

Local Gems Regional Riches

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SHOWCASING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THEIR EVENTS

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Celebration: Downtown

“When you’re alone and life is making you lonely you can always go, downtown...”

Admit it, it’s hard to read these words to Petula Clark’s 1970’s song with its catchy melody without a smile forming on your face.

Last year, your Chamber staff worked with the “Downtown Affiliates” and with the good folks who lead Sunbury Revitalization Incorporated in developing strategic plans. Downtown Affiliates is a standing Chamber committee that’s made up of the Main Street and the Elm Street managers from throughout the Greater Susquehanna Valley. Sunbury Revitalization, better known as simply SRI, is the go-to organization when it comes to all of the good things going on in our valley’s largest municipality: the City of Sunbury.

During these planning efforts we asked this question of each other: “How can we create a sense of playfulness, caring and community in the towns where we work and live?”

The answer that you’ll soon be able to read in these strategic plans, once they’re published will likely be: “By simply coming together in our public spaces and promoting events that lead to an atmosphere of mutuality, community and interaction.” We would be remiss if we didn’t also mention something about enjoying delicious food and satisfying drinks together, as well.

This inaugural publication is just one outcome of these plans. I’m suggesting that a celebration of our success, so far, is due. Therefore, please accept this invitation to be part of “Celebration: Downtown.”

By all means, please feel free to read these plans and learn what they have to say. More importantly, please take every opportunity for you, your family and your friends to head downtown.

In case you haven’t discovered it yet, I did want to recommend the Susquehanna River Valley Visitor’s Bureau’s website, visitcentral-pa.org to find out what’s happening in the Greater Susquehanna Valley’s spectacular downtowns.

Bob



We Measure Fun by the Ounce!

Research on popular tourism trends lead to the development of Central Pennsylvania’s first and only brew trail, the River Rat Brew Trail. The River Rat Brew Trail promotes area breweries to craft brew enthusiasts from near and far. The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau partnered with the Columbia-Montour Visitors Bureau and nine regional breweries to form the River Rat Brew Trail. The River Rat Brew Trail is comprised of the following breweries: Bull Run Tap House and Brewery, Covered Bridge Brewhaus, Rusty Rail Brewing, Marzoni’s Brick Oven and Brewing, Berwick



Brewing, Old Forge Brewing, Marley’s Brewery and Grille, Turkey Hill Brewing, and Three Beards at Spyglass Ridge when the

brewery officially opens. The River Rat Brew Trail celebrated its opening weekend March 4-6, 2016. Breweries on the trail offer a variety of craft beer flavorings that include: rhubarb, cranberries, fudge, peanut butter, and coconut, plus unique seasonal brews only available in central Pennsylvania. The River Rat Brew Trail name pays homage to the people who live along the great Susquehanna River and to the forefathers whose lives depended upon the Susquehanna River and who made Central Pennsylvania great. For more information view the River Rat Brew Trail website (RiverRatBrewTrail.com) or follow on Facebook.

Backyard Tourism Week Discover the Fun in Your Own Backyard!

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau [SRVVB] will host their annual Backyard Tourism Week, May 9-13, 2016 at their Visitor Center in Lewisburg, PA. Backyard Tourism Week is a time to remind residents about local attractions, events, and member businesses.

Backyard Tourism Week will offer a variety of promotions to educate residents about all the amazing things to explore and discover in their own backyard. During this week the Visitors Bureau will announce two new, unique guides: The Susquehanna River Valley Dining Guide and Outdoor Recreation in the Susquehanna River Valley.

In addition to these two guides, the SRVVB will launch its support for a new campaign – “Roll Out the Monarch Red Carpet” – to educate the public about the threat of extinction to

Monarch butterflies because of their dwindling access to the milkweed plant. This campaign will urge residents, businesses, and communities to “roll out the red carpet” by planting small milkweed gardens throughout the region for Monarch nourishment and nesting.

Backyard Tourism Week will also offer a Shop Local campaign that will encourage residents to become VIP shoppers who will receive a complimentary shopping bag and opportunities to be entered into prize drawings. Throughout Backyard Tourism Week the public is invited to the visitors center in Lewisburg for information on regional fun, events, plus snacks, prizes and give-aways. For more information go to VisitCentralPA.org or contact info@VisitCentralPA.org.





RIVERTOWNS MARATHON

Turn to Danville Downtown!

The Danville Business Alliance (DBA) is a member-based, nonprofit organization which works with local businesses, government and regional organizations to foster growth and development in the Danville area and the region.

The DBA traditionally sponsors four annual regional events. First is the 30th Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 7, 2016. Traditionally hosting 200 vendors and thousands of attendees, it coincides with the River Towns Race Series' 9th Annual Half Marathon. For more information about this and other events, visit the DBA and race websites, www.visitdanvillepa.org and www.RiverTown-Race.com. The Danville Arts Council will sponsor Budding Young Artists Workshops for our younger, aspiring artists on May 22; several exhibits at The Art Mill, its downtown gallery; and the summer concert series beginning in early June. Event details can be found at www.DanvilleArtsCouncil.org.

For shoppers, visitors or investors, we have a dynamic business climate: under 5% vacancy rate, 44 net new/expanded businesses since 2008 creating over 300 new jobs, greater business diversity encouraging Danville as a buy local destination, and \$20 million in downtown business investment since 2008. This has resulted from strategic factors that have raised the opportunity bar and created tangible optimism about our future:

- A strong DBA assisting with the business start-up process
- \$200 million in area retail opportunities
- A vibrant downtown
- Over 100 downtown Geisinger employees stimulating growth
- Economically strong major employers
- A well-branded community
- A façade grant program seeding nearly

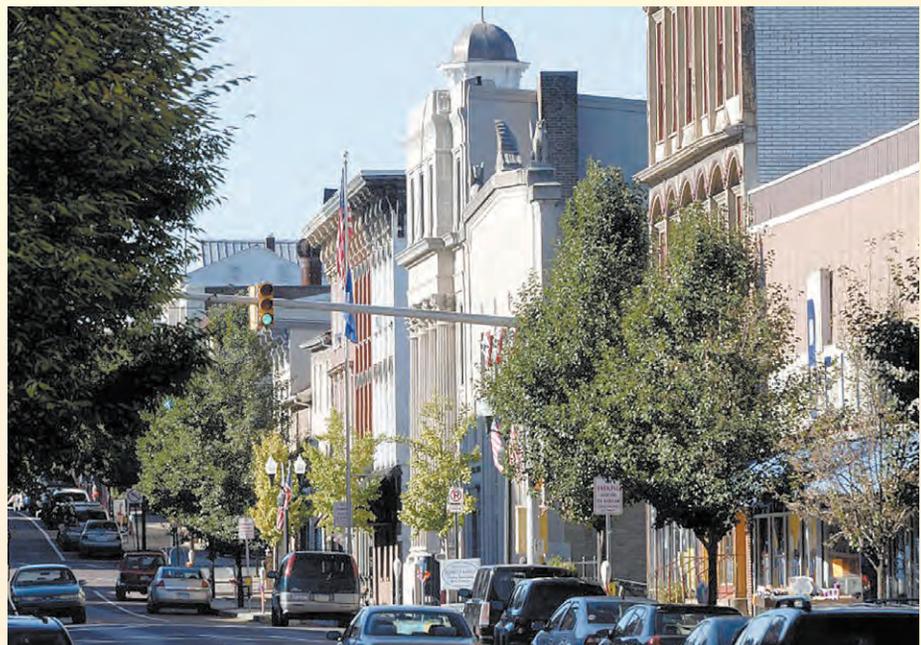
\$400,000 in downtown improvements

- Positive demographics
- A calendar of popular downtown events
- The Downtown Danville Master Plan, initiating improved public services, streetscape improvements, and conversion of upper floor space into upscale apartments
- A downtown historic district, a source of federal and state tax credits
- Integrating riverfront and downtown development with urban trails
- Plans to convert Canal Park into a downtown pocket park and repurpose a downtown theater into a community arts center

For more information about how you can Turn to Danville Downtown, stop by the DBA office at 346 Mill Street, call us at 284-4502/4503, email us at info@visitdanvillepa.org, or visit our website.



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Spring Events in Downtown Lewisburg

The 2016 Celebration of the Arts, April 22 – May 7, sponsored by the Lewisburg Arts Council, celebrates the Susquehanna River and includes the Arts Festival, Saturday, April 23rd, featuring art, entertainment, and food all along Market Street, and Lewisburg Live!, Saturday, May 7th, with 8-10 bands throughout downtown.

In June, be Lewisburg loyal and visit

participating businesses to make a purchase of \$5 or more and be entered to win \$500 in downtown gift certificates. Music in the Park brings begins free concerts each Wednesday from June 8 – August 24 at 7:00 pm in Hufnagle Park.

The Independence Day Celebration begins Friday, June 24 at Wolfe Field with a patriotic show at 7:00 p.m. and fireworks sponsored by RiverWoods at 9 p.m. On

Saturday June 25, the Union County Veterans Fourth of July Parade begins on Market Street at 10:00 a.m., followed by an 11:30 a.m. Veterans' Ceremony featuring food and band concerts in the President's Grove, Bucknell University, Loomis Street & University Avenue.

Check www.lewisburg-pa.com/events/ for details on these events and many others.



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Lewisburg Neighborhoods – The Setting for the Gem

The towns following the Main Street Approach showcase the best our communities have to offer in the way of economic and cultural opportunities and events. They provide critical support and appropriately scaled promotion for our downtown business districts. Those commercial areas overlap with and are surrounded by equally historic and wonderfully walkable residential neighborhoods. The state of Pennsylvania created the Elm Street Program to encourage the cultivation of those neighborhoods as a complement to the Main Street economic focus.

In Lewisburg, the Elm Street Program is run by the Lewisburg

Neighborhoods Corporation (LewisburgNeighborhoods.org) which pursues long-term planning, promotes walkability, explores conservation, and facilitates communication.

Our downtowns are destinations for the region in part because they are also authentic places where people live, work, learn, and play. Many Elm Street activities are directed primarily toward local residents, but at times they are also appealing to people in the larger region interested in active recreation, civic engagement, or service tourism. Come join Lewisburg for a Community Clean Up, a Planning Workshop, or a Picnic in the Park!



IN-RIVER CLEAN UP



RIVERTOWN ACTIVITIES IN SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK DURING 2014 LEWISBURG FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



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- COMMUNITY CLEAN UP ALONG RAIL TRAIL
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- RIVER TOWN PLANNING CHARRETTE
Wednesday, April 27, 6-9pm
Lewisburg Club, 131 Market Street
- RAIL TRAIL PHASE II GRAND OPENING
Saturday, May 7, 1-3pm
Tents at two sites on the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail at 11th St and at 5th St
- PICNIC IN THE PARK -- BYOBlanket!
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The church is also utilized as a performing arts center with April beginning its third season. April 16 at 1 pm the Bright Star National Children's Theatre Company will present "The Reluctant Dragon". The story was written by Kenneth Grahame (author of "The Wind in the Willows") and is about a boy who discovers that a dragon is living in his village – but this dragon is friendly and loves a good book. It is a tale of kindness, respect, friendship and acceptance. Tickets \$10. Children under 12

free with paid adult.

June 4 at 7 pm the Trumpets of Joy bring a traditional and Southern gospel quartet to the Elias. This group from Aliquippa began in 1952 as the Golden Bells and became the Trumpets of Joy in 1962. Look for songs like "How Great Thou Art", "Love Lifted Me", "Redeemed" or "Nothing but the Blood". Tickets \$10.

On June 25 at 7 pm the Pennsylvania Army National Guard 28th Infantry Division Band will present a brass quintet plus several other small ensembles. This show is free of charge.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the MHRA office at 300 Chestnut St. and also at Barb's Bouquet & Gift Basket, Heritage Printers, Tastecraft Market and Whispering Willow Primitives & Antiques in Mifflinburg. For more information, call 570-966-1666, email mhra@dejazzd.com or go to www.mifflinburgpa.com



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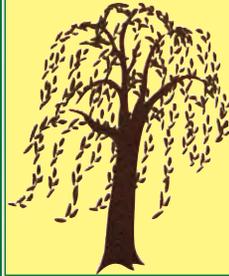
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Event Calendar

APRIL

April 1-10

Restaurant Week
Bloomsburg

April 2

BU Big Event
Bloomsburg

Montour Preserve Spring Fever

Trail Runs
Danville

April 16

Block Party
Bloomsburg

“The Reluctant Drag”

(Children’s Play)
Mifflinburg Elias Center • 1 PM

April 22-May 7

Celebration of the Arts
Lewisburg

April 23

Renaissance Jamboree
Bloomsburg • 10 AM - 5 PM

Lewisburg Arts Festival

Lewisburg

MAY

May 7

**30th Annual Spring Fling
& River Towns Half Marathon**
Danville

Lewisburg Live!

Lewisburg

Middleburg Heritage Festival

Middleburg Fireman’s Carnival
Grounds • 9 AM - 4 PM

May 14

MayFest Wine Festival
Mifflinburg • 11 AM - 5 PM

May 15

Moose Children’s Fishing Derby
Milton • 11 AM - 3 PM

JUNE

Every Thursday Night in June

Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series
Selinsgrove Commons • 6:30-8 PM

June 4

Trumpets of Joy Gospel Group
Mifflinburg Elias Center • 7 PM

Wake the Lake

Sunbury

June 9-August 4

Music in the Park (Thursdays)
Milton - Lincoln Park • 6:30-8 PM

June 11

**Old Forge Brewing Co.
5K Beer Run**
Danville

Loving and Caring Street Fair

Sunbury

June 24

Patriotic Show
Sunbury • 7 PM

Fireworks - Sponsored by

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Lewisburg - Wolfe Field • 9 PM

June 25

Union County Veterans 4th of July Parade
Lewisburg - Wolfe Field • 10 AM

Veterans Ceremony; Following

Ceremony - Food and Band Concerts
Lewisburg - Market Street • 11:30 AM
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US Army National Guard 28th

Division Band Brass Quintet
Mifflinburg Elias Center • 7 PM

JULY

Every Thursday Night in July

Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series
Selinsgrove Commons • 6:30-8 PM

July 7-9

Sunbury Celebration
Sunbury

July 9

Sidewalk Chalk Festival
Lewisburg • 5:30-7:30 PM

July 10

Antiques on the Avenue
Selinsgrove - University Ave.
10 AM-3 PM

July 15

Blueberries & Bluegrass
Mifflinburg

Downtown Sidewalk Sales

Selinsgrove - Downtown • All Day

July 16

2nd Annual Danville Heritage Festival
Danville

Hops, Vines & Wines Festival

Selinsgrove - University Ave.
2 PM-6 PM

July 23

2nd Annual Wine in the Pines Festival & Montour 24 Endurance Run
Danville

July 24

River Paddle
Selinsgrove - Isle of Que • 10 AM

July 30

Summer Concert Series
Sunbury

AUGUST

August 4

Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series
Selinsgrove Commons • 6:30-8 PM

August 6

ArtFest
Bloomsburg

August 7-13

Montour DeLong Community Fair
Danville

Event Calendar

August 11

Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series

Selinsgrove Commons • 6:30-8 PM

August 13

Montour Preserve Summer Heat Trail Runs

Danville

Lewisburg BrewBQue

Lewisburg

August 18

The Valley's Got Talent

Sunbury

August 19-20

Sunbury River Festival

Sunbury

August 27

Summer Concert Series

Sunbury

SEPTEMBER

September 3

Hopewell Challenge Mountain

Bike Race

Danville

September 10

37th Annual Fall Arts & Craft Fair

Danville

Lake Augusta Renaissance Festival

Sunbury

September 17

Brewsburg

Bloomsburg - Moose Exchange • 7-11 PM

Lake Augusta Wine & Brew

Festival

Sunbury

September 24-October 1

Bloomsburg Fair

Bloomsburg

September 24

Chilli Challenge

Danville

Summer Concert Series

Sunbury

Market Street Festival

Selinsgrove - Downtown • 8:30 AM-4 PM

September 30

Oktoberfest

Mifflinburg

OCTOBER

October 1

Oktoberfest

Mifflinburg

Chilli Challenge

Montour Preserve

October 15

Robbins Run 5K/10K

Danville

October 17-18

Window Painting

Bloomsburg

October 18

Halloween Parade

Selinsgrove - Downtown • 7 PM

October 20

Halloween Parade

Sunbury

October 22

Boo's & Brews

Sunbury

October 27

Halloween Parade

Danville

NOVEMBER

November 4-5

Stroll Through the Arts Weekend

Lewisburg

November 19

Boneshaker Cyclocross

Danville

November 24

Downtown Decorating

Selinsgrove - Downtown • 9 PM

November 25

Parade of Lights

Bloomsburg

Tree Lighting

Bloomsburg • 5 PM

Santa Parade

Sunbury

November 26

Small Business Saturday

Bloomsburg

November 26-27

North Pole Express

Bloomsburg • 10 AM-6 PM

DECEMBER

December 1

Holiday Tree Lighting

Lewisburg • 7 PM

December 2

Late Shoppers Night

Lewisburg

December 3

Santa Claus Comes to Town

Lewisburg

December 8-10

Christkindl Market / Elias Tours

Mifflinburg

December 9

Shop, Wine & Dine Fest

Selinsgrove - Downtown • Late Night!

December 10

Santa Fest!

Selinsgrove - Downtown • 5 PM-12 AM

December 31

New Year's Eve Celebration

Sunbury

Please note that this event schedule may change. For more information on upcoming events, check out each town's website!



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TIME – The Improved Milton Experience, has successfully completed its term as a Main Street community. Throughout the past ten years, many volunteers have contributed thousands of hours to utilize almost a million dollars, mostly donated, toward the betterment of Milton's downtown business district.

Recently, TIME's Board of Directors, most of whom have been involved throughout the past ten years as well, has been working to refocus the group's priorities. TIME now exists as an independent, nonprofit community revitalization organization and no longer receives any state or borough funding.

Ultimately, TIME will become a member-driven organization, focusing upon the continued revitalization of the downtown as well as the greater Milton community. TIME's first priority is to continue as many existing projects and events as possible, including its most successful projects, the Milton Model Train Museum, Jungle Teen Center, and Veterans Memorial.

TIME's ongoing events include the downtown Halloween Parade, Christmas events, and the summer-long Music in the Park series, which is held downtown at Lincoln Park. This year's Music in the Park series kicks off June 9th and runs through August 4th.

TIME also hopes to strengthen its partnerships with other key organizations including the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, Central PA Chamber of Commerce, Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, and the SBDC - Small Business Development Center.

The upcoming Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project will significantly impact the

Milton community, and TIME wants to work with its partners to ensure that this impact is as positive as possible. More than ever, TIME wants to promote Milton's rich history and Milton's emerging artistic endeavors, as well as becoming a key facilitator to encourage private capital investment and economic development in the greater Milton region.

A new program, Gateways and Corridors, will be implemented focused on neighborhood revitalization at the entrances and main arteries including Front Street, Mahoning Street, Broadway, and Center Street.

We look forward to the next Ten Years of TIME! Although optimistic about these expanded efforts, financial donations, as well as more volunteers who are willing to give their time, are urgently and immediately needed. In the longer term, TIME hopes to become perpetually self-sustaining through a membership program and a few annual supporting events.



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Just down the street, BJ's Steak & Rib House is a local institution with its famous Chicago steak, baby back ribs and frickles. It also boasts the only fresh oyster bar for miles around. For an old-fashioned breakfast or lunch, head to Michael's Family Restaurant – try the homemade pies!

Taste of Philly is well-known for having the biggest, most mouth-watering sandwiches! The Philly cheese steak is as authentic as they come.

Bella Pizza consistently rates as the best pizza around. Take-out is popular, but it's also a comfy place to hang out with friends, relax on the sofas, and watch TV.

The Kind Café bustles with locals all day long. And with its fresh salads and sandwiches, enriching smoothies and foamy lattes, it's easy to understand why.

The newest addition to the Grove's food scene, Dynamic Wings & Subs, boasts 32 different sauces for their delicious wings!

The Bamboo Palace is definitely the go-to place when you're craving Chinese food. Everyone in town has their phone number memorized for quick take-out.

Go to Emma's Food for Life for local seasonal food in a laid-back setting, and if you prefer a more raucous college-bar

atmosphere, head to Bot's Tavern. With their new patio, they also revamped their menu and their food is outstanding. Thursday night trivia is a big hit here.

Infused with Old-World charm, Isabella Ristorante is housed in the former M&T bank building. The original bank vault sits inside the bar, making it the ideal place to make a "withdrawal" of spicy clams and calamari complemented by a glass of chardonnay.

Isabella is a favorite destination for your birthday and any special occasion as well as just a great place to unwind after a long work day.

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Event Spotlight MIFFLINBURG

Mifflinburg History Day Camp

Man has been telling stories since the beginning of time. Story telling can be done with words – written or verbal – or sounds – told through song or music – or pictures and art or even flowers. This year's Summer History Day Camp will be exploring story telling through the ages with a variety of hands-on and interactive activities. Some of the activities planned include songs, painting stories on rocks and then telling those stories, planting flowers and more.

This is a ONE DAY camp experience for children ages 5 through 12 years. The dates are July 5, 6 or 7. The cost is \$15 per child. Children should dress appropriately for the weather that day and bring their own lunch with their name clearly marked on the lunch bag or lunch box. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drop off will be at the Elias Church at 9 a.m. and pick up will be at the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum at 3 p.m.

To register, please contact Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association, 300 Chestnut St., Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Deadline for registration is June 27. The day camp program, now in its 6th year, is presented in collaboration by Mifflinburg Heritage & Revitalization Association, Inc. and the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum. We thank our sponsor for this year – Service 1st Federal Credit Union.

Children's Summer Theater Work Camp at the Elias

Thanks to a grant from the Woodcock Foundation for the Appreciation of the Arts, MHRA will be offering a children's theater work camp this summer at the Elias Center for the Performing Arts.

Bright Star National Children's Theater will be presenting the workshop on July 18 through July 22. Children will be able to experience almost every aspect of the theater from character development to script writing, directing, sets, costumes and performance with the help of two actor/educators. The children will be hosting a public performance on July 22 at 3 pm to show off their newly learned theater skills.

Bright Star Children's Theater hails from North Carolina and has been touring with children's theater for 14 years and in this 2016-2017 season will perform at 1500 different locations nationwide. They recently returned from an invitation by the U.S. Embassy to Moscow, Russia, where they presented their theater camp.

For more information or an application, contact MHRA at mhra@dejazzd.com, 570-966-1666 or MHRA, 300 Chestnut Street, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. This theater camp is best suited for children grades 2 through 6. Camp hours are 9 am to 3 pm daily and children must bring their own lunch.



www.sunburyrevitalization.org

Spring is in the Air in Sunbury

Sunbury's Revitalization, Inc. is a membership supported and volunteer driven nonprofit charitable organization that strives to accomplish goals similar to those of most "main street" organizations. SRI is dedicated to promoting economic development opportunities, spurring neighborhood reinvestment, and fostering a sense of community within the City of Sunbury and the surrounding area.

We strive to bring visitors to the city in hopes of triggering an economic resurgence. Our project, The Albright Center, will energize the revitalization and provide the valley with a premier community arts center. While bringing new businesses to the city is important, supporting our current business owners, many of whom are members, is a very high priority. Our goal is to bring all the residents of Sunbury together to create an environment where people want to live, work, and play.

Our inaugural Spring event is a banner way to honor our local military veterans. In 2012, Sunbury's Revitalization, Inc. launched the Northumberland County Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Our program honors both active-duty and retired military personnel with ties to Northumberland County.

Sunbury's Revitalization, Inc. is currently accepting information and photos for 2016 Hometown Heroes Banners. Banners will be proudly displayed from May through November on Market and Front Streets in Sunbury. The Hometown Heroes Banners will be unveiled during the Northumberland County Hometown Heroes Celebration on Saturday May 21st, 2016 at 10:00am in Cameron Park,

Sunbury.

As the banners are hung, so too are the Market Street Flower baskets that have been beautifying the downtown for years. Nearly 40 baskets adorn the streetlights along Market Street with vibrant, cascading blooms that offer passersby a sense of warmth and welcoming that only Sunbury can provide. Please consider sponsoring the Market Street Flower Basket program all donations are tax deductible.

For details on these springtime events and more visit www.sunbury-revitalization.org.

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Event Spotlight LEWISBURG

Lewisburg's 2016 Celebration of the Arts

The 2016 Celebration of the Arts, April 22 – May 7, sponsored by the Lewisburg Arts Council, celebrates the Susquehanna River and includes the Arts Festival, Saturday, April 23rd, featuring art, entertainment, and food all along Market Street, and Lewisburg Live!, Saturday, May 7th, with 8-10 bands throughout downtown.

The beauty of the Susquehanna River has lent itself to gorgeous photographs and paintings over the past century, but the arts that we celebrate are so much more than that. 2016's Celebration will showcase not only the river, but also all the ways that people love and appreciate the it – and how they show that attachment.

Some of the river-related events scheduled during this year's Celebration of the Arts are:

- An invitational exhibit of paintings on the river theme will be at Faustina Gallery, 229 Market Street from mid-April through mid-May
- Special Poetry Path poem installations with a personal tour from the director of Bucknell University's Stadler Center for Poetry, on Thursday, April 21
- The River Balloon Art Interactive Installation, created by Air Weaver Balloons of Sunbury: an oversize balloon sculpture in Soldiers Park Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. Visitors will be able to add their own "drop" to the balloon river on Saturday during the Arts Festival.
- The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership will have a traveling exhibit of the winners of their annual photography contest, in Soldiers Park along the river.
- River-related Poetry Under the Paintings on Thursday, May 5, Faustina Gallery
- Returning again this year: Plein Air Painting, April 24th – Plein air painting at various Merrill Linn Conservancy sites.

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Neighborhood News

Sunbury's Hill Neighborhood

On Sunbury's east side, as the land rises from the Susquehanna River basin, you'll discover a section of the city called the Hill Neighborhood. Many Victorian and Georgian homes create the architectural styles of "The Hill" residences. In addition, the neighborhood is comprised of multiple churches, playgrounds, small businesses, and Sunbury Community Hospital (SCH). In 2004, residents of The Hill formed a volunteer group known as Sunbury Hill Neighborhood. This organization promotes an environment of renewal and restoration, while building a strong, harmonious neighborhood where people are proud to live, work, and play.

Sunbury Hill Neighborhood is a council affiliate under the authority of Sunbury Revitalization, Inc. and supported by the City of Sunbury, SCH, local businesses, and the whole of the Sunbury community. The organization goal is to improve the quality of life for its residents through committees that address safety, pride and promotion, beautification, and special events and activities. Hill House, at 1180 Line Street in Sunbury, serves as the home base as well as a meeting place for neighborhood residents and committees. Information about Sunbury Hill Neighborhood scheduled events and activities is available at Hill House or by visiting our facebook page.



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