

First City News

Downtown Connellsville

Downtown Connellsville is an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust

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Downtown Connellsville created a project with Gina Irwin who is the Connellsville Area Middle School Library Media Specialist/Digital Media Teacher and her students. They are working on a downtown marketing video. These students were out and about at the beginning of this year photographing and videotaping different areas of our downtown and also capturing images of Fayette County tourist attractions.

Pictured above are students -from left to right: Hunter Brown, Nicky Farrell, Caroline Knopsnider, Mayella Saxon, Avery Christopher, Chloe Tikey, Sophia Kochis, Kassidy Callahan, Mylee Hay, and Kiley Groh.

Downtown Connellsville “Youth Ville” Initiative



Downtown is a friendly environment for children because they can walk or bike to most places. In Connellsville there are a lot of things they can do. Get entertained, learn something new, acquire a new skill, or just enjoy nature and the outdoors! Some of these include music lessons, dance, art classes, bike riding, basketball and educational lessons at our library, Connellsville actually has a lot going on for the younger generation!

Downtown Connellsville has, in the past, supported many projects involving the youth of the city and we are thankful for those downtown businesses that cater to helping our youth grow in so many ways.

DowntownConnellsville.org/youthville

Thank you

Downtown Connellsville would like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals who supported the fundraising efforts of Downtown Connellsville in 2022. It is with these contributions that Downtown Connellsville is able to fund facade improvement projects, sign matching funds, plant flowers, create public art projects and keep our downtown looking inviting for our residents and visitors alike.

Downtown Connellsville, an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust, is a grass roots program that relies on donations. Money raised has gone back into downtown projects which support facade restoration, trash cans, downtown planters, benches & bike racks, beautification projects such as public art and flower plantings. Downtown Connellsville also holds events to get people to come out and support businesses such as the Downtown Simply Soup Walk in the spring and Downtown Chili Walk in the fall. We really appreciate those that have donated this year to help with the revitalization efforts of our downtown through the above projects.

If you would like to donate to Downtown Connellsville please visit our web site at DowntownConnellsville.org

Businesses

Arch Café
Armstrong
Brook's Funeral Home
Bruner Insurance
Bud Murphy's Restaurant
CFS Bank
C Harper Auto Group
Clubhouse Pizzeria
Connellsville Chamber of Commerce
Daughters of American Colonists (DAC)
DeMuth Florist
Double Dragon Restaurant
Fink Funeral Home

Friends of Pat Stefano
House Financial Services
Janney Montgomery Scott
Kisiel & Associates, PC
Laurel Highlands Toastmasters
Loyal Order of Moose
SAJ Consulting Services
Scarry & Associates
St. John's Lutheran Church
Tina's Hair Nook
T.A. Nelson Bus Lines
Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 21
ZylkaHouse

Individuals

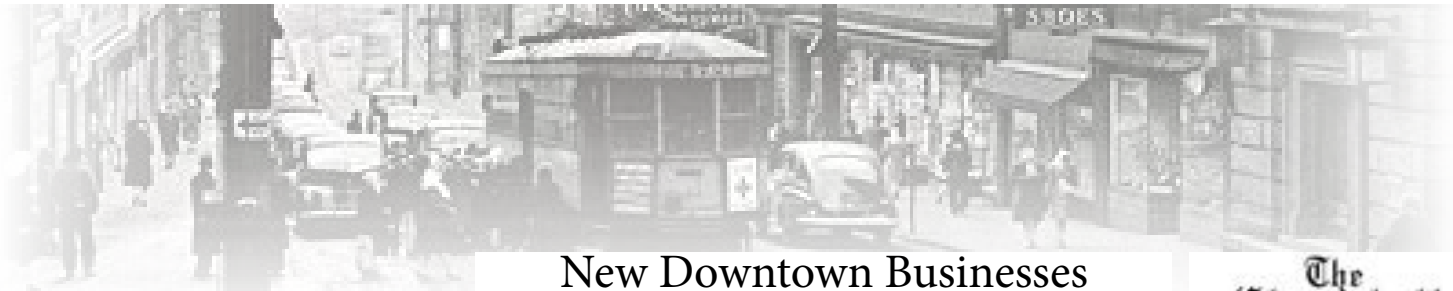
Gerry & Judy Browell
Janice Dunaway
Judy Eans
Linda Galiardi
Paula Grubach
Karen Hechler
Allan Kuhns
Cathy Kumor
Theodore & Phyllis Kovall
Andrea Michaux
Ron Shaffer
Marilyn Weaver

Downtown Connellsville would like to thank those businesses that participated in the 7th Annual Downtown Connellsville Simply Soup Walk which was held on Saturday, 12 March 2022.



Chili Walk
Saturday, 5 November 2022
11 am - 2 pm

**Fox's Pizza Den - Buffalo Chicken Soup
121 North Pittsburgh street**
**Double Dragon - Wonton Soup
142 North Pittsburgh Street**
**Wavie & Jane's - Vegetable Beef Soup
121 West Apple Street**
**Clubhouse Pizzeria - Potato Soup
130 West Crawford Avenue**
**Connellsville Canteen - Bacon Corn Chowder
139 West Crawford Avenue**
**Appalachian Creativity Center - Pennsylvania Dutch Bacon Potato Soup
131 West Crawford Avenue**
**O'Donnell's Pub - Zuppa Toscana
128 South Arch Street**
**Kickstand Kitchen - Hungarian Mushroom Soup
507 West Crawford Avenue**
**Keedy's Pizzeria - Wedding Soup
512 West Crawford Avenue**



New Downtown Businesses

Welcome

The Churchill Cigar Lounge
136 South Pittsburgh Street

All Doll'd Up
925 West Crawford Avenue



McCray Robb Bridge Design

The Penn DOT project features rehabilitation (superstructure replacement) of the McCray Robb bridge carrying SR 0711 over the Youghiogheny River. Contract will be issued in October and work should start in 2023. While the bridge is being worked on traffic will be redirected over the Route 119 bridge. Work is expected to take up to two years.

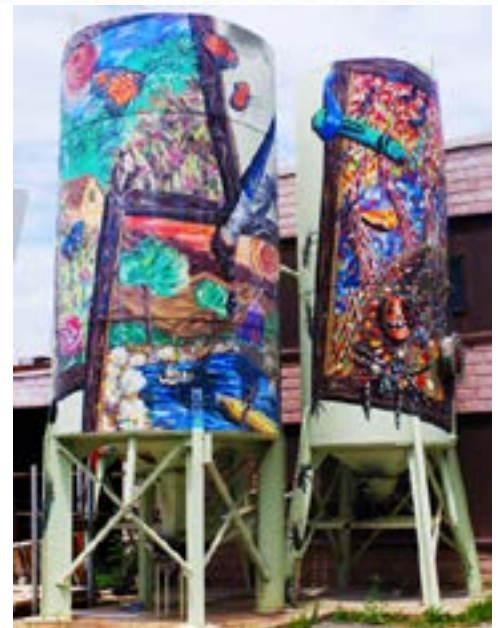
The bridge was named after Police Officer McCray Robb, who was killed on duty in 1882.



GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE



The Yough River Trail Council is raising funds to restore these painted and glass-mosaic silos along the Great Allegheny Passage hike-bike trail in Connellsville, PA. The painting and mosaic depict The Four Seasons. First painted in 2008, they've now become quite faded and need some tender loving care. In the photos, you can see how they appeared when they were new. Total cost to restore them will be \$13,500. Please help us restore the one of the artworks on our 150-mile trail!



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-connellsville-silos>

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Downtown Connellsville Liaison Sharon A. Joseph

Sharon A. Joseph is serving as the Downtown Connellsville Liaison for the Fayette County Cultural Trust. Sharon is available to help Downtown Connellsville business owners optimize their growth potential and marketing opportunities through social media and search engines. She is available to connect people to job opportunities in the designated downtown area and help to market the available storefronts.



This is a great opportunity for those downtown businesses to be able to get some help navigating through advertising opportunities, maximizing the internet, and creating partnerships to help businesses succeed.

The Fayette County Cultural Trust is grateful to the Neighborhood Partnership Program for providing this opportunity for business owners. Sharon, who now resides in Connellsville, will be using her extensive Wall Street business management background, coaching and consulting experience, to help businesses grow their bottom line, and implement pre-determined strategies to develop and connect the Downtown Connellsville geographic area to the greater Laurel Highlands tourism family.

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