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Downtown Amherst

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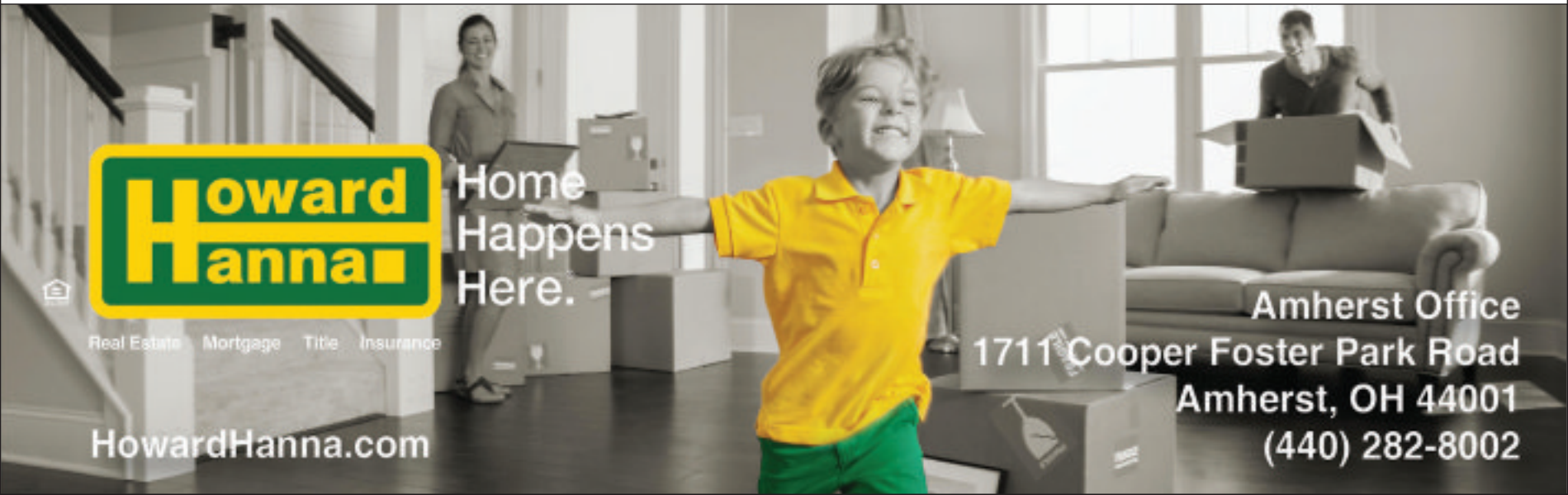


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Dear Friends:

This past year, Main Street Amherst has offered a wide variety of activities to celebrate the revitalization and promotion efforts in Amherst. For one of our final events of the year, we would like to present along with our partner, Sliman's Jeep, Miracle on Main Street, a family fun holiday event featuring our annual tree lighting, Christmas parade, and activities for children of all ages and the arrival of Santa.

Main Street Amherst and Sliman's Jeep invite you to experience the magic of Christmas in downtown Amherst on Friday, December 2nd at 6 p.m. Downtown will be all alive with singing, Santa and much much more. Main Street Amherst is a non-profit 501^c3 organization whose mission is to promote and maintain an economically vital historic downtown and business district that is attractive and accessible to people of all ages. Join us for a great evening of shopping, entertainment and old fashioned family fun.

Come to Amherst and experience the magic of Christmas on Friday, December 2nd.

Seasons Greetings,

Teresa L. Gilles

Teresa L. Gilles, Executive Director

Main Street Amherst

Merry Christmas



Miracle on Main Street Make it a Family Tradition!

Main Street Amherst and Sliman's Jeep present the 11th Annual Miracle on Main Street Holiday Extravaganza on Friday, December 2nd in Downtown Amherst beginning at 6 p.m.

The holiday lights and banners will be in place. The Downtown Businesses will be all aglow. The children have sugar plums dancing in their heads and everyone is awaiting the arrival of Santa to officially kick off the Holiday season.

Main Street Executive Director Teresa L. Gilles said, "you can feel the magic in the air as we prepare for the biggest holiday promotion Amherst has ever seen. You won't want to miss this year's event with the tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa himself".

Start your evening early around 5 p.m. by enjoying dinner with your family at one of our fine downtown eateries. The Madrigals of Marion L. Steele High will be on hand for your entertainment at Town Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. The evening continues at 6 p.m. with the kick off of the Christmas parade beginning at the Amherst Public Library and following Park Avenue all the way up to Town Hall.

At the end of the parade, everyone will gather at the band stand where the event will be opened in prayer by Pastor Josh Smith of Family Fellowship of Amherst. The Madrigals of Marion L. Steele High will be leading the community in a few well known and traditional Christmas Carols and Santa will be on hand to light the tree.

After the parade and tree lighting ceremony your family is encouraged to see what downtown has to offer by stopping into the shops as they are open and waiting to welcome and greet you.

The Main Street building will be transformed into Mrs. Claus' Kitchen for the evening and Santa will be available to meet and greet your family until 8 p.m. As in previous years we will have traditional model train displays for viewing.

With all this fun it is sure to be a very special evening, one to remember, so make sure you bundle up your family and come on down for some good old fashioned holiday fun! Miracle on Main Street 2016 – your family holiday community tradition!

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Thank you!



Main Street Amherst would like to thank the following businesses, groups and individuals for their contribution towards our Miracle on Main Street event. Pulling together as a team....reaching ever upward....that is the secret to our success. Thank you for sharing your unique gift and contributing to our success.

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Mrs. Claus's Kitchen
Murray Ridge Center
Ohio Department of Transportation
Open Door Christian School Marching Band
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Rich's Auto Body & Towing/Rhino Linings of Amherst
Royal Canadian Legion Drill Team
Scentsy & The Deputies Baton & Drum Corps
and the Main Street Amherst Promotion Committee.

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Special Wish Foundation helps kicks off the celebration

This year's Miracle on Main Street holiday festival in downtown Amherst will feature two youngsters in remission from cancer joining the festivities. Kyle Riggs, 17, of Oberlin, and Brianna Gornek, 6, of Amherst, will take part in the parade and tree-lighting ceremony 6 p.m. Friday to kick off the festival.

The children are participating after Main Street Amherst invited the Lorain-based Special Wish Foundation's Vermilion chapter to take part in the event, according to Special Wish spokeswoman Marcia Allen. "Initially they approached us as to whether there was a Special Wish child we could grant a wish to and when we told them we had no local child who qualifies right now, we decided to work with kids who had past wishes granted," Allen said. Kyle and Brianna are both in remission and doing well, Allen said. Kyle, the son of Cindy Carrico, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2014 and underwent chemo-

therapy and radiation treatment. After being in remission for more than a year, Kyle, his mother and his sister, Cayla Riggs, were given an all-expenses-paid nine-day trip by the local Special Wish Foundation to San Diego in December. The organization learned of the teen's situation as his family organized a 5K run fundraiser, according to a story about Kyle's trip that appeared in the Chronicle-Telegram in January. The family enjoyed outings to Sea World, the Aquarium of the Pacific, the San Diego Zoo, the San Diego Chargers facilities, and a deep-sea fishing trip.

Brianna, who attends Powers Elementary School in Amherst, was given a trip to Orlando, Fla., where she and her family spent a week at the Give Kids the World Village, which offers free vacations to children with life-threatening illnesses and their families, Allen said. Brianna has been treated for Wilms tumor, the most common form of kidney

cancer in children, according to the American Cancer Society. "Brianna's wish was to have tea with the princesses at Disney, and they were able to make that happen," Allen said. Brianna, who turns 7 in February, made the trip with her parents, Ryan and Christina, and an older sister, Alexis, according to Allen.

The two children will join the Miracle on Main Street parade that goes from the Amherst Public Library to Town Hall, where they will help with the a tree-lighting ceremony.

This year's Miracle on Main Street also will feature Marion L. Steele High School graduate Ryan Rua, a 26-year-old Amherst native drafted by the Texas Rangers in 2011. Rua plays the outfield and first base for the American League team.

The local Special Wish Foundation chapter began in 1986 in Vermilion. It relocated to Lorain and it serves Lorain, Erie, Huron and Medina counties, according to Allen.

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2017

Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEETINGS

(9 a.m. in the M.S.A. Community Center)

January 5	July 6
February 2	August 3
March 2	September 7
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 1	December 7

MAIN STREET EVENTS

January 10	Smart Start Workshop
January 18	Amherst After Hours
February 25	Comedy Night
April 11	Smart Start Workshop
April 19	Amherst After Hours
May 20	Pride Day
May 21	Chocolate & Wine Walk
June 14	Walkin' on Wednesday
July 11	Smart Start Workshop
July 12	Walkin' on Wednesday
July 19	Amherst After Hours
August 5	Dancing on Main Street
August 9	Walkin' on Wednesday
September 13	Walkin' on Wednesday
October 10	Smart Start Workshop
October 18	Amherst After Hours
November 1-Dec. 1	Prize-A-Day Raffle
December 1	Miracle on Main Street
December 13	Lolly the Trolley



The Madrigals of Steele High School

The Madrigals of Steele High School are a select group of the top singers from the 200 member Amherst Steele High School choral program. Students rehearse once a week beginning in September and perform for area civic groups throughout the holiday season. The Steele Choral program will present the annual "Alumni Concert" on Monday, December 19 at 7:30pm. The concert will be held at the Lorain Palace. The concert is FREE.



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Schedule of Events

- Parade with Buddy the Elf (Olivia Sliman)
- Invocation by Josh Smith
(Pastor of Family Fellowship)
- “Jingle Bells”
(Audience Participation)
- Introduction of Special Wish Recipients
(Kyle Riggs & Brianna Gornek)
- “Joy to the World”
(Audience Participation)
- Pull the Winner for the Prize-A-Day Raffle
- Lighting of City Hall & Xmas Tree
- Silent Night
(Audience Participation)

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