

THE LANCASTER DOWNTOWN DIFFERENCE

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Celebrate Your Independents!

Think Local First Week

Celebrate "Independents Days" July 1-6 by thinking local first. The Susquehanna Sustainable Business Network (SSBN), in partnership with the James Street Improvement District, and the Downtown Investment District is launching Lancaster's first Think Local First campaign.

Local businesses throughout the City will be holding special events and offering incentives during Independents Days, so be sure to go out and show your support!

According to information gathered by the SSBN, small local businesses are the largest employers nationwide, have less negative impact on the environment, give an average of 350% more support to community groups than national chains, and keep more money circulating in the local economy. For every dollar a customer spends in an independent business, 45-70 cents stays in the local economy and tax base. For every dollar spent in a chain, only 14 cents stays.

With well over 500 locally-owned service-related, unique retail and excellent restaurant businesses within Downtown alone, this week is the perfect opportunity to explore and support our own! For a listing of Downtown businesses, please check-out the business directory at www.DowntownLancaster.com and for more information and a complete listing of businesses holding special events or incentives for this week, please visit www.susquehannasbn.org.

This Month's Events

- Jul 1st: My Aunt Debbie**
 Mommalicious and Smilin' Gal, located at 310 N. Queen St., are pleased to announce that Lancaster's own "My Aunt Debbie" will be joining them in the shop beginning July 1st. "My Aunt Debbie" is an independent fashion and accessories label created by artist and designer, Deborah Serdy. Deborah's Eco-Chic designs include up-cycled clothing, accessories and house wares created from vintage recycled treasures. For a sneak peak of creations from the "My Aunt Debbie" label, please visit www.myauntdebbie.com.
- Jul 1st – 2nd: Get Your Bling On**
 Just in time for all of your 4th of July activities, Irish Gypsy invites you to take advantage of an amazing 50% off any shoe or sandal that Sparkles and Shines! If you're familiar with Irish Gypsy, you know that means almost every shoe and sandal in the store...and if you've never heard been in before, now's a good time to check it out! The sale runs Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only at Irish Gypsy, 52 N. Prince St., 717-394-3303.
- Jul 13th – Aug 23rd: Hole in the Wall Theatre presents "Rumplestiltskin"**
 This marionette production is a favorite fairytale for all ages. 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through August 23rd. Tickets cost \$9.00. For reservations call 717-394-8398 or visit www.holeinthewallpuppets.com for more information.
- Jul 3rd-Aug 30th: Flora and Fauna: Ceramics by Yoko Sekino-Bové**
 Yoko Sekino-Bové examines human nature through allegorical images of animals and plants on ceramic vessels that connect them to everyday life. Sekino-Bové won the best vase award at "The Strictly Functional" ceramic exhibition in Lancaster last year. For more information, contact Isadore Gallery, 228 N. Prince St., at 717-299-0127, or go online to www.isadore-gallery.com.
- Jul 3rd-Aug 28th: Dinner and a Movie Series**
 Enjoy dinner in Downtown Lancaster followed by a free movie in Binns Park every Thursday this summer. Movies begin at 9:00 p.m. Bring your own blanket and chairs. For more information, and a list of summer movies, contact MOOSE at 717-291-4758 or email at moose@cityoflancasterpa.com.
- Jul 4th: First Friday**
 First Fridays are a great time to experience Downtown Lancaster! Join the thousands who have enjoyed the evening's artistic energy. Over 90 art venues and shops extend their hours to 9 p.m. — some even later! For a complete listing of monthly First Friday activities, visit www.LancasterARTS.com.
- Jul 4th: Musser Park Old Fashioned 4th of July**
 An Independence Day celebration held in Musser Park with food, games, crafts, entertainment and fun. This family event is free and will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Musser Park, corner of Lime and Chestnut streets.

For a complete listing of all Downtown events please visit [Community Calendar](#)

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- **Jul 4th-26th: Patriotic Exhibition at Living Light Gallery**
Living Light Gallery is proud to be holding a patriotic exhibition beginning the 4th of July with the artist's reception. This exhibit will feature the photography of Adrianna Hoff, a recent graduate of Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. Adrianna is a promising rising star as seen through these moving works, capturing the day her subjects learned they are being deployed to Iraq this September. The exhibit will be held at Gallery Row, 150 N. Prince St. Mark your calendars for this important exhibit. For more information, call 717-390-9011, or go online to www.livinglightgallery.com.
- **Jul 4th: Freedom Fest at the Marion Courtroom**
WXPN Welcomes Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, along with 11 other regional acts to Freedom Fest '08 at the Marion Court Room. This year's Street festival will also feature many local artists in an outdoor expose sponsored by Creative House of Lancaster. This year's edition of the annual Street Festival will pack a wallop mix of 12 bands on 2 stages and 30+ Artists into one fun filled day of outdoor live music, art exhibits, food, beverage, and fun! Marion Court Room, 7 Marion Court, 717-399-1970. For more information, please visit www.myspace.com/freedomfestpa.
- **Jul 4th: Art Deco and Art Nouveau Jewelry**
Eggs-Actly Right Gifts will host guest jewelry artist, Rena Grimmer, from Newmanstown, Pennsylvania, specializing in art deco and art nouveau jewelry. Meet the artist from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at 346 N. Queen St., 717-629-6040.
- **Jul 5th-27th: Seventh Sister Presents "Seed of a Nation"**
Theater of the Seventh Sister will present Seed of a Nation: Lancaster and William Penn's Holy Experiment by Mary Adams-Smith and directed by Gary Smith. This drama unfolds through the eyes of several families, as they intersect with famous and significant figures and events in history. The show runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., at the Roschel Performing Arts Center at F&M. General admission is \$25, with discounts available including a family package. To reserve tickets, call 717-396-7764 or email theseventhsister@mac.com. For more information, go online to www.seventhsister.com.
- **Jul 6th-Aug 24th: Long's Park Summer Entertainment Series**
There's another summer of great music and FREE entertainment in store for you at Long's Park. Enjoy free concerts all summer long, every Sunday through Aug 24th. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. For updated information on performers, call 717-295-7054, or go to www.longspark.org.
- **Jul 6th-27th: NEW! Sunday Market**
Come to the 300 Block of North Queen Street in Downtown Lancaster and discover the new SUNDAY MARKET @ BUILDING CHARACTER, as well as great shopping at oodles of delightful stores. SUNDAY MARKET runs every Sunday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the parking area outside the store. Look for a smattering of interesting finds, including antiques, collectibles, artists' handiwork and other delightful treasures. And don't miss treats from Nick's Pizza, famous BBQ from Catering Concepts Unlimited and sweet creations from pastry chef Eric Moshier. Vendor spaces available by calling 717-394-7201, or info@buildingcharacter.biz. For details, go to www.buildingcharacter.biz/assembly.
- **Jul 10th: Kenny G at Clipper Magazine Stadium**
Lancaster's home for America's favorite pastime will host a concert featuring America's greatest original art form. Grammy Award-winner Kenny G will highlight a night of smooth jazz on Thursday, July 10th, at Clipper Magazine Stadium, presented by Smooth Jazz 92.7 and the Lancaster Barnstormers. Show time is scheduled for 8 p.m. Both general admission and reserved tickets will go on sale Monday, May 5 at 10 a.m. For tickets and information, go online to www.LancasterBarnstormers.com, or call 717-509-HITS, or in person at the Clipper Magazine Stadium box office during regular business hours.
- **Jul 10th-Aug 2nd: City of Angels**
Ghostlight Theater Company presents "City of Angels." This musical comedy, with all the staff and performers coming from the community, will be performed at the Puerto Rican Cultural Center on the corner of S. Prince & Farnum streets. "City of Angels" is rated PG-13 for adult language and content. To find out more about Ghostlight, you can go to www.GhostlightTheaterCompany.com.
- **Jul 11th-Sep 5th: Friday "Brown Bag" Musical Variety Series**
The Greater Lancaster Federation of Musicians and the Music Performance Trust Fund of Recording Industries present this weekly concert series every Friday through September 5th. Sponsored by Fulton Bank, these free performances are from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fulton bank quadrant of Penn Square.
- **Jul 12th: Too Many Oboes**
Allegro, The Chamber Orchestra of Lancaster, will perform a concert featuring Telemann-Concerto for Three Oboes, Mozart-Divertimento No. 1, Handel-Concerto a due cori No. 1 and Mozart-Symphony No. 38. Performances are from 2 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Barshinger Center for Musical Arts at F&M College. Tickets are \$15, seniors and students are \$12 and children 5-16 are free. For details, go online to www.allegrochamberorchestra.org.
- **July 18th: Music Friday**
Each third Friday of the month, from 6-9 p.m., the 200 & 300 Blocks of North Queen Street will host Music Friday. Performances will abound throughout North Queen Street on sidewalks and inside stores. Performances will include belly dancing, a jazz quintet, solo acoustic, rock and Americana groups. Each month will bring new performers to Music Friday. There is free parking available at BUILDING CHARACTER, behind Onions Cafe. Many shops will offer alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. For a list of participating merchants, visit www.buildingcharacter.biz.
- **Jul 18th: Punch Needle Rug Hooking**
In this class, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., folk-art designs and beautiful 100% wool yarns will be combined to create a quick and easy piece that may be used as a trivet, wall hanging, or tabletop decoration. By the end of the day, students will have learned all the skills needed to go on to make larger rugs. No previous experience is necessary and materials are included. The cost is \$65 and the registration deadline is July 3rd. The workshop will be held at the Jasper Yeates Educational Center, 24 S. Queen St. For more information, call 717-299-6440.
- **Jul 20th: Lancaster British Brass Band**
With a roster of first-rank professional brass and percussion musicians from a four-state region, the Lancaster British Brass Band continues to draw large, enthusiastic audiences. The unique sound of a true brass band is extremely rare to this area and has been compared to "one big, magnificent pipe organ". The concert will be held on July 20th at 4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 29 E. Walnut St. and is free to the public. For more information and directions to concert, please visit our website at www.LancasterBBB.org.
- **Jul 25th: Greek Day**
The Red Rose restaurant will be hosting Greek Day. It includes a menu of Greek specialties, including pastitsio, mousaka and spanakopita. Also, desserts such as baklava and ravani. The Red Rose, 101 E. King St. For more information, call 717-392-8620 or go online to www.redroselancaster.com.

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Welcome New Businesses

Tally Ho

Re-opening after extensive renovations as a bar, lounge and night club.

201 W. Orange St, 717-299-0661

Meadow Creek Advisors

A business that specializes in financial investment advising for hedge funds.

48-50 W. Chestnut St, 717-435-1862

Isaac's Downtown and the Pickle Bar

The newly renovated restaurant now includes a full-service bar and outdoor patio dining.

25 N. Queen St, 717-394-5544,

www.isaacsdeli.com

Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen

An arts non-profit encouraging the practice of hand crafts through workshops and membership opportunities.

252 N. Prince St., 717-431-8706,

www.pacrafts.org

Lost Communication

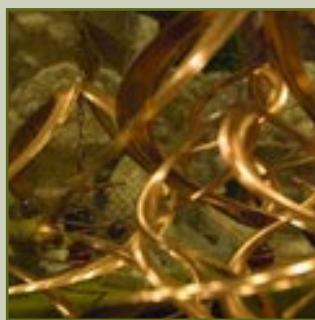
A new cell phone and accessory store

24 E. Orange St.

DID You Know?

The Hotel Brunswick is located on the historic site of the longest continuous hotel operation in the United States. The property began its rather prestigious career in 1776 when George Hofnagle built a 2 1/2 story stone building and opened the "Hofnagle Hotel." —courtesy of Hotel Brunswick

Photo Contest



Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue's Downtown Lancaster Photo Trivia Contest. Dino Cesarini of Warfel Construction is the winner of last month's Photo

Trivia Contest, guessing The Shoppe Revival. Be the next person to correctly identify this Downtown shop and win! Clue: This little shop helps your green thumb grow in the city.

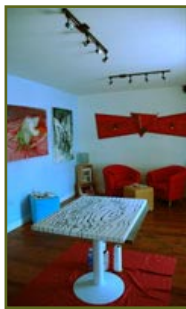
Send your guess to ckieffer@teamlanc.org.

Title photo provided by [Russell Frost](#)



Downtown Highlights

Art Attack



Annex 24 Gallery

Since opening Annex 24 in March, owners Vanessa Nagel & Ken Reisig have found their unique niche within the Downtown Lancaster art gallery scene. After a sudden career change from a background in engineering, Ken decided to surround himself with art and opened Annex 24 Gallery. With a new, featured artist — like July's Bilal Salahuddin — scheduled for the First Friday of every month, as well as showings by four to five local artists at any one time, Annex 24 offers a wide range of fascinating works.

The gallery's unique local creative offerings include photography, prints, paintings or sculptures. The newest program, Pint-Size Painterz, provides young children the chance to have fun creating and displaying their paintings and win prizes. The children's paintings are for sale with all proceeds going to a local charity; last month's charity was Mom's House (www.momshouselancaster.org). Annex 24 also rents out space for events or presentations of up to 50 people. Hours of operation are Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Annex 24 Gallery, 24 W. Walnut St., 717-341-0028, www.annex24gallery.com.

Local Appetite



The Red Rose

The Red Rose restaurant has been owned and operated by the Flouras family for more than 80 years. It was established in 1927 by a family member from Greece, and relocated in the early 1930s to its present location at 101 E. King Street — a building once owned by President James Buchanan. Over the years, Red Rose has satisfied the public by adapting its menu and look to meet evolving local tastes. A full renovation of the restaurant was completed in late May, and now offers outside seating during the summer months. The Red Rose continues to serve great

American fare including various burgers, salads and wraps, with a separate menu for dinner that includes authentic Greek dishes. The Red Rose hosts "Greek Day" on the last Friday of each month, providing all-Greek cuisine. Family member Dana sums up their service: "Our goal is to provide good food, good atmosphere and reasonable prices." He noted that the business maintains ties with other Downtown business owners "to make Lancaster as prosperous as it can be." Hours are Mon. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Tue.-Thu. 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Fri.-Sat. 8 a.m.-10 p.m. The Red Rose, 101 E. King St., 717-392-8620, www.redroselancaster.com.

Store Front



Radel & Stauffer

Radel & Stauffer represents what many Downtown shoppers search for in Lancaster — an eclectic mix of fine giftware and home accessories culled from around the world and promising to fit their own lifestyles. For the past 26 years, Radel & Stauffer has adapted to the market and grown with the Downtown, continuously seeking to fulfill shopper's home decorating needs. From its beginnings in 1982, selling items such as plants and baskets, Radel & Stauffer has evolved and now offers original European lines and world-famous brands. The store is divided into sections: by designer and by region of the world. The arrangement allows shoppers to quickly develop a sense of the style, mood and origin of the many items. Focusing on design-oriented goods, owners Jim and Daryl remain centered on providing quality, functional products to anyone wishing to accent their living space. Radel & Stauffer, 118 N. Water St., 717-291-4452, www.radelstauffer.com.

Have an Event?

Have an Event? Submit to us by the 10th day of each month prior to the publication month. August events are due by July 10th. Submit Events to: publications@goodproductions.us

Have A Photo?

Submit your favorite photo of Downtown Lancaster for a chance to see it featured in a future issue of The Lancaster Downtown Difference. Submit Photo to: publications@goodproductions.us

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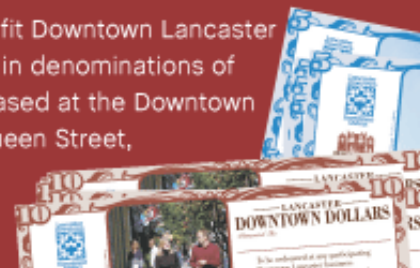
Isaac's Downtown and the Pickle Bar

Isaac's Restaurant & Deli took its Downtown location at 25 North Queen Street in a bold new direction this month by opening The Pickle Bar. The Pickle Bar is a full-service bar, offering Isaac's signature menu, additional appetizers, a renovated look and outdoor patio seating. This is something entirely new to Isaac's 25-year history, according to Isaac's co-founder Phil Wenger. "We're really excited," Phil said, noting that Downtown Lancaster is a regional destination, and that many downtown customers prefer the option of ordering an adult beverage. Although there are no plans to add wine, beer and spirits to the menu at other Isaac's locations throughout the county, Phil has not ruled out such an addition to Isaac's Downtown locations in other counties. For the time being, Isaac's Downtown is the only Isaac's restaurant where you can enjoy a cocktail with your favorite sandwich. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Isaac's Restaurant & Deli, 25 N. Queen St, 717-394-5544, www.isaacsdeli.com.

Downtown Dollars are still available.

The dollars make great gifts and benefit Downtown Lancaster retailers. The Downtown Dollars come in denominations of five and ten dollars and can be purchased at the Downtown Investment District office, 44 North Queen Street, in the Central Market Mall.

For more information contact Cheryl Kieffer at 717-399-7977.



Upcoming Events

- **Aug 9th: The Great Outdoors**

Allegro, The Chamber Orchestra of Lancaster, will perform a concert featuring Copland-Appalachian Spring, Respighi-The Birds and Beethoven-Symphony No. 6 The Pastoral. Performances are from 2 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Barshinger Center for Musical Arts at F&M College. Tickets are \$15, seniors and students are \$12 and children 5-16 are free. For details, go online to www.allegrochamberorchestra.org.

- **Aug 16th: Art in the Park**

Join a celebration with the Lancaster Museum of Art featuring free hands-on projects for children of all ages. Everything takes place at Musser Park, on the corner of Lime and Chestnut Streets, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, go online to www.lmapa.org.

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