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THURSDAY,

OCT. 26TH

**LOWER ALLEN
SHIREMANSTOWN
UPPER ALLEN**

TUESDAY

OCT. 31ST

**HAMPDEN
MECHANICSBURG BORO
MONROE
SILVER SPRING**

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

November

14 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon
- Sponsored by **SYNERGY HomeCare** and **Artis Senior Living**. Location: JoJo's Pizza & Pasta, 107 W Main St, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

16 - After Hours Mixer - Sponsored by **Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation**. Location: Spice Restaurant and Bar, 125 W Main St, Mechanicsburg. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

24 - Annual Community Tree Lighting - corner of Market and Main Streets, on the square, in Downtown Mechanicsburg. 5:15 - 6:30pm

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!

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Select Collision Center Hershey
The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties
Town Planner Community Calendar

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, November 14
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us....

as **SYNERGY HomeCare** and **Artis Senior Living** are teaming up for this month's event. Learn what they can do for you to help care for loved ones that may need a few extra hands.



EVENT LOCATION:
JoJo's Pizza & Pasta
107 West Main Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

This event is free to Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce members and only \$10 for non-members.

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

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.****

After-Hours Mixer

Thursday, November 16th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SPONSORED BY:



**MECHANICSBURG
AREA COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Join us and the **Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation**
and enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments
and a chance to win a prize!

Learn how the Foundation is supporting the Mechanicsburg community
and how you may help, too.

Also, check out one of downtown's newest restaurants.
It's their 1 year anniversary



EVENT LOCATION:

Spice Restaurant and Bar
125 West Main Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

RSVP is easy, simply email
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org
or call 717-796-0811

A BIG

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to our sponsors of Streets of Treats. For the 28th year, the smaller citizens of our community were able to safely trick or treat to the businesses and non-profits of downtown and the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce. Treats were augmented by games, activities, and even a petting zoo.



Event Sponsor



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Older and Wiser Seminars

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 for these seminars.

Pennsylvania American Water Extends its Water Conservation Mandate

A mandatory water conservation notice remains in effect for customers in the Mechanicsburg water system.

The water is safe to use and drink as normal, but customers are asked to continue reducing water usage by 10-15% until further notice. Pennsylvania American Water is working with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to determine when water from the Conodoquinet Creek will be safe to use again and the Silver Spring Water Treatment Plant can resume normal operations.

When conditions improve, customers will be notified through Pennsylvania American Water's automated emergency notification system that the mandatory conservation notice is lifted.

In the meantime, they will continue providing updates, as needed, through the notification system and on the Alerts page of its website at amwater.com/paaw/alerts.

Fireside Storytellers

A Living Library of Human Experiences

Sit with us and hear the powerful, living stories of your community's resilience as we connect and grow together.

Bring your favorite fireside camp chair!
Childcare available.

Rain Date: Saturday Nov 4th, 4pm-6pm

FREE EVENT!

Friday
November
3rd

Outdoors at the YWCA Grounds

301 G St Carlisle, PA 17101

from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 9**

West Shore Chamber of Commerce
4211 E Trindle Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

A boxed lunch will be provided. This event is free for all Alliance & county Chamber members. Cost is \$10 for all other guests.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Regional Leaders Breakfast

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 • 7:30-9:00 AM

Shippensburg University

Reisner Dining Hall, Tuscarora Room

Please join us for a complimentary breakfast and hear from President Charles E. Patterson to learn more about the diverse assets Shippensburg University has to offer for collaboration and partnership with our leaders in the region.

What to expect:

Unique networking opportunities • Meaningful dialogue
Knowledge sharing • Discover new opportunities for your organization

Please register online by November 3, 2023.

Questions? Please contact Lorelee Isbell at (717) 477-1502, ext. 3275 or lisbell@ship.edu





Check off Your Holiday “To Do” List While Supporting a Great Cause

Order beautiful poinsettias and help support United Way of the Capital Region’s internal campaign!

These make great office decorations or gifts for family, friends or coworkers!

Poinsettias will be delivered the first week of December. Order 5 or more and receive FREE delivery!

- Poinsettias are 6” pots
- **COLORS:** red, white, pink or burgundy
- **COST:** **\$12 each**
- **Orders are due by November 16** and can be placed using the link below or visit our website at uwcr.org.

For more information, contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717.724.4055, or by e-mail at hneuhaus@uwcr.org.



What is United Way of the Capital Region’s Internal Campaign?

Just like other organizations, United Way of the Capital Region runs a fundraising campaign among its staff members. Funds are generated through donations and special event sales such as this one. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to United Way’s 2023 campaign.

Thank you for supporting United Way!

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY AT:
www.uwcr.org/uw-poinsettia-sale

United Way of
the Capital Region





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9 Reasons Why You Need a Professional Document Storage Company

Many of our clients are still required to keep paper records - whether it be medical, legal, employment, or other data. But there are challenges associated with storing sensitive information. If your organization must maintain physical files, then you know all about it!

For decades, businesses have been keeping paper records. Think of the file cabinets filled with paper documents at your doctor's or dental office. As paper documents multiply, more space is needed to store them. Add to that the pinch on the purse from the recurring cost of buying the paper and the possibility of damage to the documents from frequent handling or, heaven forbid, a flood or fire. A paper-based management system is not a stable or scalable one. There must be a better way, right?

Enter a Professional Document Storage Company that can securely store your records offsite but still retrieve records on-demand! Even better if that same company converts physical documents to digital ones so that everyone in your office has efficient access at their fingertips!

Here are 9 reasons while you should entrust your important records to a professional document storage company:

1. **Space Saved** --- Having enough physical space to store paper documents is no longer a concern. Yay for fewer file cabinets!
2. **Cost Savings** --- If you were paying for extra square footage in your office space, that's no longer necessary. No more wasted staff time spent searching through files. Eliminating the poor use of staff time is not only a cost savings, but it helps with morale.
3. **Business Continuity** --- If physical files are destroyed or lost, it could be a legal or compliance concern. When your files are securely stored, you have peace of mind.
4. **Information Security** --- A professional document storage solution allows you to safeguard sensitive information and minimize opportunities for those files to get lost or in the wrong hands. Only the people who need access to your records will be able to access them.
5. **Compliance** --- Retain and track the financial, personnel, health, or other business records you need to be compliance with specific record retention policies.
6. **Access As Needed** --- No more time wasted tracking down the physical document. Using a barcoding system, a secure record retention team can easily locate the correct box and record, scan the file and provide you with an image-on-demand. If you choose to convert your paper records to digital files, members of your team can easily search, and access electronically as needed!

7. Improve Workflows --- The system allows your employees to spend on more important tasks and leave the secure document storage and retrieval to the experts.

8. Better Customer Service --- If you often need to locate and pull records for clients or customers, a secure records retention facility that provides images-on-demand allows you to service customers quickly!

9. Secure Record Destruction --- Some industries require businesses to store records for a set time and then destroy them. A secure document storage facility will be able to provide secure document destruction as needed. You will have peace of mind knowing that your physical files have been properly disposed of.

Businesses of all sizes can benefit from a Professional Document Storage Company to ensure their documents are secure and easily accessible by the right people when needed.

If you're looking to stay compliant while reclaiming your office space, we can help.

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7 Tips for Staying Warm at Cold Weather Sporting Events

If you plan to go to an outdoor sporting event this season, our six tips will help you prepare to cheer for your team while staying warm and safe.

Check the Weather Before You Head Outside

You know it's going to be cold, but how cold? Is it going to rain or snow? What's the wind chill? Watch your local weather forecast on TV or check the weather online or on an app. The weather forecast usually predicts the whole week, so you can prepare in advance. Some apps have hour-by-hour predictions. They're not always right, but they can help you determine what you'll need.

Dress Appropriately

Now that you've checked the weather forecast, you can plan what to wear.

If you're going to be out in the extreme cold, wear as many layers of warm clothing as possible. If it's mildly cold, try to dress in just a few layers and pack an extra coat or sweater.

Items to help you stay warm might include:

- Thermals (long underwear or long johns).
- Long socks or leg warmers.
- Jackets, vests, and heavy sweaters.
- Gloves, scarves, and hats.
- Hand warmers for inside your gloves or mittens (these are inexpensive and sold at most sporting goods and department stores).
- Battery-powered vests, socks, gloves, and other items.

Be Prepared for All Conditions

If you're standing in the bleachers and it suddenly starts to rain, you're going to be in a tight spot. Keep an umbrella, poncho, or warm jacket with you.

Additionally, have an indoor, heated place that you can get to. You don't want to be stuck outside if the weather becomes extreme.

Wear Waterproof Shoes or Boots with Good Grip

You will want to be safe and dry as you navigate slippery, wet, or snowy terrain.

If your feet are cold and wet, it won't matter how well the rest of your body is bundled up — you will still be miserable! Make sure your shoes will keep you dry and preserve your footing in slick conditions.

Protect Your Feet and Hands

Wear warm socks and gloves or mittens. These protect your extremities — which are the hardest places to keep warm blood flowing to.

You could even wear gloves and mittens. Try wearing thinner gloves underneath mittens, so you won't freeze your fingers when you need to do something precise, such as work your phone.

Pack Warm Food

Sometimes all you need in chilly conditions is hot food or drink.

Carry a thermos with hot drinks, soup, or noodles. Warm food and drink will warm you inside and keep your strength and spirits up.

Recognize the Signs of Hyperthermia

Hypothermia is a dangerous condition caused when your body loses more heat than it can produce. It's usually a result of exposure to very cold temperatures.

Signs and symptoms of hypothermia

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PUBLIC DATES

Thurs. 10/26 – UPMC Event, York...
Kirk solo 11-2

Fri. 10/27 – The Gettysburger Company
Restaurant & Bar...Kirk solo/duo 9-midnight

Sat. 10/28 – F&M College Alumni Day...
Trio 11:30-2

Sun. 10/29 – Adams County Winery,
Ortanna...Kirk solo 1-4

Tue. 10/31 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Fri. 11/3 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad PA...Kirk solo 6-8

Sat. 11/4 – Back Porch Brewing, Carlisle...
Kirk & Mac Duo 6-9

Sun. 11/5 – Tangled Vines Wine,
New Bloomfield ...Kirk solo 2-5

Tue. 11/7 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

For complete up-to-date
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The signs and symptoms of hypothermia include:

- Skin that is cold to the touch.
- Shivering at first, then absence of shivering.
- Lethargy, drowsiness.
- Weakness, clumsiness.
- Irritability, combativeness.
- Confusion, delirium, hallucinations.
- Slow reflexes.
- Seizure, stupor, or coma.
- Slowed, shallow, or arrested breathing.
- Slowed, irregular, or arrested heartbeat.

Treatment for hypothermia

Follow these instructions for rewarming:

- Get out of the cold.
- Replace cold, wet clothing with warm, dry blankets.
- Place heat packs under arms and on chest, neck, and groin.
- Sit with knees tucked into chest.

Do not:

- Directly apply heat to arms and legs. This may force cold blood back to the heart.
- Rub skin to reheat.

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!

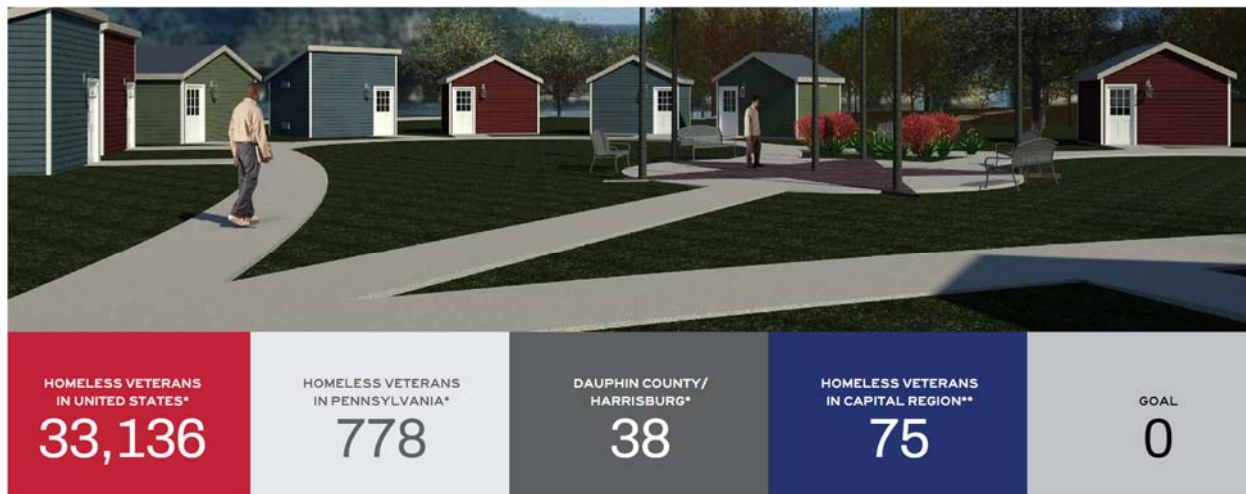
The Cumberland County Comprehensive and Land Partnerships plans are long range policy documents that establish goals and objectives for the county. Comprehensive plans typically consider a wide variety of topics including land use, housing, economic development, public facilities, transportation, and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

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.



As many of you know, Veterans Outreach of PA is working on a tiny homes project to help homeless veterans with short-term housing needs. Earlier this year, General Federation of Women's Club-Mechanicsburg (GFWC) held a fundraiser to help fund the project with linens for each home. As a member of that club, I am putting together an AVON fundraiser to help supply Veterans with basic items such as hand lotion, lip balms, foot cream, socks and other small hygiene items offered by AVON. A basic hygiene pack starts at just \$12, and a full back can be sponsored for \$18. If you would like to contribute to these products, please contact me at (717) 919-5460 or email mahiler@comcast.net. Contributions in any amounts are welcome via cash, check, PayPal or VENMO.