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Shop, visit with Santa, celebrate the season in Downtown Lancaster

There's no place like Downtown Lancaster for the holidays.

No matter what your celebrations entail, be sure to schedule time to visit Downtown for a variety of holiday events that kick off on Black Friday, Nov. 26. That evening, the city features the Mayor's Tree Lighting ceremony and Tuba Christmas at 6:30 p.m. in Penn Square. The evening will also include a performance by the Dayspring Christian Academy Honors Choir, says Jennifer Baker, director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events (MOOSE). Santa will arrive at 7 p.m., followed by the lighting of the tree.

That same night, the merchants in the 300 Block of North Queen Street also will hold its second tree-lighting at 6 p.m. atop the roof of Mommalicious & My Aunt Debbie, 301 N. Queen St.

On weekends, Santa will set up shop on the stage in Binns Park, where kids can get their picture taken with him on Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays noon to 3 p.m.

"There will also be evening hours at Central Market adding to the festivities," says Baker. "And don't forget holiday shopping, which also kicks off Downtown on Black Friday. With over 250 specialty shops, galleries, museums and restaurants, you can

find the perfect gifts for family and friends."

Holiday weekends also include more than 30 different events taking place at a variety of churches and businesses in the city, Baker says, along with horse-drawn carriage rides on Friday evenings, strolling entertainment and more.

The special events are all part of the city's efforts to help people celebrate the holidays, Baker says.

"We're encouraging people to continue holiday traditions or start a new tradition in the city with friends and family," she says. "And we want to promote the city as a fabulous holiday shopping destination."

Downtown Lancaster for the Holidays is sponsored by 101.3 The Rose, Murray Risk Management and Insurance, the James Street Improvement District, Lancaster Downtown Investment and the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

For a complete listing of events, visit www.lancastercityevents.com or call MOOSE at 291-4758.

TOP STORY



On Orange owner plans a bright — and tasty — future

On Orange may be a new Downtown restaurant, but it's not really completely new.

"It's not a complete revolution, just a new twist on an old favorite," says the restaurant's website.

New owner Melissa Watro wanted to keep some of the menu items, along with some of the atmosphere, of Wish You Were Here, the restaurant that called the space home before she opened her establishment in September.

"We still serve the Swedish pancakes that Wish You Were Here served. We had people say, 'You better be keeping those pancakes,'" Watro jokes.

On Orange is open for breakfast and lunch Wednesday through Sunday and serves an all-day menu. "We have a variety of favorite omelets from Wish You Were Here and we added items, too, like chilaquiles, which is a Mexican egg dish."

Additional items include homemade granola, baked oatmeal, creamed chipped beef and the "Hog Island" grilled cheese sandwich (made with gruyere, aged jack and fromage blanc on

homemade green onion focaccia).

To transform the restaurant into On Orange, Watro painted the upstairs and added counter seating. She kept the restaurant's downstairs area and courtyard virtually unchanged, with the addition of mosaics downstairs, created by artist Mary Tellez. Coffee is served at the restaurant in "Cracked-Clay" mugs created by artist Tom Abel and music in the restaurant is specially mixed for On Orange by DJ Freez.

Watro, who has spent 14 years in the restaurant and hotel industry, always knew she wanted to own her own place. When the opportunity to purchase Wish You Were Here came up, she couldn't turn it down.

She has plans for a variety of community events at the restaurant — including hosting dinners once her BYOB license is approved. On First Friday this month, Nov. 5, the restaurant will feature an open house with pouring samples from Iron Hill Brewery from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. *On Orange is located at 108 W. Orange St. 717-299-5157. www.restaurantonorange.com Hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.*

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Reality Furniture finds dream home on North Prince

If you have dreams of updating the furniture or appliances in your home, you can make them a reality thanks to a new business on North Prince Street.

Reality Furniture offers a large selection of items designed to meet the needs of every customer. With name-brand furniture, electronics and appliances, the store offers a variety of payment options including up to six months same as cash. And if you're worried about your credit, don't be. With a lease program, you can be approved instantly.

The business also believes in offering the best prices and provides this guarantee: If you can find comparable merchandise for a lower price, Reality will match the price and give you free delivery. You don't have to worry about buyer's remorse, either, since the business offers a five-day money-back guarantee.

STORE FRONT



Reality Furniture also believes in being an involved member of the community. Along with community events that the business participates in regularly, the company also donates furniture to charity and needy families.

Reality Furniture is located at 450 N. Prince St. 717-399-3800. www.realityfurniture.com

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Stahr Center's Artist Village broadens arts community

When it comes to the arts, Theatre of the Seventh Sister is all about collaboration. Believing in the power of working together, TSS co-founder Gary Smith created the Artistic Village.

"The Artistic Village is a way to offer a low-cost space to perform while hosting outside businesses and artists who support our mission," Smith says.

Located at Stahr Performing Arts Center, the Artistic Village offers 27 spaces throughout the building for tenants. Twelve are currently rented to arts, sustainable businesses, social service organizations, a ballet school, a clock maker and more.

"These are businesses that are committed to the vision of creating a sustainable arts center," Smith says.

He was inspired to create a collaborative arts organization by what he observed during his years in other cities as an actor. He noticed that as arts organizations grew, they often incurred such high costs that they had to make drastic cuts to their own programming for financial reasons.

ART ATTACK



Determined not to see that happen with Stahr Performing Arts Center, he began to think of ways to diversify the business.

"It's like applying how you'd build a stock portfolio but for the arts," he says. "We work together. We either succeed or fail together."

Knowing that the cost of a rental space can be prohibitive for small arts organizations and businesses, he decided he could offer an affordable space at Stahr and help arts organizations achieve their goals.

"We're an incubator where ideas take root and grow," he says. "When costs are prohibitive, it stops really good ideas from flourishing."

He still has space available for additional businesses or artists, but says they're going fast.

"People are constantly coming and saying, 'I want to be part of this,'" he says.

The Stahr Performing Arts Center is located at 438 N. Queen St. 717-396-7764. www.seventhsister.com

PHOTO CONTEST

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DID YOU KNOW?

Vice-presidential hopeful Henry Wallace made campaign stop in Lancaster on Nov. 4, 1940.

NEW BUSINESSES

- **Rev Chi's Overstock**, 23 E. Walnut St. Open through December. 717-509-8497.
- **Mio Studio Gallery**, 144 N. Prince St. Open through December. 717-394-6662.
- **tellus360**, 24 E. King St. Opens Nov. 12. 717-393-1660.
- **On Orange**, 108 W. Orange St. 717-299-5157.

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