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Seeking HOSTS for 2025 EVENTS

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

BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

July

8 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -
Sponsored by **HD Entertainment**, Location: Eckels Ice Cream Fountain, 36 E Main St, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

15 - After Hours Mixer - Simpson Library Learning and Book Sale Center, 45 W Allen St, Mechanicsburg. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

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

August

6 - Carlisle Barracks Welcome Expo. 9:00am - 1:00pm.

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!

HB Home Services
Rich Valley Golf

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, July 8
11:30am - 1:00pm

Heather Dino Laughman, M.A.
Headliner + President
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All-Female DJ Company
Central PA Wedding Shows
presented by HD
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HD Entertainment

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Join Heather and HD Entertainment as she hosts this month's event.
HD Entertainment is the area's only all-female dj company.
Learn how you can benefit from the Central PA Wedding Shows, also.

Location:

Eckels Ice Cream Fountain
36 East Main Street
Mechanicsburg

Space is limited. Reservations required.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

**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.**

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

After-Hours Mixer

FREE
EVENT!

Tuesday, July 15
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FREE
EVENT!



Co-Hosted by
GFWC Upper Allen and
Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
Community Learning &
Book Sale Center
45 W Allen Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Get re-introduced to the Library's Learning & Book Sale Center. It has come a LONG way from the initial concept (and the looks of the Agway store). See what the Library has to offer in this gorgeous new space and how you can incorporate their services into your business and personal needs.

Enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments and a chance to win a prize!

RSVPing is easy, simply email info@mechanicsburgchamber.org, RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, July 31
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!



Welcome Event at Carlisle Barracks

Time to Drop Off Your Materials

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce will have a booth at the Carlisle Barracks Welcome Expo! The Welcome Expo is an opportunity for students, families, and others affiliated with the Barracks to become acquainted with businesses in the area.

At no cost to our Chamber members, we will distribute your business information to fair attendees.

Please let us know if you have promo items, brochures, coupons, or flyers that you want to include in our bags.

We will distribute 100 bags at this event.

We must have your items by end of business on Friday, August 1st as we will be stuffing bags on Monday the 4th!

Drop-off at the Chamber office:
6 W. Strawberry Avenue, Mechanicsburg

If you have any questions or would like to confirm your participation,
contact us at
717-796-0811 or by email at info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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



Inheritance Scam Alert!



State officials are urging you to stay vigilant after a scam was reported involving someone posing as a Commonwealth employee.

The reported scam uses a fake email to target older Pennsylvanians and request money through licensed financial institutions to receive a fake inheritance. In the recently reported incident, the victim was asked to pay upfront fees in order for the inheritance to be released – the fees would total hundreds of thousands of dollars over nearly a one-year period.

To protect yourself:

- Don't respond to suspicious emails or texts.
- Don't trust messages about winning money or getting an inheritance from someone you do not know.
- Do not feel pressured to act quickly or in secret.
- Check email addresses. Scammers can spoof emails, sending an email that looks like it is from a trusted source. Official emails from Pennsylvania state agencies always end in @pa.gov.
- Watch out for fake websites. Official state websites end in pa.gov and will always display the Commonwealth logo with the text "Official website of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" on the top left corner of a web page.
- Know that Pennsylvania agencies will not threaten immediate legal action or license suspension without proper notice.

[Read more about this incident here.](#)

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING
SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Thur. 7/3 – Big Bottom Brewery @ Al's Pizza,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 7-9

Fri. 7/4 – Mt Airy Orchards, Dillsburg...
Kirk solo 11-2

Sat. 7/5 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Sun. 7/6 – Freedom Biker Church,
Lemoyne...Kirk, Beth, Chris 10:30-Noon

Wed. 7/9 – Transitions of America
Luncheon, Mechanicsburg
...Kirk solo 10-Noon

Wed. 7/9 – Mercato Mio Restaurant at the
Penn Harris, Camp Hill ...Kirk solo 6-8:30

Thurs. 7/10 – Downtown Food Truck Rally,
New Cumberland...Kirk solo 5-8

Fri. 7-11 – Mechanicsburg Downtown Rail-
road Avenue Event...Kirk solo 4-6

Sat. 7/12 – Mt. Airy Orchards Blueberry
Festival, Dillsburg...Kirk & Band 9:30-12:30

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

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E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

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On the corner of E Keller and S Market Sts in Mechanicsburg, a red box has appeared on the lawn of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This red box is a new Little Free Library. Thanks to a most generous financial gift, the Children and Youth Ministry Team is very excited to offer this to the community. While it will be restricted to books suitable for children and youth only, it promises to be a resource for neighbors for years to come.

From LittleFreeLibrary.org:

A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. They function on the honor system. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you take a book or two from a Little Library, try to bring some to share to that same library, or another in your area, when you can. You do not need to return the exact book. Visit LittleFreeLibrary.org to search the web map or mobile app. There are more than 200,000 registered Little Free Libraries in 128 countries worldwide.

FRIDAY FOOD TRUCKS AT FIRST

MAY 16 JULY 18 SEPT. 19

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May 16: Summer Reading Kick off with Simpson Library

July 18: Inside Family Friendly movie

September 19: Fun and Fit Fair with Sadler Health



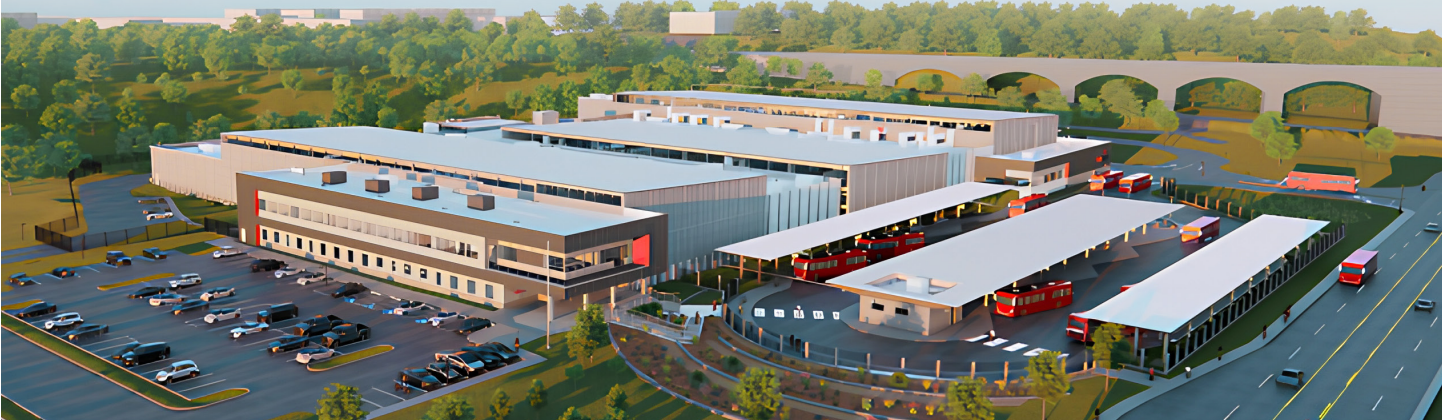
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MULTIPLE TRUCKS /// VARIETY OF FOOD



Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority dba rabbittransit Construction Opportunity Forum



rabbittransit is currently planning a new transit facility located just south of the existing Capital Area Transit (CAT) facility on Cameron Street in Harrisburg with an estimated construction cost of \$150 Million. A significant investment in transit and the community, this state-of-the art facility will include an Operations & Maintenance Facility, and a Transfer Center.

Attend our FREE Opportunity Event

PENN HARRIS HOTEL
1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 8:30 am – noon

Learn About:

- ✓ Scope of the project
- ✓ Schedule for bids
- ✓ Contract, subcontract opportunities
- ✓ Other opportunities w/ rabbittransit

Network With:

- ✓ rabbittransit leadership team
- ✓ Project design team
- ✓ Resource organizations
- ✓ Prime and subcontractors
- ✓ Governmental leaders

Get Support:

- ✓ Contract terms, conditions and requirements
- ✓ Resources for small businesses and diverse businesses

Info/Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1362885209349?aff=oddtcreator>

rabbittransit operates mobility services in Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Harrisburg City, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, Union, and York counties in Pennsylvania. To provide our services, we rely on a broad range of businesses and contractors who work with us through the procurement process. The goods and services we purchase, ranging from office supplies to buses, are crucial to providing safe, reliable and economical transportation for our customers.



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.



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!



THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

TFEC Announces New Grant Opportunities for Nonprofits Across South Central Pennsylvania

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) has opened applications for its latest grant opportunities, providing five funding options for nonprofit organizations serving Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry Counties, as well as the Dillsburg area of York County.

Applications will be accepted through Sept. 1.

“These grants represent the power of community-driven philanthropy,” said Jennifer Doyle, TFEC president and CEO. “They are made possible by individuals and organizations who established charitable funds at TFEC, turning ideas into lasting change.”

Available grants include:

- **Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation: Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund**, funding projects to improve knowledge, quality of life and community outcomes.
- **Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation: Upstream**, supporting innovative programs that tackle social issues at the root.
- **Madden Family Fund**, promoting equitable access to education and essential resources.
- **Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund**, supporting youth and family-oriented programs.
- **Please Live Fund (new in 2025)**, providing funding for mental wellness education and suicide prevention, with priority given to programs benefiting K–12 students.

In 2024, TFEC awarded more than \$650,000 through these grant programs, supporting 109 local projects.

“This work happens through collaboration,” said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC. “By partnering with nonprofits who understand the unique needs of our communities, we amplify local impact and create opportunities for meaningful change.”

To learn more about available grants or how to support a fund, visit www.tfec.org.