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Whimsical Tiny Doors Welcome Visitors to Explore Belfast's Historic Downtown

A new public art project in Belfast offers visitors of all ages a whimsical view of the downtown providing a different way to explore its vibrant offerings. Twenty dollhouse-sized doors, mounted at viewing level for children, adjacent to store entrances of the businesses that inspired them, invite discovery by children and adults. A map of this smile - inducing tour tiny doors can be found at ourtownbelfast.org/tinydoors.

Our Town Belfast is launching the Tiny Door project, local artist-created miniature doors. The tiny doors encourage a closer look at the historic structures in Belfast's downtown stretching from Church Street to the harbor along Main Street and outward down High Street from the traffic light.

The doors diminutive scale suggests a village for mouse-sized shoppers evoking beloved Maine author E.B. White's character, Stuart Little, a mouse adopted by a human couple, Mr. and Mrs. Little of New York City. In the book, Stuart takes a ride in a model sailboat in Central Park. One can almost imagine that Stuart Little has paddled across the Penobscot Bay to Belfast for an adventure and a stroll. Perhaps visitors will find the tiny dock where Stuart may have tied up his birch bark canoe. One can easily imagine Stuart Little shopping throughout Downtown Belfast.

Left Bank Books, which has a Tiny Door outside its entrance, also has a mouse hole inside in its children's book area. Co-owners Barbara Klausmeyer and Lindsay McGuire could neither confirm nor deny that Stuart Little has ever visited the shop, but they have E.B. White's classic books, Stuart Little and Charlotte's Web in stock, as well as his books for adults.

Tiny Doors be found at the following locations:

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OUR TOWN BELFAST *is a community-driven and nationally accredited Main Street organization whose mission is to grow and sustain our historic downtown while celebrating our unique cultural heritage.*

We believe in supporting local businesses, honoring our heritage through historic preservation, and bringing together the community to make downtown Belfast a better place to live, work and play.



Our Town Belfast envisions a vibrant future in which our waterfront, commercial district, treasured historic buildings, and outdoor public spaces are alive with activity.

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