

2018 Community Improvement Awards

Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce
Huntingdon County Planning Commission

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Award Promotes Excellence in Development

The Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce and Huntingdon County Planning Commission are proud to announce the winners of the fourteenth annual Community Improvement Awards.

The Planning Commission and the Chamber jointly reviewed the nominees and the final selection was made by the Planning Commission. The sponsor for the Awards is Kish Bank.

The 2018 Award categories are Community Spirit, New Construction and Special Merit.

- New Construction includes any type of new construction of buildings of all types.
- Community Spirit includes the recognition of individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to Huntingdon County in the field of community development.
- A Special Merit Award may be made for projects, persons or groups that demonstrate outstanding achievement on their own merits.

The principles of sustainable development include:

- ⇒ Creating walkable neighborhoods;
- ⇒ Directing development toward existing communities;
- ⇒ Creating housing choices;
- ⇒ Providing transportation choices;

- ⇒ Encouraging a mixture of land uses; and
- ⇒ Preserving open space, farmland, and environmentally-sensitive areas.

Community Improvement Awards are based on both the visual and the environmental impact of the project. Nominations were judged on how each project:

- Enhances the attractiveness of Huntingdon County;
- Is compatible with the site area and environment;
- Shows creativity/innovation in design and use of materials;
- Enhances the quality of life, including job creation; and
- Exhibits the principle of sustainability.



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New Construction Award

SHAVER'S CREEK EXPANSION & RENOVATION, WEST TOWNSHIP

Operating out of the original lodge, the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center has served Penn State students and the surrounding communities since 1976. The Center's programs have grown exponentially over the years and this \$7.5 million expansion and renovation project will allow Shaver's Creek to continue providing educational services and community programs for all ages while creating a nationwide model for environmental centers. This project preserved the heart of the old building and added improved visitor and staff space, two new classrooms and completely overhauled homes for their birds of prey, reptiles and amphibians.



Community Spirit Award

JENKIES JOINT, ORBISONIA, PA

Eric Jenkins was driven to rescue an abandoned laundromat in Orbisonia. It became the goal of Eric and his wife, Amanda, to transform this building into a hip café, coffee shop and laundromat. Working closely with Greg Anderson, owner of Standing Stone Coffee Company in Huntingdon, they were successful in bringing this innovative dual-purpose coffee shop and laundromat idea to Orbisonia. Jenkies Joint opened to the public on December 17, 2018 and held their ribbon cutting ceremony January 11, 2019. Customers can enjoy a cup of coffee, soup or sandwich in a welcoming environment featuring the work of a local artist. This unique shop is open Monday through Saturday.

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Community Spirit Award (continued)

JENKIES JOINT, ORBISONIA, PA

This new business meets the recognized need for modern cultural amenities in the southern part of the county to attract and keep talented young people.



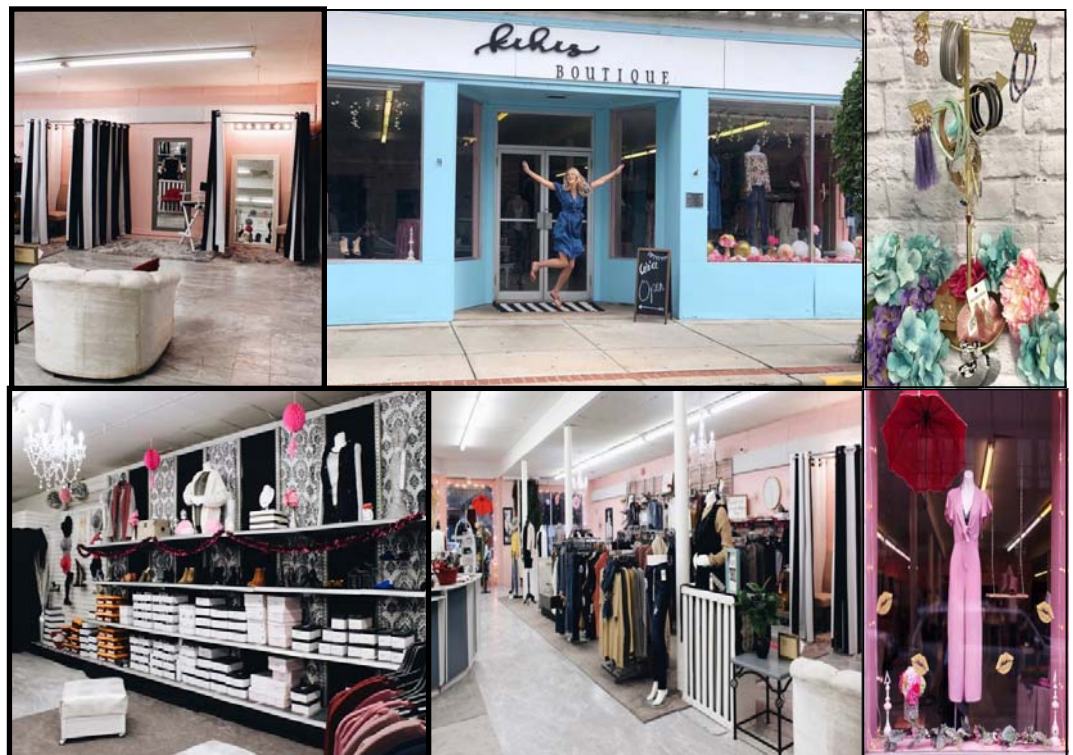
Special Merit Award

KIKI'S BOUTIQUE, HUNTINGDON BOROUGH

Conveniently located in downtown Huntingdon, the 3,000 square foot space that the former Western Auto occupied for many years was in dire need of rehabilitation. Recognizing that the large windows running the length of the building were perfect for retail display, Kenzie Sharpless envisioned a store offering women appropriate and reasonably-priced new clothing in downtown Huntingdon within walking distance of many areas of the community.

The eye-catching blue building located on the corner of 7th and Washington Streets is the result of creative remodeling and repurposed retail displays.

The grand opening for Kiki's Boutique was held on August 31, 2018. This locally-owned shop is open weekly Wednesday through Saturday.



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