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There is plenty happening in Downtown Metuchen right now. Please take advantage of a few upcoming meetings or find other ways to get involved in exciting projects and activities happening throughout the downtown!

News Around Town



Sidewalk Improvements Coming

You might have noticed bright orange paint being sprayed on the sidewalk of Main Street. Last year the Borough received a Transit Village grant from the NJ Department of Transportation to replace sidewalks and curbing in bad condition on Main St. The project will also create two ADA compliant handicap parking spots on Main St as well as ADA ramps at the intersections. The project includes the area on Main St. from Rt. 27 to Woodbridge Ave. Sidewalks under the railroad bridge will not be replaced at this time.

The Borough awarded a contract to JADS Construction who will be doing the work starting on **August 27, 2018**, weather permitting. The project is anticipated to take 2 weeks to complete. **Work will be done weekdays between the hours of 7am and 6pm.**

The contractor will be removing the deteriorated sidewalk and curbing and then replace with new concrete in the same day. All sidewalks on Main St are not being replaced. Sidewalks in poor condition or presenting safety hazards will be replaced. Prior to the work being done orange markings will be painted to identify the sidewalks to be replaced. JADS Construction will be notifying the businesses where sidewalks will be replaced. They will also hand deliver notices to each affected business one day prior to work being performed.

Please be aware that while the concrete is being removed and new concrete being poured access to your entrance on Main St will be restricted. This work should be take one day. We realize this is an inconvenience and will affect your business on the day the work is being done. The new sidewalks will make Main St a much more attractive and safer place which will be beneficial to your business and other businesses on Main St.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the project. Questions related to the work schedule and the removal and replacement of the sidewalk can be directed to Linda Castillo at JADS Construction. Her number is (732) 254-9462 and email is jadsconstruction@comcast.net.

5 Tips to Get Through Construction

- 1. Deliver products to your customers. To reach customers unable or unwilling to navigate the construction area, bring your product to your customers.
- 2. Let customers know the disruption for each area is only one day. They will remove concrete, prepare the area, pour the concrete, and let it set overnight. Then you'll be open tomorrow.
- 3. Make the construction work for you. If you've been considering doing a deep clean or reorganizing your displays or merchandise, why not do it during the construction period? Use this slower period to get things done that you haven't had time to address.
- 4. Creative Promotions. Businesses have come up with lots of creative ways to make the construction period fun for customers. Have a prize drawing to attract customers. Or offer a special product or service to provide relief for your customers while work is being done.
- 5. Be positive. Encourage and generate a positive, healthy environment to support your staff, and keep your customers happy.

MDA News and Events

Shakespeare on the Plaza

Join Dragonfly Multicultural Arts Center for a very special performance of Romeo & Juliet as we enjoy Shakespeare on the Plaza (located at the corner of New & Pearl Street)! Performances will be on August 24 and 25 starting at 7pm. Dragonfly Multicultural Arts Center is dedicated to celebrating diversity through arts education, dramatic performances, and creation of new works.

Movies Under the Stars

Join the Metuchen Downtown Alliance and our friends at the Metuchen Borough Recreation Department for our summer movie nights! Stop by your local faves, grab a bite to eat – or get take out for the plaza to share with your friends! Movies will start on or around sunset. Next up: August 18: Avengers: Infinity War; and September 1: Grease with a fun sing along.







