. Sharon's Beautification Committee has hundreds of volunteers that regularly clean up and add special touches throughout the city. Volunteers on the Community and Economic Development Commission put together this newsletter, administer a revolving small business loan program, and have revised the city's website. The Sharon Arts Commission is looking at enhancing public art downtown. These are only some of the city's current volunteer opportunities. What time, talent and skill could you share with your community? Whether you have a particular passion or just a free afternoon, contact Lori at the City Building (724-983-3229), and we'll help you make a difference for the city of Sharon.



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Sharon Regional completes sale to CHS

Sharon Regional Health System recently completed the sale of its assets to a subsidiary of Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHS). Community Health Systems, Inc. is one of the largest publicly-traded hospital companies in the United States and a leading operator of general acute care hospitals in communities across the country. Through its subsidiaries, the company currently owns, leases, or operates more than 200 hospitals in 29 states with an aggregate of approximately 31,000 licensed beds. The company's headquarters are located in Franklin, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville.

This is exciting news for the City of Sharon and surrounding communities as it not only guarantees economic stability for the community but also preserves choice for patients, physicians, and employers. CHS-affiliated hospitals are

committed to delivering quality care and exceeding patients' expectations about their hospital experiences. Through the CHS system of hospitals, Sharon Regional will have the opportunity to share best practices with other affiliated hospitals and to access vast resources that support nursing, quality, and patient safety. In addition, area communities will benefit from tax revenues from Sharon Regional now being a for-profit facility.

Some of the additional benefits the community will see are a commitment to invest a minimum of \$75 million in Sharon Regional in facilities, services, and medical technology over the next five years; a continuation and growth of essential services (including medical/surgical, critical care, open heart and vascular surgery, emergency services, and obstetrics); maintaining Sharon Regional's current medical staff with



strong efforts to recruit new physicians to the community; continuation of charity care policies consistent with those currently in place; a local advisory board comprised of members of Sharon Regional's medical staff and local community leaders; and continued operation of the School of Nursing and School of Radiography.

This is a very positive event for the City of Sharon and neighboring communities. We congratulate Sharon Regional in their selection of CHS to insure the long-term success of the Health System.

Public Parking Garage OPEN!

The Sharon parking garage is now open, after being closed for \$587,000 in state-funded structural and lighting repairs. The garage was closed at the end of last year while Carl Walker Construction of Pittsburgh and Bechtel Controls of Ohio made much needed improvements. The garage is opened Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and on weekends for special events. The city is finally on track to

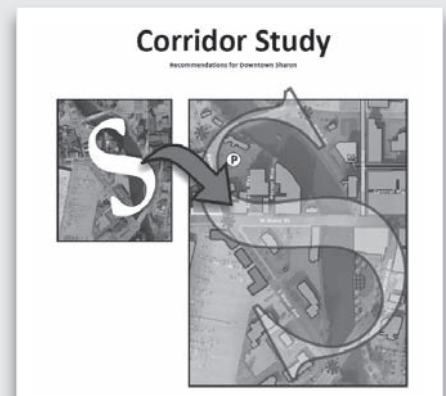
realize some economic benefit from the garage, after many decades of underutilization. The City of Sharon and Primary Health Network are working on the final details of a lease, whereby the healthcare provider will assume responsibility for the structure, and continue the improvements that the city initiated. Under the terms of the deal, the garage would still be open to the public, but it would become part of the

footprint of Primary Health's planned \$22 million medical building. "The garage in downtown was a major factor in Primary Health's decision to construct their building in Sharon. For the first time in a long time, the city can look at the garage as a real asset and we are pleased to enter into a lease with Primary Health so that the garage can be put into a more productive use," said City Manager Scott Andrejchak.

Downtown Revitalization Team

This group, spear-headed by the Sharon Community and Economic Development Commission, acts as a "think tank" and communications group for creative and efficient ways to move Sharon forward, incorporating representatives from many businesses, social/service groups, charities, city

council and staff. The group has been gleaning "best-practices" ideas from a series of consulting videos entitled "20 Ingredients for an Outstanding Downtown." In addition, the Sharon Strategic Plan and the Route 62 Corridor Study have served as goals and benchmarks for progress in the city.



Penn State Shenango gets New Campus Director



Dr. Jo Anne Carrick, Penn State Shenango's new campus director, talks candidly about the importance of collaboration between the Shenango campus and the City of Sharon and why she is excited to be back.

Since Carrick's arrival, she has been busy meeting with staff, faculty and board members, as well as getting out in the community. As a native of New Castle, Carrick understands the needs and people of western PA and certainly

the struggles of those wanting higher education at a reasonable cost.

"Speaking on behalf of the Shenango campus community, we see ourselves as partners with the City of Sharon and this region providing the residents with an opportunity to receive the best education possible from a Big Ten University," said Carrick. "This is a great time to be part of the City of Sharon, and we look forward to working collaboratively on its revitalization."

Carrick, who received her RN diploma in nursing from St. Francis Hospital, took her first job at Sharon Regional Hospital. It was during this time that she decided to take a course at Penn State Shenango and further her nursing career. Carrick received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. She began teaching for Penn State at the Beaver campus and then moved to the Shenango campus in 1995. In 2006, she worked with the leadership of Penn State Erie, The Behrend College to open their Nursing program and became the coordinator of the Nursing program that following year. Carrick earned her

doctoral degree in administration and leadership studies in higher education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"The 11 years I spent at the Shenango campus were an important part of my life – it was a time I grew both personally and professionally," Carrick said. "The people at Shenango celebrated both my ups and downs – they were like family. When the opportunity arose to return to this campus, I felt compelled to come back. With all of the challenges higher education is facing today, I wanted to bring my 30 years experience in the health field and my expertise in leadership and administration back to this campus, where, in many ways, it all began for me."

Primary Health Rendition Downtown Development



Primary Health Network is planning a \$20 million development that will put 130 people to work in a five-story medical-professional office building at the corner of Vine Avenue and Pitt Street. Forty to fifty of those jobs will be new positions.

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- **Play in a Day** – James E. Winner Jr. Arts & Culture Center
- **"About Hunger & Resilience"** – a multimedia photography and audio exhibition by Michael Nye – James E. Winner Jr Arts & Culture Center
- **Gail Trunick exhibit & cameo performances by Shenango Valley Ballet Theater** – Gallery 29
- **Penn State Shenango Rummage Sale, Library Open House and Penn State Creamery Ice Cream Sale**
- **Maifest Celebration** – Apollo Maennerchor Club
- **PHN Charitable Foundation Kentucky Derby Gala** (at Park Inn) (advanced tickets required)
- **Sharon Community Pride Day City Wide Clean Up** – Beautification Commission
- **Henry Ekker's Autograph Sports Collection** – Community Library of the Shenango Valley

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PHN EMBARKS ON 30TH YEAR OF EMBRACING EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

In 2014, The Primary Health Network (PHN) celebrates its thirtieth year of providing quality, affordable healthcare to the residents of the Shenango Valley. PHN began in 1984 as one small community health center on Darr Avenue in Farrell, PA and it has grown to include over 32 service facilities throughout 12 counties in Pennsylvania and northeastern Ohio.

PHN continues to grow in 2014 by expanding into Lewistown, PA and building a brand new, state of the art medical multiservice facility in Punxsutawney, PA. There are plans to break ground later in the year on a similar multiservice facility in downtown Sharon, PA. These new multiservice centers work with the local communities to develop and implement a new model of healthcare where patients can address all of their medical, dental and behavioral health needs at one location.

At PHN we strive to assist our patients toward a fuller, healthier lifestyle. That is why we offer a variety of patient programs, health education, free pregnancy tests and blood pressure screenings at all medical sites. Through PHN's Charitable Foundation, we also provide free van transportation for Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer County residents to all medical appointments.

One of our most beneficial patient programs is our Sliding-Fee Scale. It is offered to all income eligible uninsured or under-insured patients based on annual household income. It works in conjunction with our federally funded 340B Prescription Program that allows PHN to offer discounted drug pricing on all medications by partnering up with numerous local pharmacies. In addition to the Sliding-Fee Scale, we gladly process Medical Assistance, Medicare, and most insurances.

PHN proudly serves the Shenango Valley by providing medical, dental, behavioral health and numerous subspecialty services. We stand ready to meet the healthcare needs of all of the Shenango Valley residents and will continue to provide quality, affordable healthcare. For more information, call **724-342-3002** or visit www.primary-health.net.