

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to FAYETTE TRAILS COALITION >>>

The Fayette Trails Coalition (FTC) is a pioneering initiative to harness the collective power of Fayette County's communities to develop a comprehensive and interconnected trail system utilizing the Sheepskin Trail as the backbone. Born from a vision to enhance community stewardship, promote health and wellness, and stimulate economic development, our coalition is a collaborative platform. We invite municipalities, organizations, and individuals to join us in shaping a network that connects trails and people, towns, and natural habitats across the county.

SHEEPSKIN TRAIL UPDATES >>>

The Fayette Trails Coalition has partnered with the National Road Heritage Corridor and the Fayette County Recycling Center on a **Nextrex Recycling Challenge**. Donate 'stretchy plastics' to earn the trail a trex bench.

>>> Drop off donations at the Recycling Center on Romeo Lane and tell them it's for the National Road!



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT >>>

Point Cafe is located near the trail in Point Marion serving beverages, baked goods, breakfast & lunch. They are open Tuesday-Friday 8am-3pm; Saturdays 9am-1pm; and closed on Sundays.

Address: 108 Penn St, Point Marion, PA 15474



DID YOU KNOW? >>>

The Sheepskin Trail is in BLOOM! A walk along the trail leads to discovery of many different types of flowering plants including: Viburnum (above), Rough Cinquefoil, Honeysuckle, Violets, Persian Speedwell, Fleabane, wild phlox, Creeping Wood Sorrel, Deadnettle, and more. Let us know if we should make a flower guide for the trail!



TRAILBLAZERS

Meet the faces behind our trail >>>

PHIL MICHAEL was lost too soon to the Fayette County community with his passing in 2024. He will be long remembered as an active community leader who was committed to education and public service. Phil was a supporter of outdoor activities social events. Seeing the value of the Sheepskin Trail development, he advocated for the creation of walking/biking groups and social meet-ups along the trail in an interview on WMBS with Adventures with Kelly blogger and FTC member, Kelly Trott. It is fitting then that the inaugural Phil's 5K was held on the Sheepskin Trail to support the Phillip J. Michael Foundation.

12/16/19: Herald-Standard >>>

***"I've got to admit I am a big fan of the Sheepskin Trail,"
said Michael, an avid bicyclist and lover of trails.***

*- Cooperative work breaths new life into Uniontown
Rotary Walk by Amy Fauth*



Phil's 5K - Sunday, May 18, 202

**SAFETY
FIRST**

Trail Safety Tips

Just a reminder the the Sheepskin Trail is designated as a non-motorized trail system. Motorized vehicles - including ATVs, dirt bikes, snomobiles, etc - are strictly prohibited.

ON THE TRAIL



Progress in the City of Uniontown >>>

The City of Uniontown and Fayette County Commissioners are working together to complete the City's segment of the trail. Railroad ties have been deconstructed making way for trail development behind Grindle Station. The County is overseeing the bridge improvements needed in this section, while the City continues to work on trail construction.

By the Numbers >>>

Day users on the trails in our region spend about \$90 per visit, while over-night users spend about \$496 per trip.

- Great Allegheny Passage Economic Impact Report (2019)

Improvements >>>

◀◀◀ **Bailey Park** received some creative updates along the Sheepskin Trail this Spring. The Uniontown High School Art Club, lead by teacher Rebecca Gartley, beautified the park by organizing a clean up day and planting native flowers, followed by in the installation of pole-mounted bird boxes and a hanging mural. The project was presented to the FTC and given approval by Uniontown City Council. Bird boxes were provided by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and were each decorated by a student artist. The mural was inspired by vintage postcard design and constructed with a interchangeable hanging mural panel, which can be changed out by season or for future replacement.

◀◀◀ **Hutchinson Park** in South Union Township also received new playground equipment. This play equipment is located just off the Sheepskin Trail in the Park next to the large new Pavilion #6.



THERE IS SOMETHING NEW AT HUTCHINSON



ON THE TRAIL

Maintenance Requests >>>

Trail users can report maintenance and improvement along the Sheepskin Trail. Scan the QR Code to quickly and easily submit your report or ideas. You can even include images. We're grateful for such a strong and caring community of trail champions - like you - who help us keep our trail safe and beautiful! Thank you!

From our Leaders >>>

"Vendors are doing well, and people can't believe this is happening in Uniontown," Trott said. "It's redefining what's possible here."

- Kelly Trott, Uniontown Parks & Rec Board Member (HS 08/05/24)

Upcoming Events >>>

>>> **Saturdays May 31-Sept 27 @ 9am-12pm : Uniontown Farmers Market**

Meet neighbors and friends at the market for fresh local dairy, produce, meats, handmade goods, and more. Restrooms and additional parking is available across the street at the South Union Township Recreation Center. Made possible by the City's Parks & Recreation Board.

Meet in the Bailey Park parking Lot - City of Uniontown

>>> **Thursdays June 5-August 28 @ 7:30pm : Storey Square Concert Series**

Grab a chair or blanket and meet friends for live music and vendors.

This event is hosted by the Uniontown Redevelopment Authority (RACU).

Meet at Storey Square - Main Street, City of Uniontown

>>> **Sunday, June 29 @ 4-6:00pm : Native Plant & Fungi Seekers Scavenger Hunt**

NRHC is offering a free educational walk and scavenger hunt along the trail to explore native and invasive plants and fungi using the Seek by iNaturalist app.

Meet at Hutchinson Park Trailhead - South Union TWP

>>> **Wednesday, July 2 @ 5-8:00pm : Cruise into the 4th w/ Mahoney's Car Cruise**

Food, fun, games, giveaways, live DJ and more! Co-sponsored by Fayette Friends of Animals.

Meet at Mahoney's Fork & Froth - Fayette Street, City of Uniontown

>>> **Sunday, August 2 @ 11-3:00pm : Alice & John Tyler Art Gallery Grand Opening**

Celebrate the grand opening of this new gallery, named for the Tylers - who were patrons of the famous artist, Pascal - where her work "Seated Torso" originated.

Meet at the Dunbar Historical Society - Bridge St, Dunbar Borough

>>> **VISIT: nationalroadpa.org/events-calendar/** for more information and registration.

