

Notes from March 1, 2007 Meeting at The Old Bag of Nails Pub, 6:15 p.m.

Special thanks to Derek Rapkin and the Old Bag of Nails Staff – yummy food!

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 5, 2007, 8:15 a.m. Location: Church of the Messiah, U.M., 51 N. State St., Church Lounge, first door on the left from the main entrance.

Attendees:

Members: Cindy Ayers (Westerville Art Center), Dwight Beougher (DJ's Feed Store), Rose and Sonny D'Andrea (Dairy Queen), Janet Davis (Westerville Chamber of Commerce), Gerry Domanik (Suite 59), Linda Foor (Brickstreet Communications), Jeff Hartnell (WVCB), Amy Heath (Encircle), Renee Kropat (Gallery 202), Kurt Lehmkuhl (Westerville Bike Shop), Wade Meyer (Tech Medics), Jennifer Moon (Commercial Savings Bank), Bill Morgan (Morgan's Treasure), Kate Porubcansky (Otterbein College), Derek Rapkin (The Old Bag of Nails Pub), Elaine Reid (Marketing Galore!), Brenda Winebrenner (Westerville Inn Bed & Breakfast)

Guests: Officer Carrie Ryan, Officer Mike Beekman with WPD

Meeting Notes:

No prepared Agenda for this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Moon

In Account: \$6,014.98*

*Some monies earmarked for Advertising Co-Op program.

Membership Report: Gerry Domanik

Current: 43 Members

Renewal responses are coming in from the letter sent the first week of February.

Gerry, Linda, and Jennifer will be working on a broader outreach letter to non-member Uptown businesses.

Westerville Police Department Crime Prevention Presentation: Officers Carrie Ryan and Mike Beekman

This presentation will be featured again at the April a.m. meeting.

The presentation was designed for Uptown businesses and can be customized for each presentation. WPD can come directly to your business to present this information to your Staff. This presentation is a pilot project and copies are available.

Carrie and Mike distributed helpful materials and invisible ink pens.

Note: For tips and specific advice or questions, please either contact Carrie (cryan@westerville.org) or Mike (From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mike can be reached via cell at: 614.519.0612 or michael.beekman@westerville.org) or attend the April WUMA meeting. Since these notes are posted publicly, security information in these notes is generalized.

Presentation Highlights:

- Keep track of dumpsters and dumpster gates – some gates are not being secured and are swinging out into parking lot throughways and parking spaces.
- Commercial Security Survey Concerns: Vandalism, Burglary, Robbery, Domestic Violence at the Workplace.
- Don't hesitate to call the police.
- Height standard indicators are available for exit doors.
- Threat and Trespassing issues with customers.
- When you reach the police dispatcher the best thing to say first is what is happening (as if it would go on a police report). The dispatchers are trained to ask the rest of the questions to get to the details. Examples, "I see someone suspicious." "Robbery taking place."

An additional discussion ensued regarding: 1) Security concerns for businesses where, especially with lighting, the period architectural guidelines could be overriding safety and security issues uptown, and it may be worth further discussion. 2) Possibility of crosswalks placed to make it easier to cross the streets throughout the business district.

Westerville Activities of Note:

April is Art Month in Westerville! April also marks the beginning of 4th Friday 2007! From Art month to a Regatta at Hoover to Earth Day activities, there is just a bunch o' stuff happening around Westerville this month. These are the highlights only! For more info, check the city calendar (www.ci.westerville.oh.us) and the WVVCB site (www.visitwesterville.org).

Gallery 202 – Delaware Alternative High School Special Exhibit (April 4 – 28) and The Beaded Pouch exhibit.

Easter Egg Hunt at Highlands Park – April 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Baby Bargain Boutique at the Westerville Community Center – April 14th from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Westerville Chamber of Commerce Sensational Spring Social – April 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Progressive Medical. Admission event, see chamber website for details (www.westervillechamber.com)

Recycling Bin Exchange at the Service Department (350 Park Meadow) – April 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

VSAO Arts Festival at the Westerville Community Center – April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Heritage 5k Classic at the Westerville Community Center – April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Hydrant Flushing! Citywide. April 22nd – 30th

The first 2007 4th Friday is THIS MONTH!! April 27th, 7 – 9 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Foor, April 2, 2007.