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## Seeking HOSTS for 2024 EVENTS

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

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## CHAMBER EVENTS Watch for Weekly Updates!!

#### February

13 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -Sponsored by Renewal by Andersen of Central Pennsylvania, 4856 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 12:45pm. FREE member event.

19- Presidents Day - Office Closed

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

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#### Tuesday, February 13 11:30am - 12:45pm

#### **Business Women's Networking Luncheon**

#### Renewal by Andersen

4856 Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg

Join us as we learn all the great products that Renewal by Andersen offers to make your home or office more energy efficient and visually appealing. Find out the many ways that Renewal by Andersen gives back to the community through RBA Cares.

Reservations required.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

#### GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be about the Arts. We will be making Culture Books, so bring in some pictures, stories, articles about you, your family and your heritage. 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 <a href="http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/">http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/</a>





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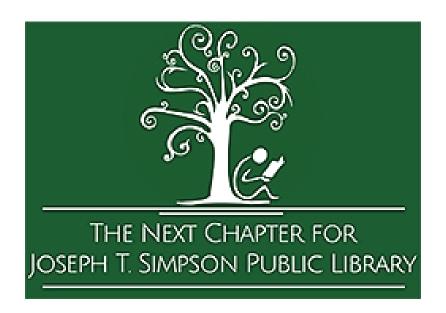
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#### The Next Chapter for Joseph T. Simpson Public Library: Library Announces Capital Campaign to Renovate Newly Purchased Learning & Book Sale Center

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library announces the public phase of its capital campaign to raise renovation funds for their new Learning & Book Sale Center. The new facility, which will increase the Library's usable space by an additional 8,600 square feet, is located just a few blocks from the existing structure and will enhance library services by providing additional program and meeting space as well as a permanent home for the Friends of the Library book sales.

Ever since Simpson Library purchased the additional facility at 45 W. Allen Street, the board of directors, the Capital Campaign Committee, and library staff have been working hard to raise the funds needed to renovate the former Agway building into functional program space. And during this quiet phase of fundraising at their new, permanent location, the Friends of the Library have held 6 book sales, raising \$97,048 for library programs. The next book sale will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

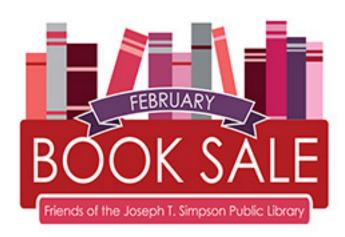
"We are so grateful to the Friends of the Library for their generous support of library programs, not to mention everyone who donates used books or visits the book sales," adds Sue Erdman, Simpson Library's Executive Director. "With The Next Chapter for Simpson Library capital campaign, there are even more opportunities to support the library and ensure programs and meeting space for generations to come."

In addition to providing a permanent home for Friends of the Library Book Sales, the new Learning & Book Sale Center will provide additional program and meeting space. Simpson Library has seen its program offerings grow by 111 percent since 2013. Volunteer Capital Campaign Committee chair Karen Cochran comments, "the Learning & Book Sale Center is a timely and innovative way for Simpson Library to meet the community's growing needs for library programs. And with a permanent home, the Friends of the Library can build on their history of successful fundraising for Simpson."

As of January 11, 2024, Simpson Library has raised a total of \$1,177,715 towards its \$2,000,000 goal.

To make a tax-deductible donation and help Simpson Library meet their \$2,000,000 total campaign goal, please visit https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/SIM\_Capital\_Campaign\_2023 or mail your check to Simpson Library, 16 N Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Please note "capital campaign" on the memo line.

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library has been serving the greater Mechanicsburg community since 1961 with an array of traditional and innovative library programs and services. Its mission is to serve as a community center for learning and leisure. Simpson Library has been named a PA Forward Library as part of the Pennsylvania Library Association and also recognized by the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations with its Standards of Excellence rating, the only library in Pennsylvania to have achieved that status.



The Friends of Simpson Library present their February Book Sale on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11.

The regular Book Sale is on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

On Sunday, February 11 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, the Friends of Simpson will be having their Bag Sale – all the books you can fit in a level bag for only \$10.00!

Some restrictions apply.

Paper bags supplied by the Friends of the Library.

The Book Sale is held at our new location:
Book Sale & Donation Center
45 W. Allen Street, Mechanicsburg

#### **UPMC Kicks-Off "Talk to Us Tuesdays" Recruitment Events**



UPMC in Central Pa. hiring teams are inviting community members to any UPMC hospital campus in the region every Tuesday between Jan. 30 and March 26 to learn more about UPMC careers. The "Talk to Us Tuesdays" sessions are offered from 8 a.m. to noon.

Talk to Us Tuesdays is a casual opportunity for clinical and licensed health care professionals to explore rewarding careers at UPMC and learn about UPMC's Total Rewards package, which is designed to support employees' total well-being — physically, financially, emotionally and professionally.

No appointment is needed to attend. UPMC is specifically aiming to connect with experienced professionals and current college students studying in the following areas:

- CT, MRI or diagnostic technologist
- Medical laboratory scientist or technician
- Nursing (RNs and LPNs)
- Pharmacy tech
- Respiratory therapist
- Sonographer or echocardiography sonographer
- Surgical technologist

Those interested in speaking with the UPMC hiring team should visit the hospital's main entrance and follow recruitment signage or ask to be directed to the cafeteria.\*

#### Talk to Us Tuesdays Locations

- UPMC Carlisle, 361 Alexander Spring Road, Carlisle
- UPMC Community Osteopathic, 4300 Londonderry Road, Harrisburg
- UPMC Hanover, 300 Highland Ave., Hanover
- UPMC Harrisburg, Brady Medical Building, 205 S. Front St., Harrisburg
- \* Those attending at the UPMC Harrisburg campus should go to the Brady Building and ask to be directed to the Human Resources Department.
  - UPMC Lititz, 1500 Highlands Drive, Lititz
  - UPMC Memorial, 1701 Innovation Drive, York
  - UPMC West Shore, 1995 Technology Parkway, Mechanicsburg

For more information, contact Emma Hohl at hohlee@upmc.edu, or visit careers.upmc.com to explore all of UPMC's opportunities.





Join me for a conversation about the latest state-related and community issues. This is a great way to stay up to date on happenings in Harrisburg and around the 88th District. I look forward to talking to you and taking your questions!

Constituents whose phone numbers are on file in our system will automatically receive a phone call to begin the town hall. To ensure your phone number is on file, please call my district office at 717-761-4665. Please be advised that only the phone numbers in our system will receive the call to start the town hall.



#### EXPANDED Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Now Open

The application period for the state's 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is now open for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid last year.

Income limits increased this year to \$45,000 annually for both homeowners and renters, so if you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income.

The law I supported to increase income limits also increased the maximum rebate to \$1,000.

The program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Apply online at mypath.pa.gov, or contact my office for help. Additional information about the program is available here.

#### Be Aware of Tax Season Scams

The Office of Attorney General is warning Pennsylvanians to be aware and stay cautious of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) imposter scams during tax season. Be on the lookout for unsolicited text messages, emails or phone calls appearing to be from the IRS demanding immediate payment or your personal information.

The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and the IRS both strongly recommend filing taxes early before scammers have the chance to use any personal information and file a fake tax return.



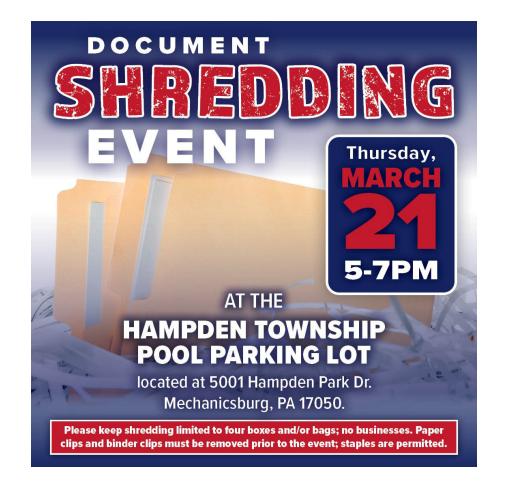
#### Please remember the IRS:

- Does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or phone calls to request personal or financial information (generally the IRS first mails a paper bill to a person who owes taxes).
- Will never demand a specific type of payment using cash, crypto-currency, a prepaid debit card, gift card or a wire transfer.
- Will not leave a pre-recorded, urgent or threatening message on an answering system.
- Will not immediately threaten to sue or arrest you.

For more tips and information about what to do if you believe you have been victimized by a scam, click here



Please call my office at 717-761-4665 for questions and more information.



201 East Green St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND PUBLIC DATES

Sat. 2/10 – Hauser Hill Events Center, Biglersville...Kirk Duo 6-10

Tue. 2/13 – Greystone Brew House@ Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Thurs. 2/15 – Big Bottom Brewery @ Al's Pizza, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-8

Fri. 2/16 – Hemauer Brewing, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Sat. 2/17 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Tue. 2/20 – Greystone Brew House@ Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Fri. 2/23 – Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 7-10

Sat. 2/24\* – Safe Harbour Event, Carlisle...Full Band 6-10

Tue. 2/27 – Greystone Brew House@ Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

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## GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

We are inviting local restaurants and businesses to participate in our second annual **"Flavors of Mechanicsburg"**. This event is a benefit for the "Veterans' Grove" that will house homeless veterans in Central PA with 100% of the proceeds going to them. We will be cohosts with the American Legion Post 109 at 224 West Main St, Mechanicsburg, where our event is being held.

This event is also a celebration of the incredible restaurants now open in Mechanicsburg! It's an opportunity for people to explore our local treasures and for you to exhibit your culinary talents. To participate you are asked to bring 250-300 samples of whatever food you would like to feature. And, of course, please bring along marketing materials such as menus, coupons for patrons to return to your location and any other table top brochures/items you would like to display. There will also be a raffle for door prizes and a silent auction, participation is optional.

Date: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Setup: 11:30pm -12:30pm Take down: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

If your business would like to participate, please contact Pam Fleck as soon as possible (717-254-6136 or pamfleck13@yahoo.com).

Please consider joining us for this delicious way to support those who served to protect us!



### TFEC ANNOUNCES JENNIFER DOYLE AS INTERIM PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is excited to announce that Jennifer J. Doyle has been named Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. Jennifer began her career at TFEC back in 2008 as a Program Officer and has held various positions throughout her 15-plus-year career including Asset Development Associate, Director of Development and Community Investment, and most recently Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Investment. Jennifer's passion and commitment to TFEC throughout her tenure and selfless dedication to the communities, donors, and nonprofits we serve have readied her for this advancement.

"We have every confidence in Jennifer's ability to lead us forward to future success. I have personally worked with Jennifer throughout her entire career at TFEC and her infectious, positive attitude has us excited for what is to come," said Kirk C. Demyan, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

Jennifer earned a master's degree in health administration from Pennsylvania State University and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and biology as well as an associate degree in business management from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a graduate of the Leadership Harrisburg Area Community Leadership Series Class of 2012.

Prior to joining TFEC, Jennifer served as the Director of Workforce Development for Goodwill Industries Keystone Area and as the Director of Mental Retardation Services for Northwestern Human Services.

Jennifer was a YWCA of Greater Harrisburg Tribute to Women of Excellence awardee in 2013. She currently serves on the following nonprofit Boards of Directors: Secretary, Estate Planning Council of Central PA., Harrisburg Great Dog Program, National Standards Foundation Board (Council on Foundations affiliate), and Vice President of the West Shore Wildlife Center.

She actively volunteers with the following: Speranza Animal Rescue and West Shore Wildlife Center. Jennifer is the co-founder of Tahoe's Legacy Fund. This fund is in honor and memory of Tahoe – a canine victim of animal cruelty. Tahoe's Legacy Fund provides support to local organizations around animal abuse and welfare issues in an effort to elevate awareness of them – specifically dog fighting, so that Tahoe's life and too early demise was not in vain.



#### 1) Choose a Date.

#### Saturday, March 23

1:00pm & 3:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.

#### Sunday, March 24

2:00pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.

#### Sunday, April 7

2:00pm. 222 Dutch Lanes, Ephrata.

#### Thursday, April 18

6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.

#### Thursday, April 25

6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.

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#### 2) Register Today. CAPBIGS.ORG/EVENTS

#### 3) Build your team.

Invite friends, family & coworkers.

#### 4) Raise funds.

Support a Little, a Big & a family.

#### 5) Party!

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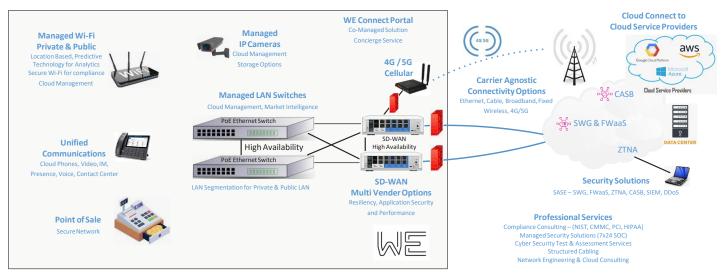
Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 4<sup>th</sup> annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends. Registration forms and more details will be made available in early April.

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