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Mechanicsburg Chamber Will Hold Election for Board of Directors at January Meeting



If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce, [click here](#) to review job description, nomination policies, procedures and application.

We are accepting applications!

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

December

25 - Merry Christmas - Office Closed

January

1- Happy New Year - Office Closed

17 - Annual Dinner & General Membership Meeting -
Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill. 6:00 - 9:00pm

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!

2nd Ascent Coaching
Buhrig Funeral & Cremation, Ltd.
H & H Sale Associates
Snappers Bar & Grill
SpringHill Suites by Marriott

SAVE THE DATE



Chamber Annual Meeting

***January 17, 2024
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.***

Mark your calendar to attend the
Annual Dinner & General Membership Meeting

Due to numerous requests, we are moving away from
a buffet meal to a table served meal.

Our dinner and presentation will take place at the
Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center Harrisburg
Trademark Collection by Wyndham.

We are also pleased to announce that George Shea of
Shea Communications, New York City will be our
keynote speaker.

*Watch for more information and
details on registration... coming soon...*

Open House

December 7, 2023
3pm-6pm

Join Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation and RLS Construction Group for our Holiday Open House! Get the first chance to see our new office, participate in the ribbon cutting, and enjoy an evening of festive networking, food and beverages.

230 S Sporting Hill Rd
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Register Here

cumberland Valley pa
CUMBERLAND AREA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISITORS BUREAU
CORPORATION



American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, December 22, 12:15 to 4:45 pm



Holding blood drives at Simpson has been a great convenience for members of the community. Let's continue to make an impact, and add saving lives to our list of great accomplishments.

The Red Cross has been making a humanitarian impact for more than 130 years, and has been collecting blood for over 70 of those years. We can all be part of something important when we work with the Red Cross to strengthen the blood supply and give back to our community.

If you are a regular blood donor and want to make an appointment, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and our Location Code is SimpsonLibrary. This will bring up the available appointments.

The event will be held in the lower level meeting rooms of Simpson Library. If this is your first time, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and click on "Am I Eligible to Donate Blood?" before you try to make an appointment.

Please contact Joeline at jdiana@cumberlandcountylibraries.org for any questions.

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Dalicia Restorante & Bakery, 105 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg. Please join us for our holiday dinner out. 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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Hope to see or hear from you

10 South Market Street
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055
717-766-1899

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:30 - 4:30
Saturday December 2, 9am to 12 Noon



Representative Sheryl DeLozier reminds those planning to participate in this years hunting season of a number of steps to keep everyone safe.

Safety Tips for this Hunting Season

Firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 25. As you prepare to head out to our fields and forests, be sure to keep safety in mind. The Pennsylvania Game Commission offers these important tips:

Basic Safety

- Positively identify the target – Be sure you are shooting at legal game and not another hunter. And never shoot at sounds or movement.
- Stay in the zone! Hunters should be spaced 25 to 40 yards apart, and always in sight of one another. Each hunter's zone of fire spans about 45 degrees directly in front of the hunter. Never shoot at game moving between you and someone else.
- Plan your hunt! Let someone know where you're hunting and when you'll return.
- Buckle up! If you hunt from an elevated stand, always wear a full-body, fall-restraint device as soon as your feet leave the ground until they return.
- Keep fit! Hunting is hard work. Don't become a statistic. Keep physically fit. Start with a check-up and follow your doctor's advice.
- Stay found! Become familiar with your hunting area. Learn how to use a map and compass or GPS unit. Be prepared for emergencies. Carry a basic survival kit and know how to use it.
- Be seen! Wear or display the required amount of fluorescent orange clothing.

Firearms Safety

- Handle all firearms as if they're loaded. Never assume they are unloaded and double check to be sure.
- Always point the muzzle in a safe direction and don't put your finger on the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Unload and place your firearm on the ground before crossing a fence, log or other obstacle, or climbing a tree.
- Shoot only when a safe and adequate backstop exists. Don't shoot at hard, flat surfaces, water or a target on the horizon.

For more information, visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission website at pgc.pa.gov.

2023 Small Business Advantage Grant Application Period Now Open!

The 2023-2024 Small Business Advantage Grant Program are open for applications on. Project work completed on or after July 1, 2023 will be considered for funding. The application period will close when funding is exhausted or March 22, 2024, whichever occurs first.

Small Business Advantage Grant

The Small Business Advantage Grant provides reimbursement grants ranging from 50% to 80% of eligible project costs to Pennsylvania small businesses to improve energy efficiency or reduce pollution or waste by: upgrading or replacing equipment or supplies; improving processes; or reducing runoff into affected waterways. Maximum grant award amounts will vary from up to \$5,000 to up to \$8,000, based on the environmental impact of the project and whether the project location is in an Environmental Justice Area in Pennsylvania.

Click [here](#) to visit the website for more information.

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Shoe Drive Fundraiser

3RD ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE
Kicks off January 1st!



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- **BECOME A COMMUNITY DROPOFF LOCATION**
- **PROMOTE SHOE DRIVE AND COLLECT SHOES**
- **DONATE YOUR NEW/GENTLY USED SHOES**

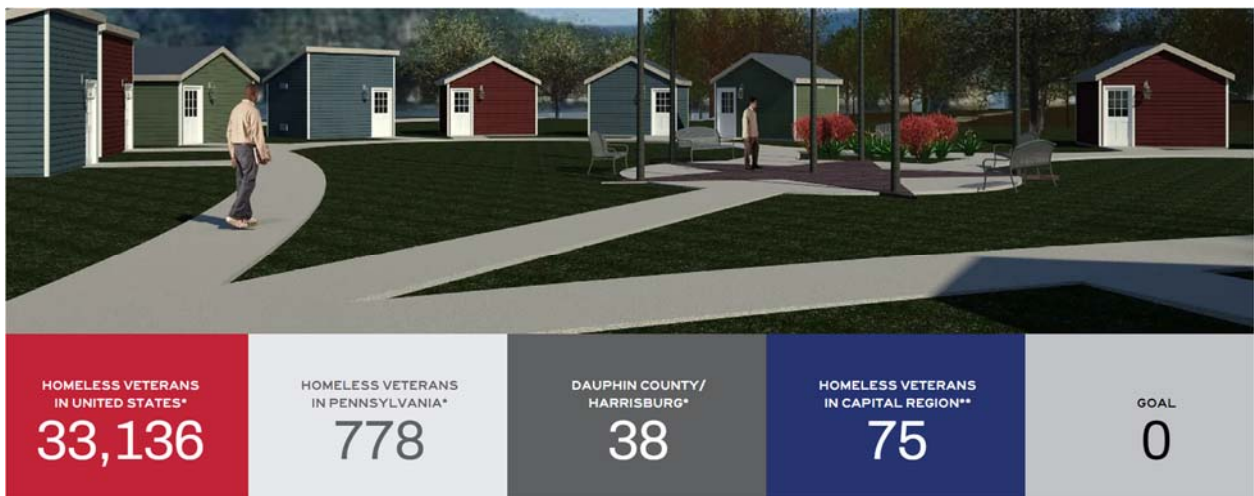


THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP) seeks to engage Central PA's emerging business and community leaders with the great possibilities that lie within philanthropic endeavors in our region. EPP provides resources and educational opportunities for those who wish to be actively engaged in philanthropic endeavors.

In the culminating experience, the class applies their newly learned community and grantmaking skills by awarding a grant to a nonprofit organization in a funding priority chosen by the class after assessing community needs. Since 2014, the Emerging Philanthropists Program has granted more than \$40,000 to nonprofit organizations serving Central PA.

Apply for EPP: <https://www.tfec.org/our-community/initiatives/emerging-philanthropist-program-over-view/>



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.



Seeking HOSTS for 2024 EVENTS

- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
 - After Hours Mixer
- 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.

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING
SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 12/1 – Reid's Winery & Cider House,
Gettysburg... Kirk Duo 7-10

Sat. 12/2 – Ocean State Grand Opening,
Silver Springs Commons ...Kirk solo 10-Noon

Tue. 12/5 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Sat. 12/9 – Totem Pole Wine Tasting Room,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6:30-9

Tue. 12/12 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Thur. 12-14 – Christmas Food Truck Rally,
New Cumberland ...Kirk solo 5-8

Fri. 12/15 – West Shore Farmers Market...
Kirk solo 11-1

Fri. 12/15 – Tangled Vines Wine,
New Bloomfield ...Kirk solo 2-5

Sat. 12/16 – Hemauer Brewing,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk & Dave 6:30-9

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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MECHANICSBURG CHAMBER COLLECTING TOYS

New, unwrapped toys, as well as batteries and gift wrap, along with contractor grade trash bags will be accepted through **December 15th** at the Chamber office. Donations may also be brought to any Chamber function through December 14th. If pick-up is preferred, please contact the office at (717) 796-0811.

The Mechanicsburg Chamber is committed to helping the Marines deliver a message of hope to those less fortunate!



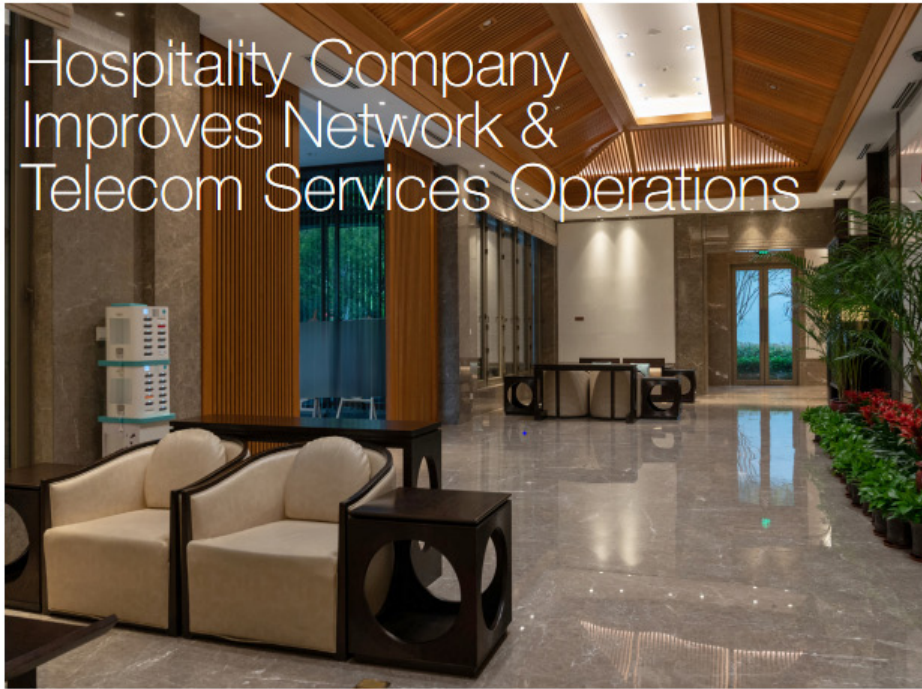
Drop off locations include:

Mechanicsburg Chamber office
A&B Automotive
AAA
American Legion Post 109
Benecard PBF
Best Line Equipment
Callery Dental Care
Drs. Warren and Reese Family Dentistry
GEICO local office - Frank Rossi
Hot Frog Print Media
Lower Allen Township office
Mechanicsburg Kung Fu Center
Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop
Orrstown Bank - Camp Hill
Orrstown Bank - Mechanicsburg
Pivot Physical Therapy
Ritters True Value Hardware
Schneider Electric
State Farm Insurance - Denise Dombach
Trindle Bowl
University of Pittsburgh -
School of Social Work
West Shore Chamber of Commerce office
Zimmerman's Automotive Tire Pros

CASE STUDY

An international hotel brand partners with CBRE and TPx to advise on telecommunications and network services

Hospitality Company Improves Network & Telecom Services Operations



International hotel brand sees a 500% increase in bandwidth while achieving a 38% reduction in annual network infrastructure spend.



When an internationally recognized hospitality company was looking to streamline their network and telecom operations, they enlisted the help of CBRE's Network Advisory Services in partnership with TPx. With the help of network advisory services, the hotel brand was able to get sound advice and strategy for their telecommunications and network services across their 275-hotel portfolio.

PROFILE

An international hospitality company with a 275-hotel portfolio

CHALLENGE

Customer needed guidance consolidating telecom and network service

SOLUTION

Implement SD-WAN solution across the hotel portfolio footprint and streamline telecommunications

BENEFITS

Increased operational efficiency at a lower cost.

RESULTS

- 38% reduction in annual network infrastructure spend
- 500% increase in bandwidth

Contact Steve Troutman for more information

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