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28th Annual Streets of Treats
Saturday, October 21st

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

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

October

10 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon - Sponsored by **Legend at Silver Creek**, 425 Lambs Gap Rd, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 12:45pm. FREE member event.

10 - Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade - Sponsored in part by **Lawrence Chevrolet**, starting at Broad & Keller Sts., Mechanicsburg. 7 pm.

17 - After Hours Mixer - SpringHill Suites by Marriott Camp Hill, 3535 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

21 - 28th Annual Streets of Treats - Sponsored in part by **HB Home Services**, downtown Mechanicsburg. 10 am - 2 pm.

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!

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, October 10
11:30am - 1:00pm



Legend at Silver Creek welcomes the
Business Women's Networking Luncheon for October.

Join us at the newest senior living residence in the area. Get an early look into all the appointments and services that this facility will be offering its community and their families.

Come network with local business women and enjoy a light lunch. Don't forget to bring your business cards to MIX & MINGLE.

Legend at Silver Creek
425 Lambs Gap Rd
Mechanicsburg

Reservations required.
RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

**YOU'RE
INVITED TO THE**

Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Special thanks to our sponsors*



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Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce

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invites you to attend

28th Annual

Streets of Treats

Downtown Mechanicsburg

Saturday, October 21, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trick-or-Treating at Downtown & Local Businesses

FREE and low cost activities, crafts & games

Pick up your trick-or-treating bag and map of
participating businesses at the Square

2 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA

Questions?

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A Taste of Mechanicsburg

Sunday, October 8, 2023 - 2-5 PM
At Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
Community

Wine



EXPLORE

Food



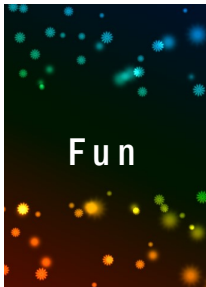
Fellowship



Beer



Fun



Music



Great food, beverages, and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit local community organizations, including the library, and Rotary's local and international projects.

Tickets \$25
(\$30 at the door)

(Must be 21+)

**Available at the library,
Rotary Club members
or Eventbrite.com.**

The Yellow Breeches
Rotary
Club



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NETWORK, EMPOWER YOUTH
AND SHARE DEI BUSINESS
INNOVATIONS

REPRESENT YOUR COMPANY At our Inaugural DEI Youth Summit

Join us for the chance to meet and network with ambitious students who are united in the purpose of enhancing their leadership and workforce development skills.

Invest in the pipeline to the future by empowering young people's journey.

OCTOBER 10
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
PENN HARRIS HOTEL



DEI YOUTH SUMMIT
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EVENT BENEFITS

- DEI PANEL DISCUSSION
- NETWORK WITH AREA BUSINESSES
- CONNECT WITH 100 YOUNG LEADERS
- SHARE CURRENT JOB OPENINGS
- DISCUSS YOUR COMPANY'S DEI INITIATIVES, SUCCESSES & CHALLENGES
- MENTOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON AVAILABLE CAREER PATHS



Tickets: \$35

TICKET REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIPS:

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Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

Bring your favorite plush friend for a special blessing from Pastor Kate.

Sunday, October 8th
during the 10:30 a.m. service
at

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

8 East Keller Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
kidmin.stlukesmech@gmail.com



Visit the Halloween Parade CAFE

Drinks-Sandwiches-Snacks

Tuesday, October 10

5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Corner of Market and Keller Streets

Cash only

Proceeds benefit Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels



God Hears and Answers Prayers

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Buhrigs' Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

There will be a speaker from TAGS as well as Karen Cochran from the Joseph Simpson Public Library.

Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>



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PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 9/29 – Wolf Brewing, Mechanicsburg...
Kirk solo/duo 7-10

Sat. 9/30 – Rotunda Brewing,
Annville ... Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Sun. 10/1 – Mt. Airy Orchards,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 1-4

Tue. 10/3 – AACA Museum Event,
Hershey...Band 6-9:30

Fri. 10/6 – Hemauer Brewing,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6:30-9

Sat. 10/7 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg...
Kirk solo 9:30-12:30+

Sat. 10/7 – Reid's Winery & Cider House,
Gettysburg... Kirk Duo 7-10

Sun. 10/8 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg...
Kirk solo 1-4

Tue. 10/10 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

For complete up-to-date
schedule, information,
and photos go to
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MULTIPLE TRUCKS /// VARIETY OF FOOD



Saturday, October 21
10am-2pm

Grace United Methodist Church Parking Lot
309 Herman Ave | Lemoyne

Shop our vendor fair, order food from our food trucks.
FREE Fall fun, kids crafts and games!

Sponsored by Musselman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.
and Grace UM Church.



Family Friendly Game Day Activities!

Corn Hole
Football Toss
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Washers
Holey Board
And More!

Join 1-108 FA for a
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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Alyssa H. Holstay, and I am the Executive Director of *selfless*service, Inc. *selfless*service, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) recognized not-for-profit organization devoted to supporting, aiding, and assisting active, reserve, and veteran military, first responders and their families.

Please allow this letter to serve as my respectful request for your consideration in partnering with *selfless*service, Inc. to represent your business at our first ever "Community Tailgate to Benefit *selfless*service, Inc." This event is being held in partnership with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) on Saturday, October 21st at the Carlisle Armory on Cavalry Road.

The Community Tailgate is designed to be a family friendly, fun-filled day with PAARNG Recruiters on-site providing information and insight on their day-to-day activities and opportunities to serve and activities including, but not limited to, a climbing wall and backyard games (cornhole, football toss, washers). Admission to this event is free. Funds will be raised to benefit *selfless*service, Inc. through the sale of concessions and small games of chance, including, but not limited to, rip tickets and a 50/50 raffle.

Our organization is hoping you will consider joining us as a way to promote local businesses and to bring the community together for a fun-filled day. If your business would like to reserve booth space at our event, please RSVP to Megan Boswell (megan.p.boswell.mil@army.mil) no later than October 6th. The cost for representation at the event is a raffle basket valued at \$25, where guests have a chance to win goods or services from your business. We are happy to provide any/all supporters with a donation acknowledgment letter evidencing your charitable contribution(s).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests for additional information. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alyssa H. Holstay, Esq.
Executive Director

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Older and Wiser Seminars

THURSDAY, OCT. 5 • 9-10:30 A.M.

at Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center, 97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg

THURSDAY, OCT. 19 • 9-10:30 A.M.

at West Shore Senior Center, 122 Geary Ave. in New Cumberland

THURSDAY, NOV. 9 • 9-10:30 A.M.

at The Woods at Cedar Run, 824 Lisburn Rd. in Camp Hill

Mid Penn Legal Services will lead a seminar educating attendees on the protection offered by Power of Attorney (POA) arrangements and other basics. Topics covered during class will include: what a POA is; what can happen if you don't have a POA; how a POA protects you and your family; the role of agents and other topics. Living wills, wills and health care POAs will also briefly be discussed.

Due to room occupancy limits, RSVPs are required.



UPMC and Central Penn College In-Demand Health Care Career Programs Enrolling Now for Fall

UPMC in Central Pa. and Central Penn College are once again working together to develop the next generation of health care professionals. Through their innovative partnership and the UPMC Scholars Program, students who successfully complete the Central Penn College phlebotomy and surgical technology programs and are hired by UPMC will receive payments equivalent to the full cost of the programs in addition to their salary.

“The health care industry is experiencing a shortage of individuals in these important fields,” said Elizabeth Ritter, chief operating officer, UPMC Harrisburg, UPMC Community Osteopathic, and UPMC West Shore. “We are pleased to partner with Central Penn College to make their quality programs even more affordable for area residents, and to help us fill these important needs. These are great opportunities for local residents who are seeking a rewarding career where they can continue to grow.”

Phlebotomists and phlebotomy technicians play a vital role in the administration and management of blood draws for diagnosis, transfusion and research purposes. Surgical technicians perform a variety of activities that assist doctors during surgery, including sterilizing and setting up equipment, positioning patients for procedures, handing instruments to doctors during surgery, and preparing operating rooms for patients.

Opportunity to Receive Payments Equivalent to the Cost of the Programs

Through an innovative combination of funding from UPMC and Central Penn College, phlebotomy and surgical technology graduates who work at UPMC will receive payments in addition to their salaries equivalent to the cost of the programs. Students must complete at least a two-years work requirement at UPMC facilities in the Central Pa. region.

As an added benefit, UPMC in Central Pa. will help interested students find full- and part-time positions that can accommodate their studies. This is a great way to make some money while in school and gain valuable health care experience.

Enrollment is underway for the fall semester with a Friday, Oct. 6 deadline:

- Phlebotomy: Starts Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 and ends in June 2024 — accepting applications
- Surgical Technology: Starts Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 and ends in March 2025 — enrollment is currently full and has a waitlist

Interested students can find out more about the phlebotomy and surgical technology programs, including enrollment information, at www.centralpenn.edu/UPMC



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.

We Need Your Feedback



What will help Cumberland County continue to be a preferred place to
Live, Work, & Visit?

Cumberland County needs your feedback to help plan for the future!

The Planning Department is updating its Comprehensive & Land Partnerships Plans and wants input from anyone who lives or works in the county.

Topics Include:

- 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, recreation and natural resources
- Ways to communicate and engage residents in decision making.

Complete the **online survey** by October 31, 2023!

The Cumberland County Comprehensive and Land Partnerships plans are long range policy documents that establish goals and objectives for the county. Comprehensive plans typically consider a wide variety of topics including land use, housing, economic development, public facilities, transportation, and natural resource protection.

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.



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Here's a quick breakdown on how PCI can work with you:



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Human Resources Consulting: Access to extensive HR materials, compliance assistance and review, and more;



Specialty Benefits: Dental, vision, life and disability, turn-key Medicare enrollment, and individual coverage;



Access to our caring and capable Credentialed Service and Support team

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