



# Maple Shade Messenger

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## Main Street at a glance..

### Main Street Art

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## Main Street Art Wants To Inspire you

**Whether you are from Maple Shade or just live nearby, Main Street Art wants to meet you.**

Main Street Art was born of an idea of Ellen McDowell, Esq., whose law firm is headquartered right on Main Street. Like many others, Ellen has the desire to revive Main Street and make it more enjoyable for people to spend time (and money) in the downtown area. But what kind of business would be fairly straightforward to open and still have widespread appeal?

How about an art gallery?

Art galleries have certainly been opened in other towns, and there is no shortage of interest in Maple Shade. But without the right person to run, promote and nurture it with their talent, an art gallery could fizzle out before it even gets started.

Enter town resident, Diane Hackett. Ellen met her future partner while Diane was judging

a Main Street art poster contest to promote Clean Public Water initiatives. In their conversation, both women discovered a mutual desire to create a working art gallery that would not only help Main Street revitalization, but introduce the world of artistic expression to local residents of all ages. Having an art degree in painting from

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## Designer Bag Bingo Scores Big

Don't try telling these folks that bingo is boring. They are just trying to keep the competition at home!

Last Friday's turnout was fantastic, with almost 100 players competing in 12 separate rounds. Each round had a different Coach designed handbag up for grabs. And two of the ten were special

bonus rounds where each bag included matching accessories worth nearly \$250! The next Super Cash Bingo with \$200 and \$500 prizes promises to be even more popular. Don't miss it! Friday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. OLPH Church / Nolan Hall Tickets are \$35 each. Doors open at 6 p.m. Call 609-410-5381 to reserve seats now!

# Big Plans In Store At Sensational Host

Maple Shade is poised to become the wedding capital of South Jersey, and Henry Gosik is the one making it happen.

Henry Gosik and his family own and operate Sensational Host on Route 73 at Stiles Avenue, and they have big plans.

The Gosik family has been in the food service business for close to 40 years. They first purchased a deli in Delran in 1979, and soon afterward started catering as a side business. During the early 80's, when the economy was strong, the catering business flourished. That led the Gosiks to purchase what was then Horsey's, and previously Dillinger's, but was better known to many Maple Shade residents as *The German Kitchen*.

First named "Perfect Host," the facility became known as "Sensational Host" after a merger, and the location has indeed "hosted" many a wedding, funeral lunch, holiday party, fundraiser and Rotary Club meeting. But the larger part of the Gosiks' business has been off-premise catering, requiring the company to use the kitchen at the Route 73

location to prepare food to be delivered all over South Jersey and the Philadelphia area. In fact, the company has contracts with several large customers who demand hundreds of meals each year.

But the Gosiks long dreamed of something even bigger and better, and they are about to make their dreams a reality, to the benefit of everyone who lives in Maple Shade.

The first shovel won't go into the ground until this Fall, but by the time it's done, Maple Shade will have its first grand, English manor style event facility. From the descriptions given at Town Council and Redevelopment meetings, the project will be a showpiece unrivalled in southern New Jersey and perhaps even Philadelphia.

Thornbury Manor, as the Gosiks intend to name the new site, will seat up to 500 people. It will have a state of the art

kitchen. Its design promises to be stunning, as the property will utilize its unique location overlooking the Pennsauken Creek to bring the outdoors inside by way of a multitude of windows. Natural lighting will abound, and the stone facade, maybe even with ivy, will bring to mind the English countryside.

The Messenger wishes that we could show you drawings of what the property will look like when it's completed, but the architect is hard at work on them as of this date. Stay tuned for an update on that in a future edition of Messenger.

But for now, if you are planning a wedding next year, or have a bar or bat mitzvah coming up, or if you simply want to have the party of a lifetime, plan to call Henry Gosik. He and his family can't wait to make your celebration the most memorable ever.

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**Main Street Art, continued**

Rutgers University along with her many contacts in the local art world made Diane a natural fit as Managing Partner.

The original concept was to sell works of art on consignment from local artisans - and the shop continues to do this every day. But to expand the gallery's appeal and create alternate revenue streams, Diane came up with the idea of holding informal art classes and parties. The events feature all sorts of various media like paint, sculpture, clothing, crochet and ceramics. Different classes are geared toward different audiences, from children to retirees. You can even bring your own group of friends for a private party. The common denominator always being to have fun while learning and creating.

Diane is fast to explain that Maple Shade has many more artists than most people are aware of and one of her more popular events is transforming the gallery into an art-filled coffee shop. Popular with a great cross-section of enthusiasts, the coffee shop events have attracted quite a few high-school aged artists to come and participate in friendly conversation while sipping their favorite non-alcoholic brew.

So what else can others learn from the successful launch of Main Street Art? Well Diane has put no small effort into using the internet and social media outlets to promote her business. In addition to the main web site, there is the gallery's Facebook page, Instagram page and even a presence on travel websites.

As for what motivates her to work on Main Street? Diane says, "To me, the success of Main Street means a community. And if you want to revive a place, art is one of the best ways to do it. Obviously, making money is nice. But for me, it is more important that art is in my life every day."



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## PTSA Basket Bonanza

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**MAR 10**

## Father / Daughter 50's Sock Hop

7th grade girls that are residents of Maple Shade or attend school at Maude Wilkins, Steinhauer, MSHS (7th) or OLPH. Tickets are \$30 for Father (or special someone over 18) and Daughter. \$10 for each additional girl.

**MAR 24**



Making their night out even more fun, this group of friends was celebrating the birthday of fellow bingo player Chrissy Taylor. (5th from the left) Happy birthday, Chrissy!

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Clearly, marijuana is one of the most misunderstood drugs of our times. Come, learn the science about marijuana and understand its effects on the mental and physical health of young people.

Three sessions available. **RSVP: Helen Iapalucci - hiapalucci@aol.com**

- ✓ Learn how to have a conversation and not a confrontation.
- ✓ Learn how to listen and break through barriers.
- ✓ Understand the many websites, helplines and other critical resources for

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Monday, April 4, 2017  
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