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# Valley Arts Council to open gallery in downtown Ansonia

#### By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - The Valley Arts Council's new gallery is taking shape downtown.

Arts council members have been rehabbing a space at 256 Main St. to house Main Street Gallery of Fine Art & Photography. It is directly across the street from City Hall.

Valley Arts Council President Rich DiCarlo said, "Mayor Dave Cassetti and the City of Ansonia have assisted with a facade grant loan for the exterior aesthetics."

The economic development grant loan is exclusively for the aesthetics of the windows, its display area and façade.





The majority of this funding will be applied towards the installation and fabrication of the gallery signage and identity.

Further enhancements include a security system, LED exterior lighting, electronic display units, a sign kiosk, music system and decorative planters.

DiCarlo said the design "enhances the image of the local business community as well as ensuring us a top notch, classy, safe and profitable venue for art."

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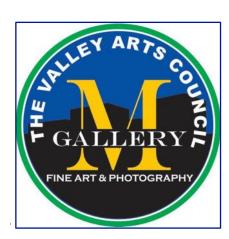
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DiCarlo added, "I'd like to thank George Pudimat for all the sweat and time he is putting into getting the new gallery open for business."

DiCarlo has put out a call for volunteers to help paint this week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. To volunteer contact him at: 203-906-4343 or at <u>studiochid@sbcglobal.net</u>

Photos of the gallery before and during renovations







### "Artist's Choice" exhibition being held at Main Street Gallery

On Saturday the Council will start collecting artwork for the "Artist's Choice" exhibition that will run from Nov. 17 through the first weekend in January.

All who wish to participate are asked to select one or two of their favorite artworks or photographs for the exhibit.

Visit <u>www.valleyartscouncil.org</u> or click on the link to the right for an exhibit application information.



### Baby goats visit Lizzie's Corner in Seymour



### **By Patricia Villers**

SEYMOUR - I met Bonnie and Clyde Sunday afternoon.

The baby goats - sister and brother - visited Lizzie's Corner Consignment and Gifts, 36 Bank St. just in case anyone wanted to give them a hug!

They live at DeMartino Farm, 66 Old Ansonia Road.

The goats are almost two months old, they're starting to eat solid food, and as you can see they're quite cute!













