

First City News

Downtown Connellsville

Downtown Connellsville is an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust

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www.DowntownConnellsville.org



The Fayette County Cultural Trust, through the Downtown Connellsville program, is offering up to \$100 in CORONAVIRUS prevention supplies to businesses that are located in the designated Downtown Connellsville area. If your business would like to get a refund of up to \$100 please mail a copy of your receipts to the Fayette County Cultural Trust, 139 West Crawford Avenue, Connellsville, PA 15425. Please include your business name, phone number and email address. Refunds are on a first come, first served basis.

Welcome to Connellsville Becca & Nicole! Cole B's had their official ribbon cutting on 30 July. They are located at 605 West Crawford Avenue. Stop on down and try some of their amazing paninis, smoothies & juices.



Cole B's mission is to bring intentionally prepared food to the Connellsville area. Owned by Nicole Craig & Becca Corvin, Cole B's is a woman-owned, small-business startup with a big vision to serve people everywhere.



On April 1st, Downtown Connellsville sponsored a photo contest to get people out and about photographing the city. During the course of 8 weeks over 100 photos were submitted. Each week a winner was chosen and given a \$25 gift check to a downtown business. \$225 was given out during the 8 week course and two \$25 gift checks were awarded to the grand prize winner.

Week 1 - I love Connellsville's history

Winner: Anonymous

Prize: \$25 Clubhouse Pizza

Week 5 - I love the downtown buildings

Winner: Bryn Enoch

Prize \$25 Ruvo's Italian Restaurant

Week 8 - I love all the public art

Winner: Seanna Kessler

Prize: \$25 Youghiogeny Holistic Living

Week 2 - I love Downtown Businesses

Winner: Domenic Firestone

Prize: \$25 The Paint Room

Week 6 - I love Connellsville

Winner: Bryn Enoch

Prize: \$25 Fox's Pizza

Week 3 - Downtown has a positive vibe!

Winner: Seanna Kessler

Prize: \$25 Kickstand Kitchen

Week 7 - I love our Carnegie Library

Winner: Seanna Kessler

Prize: \$25 Keedy's Pizza

Week 4 - I love the Youghiogeny River

Winner: Tie: Kelly Umble

Nathan Norman

Prize: \$25 Zia Maria & \$25 O'Donnell's

The Grand Prize winner for the Downtown Connellsville photo contest is Nathan Norton with his drone photo of the Youghiogeny River. Grand Prize was \$25 Wavie & Janes and \$25 Demuth's Florist.



In an effort to get people out and walking around Connellsville as well as capture the interests of tourists who are staying in Connellsville, the Fayette County Cultural Trust designed this "Discover Connellsville" brochure. It lists all the lodging places in the city, public art projects and historical markers. It also lists, within close driving proximity, places of interest. These brochures were placed in downtown businesses and Connellsville lodging spots.

About Connellsville
Connellsville was founded in 1806 by Zachariah Connell. With the unification of New Haven and Connellsville in 1909 it became the first city in Fayette County.
Connellsville's city limits extend two square miles.

Connellsville Attractions
Connellsville Canteen
WWE Museum
Harry Clark's Indian Creek Valley Railroad Display
139 West Crawford Avenue
ConnellsvilleCanteen.org
724-603-3093

Carnegie Free Library
309 South Pittsburgh Street
CarnegieFreeLib.org
724-628-4380

1926 Julian Woodruff Olympic Torch
Olympic Gold Medal Gift From Berlin, Germany
Falcon Stadium
1509 South Arch Street
Great Allegheny Passage - Pittsburgh to Washington DC

Historical Markers
Benjamin Wells
First Tax Collector
Dedicated July 14, 1804
Route 100 (Marion East)

WWE Museum
Dedicated April 21, 1942

Edwin S. Foster
Inventor
"Great Train Robbery"
Dedicated May 4, 1906
South Pittsburgh St & Fabritius Avenue

General Braddock's Grave Site
Connellsville
Historical Society
Friedrich's Lake
Yough River Park

Discover Connellsville, Pennsylvania!
Connellsville is located in the Heart of the Laurel Highlands!
This brochure was made to enhance the tourist experience while visiting business establishments located in Connellsville.

Discover Connellsville
A project of the Fayette County Cultural Trust's Downtown Connellsville Initiative
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Downtown Facade Program



The Fayette County Cultural Trust through its Downtown Connellsville initiative has been busy facilitating several downtown building facade

projects. These projects were funded by the Allegheny Foundation and part of the estate from Michael Prestia. Through this funding we were able to paint and clean some facades, replace old windows and doors and provide handicapped accessibility to some of the buildings. This project greatly enhanced some of the historic buildings in downtown and makes for a more inviting place for shoppers and visitors.

Downtown Connellsville Matching Funds

Downtown Connellsville has matching funds for facade improvements. We will match up to \$1000 for facade improvements that help preserve historic characteristics of buildings located in the designated downtown area. We can match up to \$500 for signage. Information is available at DowntownConnellsville.org.

Connellsville Places to Stay
Connellsville Comfort Inn
325 North First Street
724-603-3090

Connellsville B&B
316 West Crawford Avenue
724-603-2533

Fox Castle B&B
1135 South Pittsburgh street
724-603-3099

The River House
281 North First Street

Public Art
Col. William Crawford - Bronze Statue
Artist: Samuel Wipacoff
Dedicated: 1907
Replacement: 2019
Location: Connellsville Carnegie Free Library
309 South Pittsburgh Street

Connellsville B&B Statue
Artist: Peter Stone-Fayette
603 E. Henry St. 2006
Date Installed: 1907 / at 2019
Location: Side of 139 West Crawford Avenue

Mulligan Building - Connellsville History
Artist: Gerald Whittiger
Access: Stairs
Restored by: Ernest Cookard
Location: Mulligan Law Offices
101 West Peach Street

Connellsville Gateway Arch
Artist: Steven J. Jones
Date Installed: 2008
Location: Great Allegheny Passage
1100 E. in Connellsville behind W&A's Plaza

Colo in Ruines
Artist: Jack Reed
Date Installed: 20 May 2012
Location: Great Allegheny Passage
3rd Block in front of the Comfort Inn-Host

Yaughingery Glass Block
Artist: Angela Taylor
Date Installed: 2008
Location: Great Allegheny Passage
Yaughingery Glass Factory

Connellsville Canteen Windows Sides
Artist: Ernest Cookard
Date Installed: 2010
Location: Connellsville Canteen
139 West Crawford Avenue

Wood Bird House
Artist: Connellsville Canteen & Fabritius Building
2018 - 2019
Overlook: Crawford Avenue Planter

Jesus Loves All Children
Artist: Ronald Stewart
Location: Christian Church
212 South Pittsburgh Street
July 2020

Flight of Fancy
Artist: Lori Jones
2018 - Wood Side Hill

Connellsville History
Artist: Jeremy Rimmer
Dedicated: Feb 2018
Location: Connellsville Italian Social Club
408 West Crawford Avenue

Edwin S. Foster
Artist: Ronald Stewart
Dedicated: 2013
Location: Robinson-Chapman
101 West Crawford Avenue

Nature
Artist: Brandi Rex
Date Installed: 2020
Location: Great Allegheny Passage
Under 110 Bridge by the Comfort Inn-Host

Area Attractions
Distance from Connellsville

Fallingwater
Frank Lloyd Wright House
1491 The Run Road
25 Minutes - 36 Miles

House on Kentuck Knob
Frank Lloyd Wright house
723 Kentuck Road
27 Minutes - 37 Miles

Laurel Caverns
Largest cave in Pennsylvania
1965 Skyline Drive
35 Minutes - 26 Miles

Chingyle State Park
White Water Rapids
Nature trails
"Wooden Connellsville"
Great Allegheny Passage
25 Minutes - 37 Miles

Fort Necessity Battlefield National Park
George Washington Fort
33 Minutes - 26 Miles

General Braddock's Grave Site National Park
National Pike - Pennsylvania
33 Minutes - 26 Miles

Flight 93 Memorial National Park
6424 Lincoln Highway # 30
Shardown
48 Minutes - 35 Miles

The Downtown Connellsville 2020 Chili Fest will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Appalachian Creativity Center. Ticket sales benefit Downtown Connellsville initiatives. Participating restaurants will be announced soon. Restaurants that sell tickets will keep 50% of the ticket sales. Downtown Connellsville will provide 4 oz cups and spoons. Restaurants are requested to make at least 4 gallons of chili. Restaurants are able to sell extra chili for take out that day. If you are a restaurant located in our downtown area and want to participate please contact the Fayette County Cultural Trust at fcctrust@zoominternet.net.

The former Bradley Paint Building is coming down soon to make way for new development. Bradley Paints, also known as Bradley Coatings Group, was purchased in September 2017 by United Paint and Chemical based in Southfield, Mich. Bradley had been headquartered on Crawford Avenue on Connellsville's West Side since 1995.




A mural, by local artist Randi Stewart, was recently completed on the Christian Church of Connellsville located at 212 South Pittsburgh Street. The name of this mural is "Jesus and the Children." This mural depicts diversity and inclusion. This project was funded by the Fayette County Cultural Trust, Allegheny Foundation and part of the estate from Michael Prestia. This is the tallest mural to date in Connellsville. Last year Randi Stewart completed the Edwin S. Porter mural located on top of the Nicholson Chiropractic and Wellness building located at 160 West Crawford Avenue.

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