

Media Advisory

Comptroller Franchot to Honor Three Hagerstown Businesses on Thursday

Stops include longtime German restaurant, Maryland's largest vinyl record shop and convenience store run by second-chance citizen

WHO: Comptroller Peter Franchot

WHAT: Comptroller Franchot will spend Thursday afternoon in Hagerstown, where he will present proclamations to three local business owners.

The first stop will be Hub City Vinyl, located in a 20,000-square-foot restored auto building that is thought to be Maryland's largest record shop. Mr. Franchot will present a proclamation to owner Sheree Thoburn and her husband Lloyd for their successful efforts to revitalize several neglected buildings in Hagerstown. Hub City Vinyl, which opened at the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, offers more than 6,000 new and more than 15,000 used albums and 100,000 vintage 45 and LP records, along with cassettes, CDs and music books.

The Comptroller's will next head to Schmankerl Stube, a German restaurant that has showcased traditional Bavarian cuisine and Old World culture since 1988. He will present a proclamation to owner and executive chef Dieter Blosel, who didn't speak English when he came to the restaurant in 1997. Blosel became owner in 2008.

Mr. Franchot will then visit Carmen's Corner Store, where he will present a proclamation to owner Altimont Mark Wilks, who opened the business in 2019 following his release from prison. Mr. Wilks has served as a mentor for other ex-offenders and is a national leader for returning citizens seeking a second chance at productive lives. A

second Carmen's Corner Store, named after Mr. Wilks' mother, recently opened in downtown Frederick.

WHEN: Thursday, May 5, 2022

WHERE:	4:15 p.m. Hub City Vinyl 28 E. Baltimore St. Hagerstown, MD 21740	4:45 p.m. Schmankerl Stube 58 S. Potomac St. Hagerstown, MD 21740	5:15 p.m. Carmen's Corner Store 25 E. Antietam St. Hagerstown, MD 21740
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