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Ribbon Cuttings

Negley's Water & Well Drilling

7 Keener Drive, Ste B,
Mechanicsburg 17050

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
RIBBON CUTTING - 10:00AM

You're invited to Join us!!

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

February

8 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon - Virtual Edition. Sponsored by **Dogtopia Mechanicsburg** (Lunch not provided). RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org. Upon registering, Zoom login credentials will be provided. 11:30am-12:30pm.

15 - After Hours Mixer - CANCELLED

22 - AM Strategies for Business Success at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 E Main Street, Mechanicsburg. More information to come. 8:30am-10:00am.

24 - Business Leaders Discussion Group - Sponsored by **US Health Advisors**, 5000 Ritter Rd, Suite 202 Mechanicsburg. 7:45am - 9:00am

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

*1st Quarter printed newsletter - On Track -
Coming Soon*

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,
visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

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Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, February 8th
11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Virtual Event

The month of February highlights several
DOG related days

Join in and hear from two Canine Coaches
about the energized fun loving world of dogs

And why their customers run,
not walk, into dogtopia



Free Event for Members - \$10 for Non-Members
RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org
Upon registering, Zoom login credentials will be provided.

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group



Thursday, February 24
7:45 - 9:00 am

Perfect
for:
-business owners
-decision-makers
-management staff

Host Location: US Health Advisors
5000 Ritter Rd, Suite 202,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call
717-796-0811.

This members-only event is **free** to attend!



Pennsylvania's Shared-Work program is a great tool that allows an employer to temporarily reduce the work hours of a group of employees while supplementing their lost wages with partial unemployment benefits rather than laying off any employees.

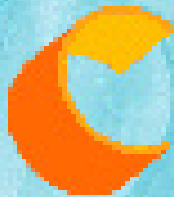
Employees covered by the Shared-Work plan receive a percentage of their unemployment compensation (UC) weekly benefit amount while they work the reduced schedule, if they are otherwise eligible for UC.

Shared-Work plans empower employers to retain a trained and qualified workforce during periods of slowdown, and quickly ramp up operations without the expense of recruiting, hiring, and training new employees.

What qualifications are required for participation?

To participate in Pennsylvania's Shared-Work program, the employer must have filed all UC tax reports and paid all amounts due under PA UC Law, have a positive reserve account balance (for contributory employers) and have paid wages for the last 12 consecutive quarters, according to the department's Office of UC Tax Services.

For more information and to view FAQs, forms and the brochure, please visit www.uc.pa.gov/sharedwork.



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SUITES

ICE FEST
DOWNTOWN CARLISLE

Feb 4-6, 2022
Come Stay with us during
Ice Fest Weekend with a
special rate
\$99 for Friday and Saturday



ATTENTION Chamber Members

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce is looking to make a Computer UPGRADE. If your business would like to be considered and you'd like to submit a proposal -

Please call 717-796-0811 or email -
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org
for more information

Collection for Women



**We are collecting the following for
local Afghan Refugee Women:**

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body Wash/Soap

**Feminine Products (maxi pads,
panty shields, etc.)**

Through January 30

Sponsored by First United Methodist Church UMW

135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, fumchurch.com

Items can be delivered to the church office Monday through

Friday or drop off on Sunday mornings.

Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.



Mark your calendars



WALTERS & GALLOWAY, PLLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Join us the second Wednesday of every month at Buhrig's Gathering Place from 8am to 9:15am for a light breakfast and conversation with our attorneys.

Next meeting: Wednesday,
February 9
from 8:00AM to 9:15AM

Conversation Topic: To marry or not to marry: the legal pros and cons of the marital relationship. Discussing the impacts that marriage has on property rights, taxes, family law and estate planning. Presented by Attorneys David Galloway & Anna Knych.

Can't attend in person - Zoom information available
RSVP to nora@waltersgalloway.com to confirm in person or Zoom

Also...Mark your calendar for March's meeting on 3/9/22...
[Click here for more information](#)



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Help us reach
our goal of 100
bags by donating
your new or
gently worn used
shoes!

Funds raised benefit Gospel Outreach
through Literacy Classes in India.

Collection begins 01.03.2022

Joseph T Simpson Public Library - February Book Sale

February 11 to 13



Members Preview: Friday, February 11,
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Book Sale: Saturday, February 12,
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bag Sale: Sunday, February 13, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Book Sales are held at our Book Sale Center, 114 North York St., Mechanicsburg. The entrance to the Book Sale Center is off of North York Street.

Invitations to the Members Preview are mailed one month before the sale to current Friends' members, and a list of members will be at the door.

Memberships may be purchased at Preview Night.

Bag Sale: All the books you can fit in a level bag for only \$10.00!
Some restrictions apply. Paper bags supplied by the Friends of the Library.

For more information call - 717-766-0171



ONGOING EDUCATION SERIES

Building Great Teams

Presented by: Jim Carchidi, CSP

March 3 | 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM | VIRTUAL

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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LEADERS AT LUNCH

Honoring the Carlisle Family YMCA Capital Campaign Leaders



MARCH 11
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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Central PA Wedding Shows to Begin February 20



Five in-person wedding shows from 2/20/22 thru 3/27/22

HD Entertainment, the area's only all-female, award-winning DJ company is excited to announce their 2022 circuit of wedding shows for couples looking to plan their weddings.

"Wedding venues and vendors are in the highest demand ever right now due to reschedules and newly engaged couples, so it is never too early to plan your dream wedding. says Heather Dino-Laughman, owner of HD Entertainment and Executive Producer of Central PA Wedding Shows.

Central PA Wedding Shows are not your typical convention center ballrooms packed with over 100 vendors. Each show hosts only 20-30 vendors in total. A smaller show may mean less vendors, but the vendors are of high quality, so securing any of them is guaranteed to be a win for your wedding day.

Over \$20K in fantastic prizes available to couples in attendance. AND.... the first 50 couples to register for each show will receive a complimentary set of wedding bands.

PLUS....Each show will have not only feature individual vendor prizes from each booth but also a \$500 cash prize. At the conclusion of the Gettysburg, PA show on 3/27/22, one lucky couple will also gain \$1000 to use towards their wedding day.

Show Locations:

- 2/20 - HARRISBURG - The Conference Center at Central Penn
 - 2/27 - HANOVER - Ballroom on Broadway
- 3/13 - MECHANICSBURG -The Catering Barn at Strock Enterprises
 - 3/20 - GREENCASTLE - Green Grove Gardens
- 3/27 - BIGLERVILLE/GETTYSBURG - The Historic Round Barn

All shows run Noon- 3 p.m. with two or three time slots available for tickets.

Questions? Contact Central PA Wedding Shows at 717.850.0460, more information on Facebook and Instagram (will also find list of vendors for all shows), or emailing ido@centralpaweddingshows.com.

AVOID SLIPS & FALLS THIS WINTER



Wear shoes with gripping soles that provide traction. Tap the edge of icy areas with your foot to check for slipperiness before taking a step.

Avoid carrying heavy items that can change your center of balance. Keep hands free of pockets while walking



Check around vehicles before entering and exiting. Use the vehicle for balance and support.

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Chamber Chatter is published on-line every Thursday.

We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

Chamber Chatter advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

****Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.****

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

has prepared a readiness guide to help employers with 100 or more employees be prepared to implement the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for COVID-19 vaccination or testing.



On December 18, 2021, OSHA released guidance that it will resume implementation of the ETS.

Per OSHA: "OSHA will not issue citations for noncompliance with any requirements of the ETS before January 10 and will not issue citations for noncompliance with the standard's testing requirements before February 9, so long as an employer is exercising reasonable, good faith efforts to come into compliance with the standard." Litigation may be ongoing. Employers should refer to the OSHA website for updated guidance.

Employers must choose how to ensure compliance. Federal guidance states that employers can mandate vaccinations for staff. To support vaccinations, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-DOH) will continue to oversee a Commonwealth-wide vaccination program, and employers are invited to refer any staff seeking vaccination to one of hundreds of clinics in the Commonwealth providing vaccines. To find the closest vaccine provider, please follow this link. PADOH will not provide any customized support to private employers seeking to operationalize a testing program.

You can access the complete "Readiness Guide for Pennsylvania Employers" for information about:

- Vaccinating employees / Testing employees
- Support from the Pennsylvania Department of Health
- List of U.S. employers with vaccine mandates (non-exhaustive)
- NAAT and Antigen Test Differences to Consider When Planning for Diagnostic or Screening Use



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FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Make \$58,000 or less last year? You are eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program. Review the following information BEFORE arriving at a site.

You MUST bring the following documents to have your taxes prepared:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) for taxpayer and spouse.
- Original Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, your children and other dependents included in your tax return.
- Your current Identity Protection PIN number issued by the IRS (if you have one) for each year's taxes that you need prepared.
- Printed copies of all year-end tax forms you have received in the mail. (We cannot use electronic files from phones.)
- If you received health care from the marketplace, bring your form 1095-A. (We cannot prepare your return without it.)

Also bring the following information if it is available:

- Previous year's federal and state tax returns. (We can only access prior year returns for clients who used MIYP last year.)
- If you wish to have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account, bring a blank check or other documentation from your bank/credit union that shows your account number and the routing transit number.
- If you expect to claim a credit for child or dependent care, bring the child care provider's address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or their Social Security number.

****MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL SITES****

For more information on tax prep sites, contact United Way of the Capital Region at 717.724.4077, or e-mail miyp@uwcr.org.

Please do not call sites directly unless a number is listed.

TAX PREPARATION WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 31, 2022 AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Low- to moderate-income individuals and families with a yearly income of \$58,000 or less are eligible to receive FREE tax preparation from IRS certified volunteers through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program.



- The amount of money you get back depends on the amount you earned.
- To get a refund, you must file a tax return even if you don't owe anything.
- If you did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past but were eligible, you can file an amendment at any time during the year for up to three previous tax years. You may be eligible for money you did not know about!
- Refunds for e-filed returns that will be direct deposited are usually received in 10 days or less.

TOUCH-FREE TAXES FREE Remote Tax Preparation

Touch-Free Taxes is a free tax preparation program which can be done from the comfort of your home by connecting you to a trained volunteer to complete your taxes. This is a fantastic option for people who are not ready for "in person" preparation.

You can start using the Touch-Free Taxes service starting January 31, 2022 by visiting www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa.

For more information, e-mail miyp@uwcr.org or call 717.724.4077.

Touch-Free Taxes is brought to you by the Money in Your Pocket program.

FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

If you fit these guidelines, you are eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

1. You may not have investment income of more than \$10,000.
2. Your earned income in 2021 is equal to or less than incomes below:

Children	Single Income	Married (filing jointly)
No children**	\$21,430	\$27,380
1 child*	\$42,158	\$48,108
2 children	\$47,915	\$53,865
3 or more children	\$51,464	\$57,414

* To be claimed, a child must meet relationship, age and residency requirements.

** For 2021 only, EITC is available to all clients age 19+ who meet the income eligibility.

All reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to individuals with special needs. For more information about special accommodations, or the availability of interpreters, call the MIYP info line at 717.724.4077, or e-mail miyp@uwcr.org.

MONEY IN YOUR POCKET PARTNERS:

- Belco Community Credit Union
- Bosler Memorial Library
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Code For America/Get Your Refund
- Dickinson College
- Employment Skills Center
- First Christian Church of Lemoyne
- Market Square Presbyterian Church
- Messiah University
- Middletown Public Library
- Midwest Food Bank
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services
- New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Penn National Insurance
- Perry County Literacy Council
- PNC
- Shippensburg University
- Tri County Community Action
- Truist Foundation
- United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County
- United Way of the Capital Region
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
- Widener University Commonwealth Law School

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