



EXPERIENCE THE HEART OF KENDALLVILLE

Kendallville Heartbeat

April 2022



Fairy Fest Bags

Promote Your Business

Each year, we give out over 500 goody bags to the attendees of the Fairy, Gnome and Troll Festival. Generally, they are filled with things like small toys, candy, and a festival map/schedule. If you are a local business and would like to put a coupon or other item in the bags to help promote your products or services, please let us know at kendallvillemainstreet@gmail.com. You don't have to provide 500 items -- we will

spread items out amongst the bags to be sure everyone gets something special.
Items are due no later than Friday, May 13th.

Have You Heard About Our Humanities Project?

Honoring Kendallville's Historically Significant People and Places

As you know, Kendallville was recently the recipient of a \$2M Preserving Main Street grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to restore and revitalize several of our downtown's historic buildings.

As part of the project, Kendallville is also receiving a \$10,000 grant from Indiana Humanities to support a Humanities Project that highlights the significant people, buildings, and architecture that make our community unique. Kendallville has an extremely rich history, and this grant will help us to build awareness of that history among locals while also drawing visitors from around the region to learn about our past.

The project will include several downtown installations, including the following:

- Five historical markers which identify noteworthy buildings within the downtown
- One historic marker that identifies Kendallville's downtown as listed on the National Historic Register
- Several (13-15) large window clings that will provide information on prominent people from Kendallville's history, along with their unique stories

In addition, we will be hosting several free walking tours downtown to allow people to learn and ask questions about Kendallville's earliest years.

We are in the process now of printing booklets that will provide more in-depth detail on the historical aspects of the Kendallville area, which will soon be available to purchase for just \$5.00 each.

We will also be uploading a condensed version of the information from these booklets to an app called The Clio, which will serve as a permanent repository of our history, as well as tool for future self-guided walking tours. The Clio will allow users to read about (or listen to) each topic or story, download a printable map, and much more.

With regard to the walking tours, the initial tour will be kicked off on June 11th with an "Antiques Road Show" event, where community members and area historians will be invited to come and show their antiques, including items manufactured in Kendallville and Noble County.

Kendallville's motto used to be "*The World Takes What Kendallville Makes*" and we want to show off just why that is. During this free event, there will be appetizers and beverages, as well as free walking tours for the general public provided by local historian, Terry Housholder.

To learn more or to get involved, please contact Kristen Johnson at kendallvillemainstreet@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendars!

For the Following Upcoming Events

A visit from the
EASTER BUNNY



Free
EASTER BASKETS

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY APRIL 9TH 1 p.m.

HOSLER REALTY

**106 S MAIN STREET
KENDALLVILLE, IN**

Prize Eggs | FREE EVENT | Door Prizes

Gold Prize Eggs will be filled with local gift card prizes!



"This project has turned what was an environmental brownfield and visual eyesore into a green, beautiful site that will not only provide clean, renewable energy for our Wastewater Treatment Plant, but also save Kendallville's citizens significant dollars for years to come. The City of Kendallville deeply appreciates that both the Local Development Corporation and Redevelopment Commission recognized this project for the tremendous opportunity it represented in changing the narrative of what economic development can truly be. I also must recognize the vital role that State Senator Susan Glick, State Representative David Abbott, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management each played in getting us to this point. I am especially pleased that Renewable Energy Systems, a Noble County business, used other local companies for much of their materials and supply needs. May the sun continue to shine brightly on the City of Kendallville!"

Mayor W. SuzAnne Handshoe

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SHARING THIS SPECIAL OCCASION WITH US

City of *Kendallville*

**McCray Solar Power Generation Project
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
205 West Wayne Street



Welcome

Mayor W. SuzAnne Handshoe

Project overview

Eric Heshner

Owner
Renewable Energy Systems

Introductions of honored guest speakers by Mayor Handshoe

Brian C. Rockensuess

Commissioner
Indiana Department of
Environmental Management

State Senator Susan Glick

Indiana District 13

State Representative David Abbott
Indiana District 82

Kelly Rentschler

Community Affairs Manager
American Electric Power

Gary Gatman

Executive Director
Noble County Economic
Development Corporation

Project Blessing by **Brian Walter**
Senior Pastor
South Milford Church of Christ

Ribbon cutting

JOIN US IN DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE

for a

RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

IN THE NEW POCKET PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 5:00–7:00PM



HELP US CELEBRATE THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW ADDITION TO
OUR DOWNTOWN! AND BE SURE TO VISIT ALL OF OUR
DOWNTOWN SHOPS WHILE YOU'RE HERE!

TASTY FOOD AND DRINKS BY:



LIVE MUSIC BY:



Kendallville's 3rd Annual

FAIRY, GNOME & TROLL

Festival



SATURDAY, MAY 21st
10:00AM—2:00PM
DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE

FEATURING:
SWEETCAKES ENTERTAINMENT
BALLOON ART & FACE PAINTING
BUBBLE PARTY FUN
CRAFTS & CREATIONS
FOOD & FESTIVE TREATS
FAIRY TEA PARTY
FAIRY, GNOME & TROLL SUPPLIES
COSTUME CONTEST
AND MUCH MORE!



SPONSORED BY:



Noble County Disposal
Locally owned and operated since 1972

Community State Bank



[Download Full List of Events Here](#)

Window Restoration 101 Workshop

Presented by Indiana Landmarks

Todd Zeiger, Director of Indiana Landmarks, will be presenting a window restoration workshop for downtown merchants and community members on **Tuesday, June 14th from 6:00 and 8:00pm** at the Community Learning Center in Kendallville.

This is a free workshop and will give attendees a cursory overview on the importance, benefits, and resources for restoring windows in historic buildings and homes.

A more detailed demonstration/ training workshop will be held later in the fall to see and learn the process hands on.



[Register Here](#)

Have You Seen Our New Downtown Map?

You Could Have Your Logo on the Back!

The map below, created by local graphic artist Carmen Johnson, features downtown Kendallville's buildings and businesses as they currently appear. Experience the Heart of Kendallville will be turning these maps into paper pads, which will then be distributed throughout the downtown merchant buildings for consumers to pick up.

Anyone visiting Main Street can simply tear off a map and explore & shop our beautiful downtown. These maps will be updated periodically, as there are new businesses popping up all the time.

If you own a business in Kendallville and would like to get your logo on the back of these maps, please contact Kristen Johnson at kendallvillemainstreet@gmail.com or download the Community Partner Benefits information using the button below.

Below are some of the generous community partners that have already donated:

Alum-Elec
Quick Tanks
Noble County Disposal
Northeastern Center Inc.
Color Master Inc.
Community State Bank
Jenna Anderson
Dep Hornberger & Stephane Langelier
Mayor SuzAnne Handshoe
Dr. Thomas E. & Rita Koerner

Community Partner Benefits

WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN Kendallville



RESTAURANTS

- 21 Pizza Forum
- 34 Little Caesar's Pizza
- 38 Jen's Bistro
- 54 WhatchamaCAKES
- 57 Jeny's Tacos
- 67 Breakfast House

SERVICES

- 4 Jansen Dentistry
- 5 Jansen Law
- 6 Northeastern Center
- 8 Emerick, Diggins and Zabona
- 10 Atz Law
- 12 Hensinger Plumbing
- 13 Indiana Bell Telephone
- 20 Chamber of Commerce
- 22 Compliance Advantage
- 24 Hosler Realty
- 28 People Link Staffing
- BrightPoint
- Tom Hullinger, CPA
- HealthMarkets
- Hosler Appraisals
- Igney Law
- NA Extrusion
- BLH Assets
- 29 Horizon Bank
- 32 Scott Frick, CPA
- 33 Michael Corp Investments
- 35 KPC Media
- 45 Treehouse Realty
- 47 WorkPrep
- 48 Prudential
- 49 Trademark Title
- 50 Tipton Law
- 52 Peachey's Cleaners
- 58 Kropp Insurance
- 63 Sandy Fortman Tax Prep
- 64 Reick Insurance
- 66 Automasters

GOVERNMENT

- 3 City Hall

CHURCHES/OUTREACH

- 14 Word of Life Outreach
- 23 Inspiration Ministries

ENTERTAINMENT

- 2 ATA Excellence Martial Arts
- 60 The Gauntlet Game Store
- 60 Strand Theatre

SHOPPING & RETAIL

- 7 Complete Arms (Gun Shop)
- 15 Arkham Oddities (Henna Tattoos, Collectibles & Oddities)
- 17 Carla's 5 Buck Antiques and Such
- 18 Hagerman's Appliances
- 19 Picture this in Print - The Wilson Gallery (Art & Framing)
- 25 Exotic Aquatics (Pet Store)
- 26 100 Main (Furniture & Collectibles)
- 31 Love Me Two Times on Main (Antique Shop)
- 36 Kendallville Auto Parts
- 37 Alley Cat Antiques
- 39 The Bargain Shop
- 41 Bizzy Bees Tees (Clothing)
- 42 The Pure Dream (CBD Supplies)
- 43 R&T Monuments
- 44 Christianson's Jewelers
- 46 The Old Country Store
- 55 Home Sweet Home (Florist & Gift Shop)
- 56 Once Upon a Time (Formal Wear)
- 59 Betty Lou Designs (Printing Shop)
- 62 Bikes N' Tiques (Bikes & Antiques)
- 65 Ramsey's (Boat & Auto)

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

- 9 Unwind Massage Therapy
- 11 Glam Palace
- 16 Family Shears
- 27 Village Hair
- 30 New Image Salon
- 51 His & Hers Salon
- 53 Imani Massage

PARKS

- 1 Pocket Park
- 61 The Alley



Download the Map

Main Street Re-Branding

Discovering Our Unique Identity is Key

Experience the Heart of Kendallville (EHK) is currently going through a re-branding process with the help of Lori Gagen with Catchy Creations, LLC. The goal is to determine the downtown's current identity, as well as what we want to become "known for" as a downtown. Is it antiquing and shopping, an adult weekend destination, family-friendly, or something else altogether? Defining our identity will help us determine the types of businesses we want to attract in the future and help us to incorporate that identity into our branding efforts. What do you think of when you think about Kendallville's future? What would you like to see change? Let us know at kendallvillemainstreet@gmail.com!



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