

Local business discussed at Downtown Dialogue

WAYNESBURG - In an ongoing effort to reach out to downtown business owners, Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful held its second Downtown Dialogue May 15.

The group met with several members of the downtown food and entertainment sector for a breakfast discussion in the Center for Research and Economic Development at Waynesburg University.

Following a breakfast sponsored by Community Bank, meeting attendees had the opportunity to express their concerns and suggestions regarding doing business downtown. The Economic Restructuring Committee of Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful will use the information shared at the dialogue to refine their action plan for the following years.

"This is the smallest business sector we will be meeting with, and that highlights the fact that we would like to see it develop and grow," said Main Street Manager Deb Mack. "By incorporating what we learn from the business owners into our action plan, we will be better poised to take the steps needed to make our downtown a thriving destination."

While Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful appreciates and welcomes the business generated by shoppers from out of the local area, they also hope to see more Greene County residents taking an active interest in the stores and restaurants in downtown Waynesburg.

"What is really interesting is that many out-of-towners, and even some from out-of-state in Morgantown, W.Va., will travel here for the more unique food and entertainment in Waynesburg, such as Sisters 4 Tea and the historic Waynesburg Theater & Arts Center," Mack said. "It's almost as though those of us who are here every day take it for granted."

The meeting was the second in a series of four Downtown Dialogues planned throughout 2009 to facilitate communication between Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful and business and property owners in downtown Waynesburg. Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful plans to host a Downtown Dialogue once each quarter, with each meeting addressing a different business sector: retail, food and entertainment, service and property owners.

For more information on the Downtown Dialogues, call Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful at 724-627-8119, or e-mail msm@waynesburgpa.org.

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