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CHAMBER EVENTS Watch for Weekly Updates!!

April

4 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Tide Cleaners, 6416 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. 11:30 am

18 - Chamber Office will be closed for Good Friday.

24- Business Leaders Discussion Group -Sponsored by **PaySmart Payroll Services, 650 Wilson Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg**. 7:45 - 9:00 am. Members only event.

May

1 - 15th Annual Cinco de Mayo Regional Fiesta Mixer - Location - **Volvo CE**, 200 Rowe Rd., Shippensburg, 4:30 - 6:30pm. RSVP requested.

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!

Classic Drycleaners & Laundromats Fields Family Dentistry Hampden Greene Hampton Inn - Harrisburg West Home Instead Mechanicsburg Area School District Mechanicsburg Volunteer Fire Dept 29 Sophia's at Walden Strategic Consulting Partners Wendell's Performance Truck Shop



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting.

Check out the newest option for your laundry needs from a name you've known for decades.

Friday, April 4th **Tide Cleaners** 6416 Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg, 17050 Ribbon Cutting at – 11:30 am





Dry cleaning & laundry **services that suit you**

•••••• Get 2 items cleaned ••••••



Visit our store SAT 4/5

Silver Spring Square: 6416 Carlisle Pike. (717) 303-7907 24/7 drop-off & pick-up. Staffed: M-F 7-7; Sat 8-5; Sun 11-4.





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Get 2 items cleaned FREE Code 2 CLEANEDFREE

Valid only on 4/5/2025. Exclusions apply. Not valid on household items, wash & fold, or laundered items **Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

Business Leaders Discussion Group Thursday, April 24 7:45 - 9:00 am

Sponsored by PaySmart Payroll Services 650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100 Mechanicsburg



RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811. This members-only event is **free** to attend!

Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!

Do you know a great way to show off what, where, and how you do the things you do? Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event, contact the Chamber office for more details.

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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.





15th Annual Regional Fiesta Mixer

Thursday, May 1, 2025 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Volvo Construction Equipment Customer Center 200 Rowe Road, Shippensburg

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with 350+ business professionals!

Exclusive Event Sponsor (SOLD)

Food Sponsors

(1 additional available \$1,000)

- Logo promoted in all event advertising
- Booth Space

Venue Sponsor

Display Business Banner (provided by Sponsor)

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Beverage Sponsors (\$500)

- advertising
- Signage at bar
- Recognized in print and on social media

Event Partner (\$500)

- Logo promoted in all event advertising
- Booth space
- Recognized in print and on social media

Table Sponsor (\$250)

- Booth space
- Recognized in print and on social media





On June 19, Jubilee Day returns to the streets of downtown Mechanicsburg. This year marks the 95th Annual edition! Don't miss your chance to be exposed to nearly 70,000 attendees from across the midstate.

Booth space is available at a discounted rate for Chamber members. Contact the chamber for an application. 717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org





If you missed my Spring Shredding Event on Thursday, there is another one happening soon!

I am partnering with Rep. Thomas Kutz (R-87) and Sen. Greg Rothman (R-34), as well as Hampden and Silver Spring townships, to host a free identity theft prevention and document shredding event for residents of those municipalities. Come see us on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Kohl's parking lot at 6444 Carlisle Pike, in Mechanicsburg.

There will be a limit of five boxes and/or bags per household. Paper that has already been shredded, three-ring binders, plastic, carbon paper, metal, food wrappers and blueprints will not be accepted.

For questions, please call my office at 717-761-4665.

I will be hosting a Job and Government Services Fair on Thursday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mechanicsburg First Church of God Community Center, located at 201 E. Green St. in Mechanicsburg. The fair, in addition to businesses and employers, will include various state agencies and legislative information booths on topics like Clean Slate expansion, which may impact an individuals' employment opportunities.

Some of the vendors who are attending this event include:

- The Woods at Cedar Run
- Bethany Village
- · Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties
- PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- PA Department of Corrections
- PA Public Utilities Commission
- UCP Central PA
- PA Treasury Department
- Veolia Water
- Penn State Health

- United Way of Central PA
- Cleve J. Fredricksen Library
- PA CareerLink Cumberland County
- Keystone Contractors Association
- Melissa Hiller, Avon Representative
- United States Postal Service
- Center for Independent Living
- Messiah Lifeways
- Guiding Hands Elder Care

If you would like to participate as a vendor and set up a table at this event, please fill out our vendor form here.

If you would like to attend the fair as a job seeker, or to take advantage of government services, please click here.

There is no cost to participate as a vendor or attendee. Please call my office at 717-761-4665 for more information.





Nonprofits in south central Pennsylvania work tirelessly to address urgent community needs–from food insecurity to healthcare. When these organizations face sudden federal funding disruptions and uncertainty, vital services can suffer.

To help continue their essential work, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) announces its Emergent Needs grant, offering eligible nonprofits up to \$15,000 in support for programs that serve residents across the region.

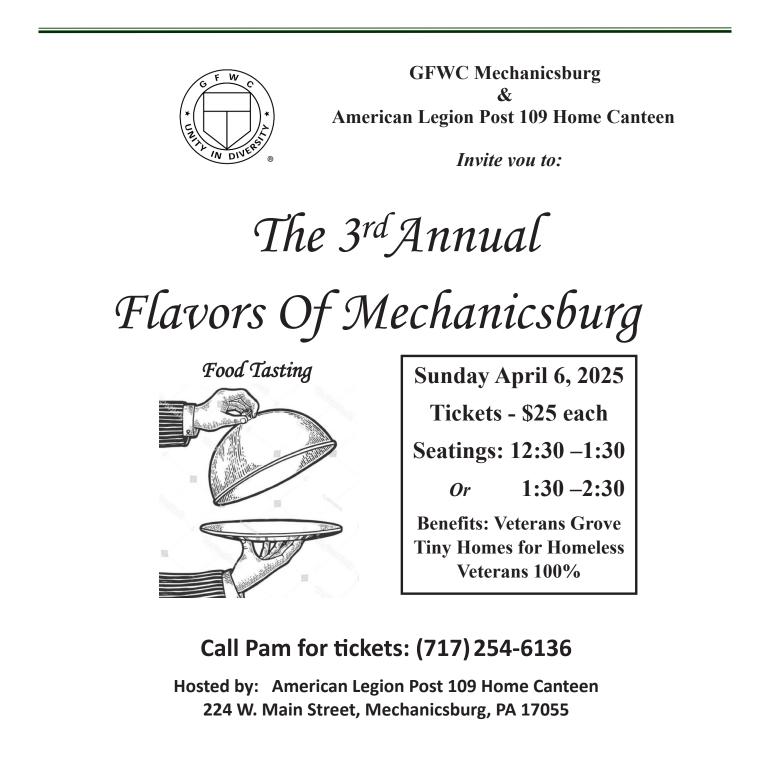
"When unpredictable shifts in the funding occur, nonprofits often struggle to meet rising community needs," said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC. "This grant program assists in bridging those gaps by providing critical financial support so organizations can maintain vital services for individuals and families who rely on them–even when funding support is uncertain."

By embracing a trust-based philanthropic approach, TFEC aims to bolster nonprofits' ability to address urgent community needs without the constraints of burdensome processes. By providing flexible, timely support, TFEC ensures that funds–dispersed on a rolling basis over the next three

months-can be used where they are needed most. This targeted effort helps safeguard social services and improve quality of life in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties.

"The Emergent Needs Grant is a reflection of our mission to protect and uplift the nonprofits that strengthen our communities," said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO at TFEC. "We want local organizations to know that when circumstances become uncertain, TFEC is here to help them stay resilient and impactful."

Eligible nonprofits can find details on how to apply at www.tfec.org, where information on deadlines, application guidelines, and FAQs is readily available. Community members or potential partners seeking more information are encouraged to email TFEC's Community Investment Team at ccluck@tfec.org.





KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 4/4 – Jimmy Jaxx Shine Shack, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 7-10

Sat. 4/5 – Mountain Creek Campground, Gettysburg...Kirk solo 5-8

Thurs. 4/10 – Downtowne Food Truck Rally, New Cumberland...Kirk solo 5-8

Fri. 4/11 – Totem Pole Wine Farm/Ranch Carlisle...Kirk solo 6:30-8:30

Sat. 4/12 – Pennsylvania Bakery, Camp HillKirk solo 10-Noon

Sat. 4/12 – Sage Lane Craft Event, Dillsburg ...Kirk solo 12:30-3:30

Sat. 4/12 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Thur 4/17 – Big Bottom Brewery @ Al's Pizza, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 7-9

Thurs. 4/17 – VibraLife, Mechanicsburg... Kirk solo 2-3

> For complete up-to-date schedule, information, and photos go to www.jazzmeband.com

Bookings: call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or E-mail <u>wisemotors@aol.com</u>

Tour sponsors: FARNHAM INSURANCE, MEMBERS 1st F. C. U., CLASSIC DRY CLEANERS, STUDIO D & LANDON WISE PHOTOGRAPHY



Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation

Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation is kicking-off a new Funding Seminar series in 2025 highlighting funding opportunities for Outdoor Recreation projects and Agriculture/ Agritourism. As we build these programs, we'd love to better understand our partners' needs.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this sevenquestion survey.

TAKE SURVEY HERE

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be a speaker from Pink Hands of Hope.

April 6th will be the third annual Flavors of Mechanicsburg hosted by American Legion Post 109 Home Canteen, 224 W. Main St., Mechanicsburg. Seatings will be 12:30-1:30 or 1:30-2:30 tickets are \$25 each. Call Pam at 717-254-6136 for tickets. Benefits Veterans Grove tiny homes for homeless veterans 100%.

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/





1) Choose a Date.

- Saturday, March 22 1:00pm & 3:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- Sunday, March 23 2:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- Saturday, April 5 1:00pm. 222 Dutch Lanes, Ephrata.
- Friday, April 11 5:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- Saturday, April 12 2:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- Thursday, April 17 6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.
- Thursday, April 24 6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.
- Saturday, April 26 2:00pm. South Hanover Lanes, Hanover.
- Sunday, April 27 2:00pm. Edgewood Lanes, Gettysburg.

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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!

Bowling. Pizza. Drinks. Raffle prizes. Inspire children to dream BIG!





The 2025 Public Comment Period for the 12-Year Program Update is Open!



Join the State Transportation Commission (STC) and PennDOT on Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for the 2025 Online Public Forum. The event will be conducted virtually and will feature a presentation from PennDOT Secretary of Transportation Michael Carroll as well as a live Q&A session with PennDOT Personnel and State Transportation Commission members.

We invite you to attend and assist us with encouraging Pennsylvanians to register for the event. To register or share event information, please use the following link: https://talkpatransportation.com/opf-registration.



USE YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS TO HELP STUDENTS

The Mechanicsburg School District could use your assistance.



Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School Career Services Office is seeking adult professionals from our community who would be willing to volunteer their time and expertise to serve as mock interviewers for our junior class. Your participation would make a significant impact in providing these students with valuable feedback and guidance as they work to improve their interview skills in a real-world setting. Mock Interviews will take place from April 8th to April 15th, and we're looking to fill a variety

of time slots. As a volunteer, you will conduct brief, structured interviews with students, and there will be a short debriefing session to provide feedback. Interviews will last approximately 15 minutes. We'll have questions prepared ahead of time for you to ask, so no preparation is required on your end. If you are interested in volunteering, you can access this sign-up sheet to view all open time slots. Feel free to sign up for as few or as many slots as you'd like. We're grateful for any time you're able to give toward making this experience a success.



Lions Club Open House April 15, 2025

Free Dinner for prospective members!

In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be the "Knights of the Blind". Lions International accepted that challenge and have been helping the blind ever since. The Lions have grown to be the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 Million members in 48,000 clubs in 200 Countries!

Would you like to give back to your community through service?

Would you like to learn more about the Lions?

Join the 86 men & women of our club to better our community!



Your business has been selected to participate in Sweet Deals This special partnership invitation gives you the opportunity to receive an extremely valuable radio, social media, and digital advertising campaign for 100% trade. On April 22nd & 23rd, the Vice President in charge of our company's listener rewards and client partnership program is coming to your city to present a select number of businesses with this special opportunity.

All attendees will be entered to win a \$5,000 radio advertising schedule. No Purchase necessary.

What is Sweet Deals **9**?

It's a radio advertising campaign with online features, digital marketing, social media, and a LIVE in-studio sampling! All without a cash investment!



Scan to RSVP or call 717-478-4035

April 22, 2025 at 10 am - Lancaster April 22, 2025 at 2 pm - York April 23, 2025 at 10 am - Camp Hill April 23, 2025 at 2 pm - Harrisburg





Spreading sunshine to those in our community fighting cancer or other life-threatening illnesses.



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SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

Mary Lank Memorial Flamingo Bingo

Lower Allen VFW Post 7530 - 4545 Westport Dr. Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 Doors Open at Noon - Games begin at 1:30pm

CASH BINGO

\$35 includes: 10 Games, Hearty Appetizers & Soda Special Games available for purchase

Tear off-tickets ~ 50/50 Raffle ~ Door Prizes - Basket Raffles Extra Game Cards will be available to purchase

For Reservations Contact: Karen Shaner 717-979-5546

EIN #63-0655922

FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program! Review the following information BEFORE arriving at a site.

You MUST bring the following documents to have your taxes prepared:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) for taxpayer and spouse.
- <u>Original</u> Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, your children and other dependents included in your tax return.
- · Your current Identity Protection PIN number issued by the IRS (if you have one).
- · Printed copies of all year-end tax forms you have received in the mail. (We cannot use electronic files from phones.)
- If you received health insurance from the marketplace, bring your form 1095-A.

Also bring the following information if it is available:

- Previous year's federal and state tax returns. (We can only access prior year returns for clients who used MIYP last year.)
- If you wish to have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account, bring a blank check or other documentation from your bank/credit union that shows your account number and the routing transit number.
- If you expect to claim a credit for child or dependent care, bring the child care provider's address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or their Social Security number.

TAX PREPARATION WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025 AT THE FOLLOWING SITES

To schedule an appointment, dial 211 on your phone or call 855.567.5341.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bosler Memorial Library 占

158 W. High St., Carlisle Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Fridays: noon - 4 p.m.

Employment Skills Center 29 S. Hanover St., Carlisle *No appointment needed.* Tuesdays, Thursdays: 5:30-7 p.m.

First Christian Church of Lemoyne 占

442 Hummel Ave., Lemoyne Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Thursdays: 6-8 p.m. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon (Second & fourth Saturdays each month.)

First United Church of Christ 占

30 N. Pitt St., Carlisle Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Mondays: 3:30-7 p.m. Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (2/22 only.)

Messiah University 占

Frey Hall, Rm.150 One University Ave., Mechanicsburg 717.796.1800, ext. 7300 No appointment needed. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Open 2/24 thru 4/14. Closed 3/10.)

New Hope Ministries, Inc. 占

5228 Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg No appointment needed. Mondays, Wednesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Penn State Dickinson Law 占

150 S. College St., Rm. 104, Carlisle No appointment needed. Thursdays: 4-8 p.m. (*Closed 3/13.*)

Shippensburg University & 68 W. King St., Shippensburg No appointment needed. Wednesdays: 5-9 p.m. (Closed 3/12.)

Tri County Community Action 5. 123 N. Enola Dr., 2nd Floor, Enola Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DAUPHIN COUNTY

Belco Community Credit Union 449 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg

Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Wednesdays: 5:30-8 p.m.

Market Square Presbyterian Church 5. 20 S. Second St., Harrisburg *No appointment needed.* Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Middletown Public Library 5.
20 North Catherine St., Middletown Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Mondays, Thursdays: 5-8 p.m.

Tri County Community Action 20 Clearfield St., Elizabethville Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - noon Tri County Community Action 占

1514 Derry St., Harrisburg Tuesdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (*No appointment needed.*) Thursdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (*Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.*)

Widener Law Commonwealth & Central PA Law Clinic & 3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon

PERRY COUNTY

Perry County Literacy Council 133 South 5th St., Newport Appointment only. Call 717.567.7323 to schedule. Mondays: 5-8 p.m. with other evenings and some Saturdays.

Tri County Community Action 8407 Spring Rd., New Bloomfield Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule. Fridays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

> For more information, contact United Way of the Capital Region at 717.724.4077, or e-mail <u>miyp@uwcr.org</u>.

Do not call sites directly unless a number is listed.

*All walk-in sites may reach capacity early on high volume days.



LET TRAINED VOLUNTEERS PREPARE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through Money in Your Pocket (MIYP)! MIYP is part of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

- The amount of money you get back depends on many factors and may not be the same as last year.
- To get a refund, you must file a tax return even if you don't owe anything.
- If you did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past but were eligible, you can file an amendment at any time during the year for up to three previous tax years. You may be eligible for money you did not know about!
- Refunds for e-filed returns that will be direct deposited are usually received in 10 days or less.

TOUCH-FREE TAXES FREE Remote Tax Preparation

Touch-Free Taxes is a free tax preparation program which can be done from the comfort of your home by connecting you to a trained volunteer to complete your taxes.

You can start using the Touch-Free Taxes service starting February 3, 2025 by visiting:

www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa

For more information, e-mail miyp@uwcr.org or call 717.724.4077.

Touch-Free Taxes is brought to you by the Money in Your Pocket program.

FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

If you fit these guidelines, you may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Children	Single Income	Married (filing jointly)
No children	\$18,591	\$25,511
1 child	\$49,084	\$56,004
2 children	\$55,768	\$62,688
3 or more children	\$59,899	\$66,819

All reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to individuals with special needs. For more information about special accommodations, or the availability of interpreters, call the MIYP info line at 717.724.4077, or e-mail miyp@uwcr.org.

MONEY IN YOUR POCKET PARTNERS:

- Belco Community Credit Union
- Bosler Memorial Library
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- · Citizens Bank
- Code For America/Get Your Refund
 New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- · Dickinson College
- Employment Skills Center
- First Christian Church of Lemoyne
 Perry County Literacy Council
- First United Church of Christ
- Market Square Presbyterian Church

- Messiah University
- Middletown Public Library
- Midwest Food Bank
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Penn National Insurance
- PNC
- Shippensburg University

- · Tri County Community Action
- Truist Bank
- · United Way of Carlisle and
- **Cumberland County**
- · United Way of the Capital Region
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
- · Widener University Commonwealth Law School

The Money in Your Pocket program is a community collaboration to promote the Earned Income Tax Credit, free tax assistance and financial literacy within the Capital Region. Money in Your Pocket does not tolerate discrimination by its volunteers against anyone because of age, color, disability, race, reprisal, national origin, English proficiency, religion, sex, sexual orientation or status as a parent.

For more information, call 717.724.4077 or visit <u>www.uwcr.org/miyp</u> or <u>www.irs.gov</u>.

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United Way of the Capital Region





RACE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

2025 proceeds support The Tide ministry work in Cameroon!



Event Options

- 5K Race
- 1-Mile Fun **Run/Walk**

Registered racers receive

- Race t-shirt •
- Race sticker

Top three 5K finishers in each category receive a medal!

Event Details

Saturday, May 17th 9 AM to 1 PM

Norlo Park Pavilion 1 and 2 Fayetteville, PA

FRFF Family Fun Day for everyone!

Open to the public!

Additional Fun

- Prizes
- Games
- Activities
- Inflatable
- Give Aways
- Picnic Lunch
- Sponsor Booths

See reverse side for Sponsorship and Virtual Challenge information.

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.



Harrisburg Hoopla Returns for Its 7th Year Uniting Fun, Competition and Philanthropy

Get ready to compete for a cause! The Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP), a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), is thrilled to announce the return of **Harrisburg Hoopla** for its **7th annual event on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at City Island in Harrisburg**. This full-day competition brings teams together for a series of exciting physical and mental challenges—all in support of local nonprofits.

"Harrisburg Hoopla is the perfect blend of fun, competition and philanthropy," said Blake Milbrand, director of development for the American Heart Association and co-chair of Harrisburg Hoopla. "It's a chance to relive the excitement of field day, take on unique challenges with friends and most importantly, support incredible nonprofit organizations making a real difference in our community."



The June event invites teams of six to ten participants to compete in various games, including

classic field day events and puzzle-based challenges. Each team will represent a nonprofit of their choice, with the top three teams earning donations for their selected organization. A portion of the event's proceeds will also support the **Emerging Philanthropists Fund at TFEC**, which empowers young leaders to make a lasting impact in the community.

Last year's event raised a combined total of \$10,335 to support organizations that are creating meaningful change in our community. Previous recipients include **Samara – The Center for Individual and Family Growth, Joshua Group, and Junior Achievement of South-Central PA**.

"Harrisburg Hoopla is more than just a day of fun and games—it's an opportunity for our community to unite, champion local nonprofits and inspire the next generation of philanthropists," said Tashia James, philanthropic officer at TFEC. "We see firsthand this event's impact on organizations doing vital work in our region each year. By combining teamwork, competition and giving, Harrisburg Hoopla embodies the spirit of philanthropy in action."

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025
- Location: City Island, Harrisburg, PA
- Schedule:
 - o Registration Opens: 9:30 a.m.
 - o Program Begins: 10:00 a.m.
 - o Games Begin: 10:30 a.m.
- Registration: Teams can sign up at www.tfec.org/hbghoopla.
 - o Early Bird Rate: \$45 per participant (register by April 30)
 - o Standard Rate: \$55 per participant (registration closes June 1)
 - o Individual participants can also register and will be assigned to a team.



Sponsorship Opportunities:

Harrisburg Hoopla is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Current

sponsors include CSR, Enterprise Mobility, Members 1st, Dale Wagner Insurance, Miter Foundation,

Susquehanna Valley FCU, Capital Blue Cross, and Clark Associates.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at the Gold (\$2,500), Silver (\$1,500), and Bronze (\$500) levels. Sponsors receive benefits such as brand recognition on event materials, social media shoutouts and invitations to the Check Presentation Event on June 25, 2025. To become a sponsor, visit www.tfec.org/hbghoopla or contact tjames@ tfec.org.



Join the Fun & Make a Difference!

Harrisburg Hoopla is an unforgettable event that brings philanthropy to life in a dynamic and interactive way. Whether you're competing, volunteering or cheering on the teams, there's a place for everyone to get involved.

For more information, registration details, or sponsorship inquiries, visit www.tfec.org/hbghoopla or contact info@tfec.org.





UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Central Pennsylvania Expands Access to Gynecological Cancer Treatment

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in central Pennsylvania, is now offering an advanced internal radiation therapy for gynecological cancers which has been shown to reduce the risk of cancer recurrence. Cylinder High-Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy is now available at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center – Rocco and Nancy Ortenzio Cancer Pavillion, 2035 Technology Parkway, Mechanicsburg. UPMC Hillman Cancer Center is the only health facility in the West Shore of Harrisburg to offer this service.

This advanced form of internal radiation therapy uses a radioactive source to deliver a high dose of radiation directly to the tumor site over a short period. This non-invasive procedure also minimizes radiation exposure to nearby healthy tissues while ensuring the maximum radiation dose is given to the area of the body at risk. The procedure is typically completed within minutes over 3-5 days, reducing the overall treatment time compared to other radiation therapies. It is commonly used for patients with endometrial cancer, as well as certain cervical and vaginal cancers.

"Previously, patients had to travel to other UPMC locations, such as Harrisburg or York, to receive this treatment," said Joella Wilson, M.D. regional vice chair, Radiation Oncology, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. "This milestone underscores our commitment to providing top-tier cancer care and innovative treatment options to our community."

HDR Brachytherapy greatly reduces side effects, as radiation is delivered inside-out, rather outsidein. This means that the radiation does not travel through the skin and normal tissues to reach the tumor site, but instead the radiation source is placed next to the target where it can target the cancer cells more directly.

In addition to Dr. Wilson, the team of radiation oncologists who are providing this treatment include David C. Weksberg, M.D., Ph.D., Abimbola Orisamolu, M.D and Christopher Haskins, M.D.

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Central Pa. has approximately 40,000 patient visits for medical oncology and infusion annually, averaging close to 100 appointments per day. It is one of just 57 National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the country, which provides cutting-edge treatment and access to hundreds of clinical trials.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Central Pa., visit UPMCHillman.com/CentralPA.



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club will host the 5th annual "We Serve" charity Golf Tournament on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle. 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course.

We hope you will join us again this year and help us support our many charitable organizations.

Click here for registration forms

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