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LancasterHistory's "History Happy Hour" Series Returns This June

*Lancaster's Past Comes Alive at Our Town Brewery, Rekindling Conversations about the City's
Notorious Red-Light Districts*

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory is thrilled to announce the much-awaited return of its popular program, **History Happy Hour**, on Thursday, June 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the historic [Our Town Brewery](#).

This marks the first time since 2020 that the popular program has been available.

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to learn about a lesser-known aspect of Lancaster's past: the bustling, illicit business of prostitution in the early 20th century.

Our Town Brewery, the venue for the evening, has a historical significance of its own. It was once the site of a well-known 1913 brothel run by the entrepreneur Edna Carson. Carson's

establishment was a luxurious destination for the affluent, nestled within Lancaster's then "wide open" city, a place where laws were often side-stepped, even by police and politicians.

As part of the History Happy Hour program, [Dr. M. Alison Kibler](#), a professor from Franklin & Marshall College in the departments of American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, will offer insights into the stories of the women and men who were part of Lancaster's Red-Light Districts during this period. Drawing on her extensive research in the LancasterHistory archives, Dr. Kibler will provide a rich and vivid picture of Lancaster's anti-vice campaigns and those it campaigned against.

"We're beyond excited to bring History Happy Hour back to the city. This event has always been about more than just historical facts – it's about great storytelling, about connecting our past to our present, and ultimately, about creating a dialogue around our shared history, all with a drink in hand" **Dr. Mabel Rosenheck**, the Director of Education and Exhibition Planning at LancasterHistory, said. "The stories of Edna Carson and Lancaster's Red-Light District reveal aspects of our city that are often overlooked. They push us to rethink our perceptions of the past and remind us that everyday spaces can have histories that are more complex than what meets the eye. Who better to tell these tales than Dr. Kibler, and what better place to do it than Our Town."

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the program to start at 6:15 p.m. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the venue until 7:30 p.m. and to make dinner reservations to extend their stay at Our Town Brewery.

The History Happy Hour tickets are priced at \$20 for non-members and \$15 for LancasterHistory Members. The ticket price includes admission to the program, light refreshments, and one complimentary beverage. Additional food, drink, and merchandise will be available for separate purchase. The event is recommended for those age 18 or older, and individuals must be 21 years or older to consume adult beverages.

To secure a seat at this fascinating event, advance tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633. With a limited capacity, early purchase is highly recommended to avoid disappointment. At door tickets are not guaranteed.

Our Town Brewery is located at 252 North Prince Street in Lancaster. Nearby parking garages are available for a fee. We hope to see you there for an evening of enlightening historical revelations!

For more information about this event and other LancasterHistory initiatives, please visit [our website](#) or call (717) 392-4633.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the life and legacy of America's 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.

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