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Imagine Main Street Hosts Second Downtown Manchester Event On Thursday

Art Exhibits And Sales, Live Music, Wine Tasting

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MANCHESTER —

Continuing its promotion of downtown arts and businesses, Imagine Main Street is to host art exhibits and sales Thursday night at vacant storefronts.

The group's second event (the first was in June during Pride in Manchester Week) is to include an art and crafts exhibit and sale at 856 Main St., with live music by Driving Iris, according to a news release. A wine tasting by bin228, along with an art exhibit and music provided by Summit Studios, is set for 974 Main St., the release said.

Other activities along Main Street also are scheduled. Those attending are encouraged to visit local restaurants for Imagine specials and visit other downtown businesses, the news release said. A program of the evening's activities will be available on Thursday at Anne Miller Real Estate, 975 Main St., and at First Niagara Bank, 923 Main St.



The event is being coordinated with the 2012 Beller's Music Summer Concert Series in Center Memorial Park. The first concert in the series is set for Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

Upcoming Imagine Main Street events are scheduled for Aug. 2 and Sept. 6.

The group's mission is "to incorporate the rich cultural and historic heritage of Manchester with a new and creative arts culture," according to the news release. Imagine Main Street is a collaboration of representatives of the town, Manchester Community College, the Downtown Manchester Special Services District, local business owners, nonprofit organizations, artists and involved citizens.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Imagine Main Street Committee at <u>ImagineMainStreet@cox.net</u>. Information also available on the web at <u>http://www.imaginemainstreet.com/</u> and on Imagine Main Street's Facebook page.

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