

DOWNTOWN CHILLICOTHE

Monthly Email Newsletter curated by Downtown Chillicothe Board to keep the community and downtown businesses in the know.

WHO ARE WE?

Downtown Chillicothe is a non-profit 501c3 organization that was incorporated in May 2018 and began in August 2018. Our goal is to work with existing city groups to help revitalize our historic downtown.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Provide support to downtown business owners, investors and the community by helping to create an inviting downtown atmosphere, harnessing local economic opportunity, highlighting areas of uniqueness and creating an encouraging environment.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Know your neighbor



Crosskeys Tavern

If you live in Chillicothe, you likely have a personal story about the Crosskeys Tavern on East Main. Maybe you visited for the music, for a meal, for a pub crawl or even on a paranormal tour. The building has held several popular taverns, restaurants and clubs in its long history including Sons Bar and Grill, and Club 19. Tom Burke opened it as the Crosskeys Tavern with Dale Perry and Charles Van De Carr on St. Patrick's Day in 1973. Regardless of the name, it has always been a place for music, food and comradery. Jazz legend Nancy Wilson played there when it was Club 19 before heading to New York to become a legend. And one of the oldest Dixieland jazz bands in the country, The Goosetown Astonishers, recently celebrated 50 years playing at the CrossKeys Tavern, forming when Burke opened the doors.

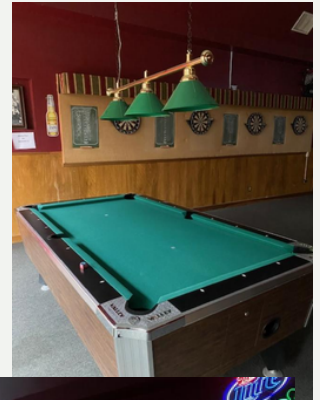
Beckie Schaeffer has heard all of the stories. Beckie grew up in the restaurant/bar industry, her parents owned these types of businesses. She began working in a restaurant in Waverly at the age of 15. Later she moved to Florida where she went to bartending school and received her Mixology Certificate. After graduating, she came back to Waverly to begin working again. In 1996, Tom Burke hired her to work in Crawdaddys, located in the back of Crosskeys. Within six months she was promoted to manage Crawdaddys, and after that quickly moved up in management to the front of the house, Crosskeys. After the death of Tom Burke, Beckie and her husband Larry bought the building and the business and have now owned them for three years.

In September of last year, Beckie told the Chillicothe Gazette, "My goal in this business is to make everyone feel welcomed and happy. Give everyone a place to feel at home and safe. Serve great food and give great smiles and attention to our patrons. We get very involved with our regulars and think of them as family."

She accomplishes this goal every day.

While this is a beloved long-standing business, it's not without its challenges. Tom Burke always taught her that helping the rest of the downtown businesses is what they should always do and what they were here to do. She shared that the biggest opportunity for the downtown is to clarify the roles of the different supporting organizations so local businesses understand the resources available to them, especially as it relates to promoting and advertising events, hours and menus. If you didn't know, Crosskeys has a full kitchen, so stop in and grab dinner while they are open. In addition to food, Crosskeys has pool tables, darts and soft darts.

If you don't have a memory or story at the Crosskeys Tavern, there's no better time than the present to make one!



Upcoming Events



DOWNTOWN CHILLICOTHE 2023 EVENTS

Restaurant Week last 2 full weeks in January
BrewFest June 3rd
Beer garden/Kenworth Truck Parade June 17
Christmas in July Pub Crawl July 22nd
Sand in the Streets August 26th
Oktoberfest October 14th
Rudolf Run December 6th

Events proceeds go to the downtown flowers, downtown Christmas lights, DORA and other programs that enhance the downtown.

SEE CHILLICOTHE BLOOM

Springtime is coming and with that means that the downtown flowers will be front and center. Baskets will be planted at Springdale Gardens starting the week of April 3rd so that the flowers may have time to start growing before they are hung up downtown. We anticipate the baskets to be hung up the week after Mother's Day weekend. In an attempt to have flowers on every historic lampposts, we are still seeking funds to install more baskets for a greater impact. If you are interested in donating, please reach out to a board member.





Coming to
downtown Chillicothe
June 3rd
1:30 -7p



A huge thank you to the
DOCK AT WATER for
being a sponsor at our
event!

the **DOCK**
AT WATER

Tickets available on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chillicothe-brewfest-tickets-567086058667>

- **VIP tickets \$50** - gets you entry at 1:30p(90 minutes prior to general public, 20 - 5 oz tastings, tasting glass and event tee
 - **Advanced General Admission Tickets \$30** - gets you entry at 3p, 16 - 5 oz tastings, tasting glass and event tee
 - **Tickets at the door will be \$40** - with entry at 3p, 16 - 5 oz tastings, tasting glass and **NO** event tee included but can be purchased separately
- Tasting ends at 6:30p with event ending at 7p

PARTICIPATING DORA ESTABLISHMENTS

THE DOCK AT WATER
OLD CANAL SMOKE HOUSE
FIRE & STONE PIZZERIA
GUSTAVO'S INTERNATIONAL CUISINE
OLD CAPITOL BREWING
HOMETOWN HIBACHI
THE POUR HOUSE AT MACHINERY HALL
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CROSSKEYS TAVERN
CHILLICOTHE ANTIQUE EMPORIUM
THE PAGE
PROHIBITION LEGENDARY BOURBON BAR AT THE
POSTMARK



Warmer weather
means more
sipping and
strolling! Visit one
of our 16
participating
establishments to
grab your to-go
drink and then
stroll the
downtown and
shop in
participating retail
shops.

Alcohol from 1
establishment
CANNOT go into
another
establishment

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Downtown News

First quarter 2023 Golden Broom Award goes to Highland's Ice Creamery. They take great pride in their storefront by daily sweeping off their sidewalks and ensuring that they are clean of debris. This award is given each quarter to a business that goes a little above the rest to make their business stand out and promote the downtown.

Judging is divided into 4 quadrants, which are: northwest, northeast, southeast and southwest. The winners for 2022 were:

Rustic Gals

Ivy's

Jimmy John's

Paper City Coffee

The next award will be given out in June

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GOLDEN BROOM
Award

Pride in our business. Pride in our city.



Projects

Wayfinding signs have taken off in the downtown, we now have 10 signs located on various corners. This is yet another way to increase foot traffic and the visibility of your business. If interested in a spot, please contact Tiffany.

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Looking to volunteer? Reach out to a board member.

AVAILABLE SPACES TO RENT

Are you thinking about opening a business in the downtown? Downtown Chillicothe keeps a list of downtown spaces that are available to rent. Please view our listings at [Where to Shop - Visit Downtown Chillicothe](#) | [Main Street Chillicothe](#) | [Chillicothe, Ohio](#) and contact the number listed for additional information.