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 - After Hours Mixer
 - Business Leaders Discussion Group

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CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

May

26 - Office closed for Memorial Day

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

June

19 - **Jubilee Day**, downtown Mechanicsburg. 10:00 am
- 9:00pm.

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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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Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, May 29

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!

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 - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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For more information - on **HOSTING AN EVENT**
contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.



Jubilee Day

Save the Date

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.

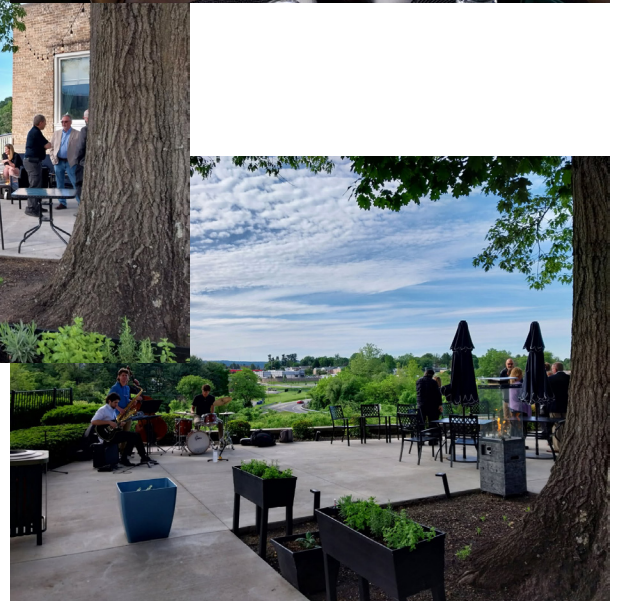
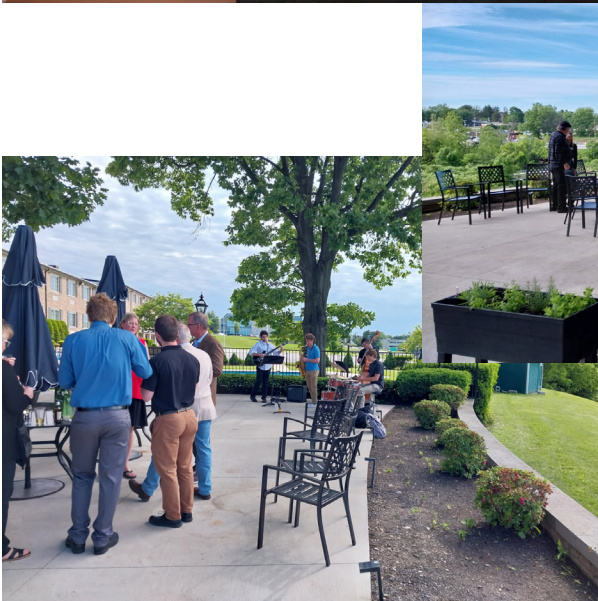
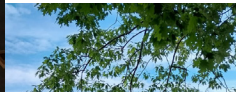
Contact the chamber for an application. 717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org



Mercato Mio

Ristorante Italiano

Thank you to Katee Brown and the hardworking staff of the Penn Harris Hotel and their beautiful new restaurant - Mercato Mio - for hosting the May After Hours Mixer. With wonderful music provided by the Noah Spangler Quartet, a lovely evening was had hanging out around the pool and patio. Delicious food, great views, and tours of the newly restored hotel highlighted a successful event of networking and fellowship!



Welcome New Chamber Members

The Craft Barber & Co., 35 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Sarah Stonebraker; 734-444-8206; www.thecraftbarberco.com; Beauticians/Barbers

Upper Allen Mechanicsburg Democratic Club, 425 West Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Kathy Davis; 513-479-4762; Non-Profit Organizations



Get Ready for REAL ID



The deadline for enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act has arrived.

As of May 7, federal law will require you to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. Federally accepted forms of identification include a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. passport or passport card, or a military ID.

While all Pennsylvanians must comply with the new law, obtaining a state-issued REAL ID is not mandatory. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs for those residents who do not want or need one. If you're not sure, [PennDOT is offering the REAL ID online wizard to help you decide](#).

In light of growing reports of long lines and limited hours at the state's driver license centers, House Republican leaders have called on the Shapiro administration to expand evening and weekend hours to ensure those who choose to obtain a REAL ID are served more efficiently. PennDOT is currently offering a series of dedicated REAL ID Days on Mondays at many driver license facilities. [Check the schedule here](#).

To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit penndot.gov/REALID.

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING
SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 5/23 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Sat. 5/24 – Reid's Wine & Cider House,
Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 7-10

Sun. 5/25 – Allegro Wine, Stewartstown
...Kirk & Dave Duo 1-4

Mon. 5/26 – Masonic Homes Memorial Day
Brunch, Elizabethtown...Band 11-2

Tue. 5/27 – Essex House, Lemoyne
...Kirk solo 1-2

Fri. 5/30 – Totem Pole Wine Farm/Ranch,
Carlisle...Kirk solo 6:30-8:30

Sat. 5/31 – Mt. Airy Orchards Strawberry
Festival, Dillsburg ... Band 9:30-12:30

Sun. 6/1 – Sage Lane Cottage Spring Market,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 1-3

Wed. 6/4 – Mercato Mio Restaurant
at the Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill
...Kirk solo 6-8:30

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and photos go to
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We're thrilled to announce that The Bridges at Bent Creek has earned U.S. News & World Report honors this year, distinguished as a Best Assisted Living community and high-performance accolades for caregiving, activities and enrichment, feels like home, and food and dining.

Now in its fourth year, U.S. News and World Report evaluated over 3,800 communities and recognized top-performers based on over 450,000 consumer satisfaction surveys. The feedback, gathered directly from current residents and their families, evaluated satisfaction with safety, quality of care, management and staff effectiveness, services and amenities, and overall value. This year, U.S. News not only recognized the top communities with Best of Awards but also added high-performance accolades to communities for outstanding performance in key areas.

Our community's U.S. News & World Report recognition underscores our commitment to providing quality care, making us a valuable partner in serving your clients.

We invite you to connect with us today.

Call (717) 620-0350 to learn more.



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Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America250!

This year, Cumberland County proudly kicked off its 275th anniversary, and we're already gearing up for another milestone—the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026! To ensure a memorable celebration, Cumberland County has formed an America250PA Committee with representatives from various organizations, including local historical societies, chambers of commerce, non-profits, school districts, higher education institutions, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, and Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation.

We invite your business to join the excitement and contribute to making America250 truly special in Cumberland County! Here are the ways you can assist.

- Explore and share the microsite VisitCumberlandValley.com/America-250.
- Plan an America250PA-themed event and submit it for free to our online calendar.
- Take an active role and join one of our sub-committees:
 - Programming & Events
 - Marketing & PR
 - Education
- Consider sponsoring an America250PA-themed event.

If you'd like to participate or learn more, please contact Stacy Snyder at smsnyder@cumberlandcountypa.gov.



Please join us for the annual
Persimmon Awards Luncheon
as we honor the diverse achievements of
women in Cumberland County.

May 29, 2025

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Army Heritage and Education Center

2025 Persimmon Honorees

Colleen Friend

Carlisle Area School District
Superintendent

Sonya Browne

Domestic Violence Services of
Cumberland and Perry Counties
Executive Director

Ashley Knight

Carlisle Area School District
Teacher

Jamie DiMartile

Carlisle Police Department
Corporal

YWCA George Award

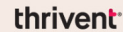
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SBA Relief Still Available to Pennsylvania Small Businesses and Private Nonprofits Affected by Drought and Heat

Deadline to apply for economic injury loans approaching

The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) is reminding small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Pennsylvania of the June 16 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset economic losses caused by drought and heat occurring June 18-Aug. 6, 2024.

The disaster declaration covers the Pennsylvania counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and York.

Under this declaration, SBA's [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

“Through a declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover,” said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. “We’re pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters.”

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and

3.25% for PNPs, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 16, 2025**.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.



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Emergent Needs Grant

In response to the recent federal funding freezes and disruptions, TFEC has seen and heard the needs of local nonprofits and is releasing an RFP for general operating expenses to ensure the continuation of essential community programming.

- Up to \$15,000 in grant support to help nonprofits sustain vital community programs.
- Rolling application process for flexible, timely funding
- Trust-based philanthropy ensures a streamlined process and empowers nonprofits to use grants where they are needed most.
- Focus on south central Pennsylvania, serving Cumberland, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties.
- Up to \$250,000 in total available grant funds.

Visit tfec.org to learn more

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.



Recovery-Friendly Workplace Survey



Penn State's Center for Economic and Community Development is surveying Pennsylvania businesses and organizations about their needs for a recovery-friendly workplace training initiative.

Please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to participate!



All participants will receive a **\$10 Amazon gift card** as a token of appreciation for their time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cecd@psu.edu. Thank you!

The Center for Economic and Community Development at Penn State is conducting a survey to assess the needs and interests of businesses and organizations across Pennsylvania regarding a recovery-friendly workplace training initiative.

The survey gathers information on:

- Workforce needs
- Understanding of substance use disorder
- Current workplace practices in supporting recovery
- Interest in recovery-friendly workplace training

Responses will inform the development of a training initiative tailored to the needs of Pennsylvania employers. Survey responses will be anonymous. All participants will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card as a token of appreciation for their time.

If you are interested, please complete the survey at the link below. Also attached is a QR code to the survey.

https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vB0M2dO1nmJWlw

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cecd@psu.edu. Thank you!



If you are 22 or older and ready to pursue further education despite life's challenges, the Aspire to Rise Scholarship from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) can help.

This TFEC scholarship supports those who have experienced setbacks such as caregiving responsibilities, financial hardship or other obstacles that delayed attending college, trade school or completing a GED.

"We want individuals to know that it's never too late to continue your education," said Wendy Ellenberger, program officer for educational opportunities at TFEC. "Whether you need to earn your GED, start a trade program or enroll in a four-year degree, this scholarship can help open doors you never thought possible."

Why Apply for the Aspire to Rise Scholarship

The Aspire to Rise Scholarship offers flexible pathways by supporting various educational goals, from preparing for a GED to attending two-year or four-year degree programs. Awards vary and can help cover tuition or other essential expenses, allowing recipients to focus on their coursework. Schedules are flexible to accommodate students attending part-time or full-time so they can balance school with work or family commitments.

Extra consideration is given to those who have not completed a post-secondary degree, creating second chances for individuals ready to pursue new opportunities.

Who Should Apply

The scholarship supports nontraditional students who are 22 or older and have faced circumstances such as homelessness, substance abuse recovery, health issues, criminal justice involvement or military service. Applicants must live in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon or Perry counties or in Dillsburg (York County), giving them access to local colleges, trade schools and certificate programs. It also covers related expenses for GED seekers who are preparing or planning to take the exam.

How to Apply

Visit tfec.org/scholarships/aspiretorise to review the criteria, gather the required documents and complete the application.

Submit your application, essay and supplemental files by Wednesday, December 31.

"We are excited to offer this scholarship to individuals who haven't had an easy road," said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC. "We believe everyone deserves the chance to invest in their future and positively impact our community."

TFEC manages 195 scholarship funds and, in 2024 alone, awarded more than \$2 million to nearly 500 students, making higher education more attainable for aspiring learners in south central Pennsylvania. With opportunities spanning a wide range of academic paths, TFEC offers support for diverse interests and backgrounds. To explore all available scholarships, visit tfec.org/scholarships.

Would you like to support the TFEC Aspire to Rise Scholarship Fund? You can donate directly to this fund, helping it grow and continue providing essential educational resources to students in our community. Visit tfec.org to contribute or email info@tfec.org with any questions.



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A 30-minute, immersive simulation of what it's like to live with dementia. Join us to gain a greater awareness and understanding of the constant struggles affecting persons with dementia as they go about their daily lives.

June 4th, 2025

30 minute time slots
from 9am to 1:30pm

at Silver Spring Personal Care Home

125 State Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Specialized Sensory Gear
- Facilitated Group Discussion
- Practical Take-Home Tools

Tickets only \$10! Click [here](#) to book your spot.



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This program is made possible through the Emerging Philanthropist Program Endowment fund, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.





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ANNUAL SUMMER TOURISM MEETING

JUNE 5, 2025 FROM 1-4 PM

Join the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau for an afternoon of networking and learning. Hear how Cumberland County can collaborate with the PA Tourism Office, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and America 250 on their initiatives. Refreshments will be provided.



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GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The speaker will be Connie Connolly a club member. The meeting will be a pot luck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and your place setting.

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://gfwcmeh.tripod.com/>



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LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT SEMINAR



June 12, 2025



10 AM - 12 PM

Register Here

Join CAEDC to learn more about the Local Share Account programs and discuss best practices to engage stakeholders.



**West Shore Theatre
317 Bridge St
New Cumberland, PA 17070**

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Mechanicsburg Lions Club

5th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 11, 2025 @



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](#)

Limited to the first 108 golfers that sign up and pay. We look forward to seeing you on the course. Thank you for your continued support.

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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.****

QUISHING: TRAVELERS NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHEN SCANNING QR CODES

By Samuel Dorsi - TourismReview News

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, QR codes have become essential to everyday consumer life. Unfortunately, criminals have also taken notice and are attempting to profit quickly by creating fake QR codes and websites.

Drivers, in particular, need to be cautious, as this fraud—quishing—often occurs at electric car charging stations or parking machines.

Quishing: How It Works

In the first step, criminals create a website that mimics an official site, such as those belonging to a city or a charging station operator.

In the second step, **the fraudsters generate a QR code that links to this fake website**. They then print the QR code and attach it to public parking meters and charging stations for electric vehicles or place it over the legitimate QR codes.

When consumers scan the QR code and enter their personal information—such as when paying a bill—they inadvertently send their money or data directly to the fraudsters.

Where Can You Encounter the QR Code Scam?

Quishing primarily occurs in public spaces where QR codes streamline consumer processes, such as making payments. Examples include parking meters, e-charging stations, train stations, bus stops, bike rental stations, or even counterfeit parking tickets placed on windshields.

Fraud attempts related to quishing have been reported throughout Europe, meaning that business travelers may encounter these scams in any country they visit.

How to Stay Protected from QR Code Fraud?

Be cautious with public QR codes: QR codes found on flyers, posters, or other public spaces can be easily tampered with or replaced. Only scan them if you trust the source.

Consider alternatives: If possible, directly type in the URL instead of using a QR code. Check links carefully; many QR scanner apps display the URL before opening it.

Watch for suspicious domains or spelling errors.

If you're unsure, do not interact. **If you are doubtful about a website, close it immediately, and do not enter any personal information or bank details.**

Take action in case of fraud: If you notice a suspicious transaction, immediately block your credit card, request a chargeback from your bank, and notify the police and the service provider.