



EAST PALESTINE PROGRESS

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East Palestine Train Depot Available Soon for Reuse and Revitalization of Downtown

Norfolk Southern (NS) has completed exterior renovations to the historic train depot near the corner of N. Market and Taggart Streets and has officially donated the building to the Village of East Palestine for reuse as the community sees fit.

The depot was built in 1905 and is approximately 2,400 square feet featuring a large open space accessed by wide sliding wooden doors on both sides of the building making it ideal for reuse as an open market. The building currently has no operating electric service, plumbing, or HVAC but NS will provide a \$100,000 grant toward interior renovations determined by the village. NS agreed to donate the depot as one of its steps to "make things right" in East Palestine after the derailment.

"The old depot has been beautifully restored on the outside and is right in the middle of town in a very visible location," according to Mayor Trent Conaway. "The inside is a blank slate, but with the grant provided by NS, it has a lot of potential to be customized to fit different retail or unique food and beverage purposes."

The goal of the village is to repurpose the building for the highest benefit of the community, which could include leasing the building to one or more small businesses. No internal renovations will be completed until the perfect tenant or tenants are found for the building.

Stay tuned to the website and this newsletter for more information about upcoming discussions and Request for Proposals (RFP) for businesses or organizations seeking to use the space.



**TRAIN DEPOT
RESTORATION**

2,400 square feet
featuring a large
open space



Community Events CALENDAR

■ Summer Kickoff Festival

Sunday, June 9

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

East Palestine Community Park

Sponsored by Norfolk Southern

A day of fun for the entire family with music, games, food, pony rides, petting zoo, and much more!

■ 18-Hole Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 15

8:00 a.m.

East Palestine Country Club

Sponsored by East Palestine Community Foundation

Sign-ups end on June 10. Proceeds go to the foundation for future community projects. 1st, 2nd, and last place take home money winnings!

- 6-person teams, \$90.00* per team
*greens fee and cart extra

Tax deductible Hole Sponsorship available:

- \$25.00 - Individual, Family, or "In Memory of" Sponsorship
- \$50.00 - Business Sponsorship (\$100.00 for Hole #4)

To sign up contact Marty Grim:
330-550-5576

■ Independence Day Festival

Thursday, July 4

12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

East Palestine Community Park

Sponsored by East Palestine Firefighter's Association

Festivities, fireworks, and fun for everyone!

■ Duck Derby

Thursday, July 4

3:45 p.m.

East Palestine Community Park Pool

Sponsored by East Palestine Alumni Scholarship Association

Support East Palestine students through scholarships with this fun family event! Winner does not need to be present.

■ Merchant Summer Sidewalk Sale

Saturday, July 20

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by East Palestine Chamber of Commerce

Event times could change. Please check epohio.org/around-town and social media.

Culinary Students Showcase Their Skills at Ohio Governor's Residence

On May 14, the culinary students of East Palestine High School embarked on a special journey to the Ohio Governor's Residence. They were welcomed by Fran DeWine, First Lady of Ohio, who holds a passion for both cooking and teaching. Mrs. DeWine joined the students in the kitchen to share some of her cooking tips and tricks. The chef on staff also joined in to share some techniques that earned him a spot cooking as the Governor's chef. The students prepared delicious homemade noodles and cinnamon rolls alongside the chef and Mrs. DeWine.

The students also received an exclusive tour by Mrs. DeWine of the Residence and Heritage Garden. The visit to the Ohio Governor's Residence provided the students with a unique opportunity to expand their culinary knowledge and show off their skills.



East Palestine High School culinary students and teacher Abi Miller with Governor Mike DeWine and his wife, Fran DeWine.

Independence Day Festival

Get ready for an unforgettable July 4th celebration at the park! Starting at 12:00 p.m. and continuing until the grand finale fireworks display at 10:00 p.m. The park will offer pool hours according to the village schedule, so you can beat the summer heat. Additionally, shelter rentals are available through the village for those looking to gather with friends and family. The Firefighters Association will be hosting a 50/50 drawing, with event T-shirt sales helping to raise funds for community initiatives.

The festivities don't stop there. Kids can play in free bounce houses and everyone can enjoy live music with bands scheduled for the afternoon. Plenty of food trucks will be present offering a variety of tasty treats. Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis within the park. For those preferring to park off-property, walking to the park is an option.



'Claybrook Chats With Barb' Podcast Dives into Local Stories

Local resident Barb Kliner is bringing all things East Palestine to the world with the *Claybrook Chats with Barb* podcast. After retirement, long-time resident Barb spent a lot of time exploring local businesses and reading records from the local library. She found herself captivated by her discoveries, and wanted to share them with others. Encouraged by friends and family, she was advised to start a podcast.

She turned to the East Palestine Public Library to learn all about podcasting and the first episode of *Claybrook Chats with Barb* aired in January of 2023. What started as a fun new hobby turned into a passion project. Since airing over a year ago the podcast has grown quite the following and has listeners all over the country.

Barb dedicates her podcast to spreading positivity and bringing local stories onto another digital platform. *Claybrook Chats* shares new things Barb learned during her research, local history, and hosts guest speakers from local businesses. Barb states "Every time I learned something new or interesting I thought, I wonder if others know this? I should share this."

You can listen to *Claybrook Chats with Barb* on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and iHeart Podcasts. Get podcast and episode updates by following *Claybrook Chats* on Facebook.



[Claybrook Chats](#)



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Students Bring Park Gazebo Back to Life

The East Palestine Park Gazebo is a symbol of tradition and community pride within our village. In 1976, teacher Donald Smith and his shop students from East Palestine High School worked together to build the structure to be used for the village's bicentennial celebrations that year. Donald Smith then went on to serve as the village Mayor from 1980 to 1987.

This spring the park gazebo underwent an impressive makeover. The long standing structure was in need of some touch-ups and a group of students from East Palestine schools came together yet again to bring the gazebo back to life. New stairs were added to access the platform. These stairs were built by hand by a group of students to fit the gazebo perfectly. We thank everyone that came together to make this project happen and preserve a piece of village history.



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT

Unearth Unique Treasures at Kat's Krystals

This charming boutique brims with a delightful array of locally crafted treasures, each carefully made by skilled local artisans. Among the shelves, you'll discover a diverse collection of crystals, handpicked by owner Kat Smith. Kat's fascination with natural wonders began in her youth, when she collected different rocks during her family's travels. She now shares her passion for earth made items and creativity with everyone at her store located in East Palestine.

Her dream started humbly by selling items on a small cabinet shelf within another local store. In July of 2023, Kat moved into her very own storefront with much more space to house unique items. The shop has a little something for everyone from jewelry to crocheted items and much more. Stop in today to bring home a truly special gift.



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