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Downtown Agenda

Monthly Newsletter for Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

North Barstow/Medical BID Approved

On July 12, 2005 the Eau Claire City Council unanimously approved the creation of the North Barstow/Medical Business Improvement District. The approved levy for the BID will be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. A map of the new district is available on the DECI website (www.downtown-eauclaire.com) or by contacting the office at 839-4914.

A Board of Directors will be responsible for the management of the Business Improvement District. Responsibilities of the board include implementing the operating plan and preparing annual reports on the district. The board will also annually consider and make changes to the operating plan and submit the operating plan to the City Council for approval. If you are interested in serving on the new Board of Directors, please contact Mike Schatz at 839-4914 prior to August 19, 2005.

Summerfest Summary

The downtown area hosted the 6th Annual Summerfest event on July 23rd and 24th. The classic car show started great on Saturday morning, with approximately 160 cars registering before 11:30 a.m. Barstow Street was lined from Gibson Street to almost Lake Street with vintage models from the 30's through the 60's. Unfortunately at noon the weather took a turn for the worse and Eau Claire experienced a severe bow echo windstorm. Fortunately no one was injured and only tents were damaged. The street dance scheduled for the evening was cancelled because of storm damage to the rest of the city. The car show awards will be presented at the Burger King Classic Car Show on Thursday, September 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Westridge Burger King.



On Sunday, July 24th, the 2nd Annual Downtown Fishing Contest was held. Thirty-one participants lined the banks of the Eau Claire and Chippewa Rivers. Over 646 inches of fish were caught and prizes were given to all participants. Event sponsors include: All Season Tire Company, Madison Street Auto Body, Bumper-To-Bumper Auto Parts, Burger King, Maverick Media, Chippewa Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, and DECI. Thank you to all the volunteers of the 2005 Summerfest event!

Downtown Events

Thursday, August 4

Starrunner at Stones Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Friday, August 5

West African Music Society at Acoustic Café. 8:30-11:00 PM.

Echo Bravo at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Saturday, August 6

Teen Silent Prize Auction at L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library. 1:00 PM.

Songs for Swingers at Acoustic Café. 8:30-11:00 PM.

Vertigo Joe at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Thursday, August 11

Caveman at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Friday, August 12

Sickday Danger at Acoustic Café. 8:30-11:00 PM.

Eugene Smiles Project at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Saturday, August 13

Denny Burda with specialist guest at Acoustic Café. 8:30-11:00 PM.

Gordy Bischoff at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, free.

Thursday, August 18

Shekere 3 at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Friday, August 19

School Safety Kids Program at Children's Museum. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Easthill Bluegrass Band at Acoustic Café. 8:30- 11:00 PM.

Ike Reilly at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$5.00.

Saturday, August 20

School Safety Kids Program at Children's Museum. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Vile Red at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Thursday, August 25

Kids from Wisconsin at the State Theater. 7:30 PM, please call 715-839-8877 for tickets.

Running Water Poetry Slam at Acoustic Café. Signup at 6:30 PM. Slam at 7:00 PM.

EasyChair at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Friday, August 26

Bernard Allison at the State Theater. 7:30 PM, please call 839-8877 for tickets

The Orin Project at Acoustic Café. 8:30-11:00 PM.

Sunspot at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Saturday, August 27

Festival in the Pines at Carson Park. For more information call 715-552-5504.

Eric Sommer at Acoustic Café. 8:30-11:00 PM.

Herbal T & NB at Stone's Throw. 10:00 PM, \$3.00.

Sunday, August 28

Festival in the Pines at Carson Park. For more information call 715-552-5504.

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Please visit DECI's website for meeting specifics and additional downtown events: www.downtown-eauclaire.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <small>DECI Board 7:30 AM</small>	4	5	6
7	8	9 <small>Retail/Restaurant 8:00 AM</small>	10 <small>Business Com. Mtg 7:30 AM</small>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <small>RDA Mtg 7:30 AM</small>	18 <small>Arts Com. Mtg 9:00 AM</small>	19	20
21	22	23	24 <small>Marketing Mtg 5:00 PM</small>	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

First Phase of Downtown Mural Project Complete

While traveling downtown this summer, it is hard to miss the beautiful artwork that has been created at the 2 South Barstow building. Currently, the storefront façade has a café scene, a bakery, flower shop, and butcher shop. On July 20, 2005, this storefront area was completed and more than half of the 20 upper window panels were underway.

Given the speed of this project, which was approved only five weeks ago, dedication has been a major factor in its success. Nobody has been more devoted than Cyndee Kaiser. Every day this project was worked on, she has

been there donating her time and talent. Because of this, Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. would like to thank her and all volunteers for their colorful contribution to the downtown.

A mural dedication is currently being planned for the 25th of August from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The dedication will be held at 5:30 pm outside 2 South Barstow, with refreshments and food to follow at CityLiving (15 South Barstow). For more information on this project or dedication, feel free to contact Heather Franchini at 839-4914.



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6 Keys to Respecting Your Time

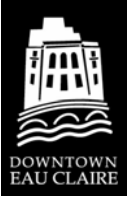
Are you the type of person that always says YES to every demand on your time? Can you watch my kids? Will you drive me to soccer practice? Since you're already working on the computer, would you mind typing me a letter? Would you say YES to almost every one of these requests? There is certainly no shortage of people looking for volunteers. But the truth is that you can only do so much, before getting stressed and exhausted. One important thing to remember is that the only way that others are going to respect your time, is if YOU respect your time.

- 1. DO ONE OR TWO THINGS, AND DO THEM WELL.** Rather than volunteering at every school, church, organization or work activity, pick one or two things and focus your efforts on those. If someone else requests your time, let them know you're committed to these one or two activities, and simply cannot take on another.
- 2. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ALL OR NOTHING.** While you may consider helping someone out with something, that certainly doesn't mean you have to do it all. For example, rather than serving on a committee, you may volunteer to make reminder phone calls, or to type up the newsletter.
- 3. BARTER.** If someone asks you to volunteer your time, ask this person to volunteer their time right back. For instance, if your friend asks you to baby sit tonight, ask her if she can drive your son to school tomorrow.
- 4. NO GUTS-NO GLORY.** If you have no intention of saying YES, don't avoid the issue by saying, MAYBE, or IF I HAVE TIME. While this may temporarily alleviate your guilt, it's unfair to the other person, and you'll be wasting time fretting over what excuse you're going to give to this person. Just say No. And don't feel guilty about saying No, because you want to spend some quality time with your family, or you need some personal time alone.
- 5. TAME YOUR TO DO LIST.** Your To Do List should not be ten pages long. Good time management is picking and choosing those items that are truly important and saying NO to those that are not important at all. Force yourself to limit the amount of items on your To Do List.
- 6. DO IT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO.** While there are some situations that are to be considered emergencies--such as helping an ill relative or friend-- there are many other requests for your time that you simply don't have to do. The best rule of thumb is to choose those activities that you TRULY WANT TO DO--those things that will make you happy. If someone asks you for your time, and you find yourself thinking, 'Oh, no', then don't do it.

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Free Parking in the Ramp
on Evenings & Weekends



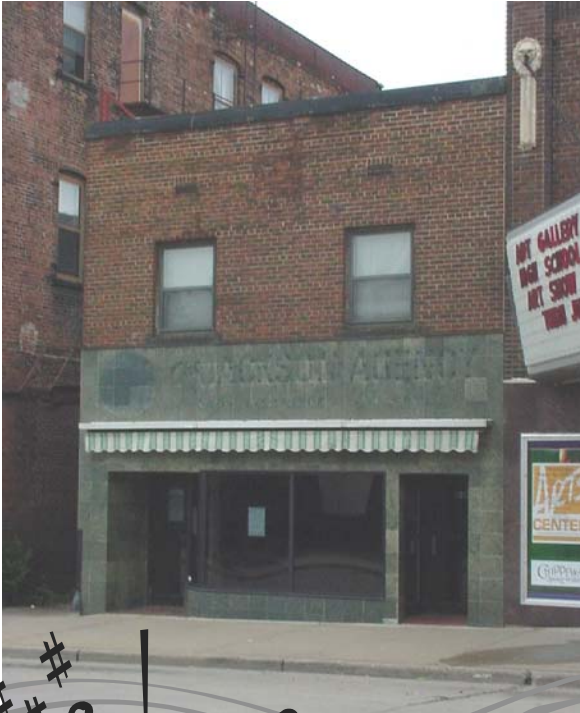
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Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the development of business, housing and cultural resources and activities within Downtown Eau Claire.

Great Location!



308 Eau Claire Street

**Would you like to open a business near
the heart of arts & culture in
downtown Eau Claire?**

- Immediate occupancy
- 2 story, 75 x 25 footprint
- Full basement
- Live above your business
- Currently offices on 2nd floor but previously had 2 efficiency apartments
- 2 parking spaces included

If you are interested in this location or any other downtown location, please contact Mike Schatz at (715) 839-4914 .

