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The Official Newsletter
of Stackhouse Park

The Johnstown StoryWalk® Project

The Johnstown StoryWalk® Project at Stackhouse Park is captivating young minds while connecting them with nature. A StoryWalk® is a walking trail containing pages of a children's book mounted on posts along the path. Anne Ferguson, of Montpelier, VT created The StoryWalk® Project in collaboration with the Vermont bicycle & pedestrian coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

The Johnstown StoryWalk® launched in August with its first book, "Leaves" by David Ezra Stein. The storybook is changed often to encourage children to come back and explore. With books such as "Leaf Man" by Lois Ehlert, and "Bear Says Thanks", by Karma Wilson, young minds are engaged with nature along their walk. All books displayed will also be available at the Cambria County Library. The StoryWalk® is accessible to strollers and bicycles. While visiting, children are encouraged to explore nature within the surrounding trails and creeks.

Currently, "A Hat for Minerva Louise" by Janet Morgan Stoeke is being displayed. It is a fun story about a snow-loving chicken who looks for a hat to keep her warm while she explores the winter wonderland. The StoryWalk® book will be updated to "The Mitten" by Jan Brett in March with an event where copies of "The Mitten" will be given to participating families with children as a gift from the Johnstown Storywalk.®

The Johnstown StoryWalk® is made possible by 1st Summit Bank, Beginnings, Inc., Cambria County Library, Concurrent Technologies Corporation, Horizon Information Systems, The Learning Lamp, Oakland Church, Penn Installations, Inc., and USSCO Federal Credit Union.

Upcoming StoryWalk® Titles

April - "Me... Jane" by Patrick McDonnell

May - "Weezer Changes the World" by David McPhail

June - "All in a Day" by Cynthia Rylant

July - "A House for Hermit Crab" by Eric Carle

August - "Betsy the Rescue Dog" by Marianne Sampinato

September - "Elusive Moose" by Joan Gannij & Clare Beaton

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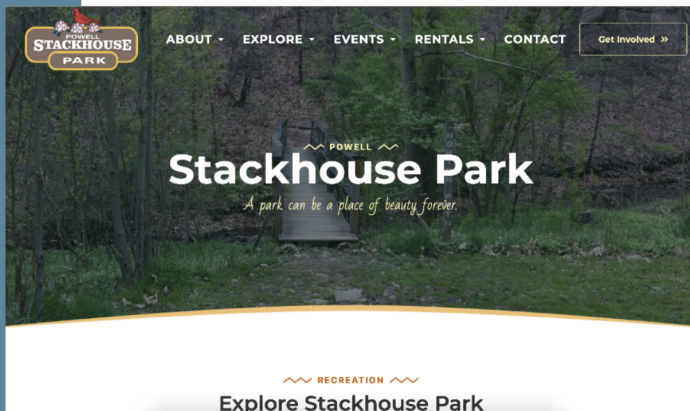
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Edited by Amber Sanna





New and Improved Park Website

Stackhouse Park is thrilled to be launching a new and completely redesigned website. Thanks to an extremely generous grant awarded by the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies, we have been able to have our website redesigned and updated by local web design and development firm, Digital iWay. We are very excited by our new “web look” and the opportunities this will provide. To see the new site, check www.stackhousepark.com as we get closer to the first of the New Year.

Art Walk in the Park Summary

After only its third year, Stackhouse Park's Art Walk in the Park exceeded expectations with an estimated 2,000 attendees and over 60 craft and food vendors on August 28th. Vendors and visitors traveled from as far as Rochester, NY, and several vendors were sold out by 2 and 3 pm.

Creating a new tradition, the Park also held a 5k, Run the Park, on the morning of the event for the third consecutive year. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Johnstown StoryWalk© was also held during the festival.

Thanks to local area businesses, the Park was able to run a successful advertising campaign and sponsor musicians for the event.



2023 Stackhouse Park Board

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UPCOMING EVENTS

QUARTER ONE

January

1st - First Day Hike/Hike with a Board Member, Mike & Kelly Zibura - **10am**

21st - Trail Maintenance - **9-11am**

February

TBD - Hike with a Board Member, John Messina

18th - Trail Maintenance - **9-11am**

March

TBD - StoryWalk© changes to "The Mitten"

20th - Hike with a Board Member, Eric Schwerer - **5:30pm**

18th - Trail Maintenance - **9-11am**

Another Year, Another Calendar Fundraiser

Official Stackhouse Park 2023 calendars will be available again this year. This year's calendar contains a number of images from the Park taken during the 2022 year and donated by local photographers and park enthusiasts, Jonathan Shetler and Tyler Smay. Calendars will be available for \$20 at the Ranger Station and all proceeds benefit Stackhouse Park.

A sneak preview of what's inside.



First Day Hike 2023

Join Board Members Mike and Kelly Zibura as they guide a walk through the Park on New Year's Day and kick off the Park's Hike with a Board Member series.

Each year the American Hiking Society and America's State Parks sponsors First Day Hike, a New Year's activity to encourage the community to get outside.

For more information about First Day Hikes and how to prepare for one visit:

<https://americanhiking.org/first-day-hikes/>

To join the hike, meet at the Ranger Station at 10am on January 1, 2023.

Hike with a Board Member Series

In addition to the First Day Hike, the Park will be offering guided hikes throughout the year.

Hikes will be led by a featured board member, offering attendees the opportunity to learn more about the Park.

John Messina will lead the hike in February; date and time will be listed on the Park's website. In March, Eric Schwerer will lead 2 to 3 mile hike to celebrate the Spring Equinox. Dogs and children are welcome to join.

2023 Membership Drive

While the City of Johnstown owns Stackhouse Park, Inc., it provides no financial support for maintenance, operations, or programming. The Park also does not receive any area, state, or federal dollars. Everything at the Park is made possible by those who support us with their 100% tax deductible donations.

FREE Calendar Gift for a Limited Time

Sign up for recurring monthly donations through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies before January 15th, 2023, and receive a 2023 Stackhouse Park calendar free of charge as our gift to you (\$20 value).

To sign up, visit:

<https://www.cfalleghenies.org/fund/stackhouse-park-fund/>

Renew Your Membership or Join Us!

Powell Stackhouse Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Each year, we seek your support for the continued operation of Powell Stackhouse Park. The Park is owned by the City of Johnstown, but the City provides no financial support for maintenance, operations, or programming. Furthermore, the Park receives no area, state, or federal dollars. Our expenses are underwritten by those who support us each year with their 100% tax deductible donations.

Membership comes with a free subscription to Chatter; admission to the Annual Member Picnic and Jamboree, and an "I'm Nuts About Stackhouse Park" adhesive squirrel sticker.

Please select your membership pledge(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$100) |
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