



The Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce

Christmas in the Park - November 19



The Christmas season in Connellsville starts officially on Sat., Nov. 19 with Christmas in the Park at Yough Park.

Guests of honor Santa and Mrs. Claus will return to see who has been naughty and who has been

nice. Along with photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus (for a nominal fee of just \$2 each), all the good little boys and girls will enjoy horse and buggy rides, free hot chocolate and cookies, and a treat bag. There will also be a Chinese auction featuring an array of gift baskets that were graciously donated by local businesses.

Seth - the Balloon Dude will be there creating balloon characters and 2 Edged Sword will be performing Christmas carols setting a festive atmosphere for the event.

The activity area volunteers from Pinky Toes Child Care and Development Center and Head Start of Fayette County will feature free crafts for children to create and take home.

Refreshments will be for sale for adults attending the event.

Sponsors for the event include: Connellsville Bottling, Armstrong, Connellsville Walmart, Connellsville Towers, Wendy's, Lynn Dairy Queens Inc., Kisiel & Associates, P.C., Deberah Kula, Coldwell Banker Laurel Ridge Realty, Herr's, The Daily Courier, The Herald Standard, The Book Case, Serv Pro, Connellsville Business and Professional Women (BPW), Kathryn's Jewelry, The Grasso Greenhouses, PA Institute of Health and Technology, Jackson Hewitt, MGM Printing, Bud Murphy's Rock Starz, Tri-Town Historical Society, Lint's Personal Care Home, Fayette EMS, Pechin Shopping Village, Graft Oil, Yough River Bike Trail Council, Nelson Bus Lines, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank,

First Niagara - Laurel Mall and West Side Jewelry. The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m.

For further information on Christmas in the Park, please contact the chamber office at 724-628-5500.

That night, after the city hits the switch on the Christmas lights at 7 p.m., the New Haven Hose Company will start the Christmas parade.

The beautiful Christmas lights which adorn the lamp posts on Crawford Avenue between Arch and Pittsburgh Streets were purchased by the Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce with the proceeds obtained from the Chamber's annual gala held at Linden Hall which honored Connellsville's own "Mr. Trombone", Harold Betters. The residents of Connellsville and all traveling through our town enjoy these holiday decorations each year thanks to the Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce and the joint cooperation and efforts of a

group of volunteer employees from Armstrong Cable Company who put the lights up at the start of the holiday season and again take them down at the conclusion of the season.

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Volunteers Needed!

If you have an hour or two to volunteer at Christmas in the Park, please call the Chamber office at (724) 628-5500. Through teamwork, we can provide a successful and festive day for the children in our community. And, it is also a lot of fun! So, we hope you will join us!

A Look Back - 12/11/54



MARK YOUR CALENDER!

Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Tues., Feb. 28, 2012

It's A Connellsville Christmas - Dec. 3 & 4



The Downtown Connellsville promotions committee is formulating plans for the second annual "It's A Connellsville Christmas". This weekend event, which will be held Dec. 3 & 4, 12 noon – 5 p.m., will feature a number of activities including:

- Tours of area churches and sponsored activities at a number of the churches. (Sat. & Sun.)
- Nativity display at the Connellsville United Presbyterian Church (Sat. & Sun.)

- A Poinsettia sale, children's activities and photos with Santa (for a nominal fee) at Artworks Connellsville at 139 W. Crawford Ave. (Sat.)
- A Christmas Market offering a number of holiday gift ideas and crafts at the Elks at 140 E. Crawford Ave. (Sat.)
- On Sat., Dec. 3, a concert featuring Christmas music will be held 6-8 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 417 S. Pittsburgh St., Connellsville. Ticket cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free.
- Cookie Festival to benefit non-profit organizations at participating Downtown Connellsville businesses. (Sat.)

"We look forward to hosting the second annual "It's A Connellsville Christmas". We ask that Connellsville businesses and churches come together as we celebrate the

holiday season. Connellsville was once a city full of activity during the holiday season and we are planning this weekend long event to recapture those feelings and happy memories," said Patrick Stefano, chair of the Downtown Connellsville promotions committee.

Event sponsors include: Connellsville Counseling & Psychological Services, Kisiel & Associates, PC, Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC, Lid'l Lyn's, and D & R Quality Builders.

Announcements of additional activities and sponsors will be made as plans are finalized. However, if your church would like to participate in this event or if your business or organization would like to participate in the Cookie Festival, please contact Nancy Henry at McCarthy Public Relations at 724-628-6072. There are also a number of limited spaces for the Christmas Market; interested vendors may contact Susan McCarthy at McCarthy Public Relations at 724-628-6956.

Create Awareness for Your Business or Organization

The Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce offers many ways to help you publicize your products and services to our members and the community. As 2012 approaches, we are offering you two great opportunities to create top of mind awareness of your business or organization.

1. Chamber mixer. Host a chamber mixer in your office or store. We will help you publicize your event and we will even take the RSVP's.
2. Chamber windows. Showcase your business or organization in the windows of the Chamber office. It is way to remind residents and visitors to our city about your business or organization at no cost to you.

Please contact the chamber office to check availability. We look forward to hearing from you! Please note that availability is on a first-come, first-served basis, so the sooner you contact us, the better chance you will have of getting your preferred mixer date or preferred month for your window display.

Save Money on Your Holiday Shopping with Buy Local



When you do your Christmas shopping this year, remember to Buy Local and use your Buy Local discount card! Did you know that by recycling our dollars locally, we help to sustain local businesses and improve our community? For a complete and up-to-date list of participating businesses, visit www.heraldstandard.com. Buy Local cards are for sale at the Chamber office for just \$7 each.

Also, to learn more about the how the Buy Local program can benefit your business and membership in the Chamber and/or the Buy Local network, visit greaterconnellsville.org or FayPenn.org. Or, call the Chamber office or Devon Grote, Sustainable Communities Specialist, Fay Penn Economic Development Council at 724-437-7913.

December Chamber Mixer - Dec. 9



One of the most anticipated holiday parties is the Annual Chamber Mixer held at Lint's beautifully decorated Cochran House in Dawson. The Tri-Town Historical Society and Eugene and Patty Lint graciously invite us into their home each year where we enjoy an abundance of delicious food, drinks and the pleasure of each others' company. Every room is a feast for your eyes as you take in the many special touches on the trees in each room. If you haven't been there in awhile, make a point to join us this year. If you attend every year, we're sure you'll be back because there's always something new to see. See you there on Friday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP @ (724) 628-5500.



**GREATER CONNELLSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
NOVEMBER 2011 COMMUNITY CALENDAR**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 - <i>Christmas in the Park (Noon - 4 p.m.) 7 p.m. Christmas Parade</i>
20 - <i>Mozart Music Club Festival of Choirs @Wesley United Methodist Church @ 6:30</i>	21	22	23	24 - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
27	28	29	30	<i>Festival of Trees every day in the Highlands Hospital lobby (Now thru December 2)</i>		



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DECEMBER 2011 COMMUNITY CALENDAR**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 - <i>It's A Connellsville Christmas (10 - 5) 7 p.m. - Christmas Concert @ Wesley United Methodist</i>
4 - <i>It's A Connellsville Christmas (10 - 5)</i>	5	6	7	8	9 - <i>Chamber Mixer @ Lint's (6:30 p.m.)</i>	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 - <i>Chamber Christmas Luncheon (Noon - 2 p.m.)</i>	21	22	23	24 - <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 - <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31 - <i>New Year's Eve</i>

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Chamber Award Nominations Sought

Nominations for the following award categories are being requested:

- The Athena Award
- Community Service Award - Individual
- Community Service Award - Group
- Distinguished Citizen
- Beautification Award

The Athena Award is presented to an individual who demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in mentoring women in the business world. This person provides valuable community service

by contributing time and energy actively assisting women in realizing their full leadership potential. There are two Community Service Awards each year, one given to a group, the other to an individual. The Chamber encourages everyone to take a look around their neighborhood, or at the groups they belong to, in order that all those who give of their talent and time have the chance to be recognized for their efforts. The Distinguished Citizen is awarded to a person who exemplifies leadership within the community and often is an example of improving

quality of life for an entity here. They are individuals who make this area a better place to live and work. The Beautification Award is often the category that receives the most nominations and is the most difficult to choose. That just shows how many wonderful things we have going on in our area. The fact that there are so many noticeable renovations being done is a marvelous statement about our community. People have pride in their businesses and want it to show. "It is very important that the public understands that they do not have to be chamber

members in order to nominate for any category, nor do the winners need to be members of The Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce. The awards will be presented at the Chamber's annual awards banquet to be held at PVCC on Feb. 28. Nomination forms are available at The Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce office located at 923 West Crawford Avenue or online at the Chamber website www.greaterconnellsville.org. The deadline for submission is Friday, January 27.