

# The National Road

The National Road will celebrate its 200th birthday on May 8, 2011. This highway not only transformed our nation, it also put Cumberland on the map!

For Cumberland, the road placed the city at the head of a major transportation corridor and gave fuel to the City's subsequent development as a major regional manufacturing and transportation center. In many respects, the National Road is the forerunner of our entire Federal highway system and its construction marked the beginning of the Federal Government's strategic investments in the infrastructure that built our nation.

The City of Cumberland, with a wide array of partners including the

- local museums,
- Allegany County Government,
- Department of Tourism,
- Chamber of Commerce, and
- representatives from Senators Cardin and Mikulski offices

plan to mark the bicentennial event by breaking ground and burying a time capsule that will be sealed for another 200 years.

Many of the items that will be placed in the time capsule will be submitted by school children from the towns and cities between Cumberland and Wheeling, WV that were linked through the initial construction of the road.



The City of Cumberland  
City Hall  
100th Anniversary  
Built 1911-2011



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**National Road  
200th  
Anniversary**



# Schedule of Events

## Saturday, April 30:

Unveiling of the Time-Capsule 9:30 AM  
Lt Gov. Brown  
Allegany Museum

## Tuesday, May 3:

Alice Rush McKeon Tree Planting Ceremony 11:00 AM  
Riverside Park

## Thursday, May 5:

Cumberland Multi-State Planning Conference 9:00 AM—10:00 PM

Cinco de Mayo Family Junction Benefit 6:00 PM—9:00 PM  
Allegany Museum

## Friday, May 6:

Display of National Road Time Capsule Artifacts 10 AM—4 PM  
Allegany Museum

National Road Geo-Foto On-Line Event Throughout the weekend  
[www.Geo.Foto.us](http://www.Geo.Foto.us)

Lonaconing Iron Furnace Dawn to Dusk In Furnace Park  
Self guided tours

Planning Conference 9:00 AM—1:30 PM

Narrated Walking Tour of C&O Canal 2:00 PM—3:30 PM

C&O Canal NHP Visitor Center & Museum 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

LaVale Toll Gate 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Allegany Museum 10:00 AM—4:00PM

Gordon Roberts House 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

Queen City Transportation Museum 10:00 AM—5:00 PM

History Room at the Georges Creek Library 10:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Lonaconing

WMSR Train Excursion 11:30 AM—3:00 PM  
Round Trip to Frostburg

Gilchrist Gallery 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Frostburg Museum 12:00 PM—5:00 PM

Friday after Five 5:00 PM  
Baltimore St Pedestrian Mall

MOVIE Showing Stand Up and Fight 7:00 PM  
New Embassy Theatre

## Saturday, May 7:

Special Amateur Radio Club Station Saturday into Sunday  
Canal Place

Lonaconing Iron Furnace Dawn to Dusk in Furnace Park  
Self guided tours

Michele Beaulieu 5K National Road Run 12:00 PM Along the  
Great Allegheny Passage Trail

National Road Antique Vehicle Caravan Arrival 12:30 PM Approximately  
Mechanic Street

Queen City Transportation Museum 10:00 AM—8:00 PM

Saville Gallery Special Reception 10:00 AM—8:00 PM  
5:00 PM—8:00 PM

Allegany Museum 10:00 AM—10:00 PM

All Other Museums Open For Viewing  
See Friday Hours

WMSR Train Excursion 11:30 AM—3:00 PM  
Round Trip to Frostburg

Display of National Road Time Capsule Artifacts 10 AM—4 PM  
Allegany Museum

National Road Bicentennial Parade 1:00 PM—Approximately 3:00 PM  
County Tourism

National Road Monument Ground-Breaking Ceremony Approximately 3:30 PM—4:30 PM  
Riverside Park Gazebo

Antique Vehicle Display 3:00 PM—8:00 PM  
Allegany Museum

Gilchrist Gallery Reception 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Tri-State Youth Orchestra Performance 5:00 PM—6:00 PM  
Canal Place

Cumberland Arts Walk/ Children's Activities Arts Bus 5:00 PM—8:00 PM

Dancing With the Local Stars & Raffle 7:00 PM  
Allegany Museum

U.S. Navy Band Country Current 7:45 PM—9:00 PM  
Canal Place

Fireworks Display 9:00 PM  
Canal Place

## Sunday, May 8:

Lonaconing Iron Furnace Dawn to Dusk In Furnace Park  
Self guided tours

Saville Gallery 11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Gilchrist Gallery 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Allegany Museum 1:00 PM—6:00 PM

All Other Museums & George's Creek Library) Except Gordon-Roberts House  
Open for Viewing—  
See Friday Hours

Public Viewing of National Road Wagon Bells 10:00 AM—5:00 PM  
Queen City Transportation Museum

WMSR Train Excursion— 11:30 AM—3:00 PM  
Round Trip to Frostburg

Sealing of the National Road Time Capsule 2:30 PM  
Allegany Museum

Public Viewing of Madonna of the Trail submissions 3:00 PM  
Allegany Museum



**National Road Bicentennial Engraved Bricks**  
**\$50.00 per brick**

**Call Brenda Smith at 301-722-4156 to find out how you can purchase an engraved brick.**

**All donations benefit the Monument and Time-Capsule for the National Road Bicentennial Celebration**