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## **Mechanicsburg to drop giant wrench to ring in 2016**

Mechanicsburg, PA — December 28, 2015 — The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce will present the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wrench Drop in downtown Mechanicsburg on Thursday, December 31 in front of Washington Fire Company at 53 East Main Street. The event kicks off at 10:30 p.m. with musical entertainment by DJ Bob Arbogast, sponsored by PNC Bank. An evening of music and games will lead to the countdown to midnight and the dropping of the ten-and-a-half foot wrench adorned in lights.

“We are proud to offer yet another family-friendly New Year’s Eve celebration to the community,” said Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jeff Palm. “We welcome everyone in the area to ring in the new year in Mechanicsburg,” added Darrell Westby, chairman of the Wrench Drop event since its start in 2004.

The Washington Fire Company will have food and beverages for sale. The annual collector’s edition mini replica wrenches will also be available for \$8/each. Dellinger’s Concessions will be selling various novelty items.

This year’s activities could not be offered without the generous support of the local business community. Sponsors of the twelfth annual New Year’s Eve Wrench Drop include the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce, Borough of Mechanicsburg, American Legion Post 109, Hot Frog Print Media, The Mechanicsburg Club, PNC Bank, Best Line Equipment, JoJo’s Pizzeria and Restaurant, Myers-Buhrig Funeral Home and Crematory, and Washington Fire Company.

The event is free and open to the public. Parking in downtown Mechanicsburg is free. Public lots are located on Strawberry Avenue near Arch Street and also Railroad Avenue. More information can be found at [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org).

### About the Wrench

The galvanized steel wrench is the result of an Eagle Scout project by Sheldon Rodgers, a Mechanicsburg Area School District graduate. The first wrench was dropped on New Year's Eve 2004. The wrench commemorates the mechanics who settled in the area to repair wagons that were traveling west after crossing the Susquehanna River.

### About the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce

Along with the New Year's Eve Wrench Drop, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce supports a variety of community, business and economic development programs throughout the year. It has over 400 business and residential members throughout South Central Pennsylvania. It focuses on the Mechanicsburg Borough, Hampden, Lower Allen, Monroe, Silver Spring and Upper Allen Townships.

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