



Downtown News

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DEVELOPMENT BOARD

DDB Meetings

Board Meetings

Board Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00am in room 204, City Hall.

- May 2, 2007
- June 6, 2007
- July 4, 2007
- August 1, 2007

Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings take place on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00am in room 309, City Hall.

- May 30, 2007
- June 27, 2007
- July 25, 2007
- August 29, 2007

Extra individual committee meetings are called from time to time.

DDB Office

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(Unless otherwise posted)

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UNITED WAY'S DAY OF CARING

Saturday May 26, 2007

The United Way's Day of Caring happens this year on Saturday May 26th, registration is at the Talbot Teen Centre at 9:00am and the day wraps up at 3:30pm. Wendy's restaurant will provide lunch for everyone who participates. There are various projects for the Day of Caring including gardening, clean-up at CASO, etc, and the registrant can choose the project they would like to work on. With the business and the community cleaning both the Earth day last month and with the Day of Caring for the month of May, just imagine how clean the City will be!!



Summers Here ... So are the Banners, Boxes and Baskets...

You know it is summer, or something close to it when you see the beautiful hanging baskets along with the yellow banners in Downtown St. Thomas. This summer, the downtown will also be lined with clusters of planter boxes in nine locations along Talbot Street adding to the summer colour.

In the coming weeks we will see the hanging of colourful baskets. A big thanks to the City of St. Thomas Parks Department for hanging and maintaining these lovely displays.



Horton Farmer's Market

Building work for the Horton Street Farmer's Market is well underway, opening day is set for May 19th @ 8am.

For the 2007 season, the centre canopy will be used for this producer based outdoor farmer's market.

Please support your local producers by coming out to shop and to have fun at the Horton Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings.

Pets Friends for Life

Pets Friends for Life Adoption Agency for homeless animals are seeking gently used items for their Yard Sale. If you have anything you would like to donate to this very worthy cause it would be appreciated.

The Yard sale is being held on Saturday May 26 during the "Paws for the Course" Fundraiser. Please call 519 - 631-5757 to make arrangements for the donations.

Our furry friends would love to see you at their Yard Sale.



Home & Garden Show Winners

This year at the Home & Garden Show we had over 755 people stop at our display and fill out a ballot to win one of eight draws worth \$50 each of Downtown Dollars.

The following are the winners of \$50 Downtown Dollars.

Joyce Wilson, Wayne Elliott, Maurice Hewitt Jr., Cody Hallam, Jim Fulton, Guy Bissonnette, Chris Easton and Regina Lilliman.

Congratulations to the winners and happy spending!

Celebrating Spring at the CASO Station

April has been a busy and exciting month for the North American Railway Hall of Fame. They kicked it off with their Annual General Meeting where the board, members and the public were given the opportunity to hear Sean Fraser of Ontario Heritage Trust speak about the restoration of the CASO Station.

Their Volunteer appreciation day was a great success. On April 20th, they worked with 15 different organizations to honor, recognize and express their thanks to the many volunteers who helped the community throughout the year. Numerous dignitaries served up hotdogs and cake to the over 500 people who attended.

They would like to invite everybody to their third annual Strawberry Social on Saturday June 16th at the CASCO station. This will be a great opportunity for the public to come and see the progress they have made in the station's restoration. There will be entertainment and complimentary strawberries and ice cream provided to everyone in attendance. They are also looking for local businesses and vendors to sell their wares.

For more information about these and other events at the station or to volunteer or donate, please contact their office at (519) 633-2535, Kelly Payne, Business Development Coordinator.

Welcome to New Businesses in Downtown St. Thomas

A warm welcome to the newest addition to our downtown area. Check out their great Grand Opening Specials!

New You Fitness Studio - 568 Talbot Street - (519) 637 - NEWU (6398)

Please contact the DDB office with your email address so we can add you to our e-mailing news list!

About the Downtown Development Board

The Downtown Development Board is directed by a volunteer board of management whose mandate is to promote and beautify Downtown St. Thomas.

DDB projects & initiatives include but certainly aren't limited to : murals, downtown parketts, hanging baskets, planter boxes, seasonal banners, cross street banners, Banner Art Project, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Window Decorating Contest, Sidewalk Sales, Downtown Scavenger Hunt (during Iron Horse), Downtown Dollars, Clean Up Day, Directory in Community Centre, Downtown Brochure/Map, DDB website, Information Sessions, Revitalization of the Horton Farmers' Market and this monthly newsletter.

The DDB also partners with other organizations to bring events and programs to downtown, including Iron Horse Festival, the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, The St. Thomas-Elgin Tourist Association.



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