

What's New in Old Town



October 2014

News You Can Use!

The Taylor Pavilion is now open for public enjoyment and available for rental.

The Taylor Pavilion is a city green space behind the Taylor Hotel building managed by the Taylor Pavilion LLC. The rate set by the LLC for renting is \$100/hr. .

Come by on Sunday, October 12 and check out Sunday Jazz, a free event from 1-3:30 p.m.



Upcoming



- OTDB Meeting – Oct. 2
- First Friday – Oct. 3
- Guided Civil War Tours – Oct. 3 & 10
- Chili Challenge - Oct. 4
- Fall Strolling Bridal Show – Oct. 5
- ARC Walk-a-Thon - Oct. 11
- Sunday Jazz - Oct. 12
- UK Morris Men Dancers – Oct. 13
- Oktoberfest – Oct. 17-18
- Spooktacular - Oct. 25

Upcoming Downtown Events



The community is invited to watch, listen, meet and dance along with the United Kingdom's Winchester **Morris Men** on Monday, October 13th. The Winchester (UK) Morris Men will perform traditional English folk dances on the walking mall at 2 and 4 p.m. Make plans to come downtown for this unique experience. The group will also bring official greetings from the municipal government of Winchester, England, our Sister City, to present to Winchester Mayor Elizabeth Minor. Join the Morris Men at 7:30 p.m. for an English ceildh in the Union Jack Pub (101 N. Loudoun Street). Learn traditional English folk dances and listen to lively music by the DC-area band "Frog Hammer".



On October 17th and 18th, the streets of Old Town Winchester will reverberate with "gutan tag!" and "ein prosit" as we welcome another **Oktober Fest**. There will be live entertainment throughout the event with traditional biergarten music courtesy of the *Edelweiss Band*. Oktoberfest staples kielbasa and pretzels, courtesy of Village Market Bistro and Jordan Springs Market BBQ, will be on hand to compliment the spirits on tap.

Oktober Fest will take place on Friday, 5-11 p.m. and on Saturday, 12-8 p.m., rain or shine, and will offer seating in several large tents decorated in the same vein as a German Brat Haus. Children are welcome with adult supervision. Children 12 and younger receive free admission and there will be plenty of activities along the walking mall to enjoy.

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Come dressed in your absolute best lederhosen, finest dirndls, and biggest smiles for the Best Bavarian Costume Contest. The grand prize is a weekend stay at the Four Diamond Award winning Bavarian Inn nestled in historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia. On Saturday, a troupe of Bavarian dancers will delight attendees. On both Friday and Saturday, a strolling accordion player will be waltzing up and down the walking mall.

Advance tasting packages are available for \$10 and include admission, a souvenir 4 oz. glass, and 4 tastings. Admission day of the event is \$5. Tasting packages will be \$5 for 3 tastings. A selection of beer and wines will also be available by the glass for \$5 dollars a serving. The advance packages are available online at www.oldtownwinchesterva.com and in person at Espresso Bar and Café and Old Town General Store on the Loudoun Street Walking Mall.

Old Town Winchester Spooktacular!

Things will get spooky on the Loudoun Street Pedestrian Mall on Saturday, October 25 from 1-4 p.m.



A Costumed Pet Parade organized by Posh Pets will be held at 1 p.m. Gather at 16 S. Loudoun St. at 12:45 p.m. to participate. Trick or treating will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Traditionally, businesses on the Loudoun Street Mall give treats to trick-or-treaters. This is a popular family event that is free and Loudoun Street Mall business are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity to showcase your business as people from not only Winchester, but as far away as Martinsburg, come downtown to the walking mall to join in the Halloween fun!





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FREE Advertising!

Did you know that the Old Town Welcome Center offers free brochure/rack card space to downtown businesses? If you have a restaurant, shop, or business downtown and would like us to display your menu or brochures, please bring some by!

While you are here, we invite you to take some



Old Town Guides to display in your business. Together we can continue to promote all that Old Town has to offer!

Downtown Manager Update

Old Town Development Board Vacancies

Lauri Bridgeforth, who has served as OTDB chair, just completed her second term on the OTDB. Thank you to Lauri for her 6 years as a volunteer for the City of Winchester.

There are currently two vacancies for owner/operator members on the OTDB. Anyone interested in applying must own property or operate a business within the primary or secondary district. Appointments are for a three year term.

Applications are available at Rouss City Hall and the Old Town Welcome Center.

Downtown Officer addresses concerns during OTDB meeting

Officer Trey Rounds from the Winchester Police Department answered questions regarding nuisance complaints, safety checks, and patrol scheduling in Old Town. He emphasized that anyone with

a concern should call the non-emergency number (540) 662-4131 immediately. Calls are routed to the officer on duty. Patrols are aware that bicycles and skateboards on the mall are a concern and officers are on the look-out for regular offenders. The night shift will be more vigilant with clearing building alcoves. The night shift does check business doors, front and back, to ensure they are secured and if a door is found unlocked, officers investigate. Officers patrol the Loudoun Street Walking Mall as often as possible during shift times and vary the patrols to prevent creating a regular schedule that offenders can identify. Officers are responsible not only for the walking mall, but other areas in Old Town and the city. Again, it is key that an issue be called into the non-emergency dispatch as soon as it arises so it can be addressed. Reporting after the fact limits the officers' opportunity to resolve the problem.

Façade Improvements

Downtown Winchester is looking better than ever! Three recipients of the Virginia Main Street Downtown Improvement Grant have completed their projects and others are in progress! Take a moment to check out 12-14 N. Braddock St./48 W. Boscawen St. (Laing Business Building), 128 N. Loudoun Street (Richard's Jewelry) and 126 N. Loudoun Street (Abija Blue). We look forward to seeing more completed projects during the month.

