

# Chamber CHATTER



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**9.11.25**

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**News, Events & more!**

## Seeking HOSTS for 2025-26 EVENTS

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

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

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,  
visit [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events)

## CHAMBER EVENTS

*Watch for Weekly Updates!!*

### *September*

**12 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Chase Fitness,**  
4909 Louise Dr, Ste 203, Mechanicsburg. 11:30 am

**16 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Mr. Appliance,**  
706 State St, Lemoyne. 11:00 am

**19 - 21st Annual Golf Outing - Rich Valley Golf,**  
227 Rich Valley Rd, Mechanicsburg. Registration  
and Lunch - 12:00 PM, Tee time - 1:00 PM

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

### *October*

**14 - Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade - Sponsored**  
in part by **Lawrence Chevrolet**, starting at Broad &  
Keller Sts., Mechanicsburg. 7 pm.

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

**Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!**

**Higher Information Group  
New Hope Ministries  
Smiles on Trindle Dental Care**



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce  
as we celebrate new locations for our members  
with a Ribbon Cutting.

Check out the new homes of two our members  
as they have expanded.

Friday, September 12th  
**Chase Fitness**  
4909 Louise Dr Suite 203  
Rossmoyne Business Center  
Mechanicsburg, 17055  
Ribbon Cutting at – 11:30 am



Tuesday, September 16th  
**Mr. Appliance**  
706 State Street  
Lemoyne, 17043  
Ribbon Cutting at – 11:00 am





**Friday, September 19, 2025**

Rich Valley Golf  
227 Rich Valley Rd.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
Registration - 12:00pm  
Tee Time - 1:00pm

**Register to play!** Application [here!](#) Only \$100 for golf, lunch and dinner. Includes the Gold Passport - receive entry into ALL hole contests (including a cash prize for a hole-in-one sponsored by Freedom Financial Wealth Management), and for a chance to win a raffle prize!

**Not a golfer?** Join us for dinner for only \$25.

## Registration & sponsorship information.

**Seeking Sponsors and Donations:** This is a great opportunity to promote your business through a sponsorship or prize donation. Several sponsorship levels available! They can also be customized to fit your needs.

Or, simply send a gift card, promotional item, or any type of product for us to give away as a prize or to include in the golfers' goodie bags!

**Contact the Chamber Office to play, contribute and volunteer!**

**717-796-0811 or [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)**

*Portion of proceeds will support*

*The Caring Place - a center for grieving children, adolescents, and their families - a safe place where children and families find support amongst others that understand their loss.*

\$\$\$\$\$ Hole in One  
sponsored by:



Dinner  
sponsored by:



Beverages  
sponsored by:



Lunch  
sponsored by:



## *Donate a Raffle or Gift Bag Item*



The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce is seeking raffle prizes for the upcoming 21st Annual **Chamber Golf Outing** on Friday, September 19! Portion of the proceeds benefit our Charity of Choice - The Highmark Caring Place, a center for grieving children, adolescents, and their families - a safe place where children and families find support amongst others that understand their loss.

Please consider donating a prize or gift bag item to showcase your business. Prizes can be dropped off at the Chamber office Monday - Friday, 10am-4pm, or brought to a chamber event.

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# **Business Leaders Discussion Group**

**Thursday, September 25**

**7:45 - 9:00 am**

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



RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto: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!**

## **Seeking HOSTS for 2025 and 2026 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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).



Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

# After-Hours Mixer

FREE  
EVENT!

**Tuesday, October 21**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

FREE  
EVENT!



**Hosted by**

**Thrift On Purpose**

5218 E Trindle Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

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

RSVPing is easy, simply email [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org), RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811



**Telephone Town Hall**  
**Hosted by Representative**  
**Sheryl M. DeLozier**



**Tuesday,**  
**Sept. 23**  
**Beginning at 4 p.m.**

[RepDeLozier.com/Events](http://RepDeLozier.com/Events)

Join me for a conversation about the latest state-related and community issues on Tuesday, Sept. 23 beginning at 4 p.m. I look forward to hearing directly from you and answering your questions!

Constituents whose phone numbers are on file in our system will automatically receive the call that begins our town hall meeting. To ensure you're on the list, please call my office at 717-761-4665 ahead of time.

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**CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK  
& DAMAGED LICENSE PLATE  
REPLACEMENT EVENT**

**Thursday  
SEPT.  
25** | **From  
4 TO 7  
P.M.**

at **Platinum Mitsubishi, 6039 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

*Please RSVP by calling 717-761-4665 or visiting [RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events).*

Certified car seat technicians will be on-site to ensure your child's car seat is properly installed at my Car Seat Safety Check and Damaged License Plate Replacement Event on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at Platinum Mitsubishi at 6039 Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg. Police will also be available to facilitate damaged license plate replacements. These services are provided at no cost to the community.

License plates eligible for replacement include those that are blistered, peeling or discolored with at least one number or letter unreadable from over 50 feet away. Bring your vehicle with the affected plate attached as well as your current registration card and unexpired driver's license. An officer will determine whether your plate is eligible for replacement and my office will assist you in filing the appropriate form with PennDOT.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit [RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events).

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## Be Prepared!

September is National Preparedness Month, and this year's theme, "Preparedness Starts at Home," focuses on getting back to the essentials.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), there are four key actions you can take to prepare for any disaster:

- **Know your risk:** Know what could happen where you and your family live. Explore various types of disasters and emergencies on [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).
- **Make a family emergency plan:** Follow [four easy steps](#) and

create a free [Family Emergency Plan](#) quickly and easily with FEMA's fillable form.

- **Build an emergency supply kit:** Having enough food, water and medicine can help you stay safe and comfortable until help arrives. [Find a list to help build your emergency supplies kit here.](#)
- **Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies:** Emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders aren't always nearby. Consider taking first aid and CPR courses to help take care of your family, friends and neighbors.

# FRIDAY FOOD TRUCKS AT FIRST

MAY 16   JULY 18   SEPT. 19

LIVE  
MUSIC  
ON THE  
PATIO

4:30-  
8 p.m.

May 16: Summer Reading Kick off with Simpson Library  
July 18: Inside Family Friendly movie  
September 19: Fun and Fit Fair with Sadler Health



135 W. Simpson St.,  
Mechanicsburg  
717-766-4611  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)



**MULTIPLE TRUCKS /// VARIETY OF FOOD**

# CUMBERLAND VALLEY BEER TRAIL TAILGATE PARTY

JOIN THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY VISITORS  
BUREAU FOR AN EXCLUSIVE TAILGATING  
PARTY! ENJOY FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES,  
AND GIVEAWAYS AS WE WATCH THE  
EAGLES PLAY THE CHIEFS!

SEPTEMBER 14 @ 3:30 PM

BACK PORCH BREWING

133 N HANOVER ST  
CARLISLE, PA 17013



**REGISTER HERE!**



**Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation**  
230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



# JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING  
SOLO, DUO & BAND  
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 9/12 – Mechanicsburg Downtown  
Alley Event...Kirk solo 6-8

Sun. 9/14 – Adams County Winery,  
Orrtanna...Kirk & Bryce 1-4

Tues. 9/16 – Strock Farm Open House  
Dinner, Mechanicsburg ...Kirk solo 5-7

Wed. 9/17 – Mercato Mio Ristorante @  
Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill ... 6 – 8:30

Thurs. 9/18 – Vibra Life Retirement,  
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 3PM

Fri. 9/19\* – Carlisle Area Family Life Center  
Event, Letort View, Carlisle ...  
Acoustic Generations Band 6-9

Sat. 9/20 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ...  
Kirk solo/duo 11-2

Sat. 9/20 – Reid's Wine & Cider House,  
Gettysburg...Kirk & Bryce Duo 7-10

For complete up-to-date  
schedule, information,  
and photos go to  
[www.jazzmeband.com](http://www.jazzmeband.com)

**Bookings:** call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or  
E-mail [wisemotors@aol.com](mailto:wisemotors@aol.com)

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**MECHANICSBURG  
AREA COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**



Thank you to the **Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation** for hosting the Business Women's Networking Luncheon.

There were some new faces, great networking, fellowship, and enlightening conversation.

A thorough presentation by Tashia James, Philanthropic Officer for TFEC, explained the great benefits that the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation offers the Mechanicsburg citizens. An education on how to be involved with scholarships, grants, and support for the many worthwhile causes helping our neighbors was partnered with a delightful lunch.





*Bridges to Wisdom*

# Hear Well, Live Well



Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Join Visiting Hearing Specialist for a talk on the importance of ear cleaning, prevention, and safety. Learn why treating hearing loss is key to your overall health and how it impacts your quality of life. The session will also include an opportunity to schedule personalized follow-up appointments.

RSVP by 9/19 to Amanda  
[amanda.shomper@bridgesatbentcreek.com](mailto:amanda.shomper@bridgesatbentcreek.com)



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Questions? Call (717) 620-0350



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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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

**\*\*Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.\*\***

# From Curiosity to Capability

How to Talk to AI (and Actually Get Results)

Expert Eric Canada shows  
how to harness AI  
effectively and create a  
roadmap for a smart,  
sustainable AI strategy.



**Eric Canada**  
Partner & Chief Strategist  
Blane Canada



[Register Here](#)

**September 25**  
**8:30am-10:00am**

**Members 1st Headquarters**  
**5000 Marketplace Way**  
**Enola, PA 17025**

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY**  
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## Unlock AI: A Hands-on Workshop

[Register Here](#)

Join CAEDC as expert Eric  
Canada leads a guided,  
practical workshop that puts  
AI tools in your hands.

**September 25**  
**1:00pm-3:30pm**

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**5000 Marketplace Way**  
**Enola, PA 17025**

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# GOLF FORE KIDS' SAKE



## SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

**Briarwood Golf Club**  
**11:30am Shotgun Start**  
Lunch & Dinner Provided

*A day on the course can change the  
course of a life.*

Join us on the green to give York & Adams County  
youth the mentor they need to succeed.



### REGISTER NOW

Foursome - \$500  
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# CAEDC PARTNERSHIP COOKOUT

**Join CAEDC to learn about our new Partnership program. Enjoy games like Toptracer driving range, mini golf, corn hole and more! Food and beverages will be provided.**

**OCTOBER 3RD FROM 11:30AM-3PM**

**CREEKSIDE AT LIBERTY FORGE**  
3921 Lisburn Rd, Mechanicsburg PA

**REGISTER HERE**

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Thank you to our Beverage Sponsor [RLS Construction Group](#)



Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation  
230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

# Outdoor Recreation Funding Seminar

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY**  
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Corporation

Join **CAEDC** to learn about available local and state grant programs that support recreation, conservation, and tourism initiatives, with presentations from DCED, DCNR, Cumberland County, and CAEDC.

**October 7**  
9am-11:30am



**Bongiorno  
Conference Center**  
430 Union Hall Rd  
Carlisle, PA 17013

**REGISTER HERE**



**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Veteran's Square, Carlisle PA



# WALK THE MILE

**Because HERstory Counts**

Join us to raise awareness to end  
violence against women and girls

Start a team, set a fundraising goal, and rally your circle to donate.

*The top fundraising teams will be recognized at the event. More importantly, they'll be leading the way in ensuring survivors have access to the resources they deserve.*

**\$35/Walker**

**\$300/Team up to 10**

**Registration includes a T-Shirt!**

**\*Raffle tickets and prizes will  
be available for purchase**

Register your team today and find out what the prize for our top fundraiser will be!



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[ywcacarlisle.org](http://ywcacarlisle.org)

**Thank you to our Sponsors**



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**Corporate Partners**



**\*All funds raised by Walk the Mile will go to support survivors with  
emergency housing, food, free counseling sessions, and more!**



# Over The EDGE

RAPPEL FROM THE ROOF!  
VOLUNTEER. DONATE. WATCH.



**October 10**

17 North 2nd Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

## Courage for Kids

Over The Edge raises funds  
for our one-to-one youth  
mentoring program.

Go to new heights to make  
a BIG difference for a child  
in your community.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters®**  
OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PA



The official registration and financial information of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**REGISTER  
TODAY:**

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## The Fund for Women & Girls Awards Over \$70,000 to Local Nonprofits to Strengthen Our Community

Nonprofits serving women and girls across South Central Pennsylvania have received vital funding to strengthen programs made possible through the generosity of local donors.

## Investing in Women and Girls in Central Pennsylvania

### *The Fund for Women & Girls Awards Over \$70,000 to Local Nonprofits to Strengthen Our Community*

Nonprofits serving women and girls across South Central Pennsylvania have received vital funding to strengthen programs made possible through the generosity of local donors.

The Fund for Women & Girls, a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), awarded over \$70,000 in August 2025 to eight organizations that will expand access to healthcare, provide safe housing and create opportunities for women and girls to build confidence and leadership skills. Over the last 25 years, the Fund for Women & Girls has been a steady force for positive change in the region. Working with local nonprofits, the Fund has helped women and girls take steps toward safety, health and self-sufficiency. That work might mean helping a mother and her children move into stable housing, connecting someone with medical care that had once been out of reach or giving a young woman the tools to pursue her education. Each grant meets an immediate need while creating momentum for lasting change in the community.

“Every one of these grants represents a direct investment in the future of our community,” said Erin Gilbert, philanthropic officer at TFEC. “When women and girls have the resources and opportunities they need, they build stronger communities. They contribute to the local economy. They inspire the next generation.”

Since its founding in 2000, the Fund has awarded more than \$650,000 to programs that have served over 20,000 women in South Central Pennsylvania. This milestone year is also a rallying point for the future. TFEC is working to grow the Fund’s endowment to \$1 million, which will allow more than \$1.5 million to be returned to the community over the next 25 years.

### **2025 Fund for Women & Girls Grantees**

**Blue Mountain Escape** provides housing, basic needs and workforce development support for women reentering the community from incarceration or treatment, helping them build stability and independence.

**Brethren Housing Association** offers transitional housing, case management and life skills training to single mothers and their children, supporting their path from homelessness to permanent housing.

**Cumberland Valley Breast Care Alliance** removes barriers to breast cancer screening through the MammaGift Project, which offers free mammograms and follow-up care for uninsured or underinsured women.

**Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region** provides shelter, meals and essential services to families experiencing homelessness while helping women achieve their financial and housing goals.

**Girls on the Run Mid State PA** combines physical activity with life skills education, mentoring and confidence-building programs for girls in grades 3 through 8.

**Healthy Steps Diaper Bank** distributes diapers and period products to families in need, addressing essential health and dignity needs for women and their families.

**LGBT Center of Central PA** supports GLO Harrisburg, a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults of color, especially women and girls, with programs to promote health, safety and community connection.

**YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County** provides free crisis support, counseling and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking, along with prevention education in schools.

### **One Million Strong**

“When we reach our \$1 million endowment goal, we will return more than \$1.5 million to the community over the next 25 years,” Gilbert said. “That level of sustained funding will transform lives and ensure that thousands more women and girls in South Central Pennsylvania have the opportunities and resources they deserve.”

The Fund for Women & Girls invites the community to be part of shaping the next 25 years of impact. Learn more at [www.tfec.org/fwg](http://www.tfec.org/fwg). To support this critical endeavor, join the Dream Team today and help us reach the \$1 million goal. Then, please stand with us in celebration at the 25th Anniversary event on Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA. Registration closes Friday, Oct. 10.

**Alone, we have ideas. Together we take action.**

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# UPMC

## LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

### **UPMC Expands Services for Those Living with Epilepsy and Seizures**

**UPMC Neurological Institute** is expanding specialized care for central Pennsylvania residents with epilepsy or seizure disorders by welcoming three fellowship-trained epileptologists to their team. “A growing number of patients in our communities are living with unexplained repeated seizures or being diagnosed with epilepsy,” said Kimberly Rinehart, executive administrator, UPMC Neurological

Institute. “While these conditions can be unpredictable, we provide patients and their loved ones with care plans to help them get back to living life on their terms.”

Epilepsy is a chronic neurological disorder that causes repeated seizures. It affects an estimated three million people in the U.S. While most people with epilepsy can live full, healthy lives, identifying the cause of the seizures and managing them is crucial to a patient’s quality of life.

[Michelle Calmet, M.D.](#), [Mustafa Donmez, M.D.](#), and [Natasha Qutab, M.D.](#) join [Sasan Salimian, M.D.](#) in caring for patients across locations in Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg, Hershey, Annville and Lancaster. The team also serves as a bridge for pediatric epilepsy patients as they transition to adulthood and their disease management needs change.

Treatment for epilepsy focuses on preventing seizures. Most patients take anti-seizure medications, which can help control abnormal brain activity. About two-thirds of people with epilepsy can become seizure-free with the right medication. For those who don’t respond well to medication, other treatments are available, such as surgery, neurostimulation devices, or specialized diets. By bringing together this team of epileptologists, UPMC provides timely access to tailored treatment plans for people with epilepsy.

“Having a seizure can be a traumatic event for patients and their friends and family,” said Kerstin Bettermann, M.D., chief of neurology, UPMC in Central Pa. “Our expanded epilepsy program will provide needed relief to epilepsy and seizure patients living in our communities.”

To schedule an appointment with the epileptology team, call 717-791-2520.

[Learn more about UPMC Neurological Institute.](#)

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Our Website

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## **SBA Offers Disaster Relief to Pennsylvania Small Businesses and Private Nonprofits Affected by Drought and Excessive Heat**

*Low interest disaster loans now available*

The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) announced the availability of low interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Pennsylvania who sustained economic losses caused by drought and excessive heat that occurred June 17-July 18, 2024.

The disaster declaration covers the counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and York in Pennsylvania as well as Baltimore, Carroll and Harford counties in Maryland.

Under this declaration, the SBA's [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#) program is available to eligible small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs with financial losses directly related to this disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for 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](https://sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto: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 April 20, 2026.

### **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, 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](https://www.sba.gov).





## **PCN Launches Interactive Map and Free Statewide Content on PCN Select Showcasing Pennsylvania's Role in Nation's History With PCN's Celebrating America's 250th in Pennsylvania**

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary in 2026, the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) is proud to unveil a powerful new tool that brings the Commonwealth's rich history to life—an interactive map featuring free, on-demand content from all 67 counties through PCN's streaming platform, PCN Select.

In partnership with America250PA—the official state commission for the Semiquincentennial—PCN's *Celebrating America's 250th* in Pennsylvania highlights the people, places and events that shaped both Pennsylvania and the nation. The interactive 250th Map allows users to explore curated PCN content that showcases local history, culture and landmarks from all over the state. This project was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The 250th Map brings together stories that reflect Pennsylvania's influence on our nation's history—from French and Indian War fortifications and the American Revolution to Gettysburg, the heroism of Flight 93 and the global reach of our iconic brands. "Every region of Pennsylvania has contributed to shaping not only our state but the country as a whole," said Debra Kohr Sheppard, President and CEO of PCN. "Our stories across the Commonwealth are part of a larger American story, and we're proud to make them accessible to everyone as we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States."

The interactive 250th Map is available now through PCN's online streaming platform, PCN Select, at [PCNSelect.com/Map](https://PCNSelect.com/Map). It will be updated through 2026 with new free content, including documentaries, interviews and coverage of America250PA events across the state.

"This project demonstrates what we've always known—that every corner of Pennsylvania has played a role in shaping the nation," said Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA. "The 250th Map is a practical and powerful way to ensure those stories are seen, understood and shared as we approach 2026."

PCN's coverage will expand throughout 2025 and 2026, offering viewers a growing library of historical content that reflects the diversity and depth of Pennsylvania's contributions to the American story.

To explore the interactive map and learn more about PCN's ongoing coverage, visit: [PCNTV.com/Americas-250](https://PCNTV.com/Americas-250).



## **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](http://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](mailto:smsnyder@cumberlandcountypa.gov).