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Thursday, September 14th

19th Annual Golf Outing
Friday, September 15th

Interested in sponsorship, participating, or
volunteering? - email
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

September

14 - Cumberland County Mega Mixer - Location - Members 1st Federal Credit Union Headquarters, 5000 Marketplace Way, Enola, 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

15 - 19th Annual Golf Outing - Rich Valley Golf, 227 Rich Valley Rd, Mechanicsburg. Lunch at 12:30 PM, Tee time at 1:30 PM

26 - AM Strategies... for Business Success - LUNCH EDITION - Heather Holloway - 5 Step Social Marketing - Sponsored by UPMC. Location sponsor - Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 E Main St, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 1:00pm.

28 - Business Leaders Discussion Group, Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce office, 6 W Strawberry Ave, Mechanicsburg, 7:45 AM - 9:00 AM.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Courtyard by Marriott
Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg
The Gleeeful Candle Co.

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

A.M. Strategies ... for Business Success

Tuesday, September 26

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Lunch Edition

Presented by:

Heather Holloway
Holloway Media Services

5 Step Social Marketing

Location Sponsor:

Buhrig's Gathering Place -
25 E Main Street, Mechanicsburg -
Parking Available (any Buhrig lot) -
off Strawberry Avenue



Sponsored by:



Complimentary light lunch included.

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or call 717-796-0811



Friday, September 15, 2023

Rich Valley Golf
227 Rich Valley Rd.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Registration - 12:30pm
Tee Time - 1:00pm

Register to play! Application [here](#)! Only \$80 for golf, lunch and dinner.
Purchase the Gold Passport for \$20 and receive entry into ALL hole contests, and for a chance to win a raffle prize!

Not a golfer? Join us for dinner for only \$20.

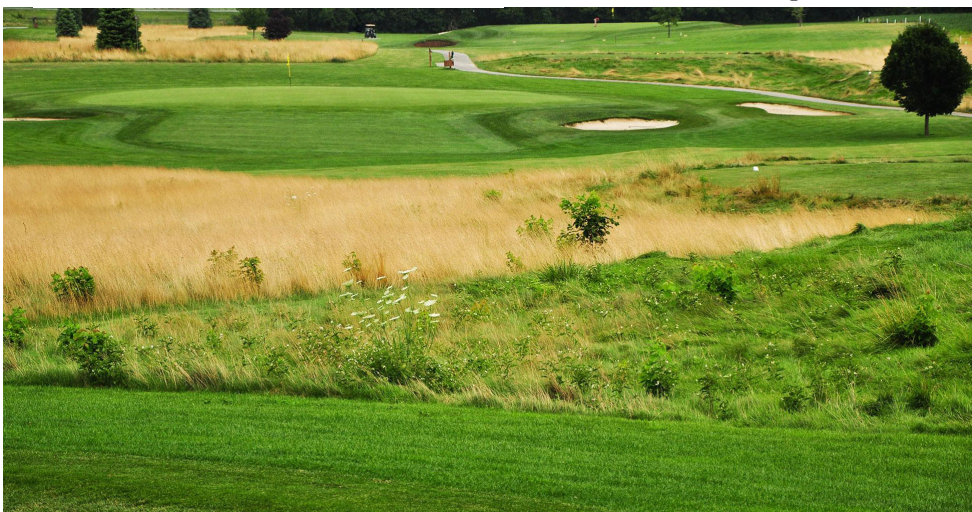
Seeking Sponsors and Donations: This is a great opportunity to promote your business through a sponsorship or prize donation. Several sponsorship levels available! They can also be customized to fit your needs.

Or, simply send a gift card, promotional item, or any type of product for us to give away as a prize or to include in the golfers' gift bags!

Contact the Chamber Office to play, contribute and volunteer!
717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

*Portion of proceeds will support the
GFWC Mechanicsburg's Program for Veterans*

Thank you **Freedom Financial Wealth Management** for sponsoring the \$25,000 hole-in-one prize, **Trout CPA**, our dinner sponsor, **Hershey Creamery Company**, our beverage sponsor, and **AmeriChoice FCU**, our lunch sponsor.



Meet the Chamber's 2022 Charity of Choice: GFWC Mechanicsburg Program for Veterans

General Federation of Women's Club Mechanicsburg (GFWC) President Pam Fleck:

"It is so wonderful for the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to recognize the efforts of GFWC Mechanicsburg members by selecting them as the chamber's "Charity of Choice" this year! The grant from the chamber will be utilized to assist in the club's undertakings to support the tiny home village for homeless veterans!

GFWC Mechanicsburg is currently working with Veterans Outreach to outfit the 15 tiny homes being constructed for homeless veterans in Central PA. The members will be purchasing and pre-washing towels, sheets, etc. to set up the beds and bathrooms with necessities. A fundraiser was held by the club this past March, "Flavors of Mechanicsburg", to help raise money for the project. Over \$3,000 was raised during the event. All money raised by GFWC Mechanicsburg stays locally to support community organizations like the Simpson Library, New Hope Ministries After School program, Cumberland/Perry Counties Domestic Violence Shelter (signature project of GFWC) and others. The Mechanicsburg Museum was founded by this club!

GFWC Mechanicsburg is an active member in the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce as well and really appreciates the support given by the chamber! Jeff Palm and staff were of great help with setting up our event last March and is always available as a resource. Being nominated as the "charity of choice" this year is such an honor and we appreciate the recognition of our work!"



Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania and the tiny home village:

Veterans Outreach is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to combat homelessness among Veterans by providing support and services needed to promote an empowered life filled with strength and purpose. The Veterans Tiny Home Village is being constructed on a 5-acre parcel along the Susquehanna River that was generously donated by a private family. The village will consist of 15 tiny homes surrounding a Community Center that will provide needed services to assist in the transition to more permanent housing.

GFWC Mechanicsburg's contribution to this project will provide the necessary linens and personal care items needed by the residents during their tenure at the village. This supply will not benefit the veteran just as they live in their home at the village, but will become their personal property as they move on to their permanent home. The GFWC Mechanicsburg is looking to provide an ample supply of products to offer a base for resupply through numerous transitions.

Information on GFWC Mechanicsburg can be found at their website:

<https://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>

Veterans Outreach of Pennsylvania: <https://www.veteransoutreachofpa.org/>

Donate a Raffle or Gift Bag Item



The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce is seeking raffle prizes for the upcoming 19th Annual **Chamber Golf Outing** on Friday, September 15! Portion of the proceeds benefit our Charity of Choice - GFWC Mechanicsburg's Program for Veterans

Please consider donating a prize or gift bag item to showcase your business. Prizes can be dropped off at the Chamber office Monday - Friday, 9am-4pm, or brought to a chamber event.



CUMBERLAND COUNTY MEGAMIXER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 | 5:00-7:00PM

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Mark Your Calendar for My Upcoming Events

Document Shredding Event



Thursday, Sept. 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the
Hampden Township Pool Parking Lot, 5001 Park Dr. in Mechanicsburg.

I will be hosting a Document Shredding Event for constituents of the 88th District. Please keep shredding limited to four boxes or bags; no businesses. It is also requested you remove any paperclips or binder clips prior to the event; staples are permitted.

Please RSVP by calling 717-761-4665 or [click here](#). Please note that RSVPs are taken to provide the shredding company with a headcount. Shredding will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please be Aware of Vanity Award Scheme

Recently you may have seen an e-mail like this:

'I'm writing to you today on behalf of the Mechanicsburg Award Program. We're the organization that puts on the annual "Best of Mechanicsburg Award", and I'm pleased to inform you that your company has been selected as the winner in the category of (fill in your category).'

This organization is not affiliated with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce or any other known local entity. It is a for-profit that sells this award. Please be aware that the legitimacy of this award is in question and may be considered as more of a display piece than any legitimate poll or contest.



F&M Trust installs AEDs at each of its community banking locations

According to the American Heart Association, more than 350,000 people will suffer cardiac arrest this year. That's someone every 90 seconds.

Recognizing the importance of employee and customer safety, F&M Trust recently installed automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at each of its 22 community offices, its mortgage center in Camp Hill, and its regional headquarters in Harrisburg. The bank has three AEDs at its corporate headquarters in Chambersburg.

F&M Trust Security Officer Ray Wills suggested the devices be placed in all bank locations, and the bank's Wellness Committee saw the project through to completion with the help of F&M Trust's facilities department, which installed the AEDs.

"Our employees care not only about the health and safety of one another, but they show genuine care and concern for those living in our communities," F&M Trust President and CEO Tim Henry said. "This project to place potentially lifesaving AEDs at each of our locations is yet another example of that altruistic spirit."

Currently, the only way to restore a regular heart rhythm during cardiac arrest is to use an AED. And because the average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8 to 12 minutes, having access to an AED and knowing how to use it can save a life.

"Immediate CPR and defibrillation are key to our goal of doubling the survival rate of cardiac arrest by 2030, and we are grateful for local businesses, organizations, and trusted community leaders like F&M Trust who are stepping up to help us reach this goal," said Ashley Schade, Regional Vice President of Development for the American Heart Association. "Improving access to AEDs wherever people live and work strengthens this key link in the chain of survival."

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING
SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 9/15 – Hemauer Brewing,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6:30-9

Sat. 9/16* – Adams County Winery,
Ortanna...Jazz Me Band 1-4

Sat. 9/16 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad PA...Kirk solo 6-8

Sun. 9/17 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg...
Kirk solo 12:30-3:30

Tue. 9/19 – Greystone Brew House @
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Fri. 9/22 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad PA...Kirk solo 6-8

Sat. 9/23 – Meadowbrook Gourd Farm
Event, Carlisle...Kirk solo 11-1

Sat. 9/23 – Pilger Ruh Wine Garden,
Gettysburg...Kirk solo 6-9

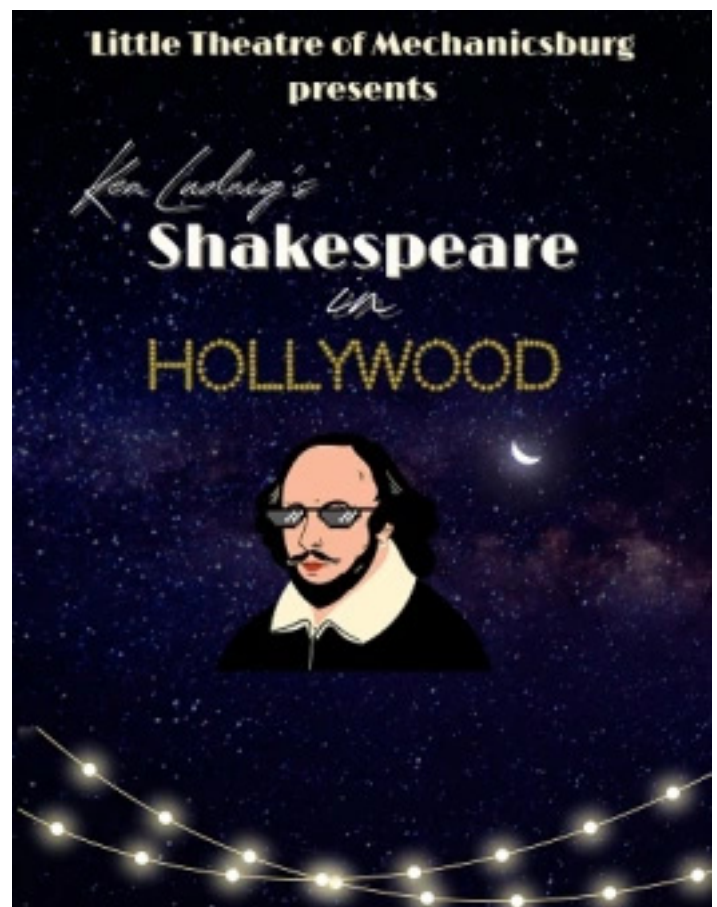
Sun. 9/24 – Mt. Airy Orchards,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 12:30-3:30

For complete up-to-date
schedule, information,
and photos go to
www.jazzmeband.com

Bookings: call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or
E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

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Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg



We are excited to begin our 73rd Season
with **Ken Ludwig's Shakespeare in
Hollywood!** Performances begin Friday,
September 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. and
run weekends until Sunday, September 17,
2023. Sunday matinee performances
start at 2:30 p.m.

Please visit our Box Office page for infor-
mation on showtimes and how to purchase
tickets! Ticket prices for the 73rd season
have changed. Non-Musical Play is now
\$20 and a Musical is now \$25. Season
Subscription packages are on. The pack-
age is \$120 for one ticket to each of the
seven shows. This is a \$25.00 discount.



**American
Red Cross**



Joseph T. Simpson Public Library and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Drive Details:

Site: Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
Address: 16 N. Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA, 17055
Room Name: Lower Level Meeting Rooms
Date: Fri Sep 15, 2023
Time: 12:15 PM - 04:45 PM
Blood Program Leader Name: Lydia Wallace

Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 8142480484

[Click here to make an appointment](#)

September is National Preparedness Month. We have seen a significant shortfall in blood donations over the past month, making it hard to keep pace with the need for blood products. Blood donations that go uncollected due to climate-related events, such as hurricanes, wildfires, & extreme heat, can put further strain on the national blood supply. As extreme weather events worsen, the Red Cross is seeing that translate into more blood drive cancellations. In 2022, over 1,300 blood drives were canceled due to weather, about 23% higher than the average of the prior 9 years. Help **STOP THE SHORTFALL - COME TO DONATE** & get a **T-SHIRT** at the drive PLUS a coupon for a **FREE SPORT CLIPS HAIRCUT** by email, AND be entered to win a **VIP NASCAR TRIP FOR 2!**

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!



Wednesday, September 20, 2023

11:00 a.m. to Noon

Virtual Platform: Zoom

[Free to Attend](#)

Do you have 20 or more employees participating in your health plan? **Empower your business to take control of rising health care costs!** Join PA Chamber Insurance (PCI) in partnership with Benecon for a FREE, no-commitment informational webinar to learn about money-saving solutions available through the PCI Benefits Consortium.

The PCI Benefits Consortium is an increasingly popular alternative for small and mid-size companies with 20 or more enrolled employees to **manage healthcare costs, increase cash flow advantages, provide risk protection, gain financial control and implement optional wellness initiatives.**

WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS

Paula Beleck, Senior Benefit Consultant, PA Chamber Insurance (PCI) joins Jamie Burgess, CSFS, Sales Director, Benecon, to cover the basics and benefits of self-insuring including:

- How self-insuring could be a viable option for your company's healthcare needs
- How the PCI Benefits Consortium can lower your costs now and in future years
- How to realize cost savings through claims review/management and elimination of premium taxes and excessive expense charges
- How to capitalize on Employee Health and Well-Being

Following the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to engage in Q&A with the speakers.

[Register Today](#)

Presented By:





CAEDC Launches Two Tourism Grants

The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) through its destination marketing arm, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, is announcing the return of tourism-focused grants. The returning Tourism Product Development Grant and a new grant, the Tourism Recovery Grant, will launch on Monday, August 28th.

The Tourism Product Development (TPD) Grant is intended to increase the number of products, experiences and services that draw overnight visitors to the Cumberland Valley. Awarded grant projects will increase the number of visits, length of stays and spending by visitors in the County. Applicants for the TPD Grant can request between \$25,000-250,000 (previous TPD grant capped at \$100,000).

The Tourism Product Development Grant has been on hiatus since mid-2020.

The new Tourism Recovery Grant is designed to help tourism-related industries recover from the Covid-19 Pandemic. Applicants can request between \$2,500-\$10,000 in funding for this program. The grant can be utilized for the purchase of machinery and equipment, marketing to new audiences, development of new experiences and deferred maintenance that increases tourism or enhance the visitor experience.

For both programs, applicants must provide at least \$0.50 match for each dollar awarded. "We're excited to re-launch tourism grant opportunities for many businesses in the Cumberland Valley as they continue to rebuild and find new ways to highlight our area as a tourism destination" said CAEDC Marketing Manager, Ashley Kurtz.

CAEDC began offering tourism grants in 2010 and has awarded over \$1.9 million to 199 projects. Notable grant projects include a large outdoor entertainment area at Midway Bowling Alley, two Escape Rooms at Grand Illusion Hard Cider, portions of the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail, including the Conrail Museum, a new performance space at the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, and a tasting room at Winery At The Long Shot Farm.

The Winery at The Long Shot Farm Co-Owner Tina Weyant said "We have been growing grapes and berries in the Cumberland Valley for many years, and we are so thankful for the generous support from CAEDC, allowing us to share our passion for making wine."

Learn more about CAEDC's Tourism Grants [here](#).

[Click here](#) to find the Grant Application

Interested applicants should contact Ashley Kurtz, CAEDC's Marketing Manager at AKurtz@VisitCumberlandValley.com.



CAEDC is Accepting Applications for LSA Grants

The Local Share Account (LSA), a statewide grant program opened on Friday, September 1, 2023 and interested non-profit applicants can apply through the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC).

CAEDC is seeking applicants who are a non-profit organization, need funding for projects between \$25,000-\$1,000,000, and either have an economic development component, or grow overnight stays for visitors in the region.

Eligible uses include:

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment (excluding uniforms, protective equipment, consumable supplies, and furniture)
- Planning, consulting, and design costs related to planning projects.
- Engineering, design, and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award.
- Administrative costs of the grantee for the purposes of administering the grant. Administrative costs may not exceed 2% of the total grant request.
- Contingency costs not to exceed 5% of documented construction and infrastructure costs.

Interested, qualified applicants can apply on CAEDC's online application at CumberlandBusiness.com/lsa-application or by contacting staff.

The Application window is September 1- November 30, 2023.

The LSA Grant is funded through the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, which provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Only 4
foursomes
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9th Annual Fall Golf Benefit

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Sponsorship opportunities still available!

Seeking HOSTS for 2024 EVENTS

- After-Hours Chamber Mixer
- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT
contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

Residents & Employees in Cumberland County:

TAKE OUR ONLINE PUBLIC SURVEY!



We need **your** feedback!

Cumberland County has proven itself as a preferred destination to live, work, and visit. To maintain that status, we are updating our Comprehensive and Land Partnerships Plans to guide future development and conservation efforts. We need your help to plan for the future by telling us:

- ✓ Special places that should be preserved for future generations
- ✓ Actions that should be taken to enhance the county's quality of life
- ✓ Projects that should be pursued to improve transportation, outdoor recreation, and protect natural resources
- ✓ The best ways to communicate and engage our residents in decision-making

TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31!

Scan the QR code or use
the link below:
<https://arcg.is/1481b50>



NEED A PAPER SURVEY OR HELP COMPLETING THE ONLINE SURVEY?

Contact the Cumberland County
Planning Department at **717.240.5362** or
planningreviews@cumberlandcountypa.gov



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE OR LAND PARTNERSHIPS PLANS, VISIT: WWW.CUMBERLANDCOUNTYPA.GOV/PLANNING

Third Friday FOOD TRUCKS

4:30-
8 p.m.



APRIL 21 ▪ MAY 19 ▪ JUNE 16 ▪ JULY 21
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