The Bright Side BUTION NO. with BDT

1st Qtr. 2023

Butler Downtown is a grassroots group of volunteers that roll up their sleeves to revitalize & restore the Main Street corridor of Butler City.

Upcoming Events:

- Butler County Symphony Orchestra Presents "Symphonic Dances": Butler Intermediate High **School**
 - Feb 4 from 7:30-9:30 PM
- Joint Mixer w/BCYP: Son's & Daughter's of Italy Lodge #1664
 - Feb 9 at 5:30 PM
- Butler AM Rotary's Carved in Ice: Diamond Park & Main Street
 - Feb 10 from 5-8 PM
 - Feb 11 from 11 AM-4 PM
- Butler County Twilight Wish Happy Hour **Benefit: The BackAlley at Family Bowlaway**
 - Feb 23 from 5-8 PM
- Butler County Symphony Orchestra Presents "The Inextinguishable": Butler Intermediate **High School**
 - Mar 4 from 7:30-9:30 PM
- BDT's Bowl for Butler: Family Bowlaway
 - Mar 26 from 12-3 PM



Scan QR code or visit butlerdowntown.org/events for further details & BDT's public meetings dates.

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SRU SUCCEED Events:

- Dress for Success
 - Jan 17, Feb 7 & 21, Mar 7 & 21 from 10 AM-2PM
- Butler Clergy Writing Workshop
 - Jan 31 from 12-1 PM
- Community Voices Breakfast Series (must pre-<u>register)</u>
 - Jan 5 at 8 AM: Grandparents raising Grandchildren
 - Feb 2 at 8 AM: College Students
 - Mar 2 at 8 AM: Reentry Community
- · All of US: Learn About Your Health
 - Mar 16



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President's Remarks

What an incredible 2022 we had with Butler Downtown. This New Year makes me think about fresh beginnings. Not to forget about the past, but to reflect on the positives of the past year as well as learning from the negatives. A time to be optimistic for the coming year and all of the vast opportunities available. There is plenty to be thankful for in our town of Butler and there is a lot going on to be excited about.

I urge everyone to get involved with Butler Downtown in some sort of capacity. Join a committee, volunteer at a clean-up day, or interact with us on social media. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for information on our 2nd Annual Bowl for Butler fundraiser and tons of BDT fun!

I would like to take a moment to thank Jeff Geibel, Immediate Past President, for his service and dedication for the past 2 years. He has truly set Butler Downtown on a positive trajectory and while I have big shoes to fill, I look forward to keeping that going. Cheers to a year filled with many Butler Downtown adventures!

-Audrianna Bly





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NEW YEAR. NEW BOT

As 2022 came to a close, our board said goodbye to Kelly Mattson (Oliver Outdoor), Clint Walker (Berkshire Hathaway), Debbie Crum (Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau), and Allen Hassler (Armstrong). Their service over the last few years has been invaluable.

On the *bright side*, there are a few new faces on the Butler Downtown board. They just so happen to all be 2023 Committee Chairs as well. Allow us to introduce the four newest board members that will be with us for the next three years.

The best way to get involved with BDT is to join a committee that piques your interest. Find out more about each committee and how to get involved on our website at butlerdowntown.org.



Thomas Graham

Owner, Frames & Pixels

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Tim Hawk

Executive Director, Community Options

Design Committee Chairperson



Mikayla Moretti

Director of Special Events, BC3 Education Foundation

Organization Committee Chairperson



Amber Omstead

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Promotions Committee Chairperson

BDT Board Members

- <u>Audrianna Bly</u>- President (SpringHill Suites by Marriot Butler-Centre City)
- Lance Calvert (Branded In Butler)
- Lisa Campbell (BC3)
- <u>Jeff Geibel</u>- Immediate Past President (Edward Jones)
- Nicole Glasgow (Howard Hanna)
- Thomas Graham Economic Revitalization
 Committee Chair (Frames & Pixels)
- Amanda Green- Treasurer (Evergreen Accounting)
- <u>Tim Hawk</u>- Design Committee Chair (Community Options)
- Nick Leturgey (Community Partnership Inc.)
- Mikayla Moretti- Organization Committee Chair (BC3 Education Foundation)
- <u>Amber Omstead</u>- Promotions Committee Chair (Butler Technologies)
- Hannah Shannon (NexTier Bank)
- Krista Washkau Secretary (Edward Jones)



Celebrating our "Hip Town"

Butler City was sparkling on the evening of November 16th, 2022 as local residents, business owners and officials arrived at Butler Downtown's Annual Celebration. As guests exited the elevator of the gorgeous Butler's Grand Ballroom they walked a Red Carpet and were dazzled by the spectacular set up from All About Reclaimed by Jeff Double. The experience was topped off with



the opportunity to have professional pictures taken by the talented Alexis Amor Photo (www.amoralexismil.com). Over 125 attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and desserts from The Monroe Hotel, Son's & Daughter's of Italy Lodge #1664 and Harvey's Sweet Shoppe.

After opening remarks were given by organization President, Jeff Geibel, representatives from the Design, Economic Revitalization, Promotions, and Organization committees gave brief overviews of the work that was accomplished throughout the year. Guests were also treated to short speeches from the Butler County Commissioners and Butler City Mayor Bob Dandoy. Butler County Chamber Executive Director, Jordan Grady, was also on hand to help present several deserving individuals with awards. We were proud to award Mikayla Moretti with Volunteer of the Year, Oliver Outdoor with Small Business of the Year and Center for Community Resources with the Economic Impact Award. Special recognition was shown to Brian McCafferty (KenMac Rentals) and Vicki Hinterberger (Butler Radio Network) for their years of dedication to the City of Butler and Mayor Bob Dandoy even presented both with keys to the City!

Our Annual Celebration is a very special evening each year. We hope to see you at this free event in November of 2023!





















A) Jerry Oliver (Oliver Outdoor), Jordan Grady (Butler County Chamber) & Jaymie Oliver (Oliver Outdoor).

B) Jordan Grady & Beth Gillan (CCR). C) Mayor Bob Dandoy & Vicki Hinterberger (Butler Radio Network, retired). D. Vicki Hinterberger E) Brian McCafferty (KenMac Rentals founder) F) Randy & Kelly Mattson (Oliver Outdoor) G) Adrian DeSantis & Madeline Miller (Grows on Main by Secret Plant Co.) H) John & Hannah Shannon (NexTier Bank) I) Tim Yerace (KenMac Rentals current owner) & Dr. Leslie Yerace J) Mayor Bob Dandoy & Roseanne Natili (Butler City Farmer's Market) K) Barry Cummings (Cummings' Candy & Coffee Shops, middle) and friends L) Krislyn, Michelle & Steve Green (Glade Run Lutheran Services) M) Steve & Debbie Braden (Upper Crust Shop) N) Brittany Braden (Upper Crust Shop), Lexi Bear (Upper Crust Shop) & Olivia Miller (Butler Beauty Academy)





Celebrating our "Hip Town" cont.

Sharing a privately-purchased Cameo Video from Rapper/Actor Ice-T was the highlight of our evening. Ice-T reminded us of some of Butler's history and gave a personal shout out to the Butler PA Hip-Hop & Rap Community (bottom photo). He also issued a challenge to County Commissioner Leslie Osche to take place in a rap battle.... perhaps with BDT President Jeff Geibel? Although Ice-T couldn't be there in-person, his cardboard cutout was available for red carpet pictures as demonstrated by BDT board members Lisa Campbell, Debbi Crum & Amanda Green (top photo from left to right).

If you missed the video during the event, scan the QR code below to watch it on our Facebook page.















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