



Kendallville Heartbeat

May 17, 2023

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

Now Open!

The Smiling Cat Restaurant

James and Melissa Ketzenberger have been working day and night to bring **The Smiling Cat** to diners in Kendallville.

Their restaurant is now open at their beautiful and historic downtown building at 227 S Main Street (the old Berhalter Antiques building), bringing fusion food and friendly service to all.

Stay tuned to their Facebook page at [The Smiling Cat by Fresh Baked | Kendallville IN | Facebook](#) for updates!



Downtown Spaces Available to Rent

The following buildings are (or will soon be) available to rent/lease in Historic Downtown Kendallville. If interested, please contact the owner directly for additional information.



218 South Main Street

Approximately 1,200sf building with front and rear access. Would make a great retail or office space.

Contact:

Mathew Blodgett

260-242-0129

mathew_blodgett@completearms.com



214 South Main Street

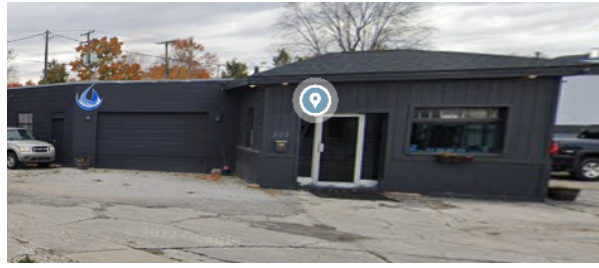
Approximately 3,500sf building with front and rear access. Would make a great department store or a spacious restaurant.

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303 South Main Street

Approximately 1,500sf building with ample parking on a great corner lot. Could be a nice office space for a small business.

Contact:

Ryan Ramsay

mainstreammarinecenter@gmail.com



117 South Main Street

Approximately space is 9ft x 14ft in the front area of Betty Lou Designs. Includes one display window. Rent is \$400/month, and includes utilities.

Contact:

Monica Corbin

260-349-7734

Construction Work to Begin Soon!

PreservIng Main Street Facades Finally Underway

Construction work on three of downtown Kendallville's historic buildings will begin in the next month. These buildings include the Hosler Realty building (106 S Main Street), the old Post Office building (119 W Mitchell Street), and the old Relaxation Station (101 North Main Street).

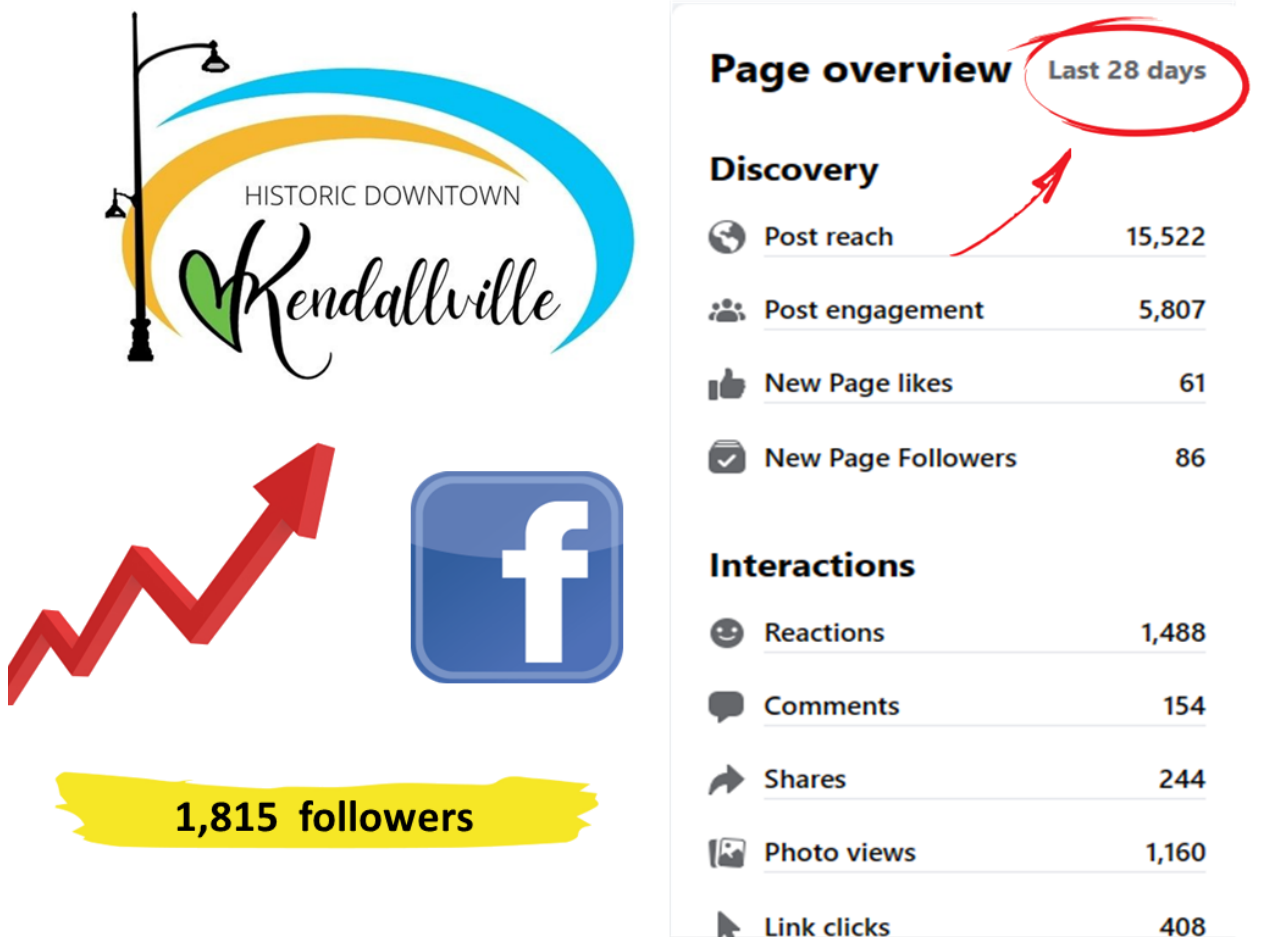
Steps will be taken by the city and the contractors to ensure that the disruption to downtown businesses is as minimal as possible. However, there will be times when vehicles and pedestrians may have to use alternative routes to certain parts of downtown. If this is the case, signage will be displayed and routes will be publicized.

If you have questions about the project, please feel free to contact Historic Downtown Kendallville at kendallvillemainstreet@gmail.com.



Thanks to YOU!

Our audience, reach, interest, and support continues to grow . . .
Please continue to share our mission and message with others, so we can
continue to transform downtown Kendallville into a true Indiana
destination!



Fun and Interesting Facts Regarding Visitors to Historic Downtown Kendallville

Overall visitors to HDK in the last 12 months: **314,000**

Unique visitors in the past 12 months: **72,500**

Visits increased by 17.9% over the previous 12-month period
28% of visitors travel 10-30 miles to visit downtown Kendallville

We believe these numbers will only continue to increase as more improvements are made to our beautiful and historic downtown. If you like the changes that are happening, please consider making a small, monthly financial contribution to help us continue our mission of "encouraging the economic development, historic preservation, and continuous improvement of downtown Kendallville."

Read on to learn more . . .

We're looking for 100 people to make a monthly, recurring donation of JUST \$5 (a cup of coffee)!

IMPACT:

**\$5/month x 100 people x 12 months =
\$6,000 annually**



 **SCAN ME**



Your donation supports downtown development including 2nd floor housing, entrepreneurial growth, new community events, historic preservation efforts, beautification projects, marketing and promotion efforts, and much more!

<https://www.kendallvillemainstreet.com/donate>

Summer Events in Downtown Kendallville

We've got so much going on in downtown Kendallville this summer, including festivals, free musical performances, skate parties, and sidewalk sales! Make sure to mark your calendars for all of these wonderful events -- and be sure to support our downtown merchants while you're here.

4th Annual FAIRY, GNOME & TROLL FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 20 10am - 2pm
Historic Downtown Kendallville



FEATURING:

Variety of Entertainment
Balloon Art & Face Painting
Bubble Party Fun
Crafts and Creations
Food & Festive Treats
Fairy, Gnome & Troll Supplies
& Much More!



Vendor Booth Fees:
Sales/Retail: \$40
Non-profits: FREE

Register at:
www.kendallvillemainstreet.com

Sidewalk Sales & Summer Specials

DOWNTOWN Dollar Days



FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 11-1

Free hotdog lunch to the first 300 attendees

T-Shirt giveaways

Art Walk to highlight the 2023 Art on Main Project

Sidewalk sales and specials from select merchants

Sidewalk Art competition

Free kid's activities

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 11-1

Free hotdog lunch to the first 300 attendees

T-Shirt giveaways

Sidewalk sales and specials from select merchants

Free kid's activities

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Free hotdog lunch to the first 300 attendees

T-Shirt giveaways

Sidewalk sales and specials from select merchants

Window decorating competition

Free kid's activities



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DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS: Please let us know if you're planning to host a sidewalk sale or special offer during our Dollar Days, so that we can be sure to help promote it the week of the event! Thanks!

Downtown Summer Skate Parties

COME ENJOY FOOD, YOUTH SKATING, CARNIVAL GAMES, AND MORE
IN BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC DOWNTOWN KENDALLVILLE!

**MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 12-3PM**

**COMMON GRACE
SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 5-8PM**

**LIFE & FAMILY SERVICES
SATURDAY, JUN 24TH, 5-8PM**



- All proceeds benefit the non-profit hosting the event
- Skate rental available in youth sizes only
- Individuals (youth and adults) are welcome to bring their own skates
- Individuals renting skates must sign a hold harmless agreement
- Helmets and knee/arm pads are recommended
- Skating not permitted on the sidewalks or outside of designated skating area
- Neither the City of Kendallville, Historic Downtown Kendallville, the host non-profit, nor East Noble Kiwanis are liable for accidents or injuries



The City of Kendallville & Historic Downtown
Kendallville present the 2023:



FREE

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC & FOOD TRUCKS

Saturday, Jun 17th 6:00pm



**JD3 & THE
JONDO TRIO**



Saturday, July 22th 6:00pm



**JOE
JUSTICE**



Saturday, Aug 19th 6:00pm



**LOS
GALAXY**





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: BANNER KIDD
BAND: THE HOTROD KINGS
FOOD AND DRINKS
50/50 DRAWING
LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES

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

EVENT SPONSORED BY:



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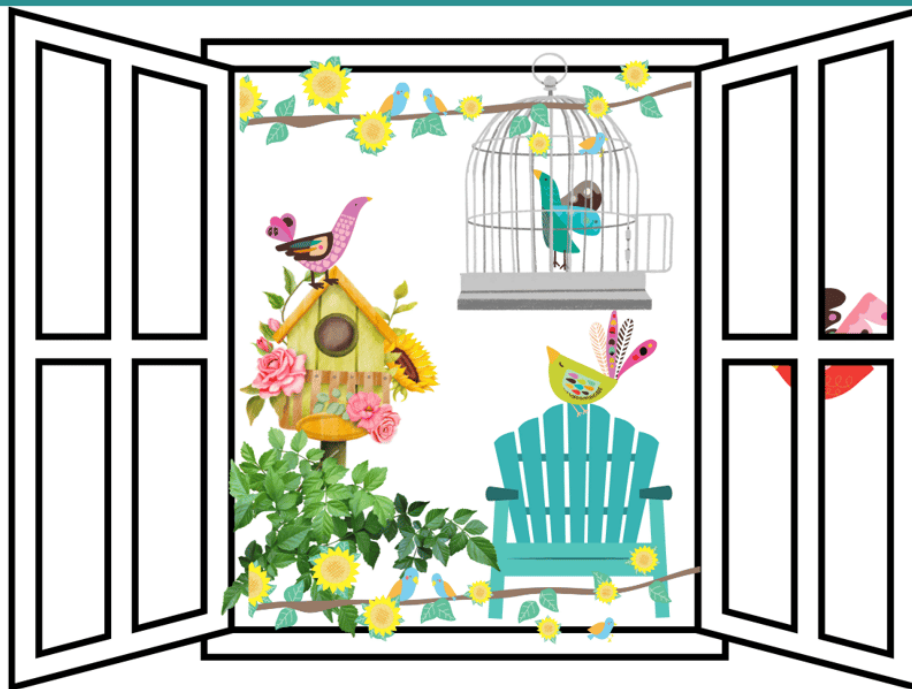


INSPIRATION
Restoring community.

Historic Downtown Kendallville is hosting a

STOREFRONT *Decorating* **CONTEST**

in Honor of this Year's "Art on Main" Project: Bird Baths



To participate, simply decorate your storefront in a 'bird theme' for the summer. In August, the winner will be selected by a group of impartial judges. Winning merchant will receive an award to display, along with a \$100 cash prize.



www.kendallvillemainstreet.com

DOWNLOAD THE



SMART PHONE APP

TO CONNECT WITH KENDALLVILLE MAIN STREET
BUSINESSES, FIND SPECIAL OFFERS, AND LEARN
ABOUT EVENTS, WALKING TOURS, AND MORE!

IT'S LIKE HOLDING MAIN STREET IN YOUR HAND!



ABOUT THE APP:

distrx is a free location-aware mobile app designed specifically for Main Street communities.

As you enter your district, you will receive a welcome greeting, after which the app opens to reveal everything you'd ever want to know about the community: area events, parking locations, local attractions, map, and a business directory by category. Best of all, when you travel to another Main Street community, the same mobile app transforms to become the app for that community.

There is no cost to use the app. Simply download distrx today and search for the Kendallville Main Street district!



www.distrx.com

DISTRX: Download the App to Put Main Street at your Fingertips!

Main Street Businesses, Events, Walking Tours & More!

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Best of all, when the same visitor travels to another Main Street community, the same mobile app transforms to become the app for that community.

There is no cost to local businesses or app users to participate.

Merchants can create comprehensive business listings and promotional offers, including in-app and web page listings - all at no cost to the business.

Ready to get started? Download DISTRX today!





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