

## UP TO THE MINUTES.....News from the ABA.....April 2006

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Dear ABA members and those who have yet to join,

As we prepare for the passing of the MUST ordinance, April promises to be a history-making month for Ardmore. We hope you'll continue to follow Ardmore's progress through the ABA announcements provided in these ABA communications to our membership. As we enter spring, our most costly ABA expenses are before us. Without your participation and dues support, our holiday lighting, "Ardmore Destination" radio ads, support for Community projects, and our free Saturday parking days will be difficult to fund. **If you've delayed in sending your 2006 dues, please mail ASAP to the ABA at the above address.**

### **2006 Membership Drive Update Welcome to our new and returning businesses:**

Our last memo included 73 returning ABA members... the following businesses have since joined our ABA member list: Ardmore Acura, Whole Foods, Human Zoom, John Henry Pub, Republican Committee of Lower Merion and Narberth, Kidz Shooz, Shanti Medical Spa & Wellness Center and Your Next Step. **81 members to date, with members joining daily! What about you?**

**Current Fund Balance:** \$3,257 as reported by Chris Murray, treasurer, ABA.

**On Tuesday April 4**, the ABA held a membership get-together at Milk Boy Coffee. In attendance were Terri Kearse & John Gallagher, Beneficial Bank, Cheryl Allison, Main Line Life, Commissioner Maryam Phillips, Larry Gee, Suburban Square, Michael Bufo & Elliot tMcAllister, Human Zoom, Joe Stefankiewicz, Sovereign Bank, Joe Daly & Joe Regan, Lower Merion Police Dept., Mike Coughlin, State Farm, Harry, Harry's Treasures, Danny Salzburg, Ardmore Paperback Books, John Glatthorn, Swain Techs, Nicole, Citizens Bank, Nancy Gold, Kings Collar Shirtmakers, Christine Vilardo, Aqua Hut Dive & Travel, Steve Evans. Special Olympics and the folks from Kids Shooz. (Apologies if we forgot anyone!) Heidi Tirjan, Ardmore's new Retail Recruiter, gave us an update of her efforts to bring new businesses to Ardmore as well as on her dialogue with current building & business owners to improve the look of our downtown. Copies of her reports are available at the Ardmore Initiative office. Stop in to pick up a copy and to say Hi to Heidi! We also heard from Mike & Elliott from Human Zoom & from Steve Evans (Special Olympics) about the upcoming Bike Race. (Read more below!) Thanks to **Milk Boy Coffee** for their hospitality & to **Citizens Bank** for the yummy snacks!

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26:** MUST Meeting at the Township Building. The agenda begins at 6:30, with MUST testimony beginning about 7:30 PM. After years of debate, this important enabling legislation will provide a catalyst for Ardmore's continued growth, and we expect a positive vote.

**FRIDAY MAY 5:** *First Friday* at MilkBoy.... Let's get a theme going here!!!! Think about keeping your stores open and add to the street festivities. (Let us know and we'll post those stores with open *First Friday* hours.)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27:** Ardmore will be hosting a Sunday Bike Race to benefit the Special Olympics. This event is being initiated by Human Zoom together with the ABA. It has the full support of our Police Department & we will be closing off a section of Lancaster Ave for the race. This will be a true community event & we encourage our local businesses to open their stores for this day, put out tables & share in the fun! Watch for more info on how you can participate.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: The Fourth Annual Ardmore Swings! Golf Outing** sponsored by *Mahoney Realty*, will be held at *White Manor Country Club*. This is Ardmore's only fundraiser and all money, less event expenses, is returned to the Ardmore community. Information links for this event can be found at [www.ardmore-pa.org](http://www.ardmore-pa.org), [www.kingscollarshirtmakers.com](http://www.kingscollarshirtmakers.com), and [www.aquahut.net](http://www.aquahut.net). Give your company name exposure to over 100 new clients! Think about donating something for our goodie bag, consider a Hole sponsorship, or join a foursome and help us raise money for our local fire company and police department. Call Nancy Gold at 610-642-9910 or Mike Coughlin at 610-896-8797 for more info.

**Thursdays at Café San Pietro:** Local Ardmore musician, Wally Smith is playing with his Jazz trio from 8-11pm. Stop by for great food & music!

## **ARDMORE ON THE MOVE:**

Look for the opening of the new *Amazon Café*, adjacent to The Philadelphia Sports Club, hopefully to be completed within the next several months. There will be tables outside, and healthy food inside.

*19 West Beauty* is undergoing a face-lift; we're looking forward to the unveiling.

"*Super Suppers*" is coming to Ardmore! A lease is out for a new *Super Suppers* store in the Ardmore shopping district on Lancaster Ave. Look for the grand opening sometime in early summer and check out the incredible meal potentials for your family. Restaurant quality meals at fast food prices. They do all the shopping, chopping and cleanup. You put it together one time, take home meals for 2 to 4 weeks (depending on family size) and cook it when you want.

Look for a facelift, new apartments, and a new downstairs tenant for the old Smith & Childs space at Lancaster and Rittenhouse.

Welcome to new member, Shanti, Medical Spa & Wellness Center. If looking good & feeling good are important to you, check out Shanti. Their beautiful, peaceful space is located at 59 W. Lancaster and you'll be graciously and professionally catered to by Shanti's wonderful staff.

**A SIGN OF THE TIMES:** In our March memo, the ABA reported its relief that the Eminent Domain option had been taken off the table via a Board of Commissioners Resolution. In the spirit of moving forward, the ABA would like to mention that **IT'S NOW TIME TO TAKE THE YELLOW SIGNS DOWN!**

**A UNIFIED ARDMORE WILL GENERATE A TRUE REVITALIZATION FOR THE ARDMORE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND WILL BENEFIT EVERY BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNER. LET'S ALL SUPPORT OUR REVITALIZATION PROJECT... THIS MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN ARDMORE'S FUTURE.**

**REMEMBER:** The ABA wants to help spread the word about your business! Please send us newsworthy events & activities & we'll let our business community know what you're up to. We are also starting an email database to communicate with our members in a timely, more effective fashion. Please email Christine at [Christine@aquahut.net](mailto:Christine@aquahut.net) with your company name & email address & we'll add you to our growing list.

And finally..... **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF ARDMORE'S BEST OF MAIN LINE LIFE WINNERS!!!!!!!** There's no area with as many winners. A full list will follow after the awards are presented on April 26.