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New Bazaar with Vintage, Handmade Focus Shuts Down Beaver Street

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The idea for the Beaver Street Bazaar came from one simple thought: There aren't enough events for weirdos like us. We love vintage, handmade things, art, and all the weird and wonderful people that come with it. But, to be honest, most street fairs and craft shows around here don't totally capture that vibe, so we decided to put together our own.

When we first started talking to people downtown about making this event happen, they were excited, but they also warned us that getting an event like this approved by the city might be harder than we realize. We were prepared for a lot of back and forth.

Thankfully, the process has been fairly easy.

At a meeting with city officials we explained what we wanted to do, why we wanted to do it, and what we hoped the event would bring to downtown York.

They had a few basic questions about our intentions for the event, including our expected attendance, the number of vendors and food trucks, and whether it will be kid friendly (it will be).

We talked through logistics and safety precautions and got their approval.





The meeting was scheduled two months prior, giving us a lot of time to stress about how it would go, so it was a relief to see how relaxed and casual it was. Because it took a couple of months to get scheduled, we'd recommend that anyone planning an event make sure they give themselves plenty of time.

We only had to apply for two permits, which we were told would be approved. The vegan food trucks participating are responsible for their own permits.

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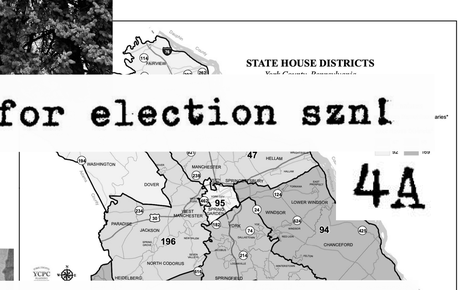
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Honestly, the hardest part of putting together this event has been organizing the vendors, but even that has gone smoothly. We're very fortunate to have so many people interested in participating!

Of course, there are still a lot of details that need to be worked out in the last few weeks before the event: coordinating vendors, figuring out set up and tear down with the street closures, and making sure everything runs smoothly the day of the event. Luckily, we have experience in big events, so we're going into this witha lot of confidence.

The whole point of the Beaver Street Bazaar is to create the type of event we'd want to participate in ourselves. We want a place where people who are considered the "weirdos" feel like they belong, the same atmosphere we created at our cafe, the Kitsch-enette.

We are hoping this is just the beginning for Beaver Street Bazaar. Our first event will really be a learning experience, and we hope to make this an annual experience and maybe even expand down to North Beaver Street next year.

The Beaver Street Bazaar will take place on South Beaver Street, October 18th from 10AM-3PM. We hope to see you weirdos there!

Meet Your Neighbor:
Life-long York Resident and Octogenarian, Frank Eck

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The following paragraphs reflect an account of a recent conversation I shared with several friends. Two of the participants in the conversation are, like me, new to the area as of the past few years (Diane and Rich), and two are life-long members of the York Community (Frank and Chuck).

Our discussion was largely centered on Frank's memories as an 89-year-old York resident.

As a relatively recent member of the York community, I've relished the opportunity to form connections in my new city. After moving to York, I was surprised to meet a large number of local York residents who had also recently moved to the area.

Although I've met an increasing number of long-term York residents over the past two years, it was interesting to speak to a more senior person who has lived here for the majority of a century and is still involved within the York City community in its present day form.

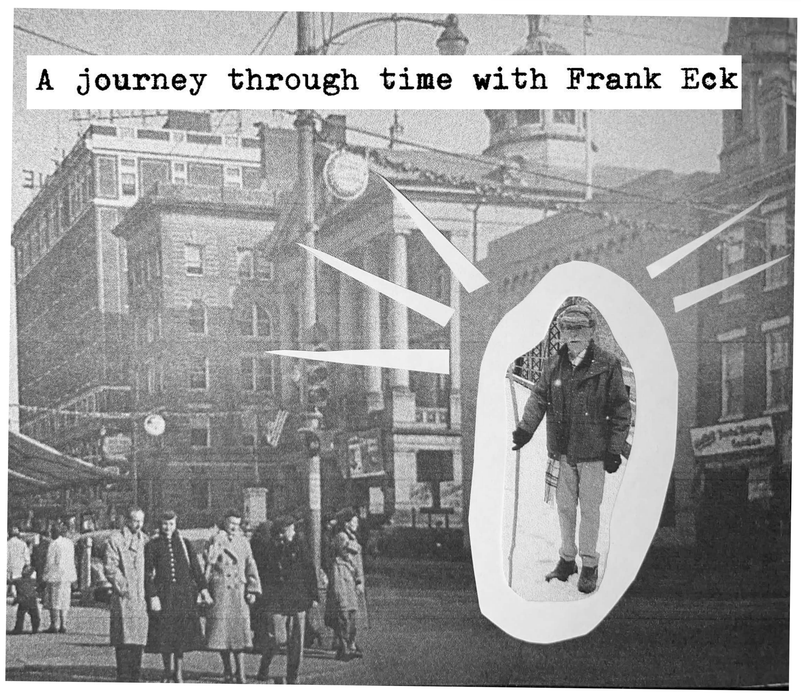
One of the anecdotes Frank was most excited to share was centered around his work with a stand in Central Market. As a teenager, Frank lived only a few blocks away from the market.

He described his work during this time with a local business owner named John Jackoby to transport and sell goods while also catering to the needs of customers from a variety of walks of life — including several occasions where Mrs. Wolf, the grandmother of Pennsylvania's former Governor Tom Wolf, would be dropped off by her personal chauffeur to shop at the market stall where Frank worked!

Relatedly, we discussed the enduring impact and legacy that York's markets hold in our area.

I was aware of the existence of Penn Market, the New Eastern Market, and, of course, York's famous Central Market. During our conversation, I also learned about several less-familiar markets including City Market, which was heavily frequented by York's Black communities.

Frank shared the impact that the prominence of markets can have on community cohesion and integration. When individuals from across the city and into the suburbs are drawn to a common meeting place, they are able to form connections with individuals they might not otherwise interact with.



Although Central Market is still obviously a prominent fixture in York today, Chuck and Frank shared that some of the socialization and community integration that was clearly visible in the markets years ago declined rapidly after York's 1969 race riots. 1969 was also the year that City Market officially closed its doors to the public (before it was knocked down and later replaced by a gas station).

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OCTOBER EVENTS

Art Battle

A live painting competition where each round artists have 20 minutes to create a finished piece that then is voted on by members of the audience each round until a winner remains. Art Battle paintings are then available for purchase.

10/7
6:30PM

Collusion Tap Works
105 S Howard St

Hispanic Heritage Month
Health and Wellness Series:

Yoga Night

All Terrain Running and House of Yoga host a Yoga night at The Grotto. BYO Yoga mat if possible, but a few extras will be available.

10/8
6:00PM-7:00PM
The Grotto
17 E Philadelphia St

Creative Writing

Workshop

York Poet Laureate, Heath Hardin hosts an afternoon of poetry inspired by the work of Donna Sylvester. No writing experience required, ages 13+, RSVP: hjhardin@yahoo.com.

10/18
2:00PM-4:00PM
Creative York
10 N Beaver St

Second Hand
Art Supply Swap

Creatives are invited to bring their unused, unwanted art materials and take home new materials. There is no requirement to bring anything in order to take anything home. All leftover materials at the end of the event will be donated to Art of The Recycle.

10/18
1:00PM-3:00PM
Chipmunk Pavillion
@ Rocky Ridge County Park
3699 Deininger Rd

Hispanic Heritage Month
Health and Wellness Series:

End of Series Run

Concluding All Terrain Running's Hispanic Heritage Month, join them for a community run and hangout at Splitshift.

10/15
6:15PM
Splitshift
35 W Market St

Creekfire

The WeCo District lights up with firepits on land and water as this annual family-friendly community event returns this October.

10/10
5:00PM-9:00PM
Foundry Park
200 W Philadelphia St

Octogenarian, Frank Eck

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Chuck and Frank explained that, when members of the community no longer felt safe or welcome in common spaces, York lost a level of neighborly spirit that was never fully repaired.

As we discussed the lasting impacts of the riots, Chuck and Frank communicated the difficulties associated with that time, but also shared a specific moment of connection from the same period.

After moving to York from outside of Gettysburg, Frank's uncle started a cleaning business in York City. It was a white-owned business that employed several Black workers. As such, the establishment represented an integrated part of the community.

During the race riots, a neighboring Black shop owner and friend appreciated that the cleaning business employed Black women, and stood post outside of the building to protect it from damage.

To thank him for his friendship and protection during this time, Frank's uncle later purchased the man a house.

One of the topics I was most excited to discuss with Frank was his recollections of any tension between York residents and neighbors across the river in Lancaster, or to the North of us in Harrisburg. Since moving to York, I've been fascinated by the stereotypes that I've perceived that folks from outside of York hold about our city, and I've been wondering about the history of those notions.

Due to my own preconceptions, I was surprised to hear Frank's perception that he experienced very little, if any, negative feelings toward or from neighboring cities like Lancaster or Harrisburg throughout his childhood. Instead, he shared that it was common for people in his circle to move to York from surrounding areas to start their own business or to pursue higher education. It was a city of opportunity and promise.

Additionally, Frank shared that his family and members of his community in his youth felt very connected to the City of Baltimore.

He emphasized that the barrier created by the Susquehanna River between York and the Eastern side of Pennsylvania, although not physically difficult to cross, kept the communities separate. In contrast, Frank reflected on the importance of the creation of I-83 and how it improved access to Baltimore. Chuck suggested that Lancaster residents might hold a strong connection to Philadelphia in a parallel fashion to how Frank recalls York's connection to Baltimore.

During our conversation, I learned more about how various developments (like the establishment of highways including I-83) facilitated the evolution of York's focus from farming, to railroad, to industry, to its current state. Maybe we are becoming a "healthcare" oriented town? Maybe we don't know what will define York next!

Despite the inevitability of change and continued evolution, Chuck and Frank expressed that seeing new "transplants" (like Diane and Rich!) coming to the area and falling in love with York has reminded them about the unique things the area has tooffer, and helps them to lean into their own appreciation for their hometown.

This discussion offered me a very special opportunity to learn from a few friends about their memories and to hear how those memories inform their perspectives about our current situation. Our neighbors are living histories; there is a lot of value to be found in forming connections with your community.

If you'd like to share any of your memories or reflections about York with The MSPRINT, we'd love to hear from you. Send us a note: sara@msprint.media

Election Day

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It is encouraging to see more competition in elections, and more of an opportunity for voters to make a legitimate choice in their representation.

When many elections feature the same candidates every few years, or an incumbent wins every race without remaining accountable to their constituents, it can be easy to feel as though one doesn't have a voice in their local and state government.

However, it is important to remember that voting is only one part of civic engagement. Participation in regular township board meetings and city council meetings is a way to stay involved throughout the year.

Meeting and organizing with your community can help put a focus on the actual needs of your fellow constituents rather than allowing politicians to easily default to campaigning around the hottest national talking points.

If you are interested in getting involved with your community in an actionable way, consider attending York's city council meetings (dates for October listed on page 2B) or reach out to matthew@msprint.media to discuss future involvement.

Election Day Deja Vu
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Important Dates:

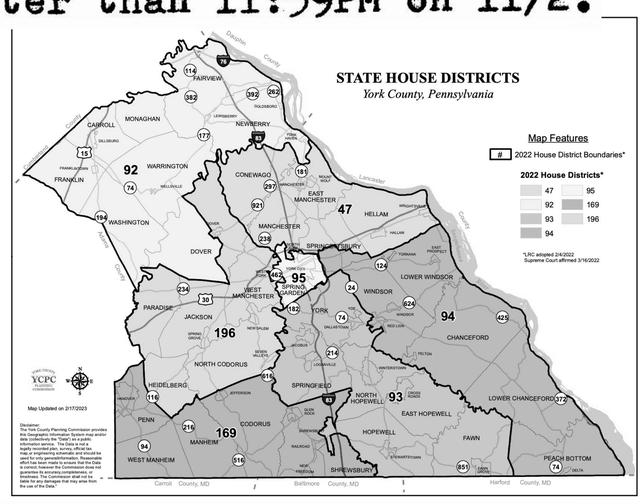
10/19: Last day to REGISTER to vote in the November election

10/27: Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

11/3: Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian ballots (must be received by 8PM)

11/3: General Election!

11/10: Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59PM on 11/2.



For more information about election dates, voting in person or by mail, and what your ballot will look like, visit: yorkcountypa.gov/955/Plan-Your*Vote

Election season is here again! Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd, and this year's ballot may come with a side effect of deja vu. As Pennsylvania goes to the polls, many residents in York County are voting on the exact same race match-ups that they have in previous elections.

The race in US House District 10, which covers Nothern York County, sees a rematch between incumbent Republican Scott Perry and former news anchor, Democrat Janelle Stelson. Stelson challenged Perry in 2024, when Perry narrowly won the election with 50.5% of the vote. At first glance, the exact same options may imply the exact same outcome. However, the Cook Partisan Voter Index lists this district as R+3, meaning, from the previous two presidential elections, the district's results were three percentage points more Republican than the national average. This marks a change from the previous 2024 rating of R+5. This is a slight decrease, but in a narrow race it could make all the difference.

This trend follows in US House District 11, which covers Southern York County and Lancaster County, where incumbent Republican Lloyd Smucker faces a new challenger: Democrat Nancy Manion. Currently, Cook Partisan Voter Index lists this district as R+11 (district results 11% more republican than average based on the last two presidential elections) compared to the 2024 rating of the district as R+13.

Unfortunately, this sort of district analysis is only available for federal faces. In PA House of Representatives District 95, which covers York City, and 47, which covers Northern York City to the top of the County and East York out to the Susquehanna, there are two more exact rematches from 2024.

In District 47, Democrat Edward Ritter challenges incumbent Republican Joe D'Orsie again. D'Orsie won by a wide margin with 62.7% of the vote in 2024. In District 95, Republican Jasmine Rivera challenges incumbent Carol Hill-Evans for the second time after Hill-Evans won in 2024 with 59.0% of the vote.

Although these races are identical rematches, two years have passed since the most recent vote.

In contrast, voters in PA House of Representatives District 196, which covers West York City out past Spring Grove and parts of East Barlin, are deciding between Republican George Margetas and Democrat Ron Ruman for the second time this year! A special election was held during the primary elections earlier this year to fill this seat after the resignation of Seth Grove, where Margetas topped Ruman with 55.6% of the vote. It will be interesting to see how the results of this race compare after only six months between the elections.

Not every race in the area is a rematch. PA House of Representatives District 93, which covers Southern York City down to the MD line, sees incumbent Republican Mike Jones challenged by Democrat Melissa Barnes. This is only the 3rd time since 2016 that the Republican candidate in District 93 was opposed on the ballot.

Similarly, PA House of Representatives District 94, which covers East of York City to the Southeast along the Susquehanna down to the MD line, sees incumbent Republican Wendy Fink challenges by Democrat Konnor Grimek. This is only the 2nd time since 2016 that the Republican candidate in District 94 faced a challenger in the general election.

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For current issues, seek them out in person like always :)

Leave your own note in our classifieds section! Send an email to: york@msprint.media

SWAPPING: Free neighborhood swap meet 10/17 11AM-4PM @ 700 Jessop Place, York. Join the neighborhood swap meet!
All you need to participate is yourself, but feel free to bring any unwanted items as well.
Contact: yorkneighborshelpingneighbors@proton.me with any questions

SINGING: Seeking folks interested in participating in a community song circle.
Contact: sara@msprint.media

SEEKING: Pictures of York from YOU! Submit photos of your city to: york@msprint.media for inclusion in future issues.

J O K E CORNER

"Knock, knock"

"Who's there?"

"Peter."

"Peter, who?"

"Peter patter those little feet over to Central Market every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9AM-2PM."

Upcoming York City Council Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and held at York City Hall: 101 S. George Street, York

City Council meetings can be streamed on the City's Facebook page, the White Rose Community TV Youtube Channel, Xfinity WRCT Channel 18, or online at wrct.tv

City Council Meeting
10/6
6:00PM-8:00PM

City Council Meeting
10/20
6:00PM-8:00PM

City Committee Meeting
10/28
6:00PM-8:00PM

Dugger Family Opens Home for 'One Night Stand' Pop-Up Art Gallery

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On Friday September 25th, Michael and Lucinda Dugger welcomed the York community into their home for the sixth iteration of "One Night Stand: An Evening of Art and Dialogue."

Although York is home to a variety of art exhibitions throughout the year, one of the most unique recurring nearby events for the art community takes place in a private residence just outside of York's downtown center. The premise is simple: local artists Michael and Lucinda open their home to locals for an evening of art appreciation.

The event's virtual flyer included this invitation: "Gather with us - artists and art appreciators - for a night of viewing art in a space that allows for informal conversation about beauty, craft, and the power of art within our community."

Although some previous iterations of the event have spotlighted solo contributors, September's gallery featured four artists: York's Nicole Osborne and Ethan Kannel alongside Ladislav and Jana Hanka who shipped their art to be included in the show from michigan.

During September's One Night Stand, attendees explored the first floor of the Dugger home and enjoyed a fall-themed smack table while perusing works of art, many of which were available for purchase, in a variety of mediums.

The first One Night Stand gallery was held in 2023 after Michael Dugger received an Artist Innovator Award from The Cultural Alliance of York County in November, 2023. As an award recipient, Michael received $10,000 to "highlight and reward the exceptional level of artistic talent that exists in York County" according to a Cultural Alliance press release published after the award was distributed.

According to Michael, receiving the Artist Innovator Award allowed him to install gallery fittings to hang art in his home for the One Night Stand events, provided financial backing for future community events, and motivated him to apply for juried exhibitions with application fees that he would not otherwise have applied for.



The artist Innovator Award was launched in 2020, but was discontinued in 2024. A press release published by the Cultural Alliance stated, "we found that instead of reaching our intended goal, the result of the award was more of a 'flash in the pan' which did not produce sustainable impact for the winners, and worse, damaged relationships and trust between artists and the Cultural Alliance."

As the Cultural Alliance continues to evaluate and introduce new funding sources for York County artists, the Dugger's One Night Stand exhibition demonstrates one potential positive outcome trigeered by local arts funding: the birth of an ongoing, community-focused event series.

How do YOU think York's arts funding should be distributed to best benefit the community? Alternatively, is there an event you would like to host in an unconventional space?

The next One Night Stand gallery is anticipated to take place in March, 2027. Keep an eye out for more information on Michael Dugger's instagram @m.w.dugger .

EVENTS CONT.

Want to see your local event featured in future editions?

email york@msprint media to submit your own!

Q-Coffee +

Q- Connection

An all-ages LGBTQIA+ community support circle. Come as you are and connect in heartfelt conversation.

10/17
2:00PM-4:00PM
Roaming Roast
116 E King St

Beaver Street Bazaar

The Kitsch-Enette shuts down South Beaver Street for a day of strange and sustainable vendors and vegan food trucks.

10/18
10:00AM-3:00PM
21 S Beaver St

What's the point of games?

A philosophical discussion exploring the nature of games. Participants will discuss excerpts from Thi Nguyen's 'Games: Agency as Art' and play a game discussed in the text to inform the discussion. Tickets required.

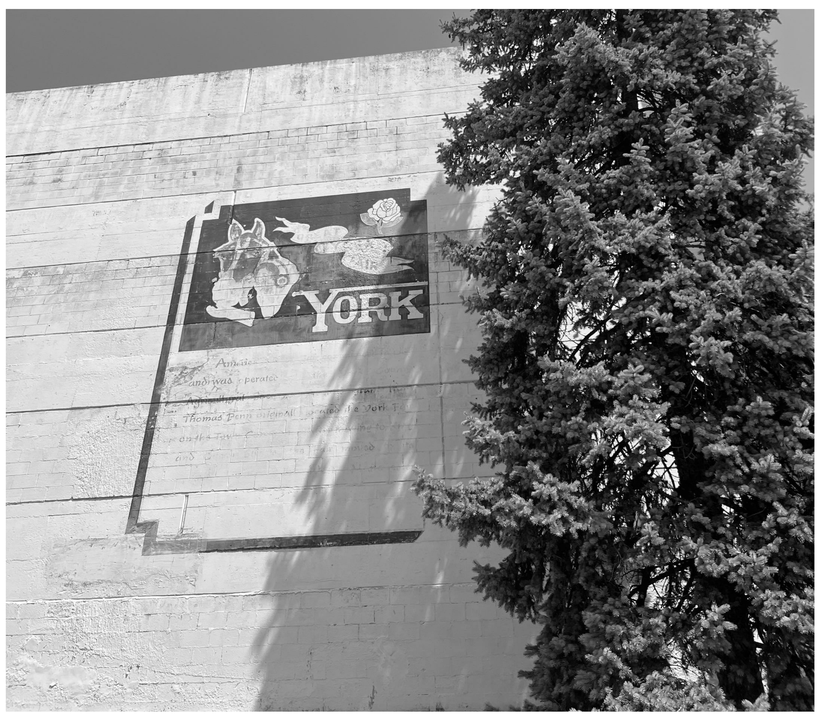
10/27
7:00PM-9:00PM
The Grotto
17 E Philadelphia St

York Story Slam:

Bring Your Own Theme (BYOT)

The penultimate story slam of the year invites storytellers to share stories on any theme in the final chance to win a spot in the 2026 Grand Slam.

10/20
Doors: 6:30PM, Stories 7:00PM
The Hangar
17 E Philadelphia St



Trunk or Treat Trail 2026

The City of York Parks and Rec department hosts a trunk or treat across five locations throughout the city for trunk-or-treaters to celebrate Halloween in York.

10/23
5:00PM-7:30PM

St. Matthew Lutheran Church:
839 W Market St
York Art Association:
591 Linden Ave
Prospect Hill Cemetery:
Pennsylvania Ave Entrance
East End Neighborhood Association:
177 S Albemarle St
BYC Raiders:
Nooman Field

MORE EVENTS

Monthly Narcan Distribution

York Opiod Collaborative distributes Narcan as part of their harm reduction efforts in York.

10/27
10:00AM-2:00PM
City Hall
101 S. George St



Royal Square Spirit Hunt

Collect spirits throughout Royal Square in this interactive Halloween adventure. Registration required. First 50 spirit hunters to register are free, and the event is limited to 100 total spirit hunters. All spirit hunters 21+ w/ID receive a complementary 5oz pour at the final stop.

10/31
1:00PM-4:00PM
101 S Duke St

Bound Halloween Party

Bound Books hosts their first ever Halloween party. Come and enjoy snacks and beverages, Halloween trivia, and a costume contest. Literary costume requred for contest entry.

10/30
10:00AM-12:00PM
Bound Books
2555 S Queen St



Forced Hand, Chokesetter, For The Realm

Indiana heavy rock-n-rollers Chokesetter come to York supported by Central PA's "Sword and Shield power metal" band For The Realm and York's own Forced Hand.

10/25
Doors: 4:00PM
The Sideshow
105 S Howard St