

## Artful runners and benches unveiled at Strollin' on Main

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MANCHESTER — Art will take center stage downtown tonight as people attending Strollin' on Main will get to see the newly unveiled Runners Art Parade and painted benches strewn along Main Street.

Eight painted benches and 12 decorated running mannequins done by local artists will be displayed through the summer until November and the Manchester Road Race.

Run by Imagine Main Street, a collaboration of the town staff, local businesses, artists, nonprofit organizations, and the Downtown Manchester Special Services District, Strollin' on Main also will include the Oak Street International

Block Party highlighting live music, martial arts displays, and food and spirit tasting.

Events take place at various locations downtown from 6 to 9 p.m.

The monthly event is seen as a key driver in ramping up efforts to revitalize the downtown area, with a vision of an arts mecca.

This month's event is a cooperative effort with the Pride in Manchester Week committee, and will include many of the traditional Strollin' on Main activities.

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