

News Release—Downtown Massillon Walking Tour

Representing the Massillon/Westark Tourism Council, Margy Vogt will lead a public walking tour of historic downtown Massillon on Sunday, June 22, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The event is a stroll through the history and architecture of Massillon's downtown to learn about the canal, streetcars, early businesses, National Register sites, and the people who built the town. Stories include the fire at First Methodist Church, human flies, the Washington's birthday flood, and the airplane that was built in the upper floor of a downtown building.

Starting in front of the Chamber of Commerce office (137 Lincoln Way, East), the walk heads east to Second Street Southeast, then through Duncan Plaza and the newly refurbished Diamond Court to First Street Southwest and back to the Chamber office. It takes about two hours, depending on the personal recollections that participants often add to the tour.

The walk is open to everyone and reservations are not necessary. The \$5 fee may be paid at the beginning of the tour. In case of rain, the tour will be cancelled.

The downtown tour is part of the Massillon Alive celebration, a consolidated effort of the Massillon Area Chamber of Commerce, local attractions, and individual event leaders. Massillon Alive, which is sponsored by KeyBank, Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Affinity Medical Center, and Massillon/Westark Tourism Council, includes concerts, sports events, car shows, historic and cultural activities, and festivals. Massillon Alive schedules are available in the Massillon Area Chamber of Commerce office.

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