

Six&Kane

A PLACE TO GATHER, TO THINK, AND TO LEARN.

For Immediate Release:

The Modern Rebirth of 63 North Fraley Street in Kane as Six&Kane Celebrates How High-Performance Buildings Can Enrich Communities

An inspiring two-day event to celebrate the grand opening of the first Passive House designed commercial building retrofit in the U.S.

September 19, 2022 – In 2019, West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) made a strategic decision to use energy to help revitalize rural communities. We chose Kane, for the spark that we saw in its leadership and in its people. We purchased a 120+ year old building, committed to a Passive House energy efficient transformation, and assembled a team. After three years and a global pandemic, we are proud to present the rebirth of 63 North Fraley Street in uptown Kane as Six&Kane. A place to gather, to think, and to learn. As construction ends, our programs have only just begun. Join us, as we celebrate 'The Beginning'.

Day 1: Virtual online event – Friday, October 7

Day 2: In-person open house – Saturday, October 8

Day 1 (October 7) from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. is an interactive virtual event online via Zoom with a deep dive into the 'why' and 'how' of the project featuring guests, including the tradespeople, architects, designers, planners, partners, and project leaders who brought the building back to life. Take a virtual tour! You'll learn about the project's impact on the community, including inspiring rural investment and the work of the PA Wilds.

Day 2 (October 8) from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. is an onsite open house at Six&Kane including our 'Storytelling Theater', a walk down memory lane with citizens from our region, live building tours, lunch with the tradespeople who brought the building back to life, conversations on community investment, the work of the PA Wilds and more.

Joel Morrison, Fund Administrator for West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund, said “WPPSEF is proud to bring this project to Kane to show how high-performance buildings can be used to lift the economy. The fund made decisions very early on that were vital to the region to use as much local labor and materials as possible. One of our most precious achievements is that we have become part of the community. Kane has embraced us as one of their own. This two-day celebration is a rare opportunity to hear the stories firsthand from all the people that made it happen.”

To enhance the celebration, Six&Kane will be partnering with the Kane Volunteer Fire Company to have their chicken BBQ on site in the Northwest Bank parking lot located at 56 North Fraley Street and use this event as a fundraiser for the volunteer fire department. The BBQ dinners will be available beginning Saturday, October 8 at 11 a.m. until they are sold out.

Electronic invitation with free registration for Friday’s online event:

<https://mailchi.mp/a35c60dea77f/registration-now-open-sixkane-the-beginning?e=7ed9ffde9f>

No registration is necessary for Saturday’s in-person open house.

About

Six&Kane is a West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund project located at 63 North Fraley Street in uptown Kane, Pennsylvania.

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (not the utility company) that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies,
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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