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Welcome to the City of Clarksburg newsletter! We are excited to have this dialogue with you and we anticipate fruitful discussions about the varying topics and issues facing our community. One of the top priorities for our Council is to strengthen the lines of communication between residents and council. City matters affect our everyday lives, and this newsletter is part of the efforts of our Council to ensure that information is available to all community members.



We will strive to deliver timely information related to ongoing projects, community-based initiatives, open house events, current events and decision-making by the council and staff. You can also find the City of Clarksburg on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram. As well, we encourage community members to contact Council or staff with any and all inquiries, concerns or comments. We are here to assist you.

# New Civil War Themed Tour Developed In Clarksburg

The Clarksburg History Museum started a project in late 2022 to develop tourism in Clarksburg with the start of a Stonewall Jackson Civil War Tour. Several organizations have joined with the museum to develop the first of several tours being planned.

Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was born in Clarksburg on January 21, 1824. The Jackson Family Home was located at Lot 5 on Market Street (now 324 West Main Street and currently home to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.)

Museum members approached the property owners about setting up a replica scene at the birth site. United Technical Center director, Matt Call, and carpentry instructor, Joe DeFazio, were instrumental in building a backdrop of a wall from the time period. Rough cut lumber was purchased from a local mill to get the correct look. Students from United Technical Center delivered and installed the wall with great enthusiasm. Period furniture was loaned to the museum for the birthplace display by John Allen. Electrical design and installation was provided by Ryan Sharpe of Sharpe Electric Company. Other period items loaned came from Rod Rogers, who also cleaned up the historical marker at the site. Clarksburg Uptown helped with window cleaning. The City of Clarksburg, the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County, and the estate of Jenna Kincaid provided funding for the project.

John Workman and his crew from the Clarksburg Public Works Department played a large role in preparing many sites along the tour route. Doug

Comer and the City Parks of Clarksburg did some major cleanup with removal of dense brush and cleaning many grave markers at Jackson Cemetery. Shaun Jedju, with the Former Odd Fellows Cemetery, cleaned and stabilized markers at both cemeteries and provided the history associated with both cemeteries. RDR

Utility Services removed concrete pillars from the former Odd Fellows Cemetery to make the entrance more accessible for visitors.

This historic Civil War Tour begins at the Clarksburg History Museum, then includes the Harrison County Historical Society, Lowndes Hill trenches, former Odd Fellows Cemetery, Stealey-Goff-Vance House, Quality Hill homes, Civil War Train Depot (near Southern States), Jackson Cemetery, Northwestern Academy, Waldomore, Jackson Family Homesite, and the Harrison County Courthouse for a reenactment of the John S. Carlile speech about seceding from Virginia. Visitors will then have an opportunity to explore additional attractions in downtown Clarksburg including the Weaver Art Gallery, Model Railroad Club, local downtown businesses, and lunch in one of our downtown restaurants.

The Clarksburg History Museum is dedicated to establishing tourism to promote the history of the area, educate visitors, and encourage them to explore their past. The museum Board of Directors and volunteers would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped make this a reality for our area.



# It's Festival Season In Clarksburg!

## JesusFest

Clarksburg kicked off its festival season in August with JesusFest. The annual event features live music and speakers from within the Christian community, as well as food, games and vendors. Friday evening and Saturday afternoon/evening featured a full schedule of music and inspiration. This year's musical headliner was the award-winning Christian Rock band Sanctus Real.

## WV Italian Heritage Festival

When the month of September comes around, the city's largest festival paints the town in red, white and green to celebrate the 44th Annual West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival, a three day festival full of live entertainment, Italian food, local area fundraiser booths, events for the kids, and plenty of typical fair food like funnel cakes, Kettle Corn and other sweet treats.

## WV Black Heritage Festival

The week following the Italian Heritage Festival, the downtown streets fill again for the West Virginia Black Heritage Festival a celebration that promotes "the African-American

experience while addressing the many milestones that our forefathers have made since the Emancipation Proclamation."

Festival-goers enjoyed live entertainment including Soul and R&B performances. This year's headliner was Hip-Hop legend Kurtis Blow, the first commercially successful rapper who made history in 1980 with his self-titled debut album "Kurtis Blow."

## West Virginia's Newest Film Festival



A brand new type of festival makes its debut in Clarksburg this September with the first annual Mtn Craft Film Festival.

Developed in collaboration between The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center and the Mtn Craft production studio, this festival will screen both feature-length and short-form films that "highlight the cultural region of Appalachia, were created by Appalachians, or feature Appalachian locations/crew"

To learn more about this film festival, see the schedule of screening or to purchase one of two-day festival passes, visit:

[mtncraftfilmfestival.com](http://mtncraftfilmfestival.com)



# From the Code Enforcement Department



## Clarksburg Rental Housing Registration Program

The City has an ordinance in place, Article 1767, for rental housing which **requires rental properties to be registered with the City.** The property must be inspected to meet the minimum life safety requirements to be rented as required by this ordinance. This inspection information can then be used to register the rental property for up to a two-year period.

## Schedule Re-Inspections Every Two Years

The property owner is required to schedule a re-inspection of the property with the Code Enforcement Office prior to the expiration of the business license.

This is a friendly reminder to schedule your re-inspection to renew your certificate of use and occupancy paperwork to renew your

business license if you have rental property in Clarksburg. These inspections are necessary to ensure decent, safe and sanitary housing is provided to renters in the city of Clarksburg.

HUD rental properties are regulated by the Clarksburg Housing Authority.

Respectfully,  
Ashley Carr  
Clarksburg Code Enforcement Director



*You can learn more about rental registration and inspection and download forms on the city website or using the QR Code above.*

# From the Clarksburg Police Department



With the beginning of a new school, citizens and drivers need to take extra precautions during school hours. Peak hours to be aware of are between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM. This is when most students arrive and leave our local schools. School buses are traveling to and from schools loading and unloading students, so drivers need to be aware of school bus stops, and anytime they see a stopped school bus.

Vehicle traffic will increase during these times, so if you are taking or picking up students in a personal vehicle, please take extra caution with your speed and following distances to avoid any accidents. When dropping students off at school, please drop them off in a safe area so they don't have to cross moving traffic.

Please be courteous to the school bus operators, they have a tremendous

responsibility in ensuring the safety of our students. If you observe a vehicle passing a stopped school bus that has activated their warning equipment and stop sign, please contact your local law enforcement with a vehicle description and registration if possible.

**Never overtake/pass a school bus with flashing warning lights. Doing so is illegal under WV §17C-12-7**

*Not only is overtaking a school bus with its warning lights flashing dangerous for students getting on or off a bus, it is illegal and can be very costly. Any driver acting in violation [of WV §17C-12-7] is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction for a first offense, shall be fined not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000, or confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and confined.*

# What's Happening at the Robinson Grand?

## Blue October: Spinning the Truth Around (Part II) Tour on Thur. Sep. 21 @ 8PM



Rather than lean on destiny for direction, Blue October invents and inhabits a future all their own. The platinum-certified alternative quartet consistently evolves with an outlier perspective. For their 11th studio album and first double-LP, Blue October

## John Angotti and Friends: A Celebration of Life on Sun. Sep. 24 @ 4PM

Bobby Nicholas presents John Angotti with special guests Marissa Bailey, Meredith Augustin, Maryn Seamon, Anthony Horton, Stefano Pishner, Bobby Nicholas, Belinda Nicholas, Michelle Audia Palmer, Robert C Byrd High School's Vocal Intensity Show Choir, and more...



## Thrillusionist David DaVinci to Benefit HCWVCPA on Sat. Sep 23 @ 7PM



Thrillusionist: not a magician, not just an illusionist, but a thrill-seeking, mind-

bending master of prestidigitation who creates an alternate world of fascination. Prepare to be mystified by mind boggling illusions and jaw dropping magic. You'll laugh, you'll cheer, your jaw will hit the floor, as David DaVinci presents his interpretation of the age-old art of magic and illusions, in "Thrillusionist!"

## Mtn Craft Film Festival at The Robinson Grand - Sep 29 & 30

West Virginia's newest film festival showcasing spectacular feature-length documentary films plus an eclectic assortment of short films made by Appalachian filmmakers.



FRI & SAT  
SEP 29 & 30

photo by: Joe

More Information at: [TheRobinsonGrand.com](http://TheRobinsonGrand.com)

# Local Business Updates

## O'Reilly Auto Parts Grand Opening

It is exciting to see new investment in the Westend in Clarksburg. Taking over a large portion of the building that once housed Kroger is the national automotive chain O'Reillys Auto Parts.



While the store actually opened for business earlier than expected, they held their official ribbon cutting on August 27th.

## John Demopoulos returns to Johnny D's Restaurant



**From WBOY:** Formerly known as Dagwood's, Johnny D's is back under the ownership of John Demopoulos and is the latest stop on 12 News' Restaurant Road Trip.

Demopoulos previously leased the restaurant to others for the past few years but recently reacquired control of the spot in downtown Clarksburg. He said that the name change [to Johnny D's] signifies a new era in the restaurant.

The restaurant has been in Clarksburg since 2000.

## Hilton Garden Inn Shows Off \$2.9 Million in Hotel Renovations



Back in November of 2022 Clarksburg's Hilton Garden Inn on Emily Drive announced major renovations to update and modernize their guest rooms.

On September 17th they were excited to show off the changes after updating 112 guest rooms. A great investment for Clarksburg visitors.

## City to Begin New Business Recognition Program

Beginning in October, at each new regular City Council session, the city will publicly recognize and celebrate a local business. All businesses operating in city limits are eligible for this recognition.

If you know a Clarksburg business that you think deserves recognition, send your suggestion to:

[phardman@cityofclarksburgwv.com](mailto:phardman@cityofclarksburgwv.com)

# #itshappeninginclarksburg

*There is a lot happening in and around Clarksburg within the month of September.*

## **Blue October: Spinning the Truth Around (Part II) Tour**

September 21, 8PM  
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

## **National Recovery Month Event -Suicide and Addiction Prevention**

September 22, 11AM-3PM  
Jackson Square

## **Live Music: Dustin Kildow**

September 22, 7PM  
Brickside Bar and Grille

## **Thrillusionist David DaVinci to Benefit HCWVCPA**

September 23, 7PM  
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

## **Car Show by Cars and Coffee Bridgeport**

September 24, 12:30 PM  
Eastpointe Hobby Lobby Parking Lot

## **John Angotti and Friends: A Celebration of Life**

September 24, 4PM  
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

## **Mtn Craft Film Festival at The Robinson Grand**

September 29 + 30  
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

## **Clarksburg Pepperoni Roll 5K**

September 30, 8:30 AM  
Downtown Clarksburg

## **Live Music: Music Monday with Aaron & John**

Every Monday  
JACOBY'S

## **Coal-powered Steam Engine Train Rides**

Every Wednesday 7PM  
Locust Heights & Western Railroad

## **Opening Night Shakespeareance of HAMLET at The VTC Cabaret**

October 1, 3PM  
The Vintage Theatre Company

## **Live Music: Music Monday with Aaron & John**

October 2, 7PM  
JACOBY'S

## **THE TANK ENTREPRENEUR PITCH CONTEST**

October 5, 5PM  
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

## **First Fridays - Downtown Clarksburg**

October 6, 4:30PM-8:PM  
Downtown Clarksburg

## **Bourbon & Vinyl**

October 6, 6PM  
The Morris

## **Lonestar**

October 6, 7:30PM  
Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center

## **3rd Annual Suibukan Tsunami Open Martial Arts Tournament**

October 7, 8AM  
Nathan Golf Armory

## **Car Show by Cars and Coffee Bridgeport**

October 8, 12:30PM-3PM  
Eastpointe Hobby Lobby Parking

## **Clarksburg Pop-up Paddle on the West Fork River**

Every Thursday @ 6PM  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Boat Launch Ramp (near ball fields)

## **Clarksburg Farmers Market**

Every Saturday 9AM-3PM  
Tractor Supply Parking Lot - Eastpointe

Visit our Community Events

Calendar on the city website for the most current listings and more details on local public events:

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

Let us know if we are missing a public event by sending event details, links and poster images to:

[notify@cityofclarksburgwv.com](mailto:notify@cityofclarksburgwv.com)