

## West Side Main Street welcomes new program coordinator

**Institute, WV** – West Side Main Street, a program devoted to revitalizing the West side of Charleston, has named Patricia McGill its new program coordinator. The program's board of directors will introduce McGill during a Business After Hours open house on Tuesday, January 22, from 5:00 to 7:00 at the West Side Main Street offices, located on the second floor of 303 Washington Street West.

"I am very excited to have Ms. McGill involved with our Main Street program," said Julia Moran, President of West Side Main Street. "She brings an incredible background in community development programming. Her extensive experience in building coalitions and strengthening non-profit organizations will be a great benefit to the program."

McGill assumed her duties in early January, meeting with board members and volunteers about current and future projects. She brings a wealth of experience to her position, including work with legislative policy, campaign management, community development, and non-profit organizations.

A West side resident, McGill looks forward to a thriving future with the program. "We're ready to revitalize the West side and make it a better place to live," she said.

West Side Main Street has been organizing community revitalization efforts along Charleston's Washington Street West corridor since its inception in late 2005 through a partnership with West Virginia State University Extension, the City of Charleston, the West Side Neighborhood Association, and others.

Based in historic preservation, Main Street is a national model for community revitalization that was developed to save historic commercial architecture and has since become a powerful economic development tool across the country. A program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street capitalizes on a community's history and resources to tackle the complex issue of revitalizing once-booming downtown neighborhoods. The West Side program is a nationally unique partnership of city government and local residents embedded within a university extension service.

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