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Business Buzz

Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine selected Harrisonburg as the Best Biking Community. "Epic trails in George Washington National Forest, Massanutten out the back door, endless miles of country roads to explore, and a city full of sharrows make this a bike community everyone can love."
www.BlueRidgeOutdoors.com

Stonewall Jackson Inn won a BnB Finder Guest Favorite Award. "Guests at the Stonewall Jackson Inn gave it high marks for the delicious breakfasts and the restful atmosphere provided by Innkeeper Wayne Engel," according to Mary White, CEO of BnB Finder. "Wayne goes above and beyond to give guests a memorable and relaxing visit."

Ten Thousand Villages' Oriental Rug Sale continues thru February 23. All hand-knotted oriental rugs will be 10-50% off. The pillar of Fair Trade is guaranteeing a fair wage or price for workers in developing countries.
tenthousandvillages.com

Attention area businesses! The week of March 11th - March 16th will be dedicated to celebration of the inauguration of JMU President Jonathan Alger. You are invited to offer unique promotion or discounts such as hotel packages, restaurant specials, retail promotions, discounts for wearing purple or JMU fan fair, JMU product label, exhibit... the possibilities are endless! Please contact Brenda Black, Tourism Director, at 540.432.8940.

Merle Norman & Designor Consignor announces their full beauty and wellness services to create a beautiful you. Call 434.0340 to learn about healthy skin, natural makeup, and an affordable, stylish wardrobe. **Tony Plume's Salon** complements these services with a mission for healthy hair. Call for an appointment at 432.1800. **New Day Holistic Health Counseling** will open at 185 South Liberty Street in March. Contact Sandy Wenger at 540.421.8057.

On January 19th, Steven "Bumpy" Cape, owner of Cosmic Debris, invited the community to a benefit concert to raise money for his kidney transplant. His kidneys have been working at 15% according to an article in the DNR. To learn more or help, contact Steven at 433-4733.

New & Returning HDR Members
December 2012

- Ameriprise Financial, Linda Hoover
- Blue Nile
- Collins Center
- Duo New & Used Clothing
- Glen's Fair Price Store
- Indian American Cafe
- Phillip Updike, RE/MAX
- Performance Realty
- Polished
- Shank's Bakery
- Ann Baker
- Chester & Nancy Bradfield
- David Denman
- Dan Everard
- Thabo & Melissa Fisher
- Curtis & Margery Kite
- Mel & Karen Lee
- Tom Duval & Lori Merrow
- Brad & Amy Moyers
- Diane Mims Langhorst
- Carole Nash & John Eckman
- John Scherpereel & Melinda Adams
- Bob & Charity Showalter
- Brian & Lisa Shull
- Bob & Carolyn Wetsel
- Mary Lou Wylie & Lennis Echterling

Ask Eddie



Q: What are the plans and timeline for continued streetscape improvements in downtown?

A: One of HDR's early priorities was to collaborate with the city for streetscape improvements in downtown. The previous streetscape project was completed over 30 years ago, and the sidewalk conditions and appearance issues generated frequent concerns from business owners and visitors. Main Street communities all over the country found that streetscape improvements provided significant benefits such as creating a more vibrant environment, a pedestrian friendly experience, a

more attractive setting, and improved amenities such as trees, plants, benches, trash containers, lighting, and signage.

In 2004, Frazier Associates produced a streetscape plan for our downtown that addressed those issues with very well thought-out proposals that incorporated input from many businesses, organizations, and people. The first phase was implemented in 2005 on the east side of Main Street from Bruce to Elizabeth Streets. In 2014, the city plans to move forward with phase two on the west side of Main Street from Bruce Street to Court Square, as well as on the east side of Main Street between Elizabeth and Wolfe Streets.

Over the past two years the city's Department of Public Works has worked with HDR's Landscape Committee and other interests to develop an updated Harrisonburg Downtown Streetscape Plan. This detailed plan combines the work of numerous previous studies and proposals in order to serve as a guide for the future. The next step is a presentation to city council, and pending support for the plan, a public forum will be scheduled to share information about the plan and invite questions and input. HDR is extremely appreciative of the city's work, and we encourage everyone interested in downtown revitalization to follow this progress.

THANK YOU!

To join HDR, call 432-8921 or go to www.downtownharrisonburg.org.