



MISSION: "Encouraging the economic development, historic preservation, and continuous improvement of downtown Kendallville."

Kendallville Heartbeat

August 31, 2023

Fairy Fest Takes 2nd Place

The Fairy, Gnome and Troll Festival was recently nominated for three separate awards in the FW Newspapers Readers' Choice Awards, including: Best Overall Festival, Best Family-Friendly Event, and Best Community Festival.

Thanks to your votes, the festival placed second in the **Best Family-Friendly Event** category!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote!



Coworking Space Coming Soon!

Very soon, downtown Kendallville will have a coworking space that provides all the amenities business owners, entrepreneurs, and work from home professionals need.

Coworking is a flexible, affordable form of office space designed specifically for entrepreneurs, small business owners, work-from-home professionals, and larger businesses looking to provide remote offices for employees.

By sharing amenities and space amongst members, coworking spaces drastically lower the cost of having an office and are a practical solution for new businesses who aren't ready to take on a long-term commitment.

Membership at the coworking space will include all utilities, high-speed internet, 24/7 access, and guest privileges.

The coworking space will provide day passes, monthly memberships, private offices, and much more.

If you are interested in learning more or becoming a founding member, please email info@kendallvillecoworking.com.



Welcome to the Construction Zone!



There are multiple renovation projects going on downtown this summer/fall, and we know that these types of projects can create annoying traffic flow & parking issues.

However, the good news is that the inconvenience is only temporary, and when the projects are complete, **our downtown will look incredible!** Below is a list of the buildings that are currently having work done.

These renovations may require scaffolding and/or a lift, sidewalk closures, parking space closures, and other temporary blockage, so please be careful and alert.

- 101 N Main (Relaxation Station) - sidewalk repair, new windows, tuckpointing
- 106 S Main (Hosler Realty) - painting, tuckpointing, new windows
- 112 S Main (Inspiration) - cleaning, painting, new windows
- 214 S Main (Rosie's Resale) - exterior painting
- 230 S Main (Jansen Dentistry) - exterior painting
- 231 S Main (Kendallville Co-working) - exterior painting, window replacement
- 119 W Mitchell (Post Office building) - exterior paint, structural repairs
- 133 S Main (vacant) - exterior repairs

Listed below are projects expected to begin later this year or early spring:

- 105-107 N Main (Love Me Two Times on Main)
- 101 S Main (Kendallville Auto Parts)
- 227 S Main (The Strand Theatre)
- 215-217 S Main (Jeny's Tacos/Kropp Insurance)

If you have questions about any of these projects, feel free to reach out.





Home Decorating Contest

The Apple Festival of Kendallville is bringing back the **Home Decorating Contest** for the 36th year of the festival this upcoming October 7th-8th. Get into the spirit of this special weekend by decorating your home or lawn with an outdoor apple theme or a pioneer display.

Register to have your home judged for the contest by filling out the application below and submitting to the Park Department by **Wednesday, September 28 at 4pm.**

APPLE FESTIVAL HOME DECORATING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Judging takes place on Friday, September. 30th. Winners and participants will be notified of results. Prizes: 1st Place, 2nd Place, and Honorable Mention.

Downtown Storefronts Encouraged to Participate

While not part of the contest, downtown merchants are also encouraged to decorate their storefront windows with apple and/or pioneer themed decor for the community to enjoy during the Apple Festival AND the Vintage Market, which takes place downtown during the same weekend.

Car Show Merch Now Available

Order your t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies by clicking the link below. Various styles, sizes and colors are available.



[Shop Now](#)

Register for **FREE Lantern-Making Workshops**

Get ready for the 2nd annual Halloween Lantern Parade in downtown Kendallville by registering for one of the following Lantern-Making workshops, hosted by the Kendallville Public Library.

LANTERN-MAKING WORKSHOPS



KENDALLVILLE BRANCH:

Wed., 10/4 from 1:00-3:00

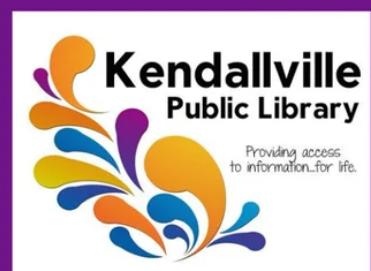
Wed., 10/11 from 5:30-7:30

ROME CITY BRANCH:

Wed., 10/18 from 4:30-5:30

REGISTER:

<https://kendallvillelibrary.org>





**Halloween Kits
Coming
Soon!**

*Stay
tuned*



**Soon you'll be able to
order Halloween Kits for
the Halloween Lantern
Parade including:**

- **Bike Spoke Lights**
- **Umbrella Jellyfish Kits**
- **Ostrich Hat Hits**
- **and More!**



Upcoming Events in Downtown Kendallville



18TH ANNUAL KENDALLVILLE CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2023
NOON-6:00PM (AWARDS AT 5:00PM)
IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE

\$10
REGISTRATION



EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE

DASH PLAQUES

PROVIDED FOR THE
FIRST 250 CARS

70+ AWARDS

MAYOR'S CHOICE
POLICE CHIEF'S CHOICE
FIRE CHIEF'S CHOICE
RADDEST HOTROD
BEST IN SHOW

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ: H2 ENTERTAINMENT
BAND: THE HOTROD KINGS
FOOD AND DRINKS
50/50 DRAWING
LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
<https://kendallvillemainstreet.com>
or between 12-3pm the day of the event

EVENT SPONSORED BY:



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Register Your Car

Historic Downtown Kendallville

PROUDLY PRESENTS

September 13th - 6:00pm



Join us for this FREE film festival, where we hope you'll find interesting and unique concepts, as well as creative inspiration for the future of Historic Downtown Kendallville.

TICKETS:

<https://BetterCitiesFilmFest.Eventbrite.com>



We want better towns and neighborhoods. So we launched a film festival.

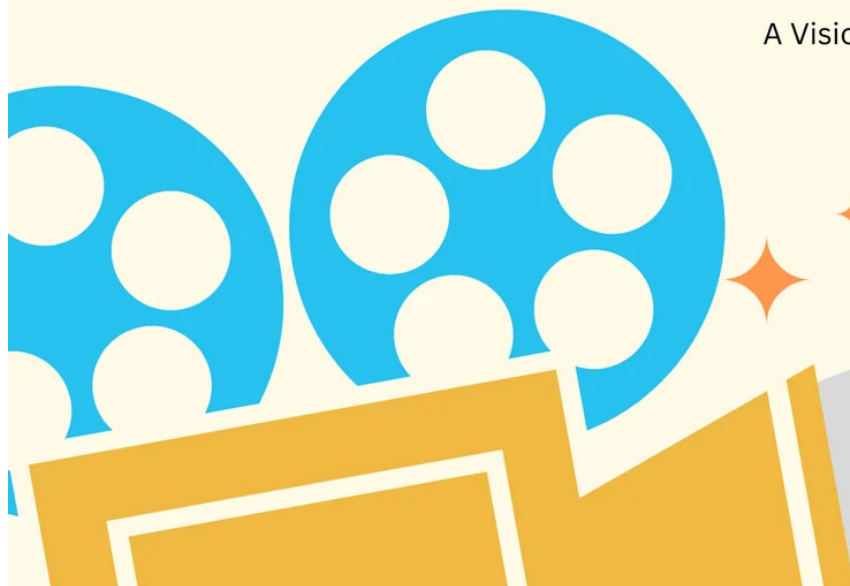
Better Cities Film Festival collects, curates and presents the very best films on the theme of making better cities, towns, and neighborhoods.

What Do We Mean By Better?

We want cities, towns, neighborhoods to better places for all: more friendly, walkable, livable, and lovable.

Featured short films include:

The Rural Studio
Working City Wednesdays
Borrowed Light
Small Town Spirit
The Cardboard Artist
Do Season
A Vision for Downtown Oxnard



Reserve Your Seat

2023 *Art on Main* AUCTION

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**Friday, Sept 15th
@ Hosler Realty**

**Cash Bar/Appetizers: 5-6pm
Auction Begins: 6:15pm**



Featuring Auctioneer: Dean Rummel

Prizes for juried entries include:

- 1st Place/Best in Show \$250
- 2nd Place \$150
- People's Choice \$100



MAIN STREET *Vintage Market*



OCT
7-8
10AM-5PM

FEATURING:

- Food Vendors
- Craft Vendors
- Entertainment
- Transportation to and from the Apple Festival

REGISTER:

carlalowe71@gmail.com

[kendallvillemainstreet.com/
events](http://kendallvillemainstreet.com/events)

(260) 242-7588



Vendor Registration

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Kendallville's 2nd Annual Halloween Lantern Parade



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH @ DUSK IN DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE

Gather your posse and join us for a unique event in
downtown Kendallville to celebrate Halloween & the arts!

Please visit www.kendallvillemainstreet.com
for more information or to register your entry

Register Your Entry



Historic Downtown Kendallville, 234 S Main Street, Kendallville, IN 46755, 260-318-0883

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