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News, Events & more!

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!!

November

23 - Happy Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

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

25 - Small Business Saturday - Visit the local small businesses of the Mechanicsburg area for all your holiday shopping needs.

December

12 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon - Postponed to 2024

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!

Azizkhan Internal Medicine Associates
Galbraith Pre-Design Inc.
Penn Harris Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham
YWCA Carlisle

Mechanicsburg's Annual Community



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TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 24 | 5:15 PM



DOWNTOWN – CORNER OF MARKET & MAIN STREETS

Music | Caroling | Hot Cocoa

Music provided by South Mountain Entertainment - Caroling around the tree (led by Kirk Wise) starts at 5:15 PM - with the lighting of the tree at 5:30 PM.

Post-Ceremony Festivities

- Top Nozzle Balloon Twisters courtesy of Mattress by Appointment
- Visit with Santa @ Buhrig's Gathering Place
- “An ABC Christmas - S is for Santa” and model railroad exhibit @ Mechanicsburg Museum Association Freight Station

Visit our downtown merchants for Black Friday shopping
and Small Business Saturday!



**FREE PUBLIC &
ON STREET PARKING:**

Event Sponsors

PNC Bank - Borough of Mechanicsburg
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Business Women's Networking Luncheon

~~Tuesday, December 12~~

~~11:30 am - 1:00 pm~~

Unfortunately, we will have to **postpone** our December event.

We really wanted to show off the NEW **Sadler Health Center** that is opening at 5210 East Trindle Road.

This facility will provide access to health care services that are affordable, accesible, and convenient to families. This new community health center will serve thousands of patients.

However, as we all know, construction doesn't always work as smoothly as we would like. Wanting to be sure that we do not interfere with the important work being done, it is in the best interest to reschedule and visit early in 2024.

We look forward to seeing this valuable asset to the Mechanicsburg community and learning all the great programs that Sadler Health Center has to offer.



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...*



The **Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce** was joined by **Andrew Dudziak** of **Representative Sheryl Delozier's office** and **Kaytee Isley** from **Senator Greg Rothman's office** to cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of **NiqNiq & Eternity Nail Lounge**. Located at 5004 Lenker Street, Mechanicsburg, owners **Shaniqua White & Oveanah Mills** have combined their talents to provide a high quality pampering experience for all your nail beauty needs. A 30% discount off of one service is being offered to all first time clients. By appointment only, you can schedule a time by visiting their website: <https://shaniquawhite.glossgenius.com>



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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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/>



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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

Wed. 11/22 – Hemauer Brewing,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Fri. 11/24 – Mechanicsburg Christmas
Tree Lighting..5:15-5:45

Fri. 11/24 – Totem Pole Wine Tasting Room,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6:30-9

Sat. 11/25 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad PA...Kirk solo 6-8

Tue. 11/28 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

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

For complete up-to-date
schedule, information,
and photos go to
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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
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- SIP Trunking (VoIP)
- Video

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- Hosted/Virtual Desktop
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- Outsourced IT Support, Monitoring & Mgmt (MSP)

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- Ethernet
- Fiber

- Satellite
- Wholesale Data
- Wireless

- Colocation
- Disaster Recovery
- Business Continuity

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F&M Trust donates \$5,000 to Broad Street Market reconstruction effort

F&M Trust recently donated \$5,000 to the Broad Street Market Corporation to fund a temporary structure that will house vendors while one of the market's buildings is being reconstructed.

An electrical fire in July destroyed the market's brick building, a central part of the market that housed vendors and small businesses that provide fresh produce and artisanal products to Harrisburg residents. The market, at the intersection of Broad and 3rd streets downtown, was founded in 1860 and is the oldest continuously operated market house in the United States.

"F&M Trust knows how important the Broad Street Market is to the Harrisburg community. It supports local commerce, fosters a sense of community pride, and offers a space where diverse cultures converge," F&M Trust President and CEO Tim Henry said. "It also is a popular shopping destination for disabled members of the community. The bank is proud to offer its financial support to the rebuilding effort."

"F&M Trust's generous donation to the Broad Street Market represents a substantial contribution that holds the power to make a meaningful impact on this community-centric marketplace," said Tanis Monroy, Executive Director of the Broad Street Market Alliance. "This donation not only provides immediate assistance but also serves as an investment in the long-term success of the market."