

Dr. Rakowsky Way Route



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-  Start/Stop

..... Distance 1.04 Miles

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Intersection of Main and Centre Streets

Near here was the farm of the first settler in Shenandoah, Peter Kehley who settled here in the 1820s. This area was also a center for Molly Maguire activity. A famous murder of an Irishman, Edward Cosgrove, by a Welshman, Gomer James was one of the few recorded incidents of a Molly being murdered.

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The Lyric

Today the Lyric is a restaurant but in its heyday it was one of the thriving motion picture houses in Shenandoah. It first featured silent movies and live performances. Today it is preserved as one of the town's many restaurants.

3

Polish American Fire Company

Founded on May 15, 1915, this is the first and only Polish American Fire Company in the United States. The present building was completed in 1922 and the company has been here ever since. The company has served the community well over the years. Today it has membership of over 150 including female members.

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St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church

This is the former site of the original building that housed St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church. The church was founded in 1884 making it the first Eastern Rite Catholic Church in America. The church building was demolished in 2015 due to its deterioration. The present church building is on 114 South Chestnut Street.

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Rotary Way

Rotary Way was inaugurated in May of 2015 as a walking trail for school and public use. It was the dream of Dr. Stan Rakowsky, superintendent of Shenandoah Valley School district that both "town and gown" could enjoy the healthful benefits of a trail on the school property. Dr. Rakowsky will long be remembered as someone who cared deeply for the people of Shenandoah.