

2024



Blain PENNSYLVANIA

MAIN STREET isn't just for "MAIN STREET"

FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER



THE GOAL

To provide communications and information relative to the Blain community

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

Sherman's Valley Heritage Days

In 1986, Sherman's Valley Heritage Days was started by local people in the Blain community area as a one-day antique tractor show festival. It picked up after an earlier tractor show had ended several years before, to raise funds for community service organizations. After a few years, it was expanded to three days due to popularity. This year, the 38th Annual Show, will take place October 11th - 13th.

Many activities and events take place during the Show including a large flea market, craft vendors, local and outside food vendors, old-time demonstrators show off their skills, Saturday 9am horseshoe-pitching contest, demonstrations of historic farming skills, parades each day, community food stands and outside food vendors, square dancing on Friday evening, and a community church service at 9am Sunday morning.

The proceeds are used to pay for various services and expenses. Any profits are divided between local community organizations (Blain Senior Center, Comm. Library of Western Perry Country, Blain Ambulance Co., Blain Boy Scout Troop 105, Blain Volunteer Fire Co. and others), and a donation to Make-A-Wish each year.

We wish to express our gratitude to all of our members, attendees, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, and anyone else who helps with the show.

Find us on Facebook (Sherman's Valley Heritage Days) or contact David Casner (717-385-3339), if you are interested in getting involved!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Blain Main Street Committee - 1st Wednesday
- Blain Senior/Community Center Activities (Check Upcoming Events)
- Blain Fire Company - Ladies' Auxiliary - 1st Tuesday
- Blain Fire Company Meeting - 2nd Monday
- Sherman's Valley Heritage Days - 2nd Wednesday
- Blain Lion's Club - 2nd Thursday
- Blain Borough Council - 2nd Thursday
- Blain Library Meeting - 3rd Thursday

MAIN STREET UPDATES

The Perry Hometowns Main Street program (consisting of all nine boroughs) is in its 3rd year in the accredited Keystone Communities Main Street program. The primary goals of the Blain Main Street program are improving the quality of life in a community by making the traditional downtown area, a more attractive place to live, work and play.

The Blain Main Street Committee meets on the **1st Wednesday of each month (7:00 pm) at the Blain Senior/Community Center**. We encourage anyone to attend these public meetings to discuss ideas, feedback, concerns, and any questions.

Current Projects

- NEA Grant (National Endowment of the Arts) is in place to have a Mural commissioned on the side of Blain Market that represents Blain. Design under re-work to be finalized in August 2024.
- Prepared Walking Routes for Blain around Wise Farm and through town. Still working on finalizing these routes with landmarks and mileage information. Anyone interested in helping, please attend our March meeting.
- BlainPA.org Website is online and active. In addition to Blain Events, Newsletters, Brochures, a Blain Borough page will be added in the next few months that will allow the Blain Borough Council to provide information.
- Fundraiser - We initiated a Fundraiser in October 2023 with a goal of \$1,000 to cover expenses for printing our Welcome to Blain brochure and bi-annual newsletter, and development of our BlainPA.org website. Many businesses have already donated but we are continuing to accept donations for future efforts. For more information, contact us at bmsc@blainpa.org.
- Brush-Off Blain (Cleanup Event) - Our Fall event was great!! Several new faces helped out and we managed to cover the entire Main Street area. This year's Fall event will take place on October 26th at 10am - meet at Blain Senior Center.

If you would like to be a Committee member and/or volunteer, contact us to learn more: bmsc@blainpa.org

Blain Branded Merchandise Available:

Main Street merchandise for all boroughs is available at <https://skdesign.shop/collections/pceda>.

*Events Subject to Change without Notice***September 2024**

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Block Shoots 7pm - Blain Picnic Grounds - Sept 6, 13, 20, and 27
- Aug 30-31 – BBQ Chicken - 8am at King's Bakery
- Sept 19 – Chicken Corn Soup Dinner (All Welcome) - 5pm at Sandy Hill United Church of Christ
- Sept 21 – Hot Turkey Sandwich Dinner - 4-6pm at Blain Senior/Community Center
- Sept 22 – Cash Bingo - 11am Doors Open at Blain Picnic Grounds - \$25 at Entrance
- Sept 28 - Seafood Dinner - Time: 3pm-7pm at Blain Picnic Grounds - \$35 in advance (by 6 Sept 2024)

October 2024

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Block Shoots 7pm - Blain Picnic Grounds - Oct 4, 18 and 25
- Oct 1 – Open House - 6pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Company
- Oct 4-5 – BBQ Chicken - 8am at King's Bakery
- Oct 11-13 – Sherman's Valley Heritage Days
- Oct 26 - Blain Brush-Off (Clean-up Day) - 10am (Meet at Blain Senior Center)
- Oct 26 - Food Trucks - 11am at Tressler Memorial Church
- Oct 26 - (Blain) Community Library of Western Perry Church Auction - 5pm at Blain Picnic Grounds
- Oct 31 - Halloween - Trick or Treat at 5pm - Parade at 7pm - Blain Borough

November 2024

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Block Shoots 7pm - Blain Picnic Grounds - Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
- Nov 9 – Chicken and Waffles - 4pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Company Hall
- Nov 17 – Gideon Speaker - During Worship Service at Blain UCC and Sandy Hill UCC

December 2024

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Dec 1 – Ministerium Christmas Cantata - at Centre Presbyterian Church
- Dec 13 – Santa Claus - 5pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Hall

January 2025

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Tues (7th and 21st) - Chair Yoga Dancing - 10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Jan 3 – Cake Bingo - 7pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Hall - Benefit Blain Library
- Jan 18 – Sub Sale - at Blain Volunteer Fire Company

February 2025

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Tues (4th and 18th) - Chair Yoga Dancing - 10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Feb 7 – Cake Bingo - 7pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Hall - Benefit Blain Library
- Feb 22 – Seafood Dinner - 3pm - 7pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Company - Tickets must be purchased in advance

March 2025

- Blain Senior Center - Mon - Art Session -10am, Tues (4th and 18th) - Chair Yoga Dancing - 10am, Wed - Lunch 12pm, Thu - BINGO - 10am, Fri - Quilting/Sewing - 10am
- Mar 7 – Cake Bingo - 7pm at Blain Volunteer Fire Hall - Benefit Blain Library
- Mar 8 – Sub Sale - at Blain Volunteer Fire Company
- Mar 15 – Blain Consignment Sale - at Blain Picnic Grounds