

Summer events sure to help town thrive

Summer in Shepherdstown - the event calendar is filling. And each of the events planned, from the upcoming DogFest to May Day, to Street Fest and CATF, will bring hoards of folks to town. Visitors will spend time shopping in local businesses, eating at favorite eateries and bunking in the local hotels.

Parades will draw their attention, featuring dancers, floats and everyone's favorite - dogs of Shepherdstown!

Street Fest will bring artisans from around the region offering their wares, as well as offering a venue for shoppers to experience what this great little town has to share. Entertainment, kid's events and more will be available for everyone

While the Contemporary American Theater Festival plays will not be on stage until July, the group promises to once again deliver a plays to whet the appetite of all theater-goers. Expanding from five plays to six this year, CATF continues to draw visitors to Shepherdstown - something that is good for not only their program, but the town as a whole.

Founded in 1991 by Ed Herendeen, the Frestival has produced over 115 new plays including 43 world premiers and 10 commissions. The CATF plays invoke powerful messages in varying genres and provide something for everyone.

As with many Shepherdstown events, this one, too brings in thousands of individuals each year to not only enjoy the productions, but to enjoy the town. These visitors stay in hotels, eat in restaurants and shop in many of the local businesses in town. The addition of the sixth show this summer will only contribute to the coffers.

Kudos to this small American town where organizers have a vision and make it happen. Plan your summer accordingly to take advantage of the many events coming up. You don't want to miss a thing!