

**SUMMER 2019**



# DSI Herald



## INNOVATION CENTER UPDATES

### DSI Information

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Shenandoah, PA 17976
- \* Meetings: 3rd Tuesday at 5:30  
p.m. @ DSI Office
- \* DSI website:  
[www.downtownshenandoah.com](http://www.downtownshenandoah.com)

### OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

DSI Manager:  
Mary Lusavage  
DSI President/Treasurer  
Karen Kenderdine  
Vice President  
Bob Kane

### January Lottery Winners

Joe Farrell  
Robert Majetsky  
Gina Petrylak  
Oravitz Home for  
Funerals  
Andrea Pytak  
Kim Sponseller  
Joseph Pytak  
B&B % Bugden's  
Beauty Salon

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR INNOVATION CENTER HIRED

The ongoing planned innovation center project under the auspices of Downtown Shenandoah, Inc. has announced the hiring of Michael Weiss, Pottsville in the position of full-time executive director. Weiss was in attendance at the June 18 meeting of Downtown Shenandoah and was introduced to the board members, representatives and interested citizens in attendance.

Weiss, a native of Montclair, New Jersey, currently resides in Pottsville. Weiss said that this project is very well known by people throughout the state involved in these types of undertakings.

DSI members also voted to hire grant writer Erin Portland of Schuylkill Grant-Works, LLC. Portland has a list of grant opportunities that she will be working on with DSI.

### PA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VISITS INNOVATION SITE

Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman visited the DSI offices on Friday, June 21. The visit was orchestrated by state Senator Argall. In addition to Argall, discussions included state Rep. Neal Goodman; Commissioner Gary Hess; former Shenandoah Borough Manager Joe Palubinsky; representatives from PDC, Penn State Schuylkill and other partners; an aide from the office of US Rep. Dan Meuser; as well as DSI officers and officials. Fetterman commented on the historic pictures and the industries that built this area. Discussion on the project included the theme of bringing back small communities with new ventures and creating a successful downtown moving into the future.

After the discussion the group moved to the innovation center site. The center will be a four-story building including business incubator, education site, meeting spaces, new DSI offices, a coffee shop and support areas for small businesses to use. The center will span 113 to 125 N. Main Street. The estimated total cost of the project is \$12.5 million. The next step is raising funds beginning with the cost of the architectural design.

Overall Fetterman said that the DSI plan was well thought out and included the vision and the leadership to make it happen. Fetterman added, "These are the only kind of projects that can change a community's trajectory."



## Upcoming Events

### JULY CALENDARS



### KIELBASI AND CREAM

**SATURDAY,  
1—6 P.M.**

**LOCATION: THE  
CHILL OUT**

Kowalonek's will be serving many of their specialty foods and the Chill Out will be have their delicious ice cream treats. Raffle ticket, prizes and 50/50 will be available.

**HERITAGE DAYS**  
**August 24, 2019**  
**Parade 10 a.m.**



## KIELBASI 2019 UPDATE



### KIELBASI DIGNITARIES



### KIELBASI FESTIVAL CROWD ON MAIN STREET

### KIELBASI FESTIVAL UPDATE

The weather finally cooperated with a record breaking crowd for the festival. Vendors had a very successful day and many sold out of their products before the festival ended.

Approximately 20 people entered the homemade kielbasi contest with two categories: smoked and fresh.

### Fresh Kielbasi

**First Place**

**Steve Oravitz**

**Second Place**

**Stanley Bokunewicz**

### Smoked Kielbasi

**First Place**

**James Santai**

**Second Place**

**Richard Baver**