

# First City News

## Downtown Connellsville

Downtown Connellsville is an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust

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Spring 2023

Thank you to those who have donated to Downtown Connellsville this year!



Arch Cafe

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The Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulates the codes and standards of building projects in the Commonwealth. The UCC has been enforced since April 2004 across Pennsylvania. Over 90% of Pennsylvania's 2,562 municipalities have elected to administer and enforce the UCC locally, using their own employees or via certified third-party agencies (private code enforcement agencies) that they have retained. Connellsville now has a part time UCC administrator.

UCC Building Permits Bill Whetzel 724-277-6201

Permits can be obtained at City Hall or Online.

Occupancy Permit & Building Permit

[Connellsville.us/uniform-construction-code](http://Connellsville.us/uniform-construction-code)

### Please Welcome The New Downtown Business:

Happy Feet Dancewear - 601 West Crawford Avenue

The Mason Jar - 605 West Crawford Avenue

Premier Dance Center - New Location  
120 West Crawford Avenue

The Stern Center - New Location  
150 West Crawford Avenue



Downtown Connellsville now offers new and expanding businesses located in the downtown area, that are not Chamber Members,

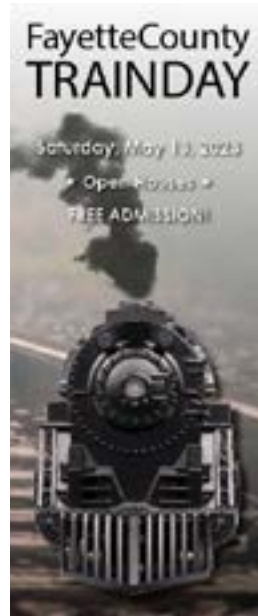
ribbon cutting events. If you are a new business and want to attract more attention at your grand opening please contact us at 724-216-4518.

In addition to ribbon cutting events we also offer signage and facade matching funds. We will match up to \$250 on

signage and up to \$1,000 on front facade work. This year we are also matching up to \$1,000 for sidewalk improvement projects in the designated downtown area. Applications must be received before any work is started. Please check with the city of Connellsville for their Sign Ordinance and get their approval before contacting us. Everyone that receives funds from Downtown Connellsville is required to fill out a W-9. For more information please see our web page at [DowntownConnellsville.org/facade-and-sign-matching-funds](http://DowntownConnellsville.org/facade-and-sign-matching-funds)

# FIRST FRIDAYS

Emily Richter, from YHL The Mind & Body Boutique, has started a First Friday's initiative. If you are a business in the Connellsville Community and would like to join in the First Friday fun please contact Emily at [cvillesmallbiz@gmail.com](mailto:cvillesmallbiz@gmail.com).



Downtown Connellsville is sponsoring the 8th Annual Downtown Connellsville Simply Soup Walk (March 11) and the 8th Annual Chili Fest (November 4). Tickets are \$10 each and participants get a 4 oz cup to taste at each stop. The Fayette County Cultural Trust is sponsoring the 9th Annual Fayette County Train Day's. There are 6 displays that are going to be open and FREE to see in Fayette County, two located in our Downtown. Connellsville Canteen's Indian Creek Valley Railroad Display located at 131 West Crawford Avenue and the HOBO Club Display located inside the Connellsville Community Center located at 201 East Fairview Avenue.



This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. To pay tribute to the 963 area Vietnam service members who lost their lives during the war, the Fayette County Cultural Trust & Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus are hosting *The Wall That Heals* in October. This commemoration will take place at Penn State Fayette on October 12 - 15. Included in the 963 area total, 49 of them were from Fayette County and 7 were from Connellsville: SP4 Francis Ray Addis; PFC David Bartock; CPL Kenneth Brian Kooser; SGT James C. Kraynak; SSGT Clyde K. Nelson; SSGT Wilbur E. Swindell and A1C Michael Edward Widener.

If you would like to help in the 50th Commemoration of those local soldiers that lost their lives please visit our dedicated web page:

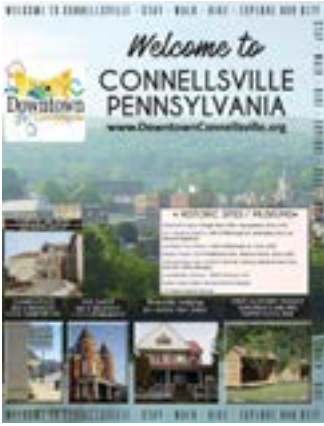
[FayetteTrust.org/wall-that-heals-2023](http://FayetteTrust.org/wall-that-heals-2023)

Being a business in Connellsville and making Fayette County a welcoming place to visit we must all learn about our area, it's history and attractions. Did you know that Fallingwater is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site and attracts thousands of visitors to our area each year? In showing appreciation to the residents of Fayette County, Fallingwater opens it's doors for FREE to area residents. This year Fallingwater Fayette County Appreciation Days are March 19 & November 19. You must contact them to make a reservation in advance.

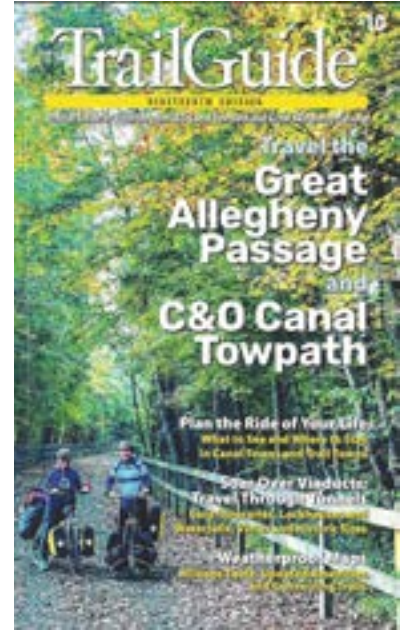




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Did you know that Downtown Connellsville has created a downtown walking map? Walking distances are measured from the Comfort Inn Hotel. This map lists businesses that want to advertise to visitors that travel through or stay in one of our overnight lodging facilities. A business card size add is \$125 and the map is produced yearly. These maps are placed in the Connellsville Visitor's Center, Comfort Inn Hotel, Connellsville B&B, Connellsville Canteen and select restaurants and businesses throughout downtown. In addition to the walking map we also produced a rack card that lists restaurants in the downtown area. These rack cards are also placed in visitor areas.



For the past several years Downtown Connellsville has paid for advertising in the *Trail Guide*. This trail guide is used throughout the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal Towpath.



The Connellsville Visitors Center, located at Yough River Park, will be staffed 10 a.m.-5 p.m., weekends in April and May, then Tuesdays-Sundays in June, and daily in July and August. The center is seasonal and will be closed from October 2023 - March 2024.

Downtown Connellsville has established a Welcome Center at the Connellsville Canteen, located at 139 West Crawford Avenue. It's open Monday - Friday 8 am - 2 pm all year.

## Thank You For Your Support

**Downtown Connellsville is a project of the Fayette County Cultural Trust. Since being established the Downtown Organization has helped businesses with facade improvements, signage, new windows and doors. Downtown Connellsville has invested greatly in a street-scape improvement program which consisted of downtown planters, benches, trash cans, bike racks and public art projects. Downtown has marketed our main street area in Trail Guides, Go Laurel Highlands publications, social media sites and web site. Downtown has hired Sharon Joseph as Downtown Connellsville Liasion. We have invested over \$250,000 into downtown projects over several years. Please donate to help support this great program. Check out our web site at [DowntownConnellsville.org](http://DowntownConnellsville.org)**

Please consider making a donation to  
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A project of the Fayette County Cultural Trust

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail your donation to:  
Downtown Connellsville  
139 West Crawford Avenue  
Connellsville, PA 15425

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**Thank You to our  
Neighborhood Partnership Program  
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For Spring 2023 we created a new, but short, marketing video that showcases the natural areas around us. Connellsville is surrounded by natural beauty, scenic vistas, waterfalls and fresh water rafting. Connellsville is a community where people can come to stay and emerge themselves in unspoiled nature.

Please scan the QR code with your phone to see the video or check out the Downtown Connellsville facebook page or web site.




**Sharon A. Joseph**



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www.DowntownConnellsville.org

**Downtown Connellsville Liaison**  
440-497-0172 or 724-603-0413

Sharon A. Joseph has been serving as the Downtown Connellsville Liaison, an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust, for 2 years. Sharon's service to the downtown community will come to an end in March as she is getting married and moving to Maryland. We would like to thank her for being our Downtown Connellsville Liaison and reaching out to the downtown businesses with her welcoming attitude and fresh ideas. Until then she is still available to help Downtown Connellsville business owners optimize their growth potential and marketing opportunities.

Congratulations Sharon on your engagement and new adventures in life.

**Email: [Sharon@DowntownConnellsville.org](mailto:Sharon@DowntownConnellsville.org)**