



December 2009 Report

Anna Steck, Executive Director

ARTICLES: HOLIDAYS IN POWELL

Steck coordinated several media pieces about Holidays in Powell. See articles below.

INTERVIEW: HDPI MOVE TO 44 N. LIBERTY STREET

Held Dec. 1 with Andrew Tobias, The Delaware Gazette

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Held Dec. 2 with Dana Wilson, The Columbus Dispatch

MEETING: ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPEN HOUSE

Held Dec. 3. Board President & Executive Director attended on behalf of HDPI.

SPECIAL EVENT: HOLIDAYS IN POWELL

Held Dec. 5. More than 18 free activities/items for children. Over 800 family members attended.

MEETING: DESIGN COMMITTEE

Held Dec. 8. See Agenda below.

MEETING: ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

Held Dec. 8. See Agenda below.

MEETING: ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Held Dec. 10. See Agenda below.

MEETING: HDPI ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & MEETING

Held Dec. 16 in Council Chambers for Members & committee volunteers. Vote for 2010 Officers & Directors.

(continue for all attachments)

Christmas Time is Coming to Powell

By Toby Boyce, on December 1st, 2009

Bells will be ringing and carolers will be singing during Holidays in Powell on Saturday from noon until 5:30 p.m.

Bundle up and spend an afternoon decking the halls at the Village Green Park & Municipal Building and in historic downtown Powell during our annual tree lighting and holiday festivities!

This year's event will include a visit from jolly ol' St. Nick himself, decorated shops with a delightful array of gifts, nostalgic horse & carriage rides, children's crafts, warm foods and more!

At 5:30 p.m., Santa Claus and Mayor Tom Counts will flip the switch on the official City Christmas Tree decorated with hundreds of twinkling lights!

For more information, contact Anna Steck with Historic Downtown Powell Inc. at 614.396.3336 or asteck@hdpinc.org. Read more: <http://www.delawareohrealestate.com/2009/12/01/christmas-time-is-coming-to-powell/#ixzz0Z8GhpZDG>

Powell holiday event is choir's first taste of spotlight

** The new Powell-area chorus A Choired Taste will perform along with other groups at the city's Holidays in Powell event Saturday.*

By GARTH BISHOP

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The Holidays in Powell event highlights many of the aspects residents already appreciate about the city, but one of this year's participants is looking just to begin fostering that appreciation.

"A Choired Taste: the Olentangy Valley Premier Community Chorus" will make the Holidays in Powell its debut performance.

The Powell area's annual holiday celebration is set from noon to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in and around the Powell Municipal Building, 47 Hall St.

The chorus will be one of three groups singing carols throughout the event, and also will perform during the tree-lighting ceremony.

"We're going to stroll from 4 to 5 (p.m.), and then go over to the tree lighting at the (Village Green) and sing some songs over there," said chorus organizer Jim Keyes.

The tree lighting, helmed by Mayor Tom Counts and Santa Claus himself, takes place at 5:30 p.m.

As is traditional for the group singing during the tree-lighting ceremony, A Choired Taste will end its performance with "O Christmas Tree," but it will have a variety of other songs in store for the strolling and for the beginning of the ceremony.

Also singing at the Holidays in Powell will be carolers from Olentangy Liberty High School's Service Club and from Historic Downtown Powell Inc., the group that organizes the event.

Keyes, an Upper Arlington resident who has been conducting community choruses for about 10 years, began expressing interest in creating a community chorus for the Powell area in August and held a meeting Oct. 26 to gauge interest.

Right now, the roster of singers is around 15, Keyes said.

The group still has some things to work on -- such as publicity, marketing and tax-exempt status -- and will tackle those issues after 2009 ends. But one of its goals was to get singing as quickly as possible, and the Holidays in Powell presents a golden opportunity, Keyes said.

Rehearsals began Nov. 2 and have been going well so far, Keyes said.

"There seems to be a fair amount of laughing during rehearsals, which I take as a good thing," he said.

The chorus rehearses at Prestige Music Studios in the downtown Powell area, and Keyes is grateful to Prestige and its owner, Powell City Council member-elect Sara Marie Brenner, for donating the space for rehearsals, he said.

A Choired Taste's future endeavors include getting ready to perform at the 2010 Powell Festival and looking for other opportunities to make its voice heard.

"My understanding is (the Powell Festival) is a pretty good opportunity to sing," Keyes said.

Keyes, a substitute music teacher himself with Westerville City Schools, also is interested in getting the chorus involved with the local schools.

Those interested in being part of A Choired Taste should contact Keyes at 614-459-1189 or jimkeyes@wowway.com.

Highlights of the Holidays in Powell include a plethora of free activities for children -- stories, face-painting, child safety ID kits, candy canes, temporary tattoos, pens and make-your-own Christmas tree ornament, card, gift bag, bookmark, button, noodle necklace and garland stations, among other things.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium trolley will offer rides around downtown Powell, and hot food will be for sale as well. Most Downtown businesses, in the middle of their holiday sale season, will offer special deals.

Of course, the Jolly Old Elf and his wife will be present to hear children's Christmas wishes and take pictures with them starting at 12:30 p.m. in the East Room of the Municipal Building.

Admission and parking are free.

For more information on the Holidays in Powell, visit the Historic Downtown Powell Inc. Web site, visitpowell.com, or call the group's offices at 614-396-3336.

Holidays in Powell

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 12:41 PM

By Lorrie Cecil/This Week in Olentangy



Three-year-old Koga Nara is all smiles as he visits with Santa during the annual Holidays in Powell event in the municipal building and parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 5.



Three-year-old Nolan Gelin plays with the trains under the Christmas tree. Activities included visiting Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves; listening to holiday stories; making ornaments, cards, gift bags, garland and noodle necklaces; and receiving candy canes, tattoos and face painting. Holidays in Powell is co-sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Powell and the city of Powell.

DESIGN COMMITTEE

DATE: Tues., 12/8/09

PLACE: *Liberty Tavern*

TIME: noon

AGENDA

- I. **General Business** by Chair Coffey
 1. Attendance/Roster Updates/Notebooks
 2. Meetings (mark your calendars):
 - Annual HDPI Open House on 12/16, 5-6:30pm, City Hall. Who can man Design Booth?
 - Tues. January 12, 2010!!! Noon, Liberty Tavern
 3. Minutes from Oct. Motion to approve: _____. Second: _____
- II. **“Program of Work”**
 1. Discuss Project 1: Design Communications
Planning & Zoning, City Council & HDAC Meetings: Eric
 2. Discuss Project 2: Design Resources
 - a. Resource Library **Tabled until move.**
 - b. Media articles **Tabled until move.**
 - c. Preferred Architects & Contractors List: Wayne
 - d. Historic Building Inventory: Tom/Marge
 3. Beautification Projects

- a. now called “Facility Maintenance Plan” (FMP): Chris
- III. **Other Business**
1. New business
 - a. Executive Director Report
 - b. New Items?
 2. Adjournment @ _____

ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009
TIME: 4 – 5PM
PLACE: Council Chambers, City of Powell
ADDRESS: 47 Hall Street

==AGENDA==

- I. General Business: Dave Betz, Chairperson
 - a. Greetings, Attendance, Update Roster
 - b. Next Meetings:
 - Wed. Dec. 16, 5-6:30pm @ City Hall for the HDPI Annual Meeting, when ERC is to showcase their year of Programs
Who can man the ERC booth (4:45-6:30pm)???
 - Tues. Jan. 12, 4PM in Council Chambers for our regular ERC meeting
- II. 2009 Program of Work
 - a. Business & Breakfast: Business Improvement Series
Follow-up survey questions (on Agenda page 2)
 - b. Business “Welcome Packet”
Review/edit ‘Intro letter’ (on Agenda page 3)
 - c. Business Recruitment and Retention Strategies
Incubator Project Updates: Dave
- III. New Business
 - a. Executive Director Report
 - b. Open Discussion
- IV. Adjournment @ _____.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

1. Don Grubbs, Chair
2. Steve Lutz
3. Dave Betz
4. Cindy Capizzi
5. Tad Goldmeyer
6. Tom Coffey
7. Anna Steck

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DATE: Thurs. 12/10/09

TIME: 5:30-6:30pm

PLACE: *Ben Franklin Room, Liberty Tavern*

Special AGENDA

- I. Updates: Chairman Grubbs
 - a. Attendance: Cindy
 - b. Housing Committee: Dave, Tom
 - 1) Updates on 44 N. Liberty Street
- II. New Items: Chairman Grubbs
 - c. New Items?
 - d. Next Meeting: TBD _____
- III. Adjournment @ _____

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