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Summertime Downtown

Summertime is transformative. Downtowns that may have looked deserted in the bleak mid-winter began their transformation with spring festivals and other activities that are now reaching their crescendo. From summer arts and music to brew fests to blocks parties and carnivals, our wonderful downtowns are absolutely open for business.

With the hundreds, maybe even thousands, of local college students at home for the summer our normally super-busy downtowns are relatively calm. But this calm means that scoring dinner reservations is now a breeze and that there won't be any lines or long waits to get a great table for you and your guests.

However, from time-to-time, when a local festival is in town our streets come alive and that wonderful "buzz" is back. So come on down town, enjoy a relaxing drink and a delicious meal. If it suits your taste, why not really jump in and attend a local festival, fair, block party or carnival? They're always a hoot.

By the way, your Chamber's Downtown Strategic Plan, appropriately named "Local Gems and Regional Riches," is attracting a wide readership. To read it yourself, please visit our website at gsvcc.org.

The concise plan basically includes nine elements, which together form the framework of our newly-revived and highly-energized regional community revitalization and economic development efforts.

- These elements are:
- The Role of the Downtown Affiliates
 - Identification and Agreement on unifying themes of this initiative
 - Establishment and agreement on a regional coordinating structure, organization and financial resources
 - Identification of the entire Valley's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges
 - Assessment of each community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges
 - Creation of a formal "Downtown" or "Core Community" Economic Development program aimed at back-filling unoccupied spaces
 - Deployment of education and advocacy activities
 - Collaborative Downtown-targeted public relations campaigns
 - Linking Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development to comprehensive planning, education and advocacy, sub-division and land development ordinances, zoning regulations and building code enforcement

Once you've paged through the plan, please drop me a note at rgarrett@gsvcc.org and let me know what you think of our ideas and the direction that we're headed. There's no doubt in my mind that the Greater Susquehanna Valley's best days lie just ahead.



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Outdoor Recreation in the Susquehanna River Valley

According to the 2014 Oxford Economics Report on Tourism, the Susquehanna River Valley has the second highest proportion of traveler dollars spent on recreation in the Commonwealth. With the amazing amount of outdoor recreation opportunities in the region, this fact makes perfect sense. This summer, be sure to get out – literally out – and experience all the amazing opportunities for outdoor fun in the Susquehanna River Valley.



Named one of the top 10 destinations in the country for ATVs, full-size vehicle and dirt bikes, the Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area in Coal Township features hundreds of miles of trails on over 6,500 acres.

the confluence of the North and West branches of the Susquehanna River.

Shikellamy State Park offers a large marina, picnic tables and paved trails at their Packer Island location between Northumberland and Sunbury. With the inflation of the dam, 3,000 acre Lake Augusta becomes a hot-spot for boaters and water-skiers. The other section of the park, Shikellamy Overlook, is located across the river and offers panoramic views of

Milton State Park provides opportunities for picnicking, hiking and a play area with soccer and ball fields. The southern half remains wooded and is a favorite launching spot for canoes and kayaks.

In the mountains west of Lewisburg, R.B. Winter State Park in the Bald Eagle State Forest offers hiking, camping, picnic area, swimming and fishing, plus some of the best mountain biking in the State.

Near the town of Troxelville in Snyder County, Tall Timbers in the Snyder-Middleswarth Natural Areas is host to picnic spots and a 3.4 mile hiking loop to an extensive stand of old-growth hemlocks. For fishing and boating (electric motors only), the 239-acre Walker Lake is excellent. Fishing is also popular in nearby Faylor Lake, a 30-acre resource near Beaver Springs.

The Buffalo Valley Rail Trail is a 9.2 mile trail that connects Lewisburg and Mifflinburg. The trail offers facilities and parking at both ends of the trail.

The Isle of Que in Selinsgrove offers their boat launch for canoe and kayak enthusiasts seeking calmer waters south of Sunbury.



Regional Summer Fun and Celebrations

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau is your one-stop shop for regional fun, adventure and events throughout the summer season. Stop by the Visitor Center to grab brochures that provide information on history, heritage, art and culture, dining, shopping, outdoor recreation, family-fun, plus so much more! The bureau also has regional information on the popular Summer Concert Series and Free Movie Nights found throughout many of our towns and has the only list of regional Fireworks Display for the upcoming 4th of July holiday. VisitCentralPA.org 570-524-7234.



Here in the Susquehanna River Valley, outdoor enthusiasts have variety of opportunities to enjoy hiking, biking, camping, canoeing, kayaking and fishing in some of the most beautiful scenery in the Commonwealth.

Stop by our Visitor Center in Lewisburg to pick up some of our most popular summer brochures that include our regional Fishing Guide, Top 20 River Spots brochure, bicycle route maps, canoe and kayak outfitter brochures, plus State Park and Forest maps and campground information. For more information on outdoor fun in the Susquehanna River Valley, go to VisitCentralPA.org/outdoor.



DANVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Racing, Festing, Tasting, Ducking & Harmonizing: It Must Be Summer in Danville!

Summer is upon us, and with the season comes a calendar filled with events and opportunities in and around Danville to be as active or as much a spectator as you care to be.

For our real and wannabe runners and bikers, the River Towns Race Series continues with races scheduled throughout the summer at various venues in Montour County. For more information, visit www.rivertownrace.com.

Danville celebrates its history and heritage with the Danville Heritage Festival the weekend of July 15-17. Scattered at multiple sites across Danville, it will include events as diverse as a parade, historical speakers, living history demonstrations, a quoit tournament, and fireworks. For more information visit www.vanwagnermusic.com/danvilleheritage.

Those with a taste for the lighter side of life should visit the 2nd annual Wine in the Pines Festival, which returns July 23, featuring six local wineries, Old Forge Brewing Company, artists of the Danville Arts Council and Susquehanna River Artists, and area crafters. Woody Wolfe and the Louie Land Jazz Group will be entertaining on the outdoor stage. This is a ticketed fundraiser for the Danville Business Alliance and the Montour Area Recreation Commission.

Visit www.visitdanvillepa.org and www.wineinthepinesfestival.com for event and ticketing information.

Want to enjoy a musical interlude on a warm summer evening? Take in a free concert sponsored by the Danville Arts Council every Tuesday evening through early August at Memorial Park in Danville. Rain? The show will go on at nearby Grove Presbyterian Church. You will find the concert calendar at http://visitdanvillepa.org/index.php?src=events&srctype=events_glance&m=7&y=2016.

Combining fun and generosity is the 5th Annual Charity Duck Derby on August 6. Organized and sponsored by Service 1st Federal Credit Union, this event will raise funds to bene-

fit several area nonprofits. Be there and back a quack when thousands of rubber duckies are dumped in the river and race toward the finish line! Visit www.service1.org/promo-landing-pages/duck-derby for more information.

Rounding out the summer and bridging the seasons will be the downtown's 37th annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair on September 10. Similar to its seasonal sibling, Spring Fling, it celebrates the beginning of the fall season by bringing together vendors from throughout the state, creating a bustling marketplace perfect for buyers and sellers alike. With only 106 days until Christmas, it won't be too early to think about holiday gift buying! For more information visit www.visitdanvillepa.org.



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2016 Music in The Park, now – August 24, at 7pm, free concert series sponsored by the Lewisburg Arts Council, for the full event schedule visit <http://www.lewisburgartscouncil.com/events/music-in-the-park/>

Sidewalk Chalk Festival, July 10, 5-7pm, Whether you are a serious chalk artist or a budding doodler, decorating Lewisburg's sidewalks is lots of fun. Live, family-fun music, face-painting, and lots of chalk art.

Sponsored by the Lewisburg Arts Council. Registration at Brushstrokes, 340 Market Street.

3rd Annual Lewisburg BrewBQue sponsored by McCann, August 13th, Events kick off at 11am including the ALL NEW public wine tent and the Lewisburg Sunset Rotary BBQ food court and root beer garden. At 1pm, sponsored by Weis Markets and Mifflinburg Bank, the VIP Beer Garden opens featuring live music by Sean Farley and his Bluesy Trio. At 2pm, the Festival is in full swing with beer, wine, and cider throughout Hufnagle Park as The Dirty Mojo Blues Band takes the main stage. There will be vendors of all kinds, a kid's carnival, sidewalk sales throughout town, and specials every-

where! Get the details and tickets at <http://lewisburgpa.com/brewbq/>

Make Market Street More Beautiful, going on now! Check out the sample flower basket on the lamppost in front of RAL Architecture and Design! If you would like to see flower baskets on Market Streets historic lampposts, here's how you can help: Beautify a Block...Beautify a Street Light...Buy a Basket...Sponsor a Planting, Opportunities start at \$75. For more information, please visit <http://lewisburgpa.com/market-street-flower-baskets/> or contact Stephen Lindenmuth at 570-524-7974 or Lewisburg Downtown Partnership at 570-523-1743 with any questions or comments.



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Lewisburg Neighborhoods Part of International Coastal Clean Up

Since when does Lewisburg, PA count as “coastal”? Every year when the Lewisburg River Town Team participates in the International Coastal Clean Up.

It may seem like a stretch, but the Susquehanna River does connect us directly to the Chesapeake and from there to the ocean. The large scale cooperative clean up is a concrete call to action and reminder that one of our most visible links to the sea takes the form of the trash we allow to flow from our community into our creeks, the river, the bay and beyond. It’s also

surprisingly fun.

The Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation invites everyone to help us clean up our act. There’s a lot to love and to share about our community, but litter is not on the list. For the past few years we have run various clean ups, with the major focus on our “Fall In-River Clean Up” which will take place this year on Saturday, August 27, from 9am to 3pm in Soldiers Park on Water Street in Lewisburg. (Weather and water conditions permitting.)



IN-RIVER CLEAN UP




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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- FALL IN-RIVER CLEAN UP
Sat, Aug 27, 9-3, Soldiers Memorial Park
- PICNIC IN THE PARK
Wed, Aug 31, 5:30-7:30, Soldiers Memorial Park
- LOCAVORE DINNER
Sun, Sept 11, 5-9, Lewisburg Community Garden
- RIVER ROAD HOLIDAY
Sun, Sept 18, 2-4, River Road North
- WOOLLY WORM FESTIVAL
Sat, Oct 8, 9-4, Hufnagle Park
- RAIL TRAIL CLEAN UP
Sat, Oct 29, 2-4, Earl's Bicycle Store

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SOLDIERS MEMORIAL

Middleburg Heritage Festival Highlights

This year, members of the Middleburg Revitalization Committee, set forth a motion to revamp the downtown and surrounding areas of Middleburg. May 7th was the first annual Middleburg Heritage Festival, highlighting Handmade Crafts, antiques, antique cars, music, and a downtown historic walking tour.

Crafters from all over PA were here selling their handcrafted wares. Over 40 crafters lined up the park with items like pottery, jewelry, candles, soaps, wood furniture, and metal art. "The quality of vendors was excellent. I can't think of one vendor who had "factory" items" said one attendee. "Great festival! Got a nice piece of pottery for my mom for Mother's Day. Loved Davis' antique pieces. Had a great bowl of soup and enjoyed the morning" said another.

Another highlight of the event was the

historic walking tour that included 12 sites throughout downtown Middleburg. Led by two committee members Deb Troutman and Pauline Buchanan, they were able to find out some very interesting pieces of history in Middleburg. Dean "Hop" Walter was instrumental in recreating the Old Middleburg Bakery, preparing over 50 pieces of bread for on display. The original Snyder County Jail was open for people to explore and get "locked up". The Soldiers and Sailors memorial was a great hit with re-enactors on display in the building.

More events and activities are being planned, so be sure to check out our Facebook page www.fb.com/middleburgpa for all upcoming events including next year's Middleburg Heritage Festival May 13, 2017.



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Event Calendar

July

Every Thursday Night in July
Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series
Selinsgrove - Commons • 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Every Tuesday Night in July
Summer Concert Series
Danville - Memorial Park • 7:00 PM

Every Thursday beginning
June 9 thru August 4
Music in the Park
Milton - Lincoln Park • 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Every Tuesday Night in July & August
Summertime Music at the Gazebo
Selinsgrove • Pump House Park

July 7 - 9
Sunbury Celebration
Sunbury

July 9
Lewisburg Sidewalk Chalk Festival
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Selinsgrove - Downtown • All Day

July 10
Antiques on the Avenue
Selinsgrove - University Ave • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

July 15
Mifflinburg Blueberries & Bluegrass

Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Selinsgrove - Downtown • All Day

July 16
2nd Annual Danville Heritage Festival
Danville

Hops, Vines & Wines Festival
Selinsgrove - University Ave • 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Selinsgrove - Downtown • All Day

July 23
2nd Annual Wine in the Pines Festival & Montour 24 Endurance Run
Danville

July 26
Movies on the River Front
Sunbury

July 30
Summer Concert Series
Sunbury

August

August 2
Summer Concert Series
Danville - Memorial Park • 7:00 PM

August 4
Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series
Selinsgrove - Commons • 6:30 - 8:00 PM



ROOKE CHAPEL, LEWISBURG

Event Calendar

August 6

ArtFest
Bloomsburg

August 7 - 13

Montour DeLong Community Fair
Danville

August 9

Summer Concert Series
Danville - Memorial Park • 7:00 PM

August 11

Rudy Gelnett Summer Music Series
Selinsgrove - Commons • 6:30 - 8:00 PM

August 13

Montour Preserve Summer Heat Trail Runs
Danville

Lewisburg BrewBQue

Lewisburg

August 18

The Valley's Got Talent
Sunbury

August 19 - 20

Sunbury River Festival
Sunbury

August 23

Movies on the River
Sunbury

August 27

Summer Concert Series
Sunbury

September

September 3

Hopewell Challenge Mountain Bike Race
Danville

September 9 - 17

Harvest Festival
Milton

September 10

37th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Fair
Danville

Lake Augusta Renaissance Festival

Sunbury

September 17

Brewsburg

Bloomsburg - Moose Exchange • 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Lake Augusta Wine & Brew Festival

Sunbury

September 24 - October 1

Bloomsburg Fair

Bloomsburg

September 24

Chili Challenge

Danville

Summer Concert Series

Sunbury

Market Street Festival

Selinsgrove - Downtown • 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

September 25

Summer Concert

Sunbury

September 30

Oktoberfest

Mifflinburg

*Please note that
this event schedule
may change.
For more information
on upcoming events,
check out each
town's website!*



It's Blueberries & Bluegrass Time in Mifflinburg!

Bring a lawn chair to the Mifflinburg Community Park on Friday, July 15 from 6 to 9 pm and settle in for the evening! There will be music by the West End Bluegrass Band. There will be all kinds of food from vendors, many of whom are representing local nonprofits and high school organizations such as the Band Boosters and the Swim Team, to offer you dinner options.

There will also be all kinds of blueberry desserts for you. Freshly baked, wild blueberry pies (yes, they are still warm when they are delivered to us) available in double crust, crumb top

and sugar free will be offered by the slice or by the whole pie. Our famous blueberry whoopee pies will be on display along with blueberry and vanilla ice-creams and blueberry sauce. This year we will be offering some new blueberry desserts to entice you to have just one more bite!

Blueberry baked goods can be preordered by calling 570-966-1666 or emailing mhra@dejazzd.com. Preordered items must be picked up that evening between 5 and 7 pm.

This is a free event but you need to bring your own lawn chair (and an appetite)!



Summer Happenings at the 1806 Elias

It's a busy summer this year! There are children's day camps and performers in concert for all ages!

June 4 features the Trumpets of Joy, a traditional and Southern style gospel group, in concert. Hailing from Aliquippa, the group began in 1952 and is now in its second and third generation of original family members. The show begins at 7 pm and tickets are \$10. Children under 12 are free with a paid adult.

On June 25, the PA Army National Guard 28th Infantry Division Brass Quintet will offer up an evening of songs from classic to popular movie themes. The show begins at 7 pm and this show is free of charge.

Children can attend a one day history day camp on July 5, 6 or 7 from 9 am to 3 pm. This year's theme is "Storytelling Through the Ages". Activities are interactive and the kids will be painting pictures on river rocks and then later creating stories about them, learning about troubadours spreading the news in medieval days (and learn one of their songs), discovering diaries and creating one, finding out about stories associated with flowers and uncovering the "real" stories behind popular nursery rhymes. Cost is \$15 per child age 5 through 12. Send a bag lunch with their name on it.

July 9 we will host the West Branch Barbershop Chorus in concert at 7 pm. They will again regale and impress us with a wide variety of musical styles and songs from many different eras. Tickets are

\$10 and children under 12 are free with a paid adult.

July 18 through July 22 brings Bright Star National Children's Theatre Company to lead a week long children's theater camp from 9 am to 3 pm. Participants will learn from two actor/educators all aspects of theater from scripting and character development to acting and design. On the final day at 3 pm, the kids will put on a public performance showcasing their newly learned theater skills. This camp is best suited to children 2nd through 6th grade. Registration is limited to 30 children and the cost is \$100 for the week.

August 20 is a fun show for the kids (and family) with the Rock and Roll Pet Shop where everything from music to puppets to magic to live animals are used with the help of the kids to create an imaginary pet shop. This show is at 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 and children under 12 are free with a paid adult.

For information or registration forms, contact mhra@dejazzd.com or call 570-966-1666. Advance tickets for shows can be purchased at the MHRA office at 300 Chestnut St., Mifflinburg, by sending a check and SASE to the same address or tickets can be purchased at Barb's Bouquet & Gift Basket, Heritage Printers, Tastecraft Market or Whispering Willow Primitives and Antiques in Mifflinburg.

The Historic 1806 Elias is also available for tours by appointment, for rentals and for weddings.





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The Jungle Teen Center: For Teens by Teens

The Jungle Teen Center is one of several programs overseen by TIME and is located in downtown Milton in the basement of the Milton Moose Family Center. It opened in 2006 through the efforts of a group of high school and college students and is an off-shoot of Milton's Teen Canteen, founded in 1945. Originally a bowling alley, the 4,000 sq. ft. facility was converted by the teens to include a snack bar with seating, game room area, a dance floor, and a stage for bands and DJ's. Under the supervision of adults, teens are empowered to help with the responsibility of staffing and managing events, for teens – by teens. It's a great place to meet new friends and socialize.

The Jungle Teen Center offers a substance-free, well supervised space and activities while offering alternatives to unhealthy and destructive behaviors. Advisors and Teen Leaders serve as role models, mentors, offering supportive listening, guidance, and information to teens. They can give referrals to teens in need of services and are in touch with schools and local organizations to provide services available to teens.

The goal of programs at the teen center is to increase the ability of teens to make healthy choices by exploring different interest areas, building communication skills, strengthening self confidence, developing team building and leadership skills, and making connections to mentors.

Researchers have identified building blocks of healthy development that help teens grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. These assets fall into the categories of:



THE JUNGLE TEEN CENTER

- **Support** - Teens need care and love from family and friends, and positive environments from organizations and institutions.

- **Empowerment** - Teens need to feel valued and be seen as a contributor in their community.

- **Boundaries and Expectations** - Teens need to know what is expected from them and what is acceptable and not acceptable.

- **Constructive Use of Time** - Teens need constructive and enriching opportunities for growth.

- **Commitment to Learning** - Teens need a lifelong interest in learning new things, making new discoveries, and exploring new topics.

- **Positive Values** - Teens need to develop strong values that guide their choices.

- **Social Competencies** - Teens need to build skills and abilities to make positive choices, build relationships and succeed in life.

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Selingsgrove's Brew Fest wins prestigious Townie award

The Pennsylvania Downtown Center (PDC) recently presented Selingsgrove Projects, Inc. with a prestigious "Townie Award" for its annual Hops, Vines & Wines Festival.

The Townie Awards are designed to recognize the commonwealth's core communities for creation and implementation of projects, programs and events that exemplify the goals of PDC's community revitalization mission. Eligible communities consist of Pennsylvania Downtown Center's nearly 200 member organizations, including Main Street and Elm Street programs, making the Townies a competitive award process each year.

Selingsgrove's Hops, Vines & Wines Festival won the Special Event, Promotions and Marketing Award. The Brew Fest, as it's affectionately known, was started nine years ago and has since become legendary for its success. In its first year, 800 tickets were sold at \$40.00 each, realizing a gross profit of \$32,000. In 2015, 1700 tickets were sold at \$50.00 each, realizing a gross profit of \$85,000. And the event always sells out quickly.

Mary Bannon, Selingsgrove's Main Street Manager concurs, "One of the most amazing things about the event is how quickly it sells out. Tickets always go on sale the third Saturday in April at 8am. In the first year, they sold out in two weeks; this year it only took ten minutes. That statistic

alone speaks to the event's popularity."

The Selingsgrove Brew Fest was the first in the area and was the brainchild of Carol Handlan, Selingsgrove Projects, Inc. president and Jeff Reed, the mayor of Selingsgrove.

"We had been to a number of brew fests ourselves and just thought – hey, let's do this in Selingsgrove. We started planning in the summer of 2006 and two years later, on the third Saturday in July, the fest premiered. People come from all over and they just love it," said Handlan.

The ticket to the four-hour festival, the proceeds of which benefit downtown revitalization, includes not only free beer and wine, but also free "all-you-can-eat" food from downtown restaurants, thereby showcasing all that Downtown Selingsgrove has to offer.

Bannon said, "We feel that it's important to keep it local – local food is highlighted; local bands play. Everything about our festival advances the mission of our organization: we work with diverse partners and resources; we promote economic growth and cultural vibrancy; and we showcase the unique character and heritage of Selingsgrove.

It's a great event for us. We have over 60 volunteers who work that day. There's a great feeling of camaraderie. It's really apparent that we all "love the Grove!"



PDC Board president, Larry Newman; Selingsgrove Main Street Manager, Mary Bannon; Selingsgrove Projects, Inc. board president Carol Handlan; Selingsgrove Mayor Jeff Reed; Hops, Vines & Wines committee person, Bobbie Owens; SPI board member Bruce Johnson



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Sunbury – A Family Place

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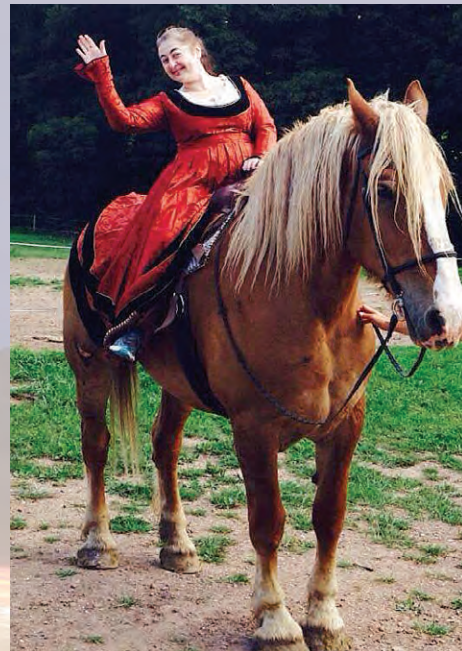
Cars still line the streets today as both travelers and people on foot conduct their business. Sunbury is unique in that you can leave your house on foot, take the kids to the physician or dentist, drop documents at your attorney's office, pick up your groceries and dry cleaning, and get your hair cut – all without having to sit down behind a steering wheel.

The waterfront, completed by 2011, makes the region's only mile-long accessible walkway to the Susquehanna river, where families can bike, fish, walk, run, boat or even swim.

The summer season in Sunbury is especially family friendly in Sunbury where residents and

visitors can access the Oppenheimer Pleasure Grounds on North 2nd Street. Boaters leaving points in Lewisburg, Danville, Sunbury Marina or the Shikellamy State park can dock in Sunbury and wander over the flood "Wall" to Hollenbach's "The Wall" for ice cream. Completed after the major flood of 1946, Sunbury's flood wall is now a divider separating the River Walk from the traffic on Front Street, creating pristine privacy within a busy urban center.

Why not come along and visit Sunbury? Come for the Sunbury Celebration July 7-10, The Sunbury River Festival August 18-20, the Lake Augusta Renaissance Festival September 10 and the Lake Augusta Wine and Brew Festival September 17. See elsewhere in this publication for details or visit www.sunburyrevitalization.org... Oh, and bring the family!



Sunbury's Revitalization – Sharing the Regions Rich Cultural and Historical Traditions

Summer in the Susquehanna River Valley means The City of Sunbury's "Sunbury Celebration" July 7-10, when the city hosts several days of fun family-oriented events culminating with the best fireworks display in the area held every year on the second Saturday in July.

Activities include the Haul for the Heroes 5K Run/Walk; baseball tournaments, rides, amusements, food vendors and swimming.

Summer also heralds the return of the annual Sunbury River Festival August 18-20, always on the third (3rd) weekend of August. Families come from far and wide to catch the popular event where a variety of live music and entertainment echoes along Front Street and where good food and good times are abundant for people of all ages. The festivities kick off on Thursday evening at The Valley's



Got Talent competition, followed on Friday at noon with kids games and vendors of every sort. On Saturday, entertainment, the annual "cardboard regatta" on the river, car show and after hours concert are just a few of the many activities. Join the many that plan their summer vacations around the event which cele-

brates the grand Susquehanna River as no other festival does.

Have you ever wondered what life was like for King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table? Find out September 10 at the Annual Lake Augusta Renaissance Festival in Sunbury. You will find a wide variety of entertainment and vendors so bring the family and experience life in the Middle Ages.

Winding down the summer, on September 17th the Lake Augusta Wine & Brew Festival is a celebration of libations, music, food, and beautiful Lake Augusta. Join us on the banks of the Susquehanna to sample some of the best wine & brews the state has to offer while enjoying the awesome sounds. Attendees must be 21 years old, and a valid ID is required.

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