



EXPERIENCE THE HEART OF KENDALLVILLE

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Dedicated to maintaining a vibrant commercial and residential area by advocating for historic preservation, promoting small business, and encouraging the economic development, redevelopment and improvement of the downtown.

Dear Community Partner,

*Welcome to the **Kendallville Heartbeat** -- the very first Experience the Heart of Kendallville digital e-newsletter! Our goal is to keep you informed of current programs, projects and events, while also providing valuable resources you can use to grow and strengthen your business.*

If there's something that you'd like to see in this publication in the future, please be sure to let us know!

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Kendallville Main Street Taking Inventory

Please take a moment to help us learn more about you, your business and/or your property. Doing so will help us create a solid inventory of downtown Kendallville and help us with planning and growth initiatives.

Simply click the button below to answer a few short questions.

Thanks!

[Take the Survey](#)



PreservINg Main Street Grant Update

Top 10 Scored Will Get First Review by Architect

Experience the Heart of Kendallville received 25 applications for improvements, which were scored by a grant review committee based on a variety of criteria including: the historical significance of the building, whether the building is vacant or occupied, the overall impact (economic, visual, etc.) the proposed building improvements could make for the downtown, whether or not the property owners have invested in improvements in the past, whether or not the project meets the goals of traditional historical preservation, whether the property is at risk without immediate intervention, proof of financial ability to meet the match, and more.

The scoring committee was made up of the grant steering committee, along with city officials and representatives from Indiana Landmarks, whose sole focus is historic preservation.

Based on the scoring, the applicants were placed into two separate categories: Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 is made up of the top 10 scoring buildings and Tier 2 is everyone else. The scoring was extremely close in some instances, but the committee decided to draw the line at 10 for the first round of consideration.

The next step is that the architect will be reaching out to the top 10 to begin discussing the property owner's budget, vision, design, etc. Once that step is complete, the team can determine how much is remaining from the \$2M and can begin working down the list of other applicants.

Below is the list of buildings who made the top ten (in no particular order):

- Jeny's Tacos - 215 S Main
- Kropp Insurance - 217 S Main
- 100 Main - 100 S Main

- The Strand Theatre - 221 S Main
- Rudy's/Love Me Two Times on Main - 105, 107, 109 N Main
- Hosler Realty - 106 S Main
- Treehouse Realty - 129 S Main
- Kendallville Auto Parts - 101 S Main
- Relaxation Station - 103 N Main
- The Old Post Office - 119 W Mitchell

For more information on the PreservINg Main Street Grant, please visit our website at www.kendallvillemainstreet.com

Main Street Website a Great Resource for Info



Have you checked out the Kendallville Main Street website lately? It's a great resource for all things Main Street. You can find a list of current businesses, information on upcoming events and promotions, as well as a calendar of important meeting dates and deadlines. There's also a blog published regularly to keep readers up to date on projects and other Main Street news.

If you haven't visited yet, click [HERE](#) to check it out and sign up for regular updates.



Download Workplan

Get Involved!

Experience the Heart of Kendallville Seeking Volunteers

In the summer of 2021, Experience the Heart of Kendallville spent six weeks working with local stakeholders to develop a work plan for the future of Kendallville's Main Street. As a result, several goals were identified within each of the four pillars, and committees are now being established to complete the work.

At left is a link that defines the goals, roles and responsibilities of each committee. If you are interested in getting involved with one of these committees, please contact us at

kendallvillemainstreet@gmail.com.

Donate to Experience the Heart of Kendallville

Help Us Reach Our Grant Match Requirement

As a pilot PreservINg Main Street community, Kendallville has been granted \$2M to support historic preservation and revitalization efforts in our downtown.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! We can only execute on this effort with help from the community. Help us reach our \$200,000 "community match" requirement. Your gift will help build capacity and long-term sustainability of Kendallville's Main Street organization to keep building on this momentum!

Community match funds will be used as follows:

- 50% (\$100,000) will be placed in a non-permanent fund at the Community Foundation of Noble County for future projects
- 50% (\$100,000) will be used towards capacity building efforts such: as hiring a full-time Main Street manager, leveraging future investment opportunities, and securing resources that make our organization stronger.

To date, we have raised \$138,000 of the \$200,000 match fund requirement. Please consider making a donation of any amount to help us reach that goal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Donate securely using the link below, or send your check to:

Experience the Heart of Kendallville
234 S Main St
Kendallville, IN 46755

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