

# EDP Monthly

May 2009  
Volume 1, Issue 4

## General Membership Meeting Recap

The Erie Downtown Partnership along with City Council Members held their Quarterly General Membership Meeting on May 13, 2009 at the BrewErie at Union Station. This Meeting was a chance for our members to discuss the renewing of the City Council Ordinance, along with many other issues regarding the Erie Downtown Partnership.

The meeting gave our members the chance to speak directly to City Council about any concerns or questions they had about the Partnership. City Council will be voting on the renewal of the EDP at their May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and second vote will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The EDP is established through a City Council ordinance, the passing of this ordinance will

give the Partnership the ability to continue its revitalization efforts for the next 10 years.

If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like the opportunity to speak to any Council or Board of Director Members, please do not hesitate to call the office at 814-455-3743 and we will gladly give you the correct contact information.

The Erie Downtown Partnership would like to thank each of our members for the support you have shown us over the past 5 years. Although we know the road has not always been smooth, we are confident we are on the correct path and will show our members continued success and support and assistance.



[www.eriedowntown.com](http://www.eriedowntown.com)

### Inside this issue:

Tree Planting Project	2
3/50 Project	2
Don't Forget!	2
Walking Maps Available	3
Small Business Forum Information	3
EDP Member Offers & Reminders	4

## GRAFFITI IN YOUR AREA? IF SO LET US KNOW!

Many of the businesses in the downtown area suffer from vandalism and graffiti during the summer months. If your business is affected please let us know! We currently have 2 full time Maintenance Technicians who work Monday thru Friday,

7:30am-4pm. If you notice any graffiti please notify a Maintenance Tech or call the office at 814-455-3743, we will then pass along the information to the Graffiti Task Force so it can be properly removed. The perception of our area to visitors is very

important to the revitalization of our area, having a clean and safe downtown is our goal! If you have any questions please contact our office or Judge Tom Carney at 814-451-6528. You can also visit the City of Erie website at [www.erie.pa.us](http://www.erie.pa.us).





## Tree Planting Project

The Erie Downtown Partnership is excited to say we will begin planting 80 trees around the district very soon! We have secured grant funding through Tree Vitalize which is a program launched by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. If you would like a tree planted in front of your business please contact the office no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> for additional details. If your business needs a sidewalk cut to accommodate the tree, we have secured a deal with a local contractor to provide the cut for \$50.00, the EDP Maintenance staff has been trained on how to properly maintain the tree and will do so, the property owner does not have to maintain, only pay for the sidewalk cut. Again please call the office if you are interested or have any questions!

## 3/50 PROJECT PICK 3, SPEND \$50, SAVE YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY!



What 3 independently owned stores in the downtown area would you miss if they disappeared? If you can not imagine what it would be like if that store closed its doors tomorrow, please stop in, say hello and pick something up! Shopping locally is the only way to keep our unique downtown stores around

and also entice more to relocate! The 3/50 Project goes further to say that if half of the employed population spent \$50 each month in locally owned independent businesses, it would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue.

For every \$100 spent in locally owned stores, \$68

returns to the community. If you spend that at a national chain only \$48 stays here!

If you are interested in learning more about this project please let us know. The EDP has signed up to support this project; we believe that it can make a difference in our area.



If there is anything you would like to see in the June issue of the EDP Monthly please let us know! We are always looking for interesting and informational stories from our members.

**\*\*If you are a business in the district please send any special EDP membership offers or discounts and they will be published in the June newsletter on the back page, we will no longer be emailing out offers as we receive them but will group together each month in the newsletter.\*\***

# Walking Maps are now available!

The Erie Downtown Partnership along with the Port Authority of Erie is proud to announce that our 2009 Walking and Cycling Maps are available! Currently these maps are available at many locations around the

City of Erie, which include the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, many rest stops along Interstate 90 and 79, local hotels and many of the advertisers of the map itself. If you are interested in having maps available at

your business please let us know, we will be glad to drop them off to you! The 2009 Walking Map was designed to give tourists a better idea of what our downtown has to offer!

## Small Business Forum

Sponsored by

U.S. Congresswoman

**Kathy Dahlkemper**

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 ~ 9:30 to 11:30 am

With

Special Guest Panelists

*Carl Knoblock, Small Business Administration*

*Robert Schoenfeldt, United States Department of Agriculture*

*Deborah Steiner, Small Business Development Center, Gannon University*

*Jake Rouch, Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership*

*Denise McCloskey, Northwest PA Regional Planning & Development Commission*

*Marsha Walker, Regional Center for Workforce Excellence*

*Richard Portis, Veterans Business Outreach Center, Robert Morris University*

*R.S.V.P. to 814-456-2038 or by email to [hollie.davis@mail.house.gov](mailto:hollie.davis@mail.house.gov)*

Hirt Auditorium

Blasco Library

Erie, PA

*Please join us to get the help you need to expand and grow your business.*



# Summer Events 2009!

## BLOCK PARTIES, 6-11pm

June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nelson's/Papa Georges/Urraro Gallery	Rodger Montgomery & Jakes Blues	Erie City Mission
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth/Chido's Dry Cleaners/ Michael's Car Care/Citizens Bank/ Erie Community Credit Union	Blues Beaters & Money Shot	Independent Council on Aging
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sluggers Sport Bar/SeaWolves/ Baybreeze/The Peanut Shop	M-80's	MECA
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scully's Pub/Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe/ Charisma Salon/DeLuca's/Quiznos	Man's Room Band	Safe Net
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cellblock/Army Recruiters/ SeaWolves/BayHawks/Twelve O One	Earthquakers & Joe Bachman	MECA
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	BrewErie/WSEE/Logistics Plus	Abbey Road & The Man's Room Band	CAFÉ
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Juniors/The Peanut Shop/ Ye Olde Sweet Shoppe	Main Street	Vietnam Veterans Ch. 435
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Park Place	Geek Army	Therapy Dogs United, Inc.
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Skeeter's Grille/BayHawks	M-80's	YMCA Strong Kids Campaign
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nicky's Pub/Docksiders/Fisher Jewelers	Midnight Riders	United Way of Erie County

## BIKE NIGHTS 6-10pm

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

## BUGGIN STATE 6-10pm

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

## FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>!!!

Don't forget that the Façade Grant Applications are due very soon! This is a wonderful opportunity to receive financial assistance for updates to your façade, don't miss out!! Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Design Committee and awarded by the Board of Directors based on project worthiness and program funding levels from the State.

Contingent on receiving the money from the State, your projects can begin this construction season. If you are interested you can find our application online at [www.eriedowntown.com](http://www.eriedowntown.com) or you can stop in the office and pick one up! If you have any questions they can be directed to Julie Ross or Brenda Sandberg at 814-455-3743.