

Volunteers help make Waynesburg bloom

WAYNESBURG - Volunteers for Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful got their hands dirty on Wednesday in order to bring summer beauty to the historic downtown business district.

Fifteen volunteers planted more than 250 flowering plants in the lamp post baskets lining High Street as well as the planters outside the borough building and the courthouse.

Members of Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful's Design Committee coordinated the flower planting project.

"The Design Committee is very appreciative of people outside of Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful who volunteered their time to help us get this done," said Pat Gross, design committee member. "The work that is being done on the downtown street is all done by volunteers."

The lamp post baskets are now filled with 120 bright red geraniums and 80 white bacopia, which will trail out of the baskets as they grow. The planters at the borough building and the courthouse are filled with blue violet petunias, rubrum grass and lime green potato plants.

Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful and its design committee implemented the flower planting six years ago to contribute to the visual revitalization of downtown Waynesburg. Each summer, the flowers create a pleasant atmosphere for shopping, dining and conducting other business in downtown Waynesburg.

"The design committee is very small, but what we do is very visible," Gross said.

The purchase of the flowers, basket liners and soil, as well as watering and maintenance costs, was made possible by contributions from local businesses and individuals. Contributions are still being sought.

For more information on the flower basket project, or to make a donation, call Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful at 724-627-8119, or e-mail msm@waynesburgpa.org.

Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful is a nonprofit, Main Street program that operates in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

Funded by the state Department of Community and Economic Development, Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful represents a community endeavor to preserve and revitalize historic downtown Waynesburg and raise awareness of the educational, cultural and historical

opportunities, as well as the convenience of shopping, associated with the town.

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