“Everyday Heroes” are the best type of heroes! They’re the people we live next door to, the people beside us at the checkout line, the people we pass by as we take our evening walks. We may not recognize what they do without their uniforms on, or outside of their particular setting, but they’re the same people we rely on to be there when we’re in need! They’re the nurses we rely on being there when our children become ill at school or when our aged family members are in a nursing home, caregivers at home, parents and grandparents raising children, the staff we rely on to take care of us in Dr’s offices and the hospital, the EMT’s we call on when we’re in an emergency, the teachers we rely on to educate our children, the soldiers who dedicate their lives to protecting ours, and the right to enjoy our lifestyle of freedom in the USA, the people who make sure our water is running, our heat is on, our streets are cleared, the ministers who are there to celebrate with us and to mourn with us, and those who inspire us. This is just the beginning of all the heroes in our lives, that are on the job everyday making sure we are all taken care of in our times of need. When called upon, they stand ready to give their service to us. To make our lives safer, healthier, and better. So when you see any of these everyday heroes – don’t forget to say “Thank You!” “Thank You for your service, your time, your caring, your expertise, and your willingness to share it with the rest of us. We simply couldn’t do it without you, our heroes!”

Live Entertainment

EAST STAGE
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Sacksville Rhythm & Blues Band - Blues
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Tina Daniels Band - Rock & Blues
9:45 - 11:00 pm
Dave Iglar Band - Rock & Blues

RIVER STAGE
2:45 - 4:45 pm
Ruby Hornsby - Rock, Blues, Covers
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Chris Higbee - Acoustic Performance
Artisans • 2 pm - 11 pm
Experience the talent and beauty presented by over 55 local and regional artist vendors during your visit today. Be sure to stop by our many fine downtown merchants, you just never know what you might find while shopping in these unique shops.

A Foodie You Say?
Have we got the goodies for you!
Make sure you visit the food court at WaterFire this Saturday. You’ll be sure you’re in the right direction as you pick up the aromas of ribs on the bbq, or is that lamb from the gyros we smell? There will surely be a sweet smell of cinnamon rolls and funnel cake. You can cool off with a milkshake! So much savory, so much sweet – you can’t go wrong with a visit to the food court. Dozens of vendors are setting up just to take care of you so don’t miss out on stopping by! While you’re there – check out the specialty items at the Chocolate Gyro trailer! Just a few of the delicious food options: pulled pork, mac & cheese, fried catfish dinners, burgers, hot sausage, meatball sandwiches, and homemade cavatelli. See, there’s really something there for everyone! Have lunch, supper, a snack or pick up a treat for the way home at the WaterFire food court!

Children’s Activities • 3 pm - 8 pm
Have we got some fun planned for you! The Children’s Fun Zone will be presented by the “Cafaro Foundation” and the “Eastwood Mall Complex” this year – Special Thanks to them for providing the entertainment for our younger guests! Remember that we moved the children’s area this year - look for the Fun Zone on West State Street, right past North Water Avenue, near Reyers Shoe Store. You’ll easily spot it by the bouncy house that will be waiting for you! In addition to the bouncy house, there will be plenty of activities, including making bird feeders from ice cream cones, crafts, bubbles, games, music and more! You’ll make hero masks and super hero stickers, there’s vegetable car races, Kinetic sand and the Sharon Robotics Team will be onsite to demonstrate what they’re doing with the robots they built! These students are from the immediate area and happy to show you what the world of Robotics can open up to all of us! Sharon Regional Medical Center will be at the Children’s Area too, to teach us safety, and first aid tips – we all need to know that and what a great way to learn it, when it’s just for us kids! They want us to be safe and know what to do in emergencies – Thank You Sharon Regional! Bring your family and we’ll see you there!

Starlight Garden • 6 pm - 10 pm
Visit WaterFire Sharon’s “Starlight Garden”, located on the corner of South Water Avenue and Connelly Boulevard. For $20, a donor will receive both a lit star with a ribbon, and a luminary with a blank card on which to write wishes or messages. Enjoy the beautiful blue glow of the stars paired with the orange glow of the braziers lit in the river. Stop by for details.

The River & Orb Lighting
Did you know that we have a whole evening of entertainment planned for you? Included in the torch procession tonight will be members of Sharon’s Class of 1978, celebrating their 40th class reunion, and representatives of Sharon Regional Medical Center, honoring their colleagues who serve as heroes every day! Once the lighting ceremony occurs, there is plenty of entertainment to follow! You’ll be able to see an aerialist perform beautiful silks against the evening sky and a world-renowned fire twirler amaze his viewers from many spots on the river. Diana, the aerialist is visiting us from Las Vegas while Spogga, the famous fire twirler is visiting us from New Orleans. In addition to their performances, there are several live performances beginning at 9 pm, from the boats, right on the river. There are 4 soloists performing at different times, and a jazz saxophone player that will leave you wanting more! Between their performances the audience will be treated to music hand chosen just for the evening, while they enjoy the other sights from the river – the burning braziers, the kayakers and surprises included! So please, find a comfortable spot and spend the evening with us!

Historical Walking Tours
12 pm, 2 pm & 4 pm
Make sure you join the Sharon Historical Society and the Sharon Beautification Commission for August 18th’s Historical Walking Tour! This month’s tour will focus on the West side of Downtown, covering the areas of North and South Main Street, North Irvine Avenue and the Ellsworth Street area. There are stories of places and people from the area that you won’t want to miss. The area’s churches, school, businesses dating back to the late 1800’s, train stations, bridges and notable residential homes will also be highlighted during the tour. Join historians John Zavinski and Brian Kepple, who will lead the 1 ½ hour tours. They’ll meet you at the large mural on the side of Reyers’ Shoe Store, at each tour time. There are some uneven surfaces and an inclined walking area on this tour so dress in anticipation of those things – wear shoes that you’ll feel sturdy in. Each participate will receive a collectible 30+ page tour booklet featuring many old and rare pictures, as well as interesting information.

Art Hotspots Downtown
Random Acts of Artists recently completed a 1,680 square foot mural, located on the South side of the Cricket Wireless store in the Sharon City Plaza, directly across from the Sharon Municipal Building.

Other RAA art installations in Sharon include the “Flower Garden Gallery” located on W. Connelly Blvd., the “Random Interface Alley”, the “Literary Garden” at the Community Library of the Shenango Valley, the “Dueling Pianos” and “World Peace Drum” located on West State Street beside George Junior Republic sculpture “It’s a Wonderful World”, and the “Gallery Garden” located in the River Garden Park.

Take a little bit of WaterFire home with you.
Be sure to stop by one of the souvenir tents during your visit. You’ll find items in every price range that would be a great keepsake, or a perfect gift. Don’t let the day get away without a visit to the souvenir tent – find something special to take home, to always remind you of this very special day!