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### 30th Annual Streets of Treats Saturday, October 18th

Interested in sponsorship,participating, or volunteering? - email info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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

### **CHAMBER EVENTS**

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

### October

**18 - 30th Annual Streets of Treats** - Downtown Mechanicsburg. 10 am - 2 pm.

21 - After Hours Mixer - Thrift On Purpose, 5218 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

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

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

### **Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!**

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**October 1, 2025** 

### **Greetings:**

It is my pleasure to recognize October 2025 as Local Chamber of Commerce Month in Pennsylvania.

Since its inception, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry has served and advocated for Pennsylvania businesses. Our local chambers of commerce play a critical role in supporting the needs of our vibrant business community and are essential to the Commonwealth's continued economic growth and success. Since my first day in office, I promised that my Administration would be open for business and get stuff done—and we have followed through on that promise by creating real opportunity, supporting Pennsylvania businesses, and bringing a new energy to economic development. I commend Pennsylvania's local chambers of commerce for representing thousands of businesses, and I am grateful for their invaluable role in ensuring our businesses, new and old, can continue to prosper here in Pennsylvania. I am certain their efforts to enhance our communities will continue to serve as an inspiration across the Commonwealth for many years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am honored to support October 2025 as Local Chamber of Commerce Month. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

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GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this first day of October two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro

### Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce

Invites You to Attend





### **Streets of Treats**

in Downtown Mechanicsburg

Saturday, October 18, 2025 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Trick-or-Treating at Local Businesses

FREE and Low Cost Activities, Crafts & Games

Pick up your trick-or-treating bag and map of participating businesses at the Square at 2 East Main Street.

Questions? (717) 796-0811 info@mechanicsburgchamber.org 6 West Strawberry Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**Downtown businesses that participate** will be given balloons to display so children know they may safely trick-or-treat at your business. As accustomed, the Chamber will distribute maps from our booth on the square highlighting participants.

**For our members and civic groups not located downtown**, we will close Market Street between Main and Simpson Streets. Businesses and other organizations can set up booths to pass out candy, treats, small gifts, coupons, or other items. You may also wish to have a game, activity, or a craft for kids and families to take part. Costumed characters are encouraged and welcomed!

Please call our office at 717-796-0811 or e-mail info@mechanicsburgchamber.org by October 15<sup>th</sup> if your business would like to join us for Streets of Treats. Your participation in this event is FREE. You must provide booth set up and whatever you hand out to children. Games are encouraged.

We rely on the generosity of our community to offer this popular fall event. **Are you interested in sponsoring the event?** Thank you for your consideration in contributing. All sponsors will be acknowledged at Streets of Treats, on our website, and in the Chamber newsletter.



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Pumpkin Sponsor \$25



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Street Sponsor \$500

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org. We look forward to having you participate in Streets of Treats!

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:** 

### After-Hours Mixer



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





**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, RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:** 

## Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, October 30 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!



centers to assist with state-related issues.

Join us at Mechanicsburg Place Senior

To expand the reach of our state services, my district office will set up at local senior

Join us at Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 6, and at West Shore Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 13. Both events will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

At District Office on the Go, my staff and I will be facilitating Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications and checking for unclaimed property. If you plan to take advantage of Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program assistance, please visit RepDelozier. com/PTRR for more information about program eligibility.

For questions, please call 717-761-4665. I hope to see you there!

RepDelozier.com

97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg

10 A.M. to NOON

**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.\*\*



The 2025 Municipal Election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Municipal and school board positions will be on the ballot, along with statewide judicial elections. Voters will fill one open position each on the Commonwealth and Superior courts and consider retention of three Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices and two appellate court judges.

If you are not already registered to vote, the deadline to do so is Monday, Oct. 20. You may register in person at your county elections office, by mail or by visiting the state's online voter registration website.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the election; a resident of the election district in which you register to vote for at least 30 days before the election; and at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the election.

The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is Tuesday, Oct. 28. Completed ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

For more information about voting in the Commonwealth, including how to check your registration and voting location, visit vote.pa.gov.



I invite you to stop by my district office at 12 N. Baltimore St. during the Dillsburg Farmers Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. My team and I will be available to answer questions, share information about the services we provide and connect with you while you enjoy the fair. I look forward to seeing you and catching up with people from the community.



I want to hear from you! Join us at one of our upcoming town halls to learn how the School Property Tax Elimination Act could affect your taxes and your community:

Oct. 20, 6 p.m. – Carlisle Fire & Rescue Services, 177 Carlisle Springs Rd., Carlisle - RSVP: 717-249-1990 or online

Nov. 20, 5 p.m. – West Deer American Legion, 57 Superior Rd., Tarentum



At these meetings, we will discuss legislation that Rep. Wendy Fink and I introduced to end school property taxes and give Pennsylvanians the relief they deserve. Our legislation is designed to replace school property taxes with a 1.88% personal income tax increase and a 2% sales and use tax increase.

You can even see how this plan could affect you personally! Use NoProp.tax to calculate your potential tax changes. You will need your annual income, property taxes paid and retirement income info ready. Find out what relief could look like for you and your family!



### Ensuring U.S. and Pennsylvania Flags Are Made in America

Reflecting a growing effort to support American manufacturing, the Senate approved legislation ensuring every U.S. and Pennsylvania flag purchased by the commonwealth is made entirely in the U.S. using American materials.

Senate Bill 784 requires the Pennsylvania Department of General Services

to procure only flags that are both produced and constructed from materials sourced within the U.S. Each flag must also carry a label reading "Made in America."

The measure not only promotes American-made products within state procurement practices, it prevents the use of taxpayer dollars to purchase flags from nations that do not share the values of Pennsylvania citizens. The bill was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

# 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.

### JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 10/17 – Farmers Fair, Dillsburg... Acoustic Generations Band 6-8 (approx)

Sat. 10/18 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2

Sat. 10/18 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Sun. 10/19 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 1-4

Tues. 10/21 – Range + Rye Restaurant, @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6 – 9

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

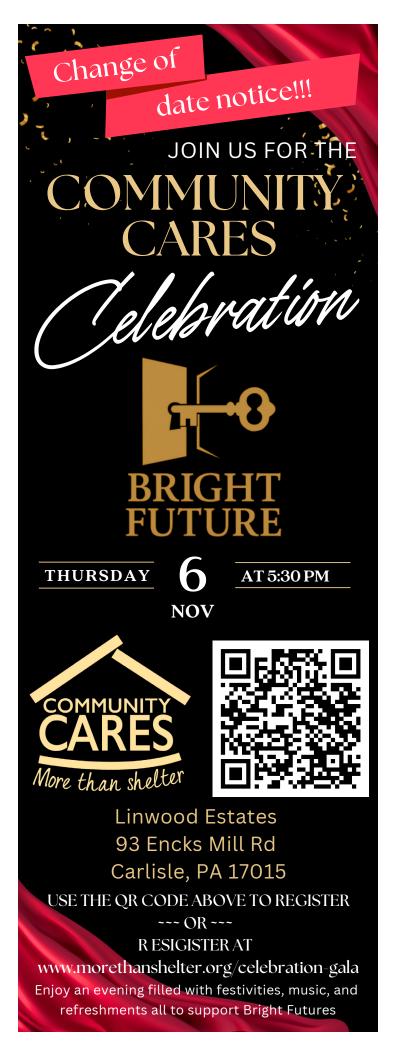
Sat. 10/25 – Seven Mountains Wine Cellars, near Penn State...Kirk solo 1 – 4

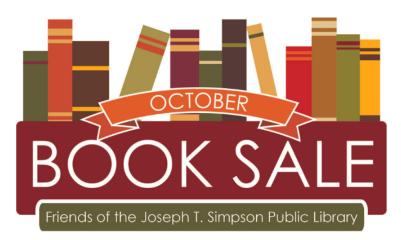
Sun. 10/26 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3

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

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

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#### Friday, October 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Members Only Preview Night
Invitations to Preview Night were mailed to members of the Friends
of the Library. We have a list of members at the door.
Not a member? Join at the door! Memberships start at just \$25.

#### Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

See the list of prices on our website.

#### Sunday, October 19, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Sunday is the bag sale!
Buy all the books you can fit in a level bag for only \$10.00!
Some restrictions apply. Paper bags are supplied by the
Friends of the Library.







The Book Sale Center is located at: 45 W. Allen St.
Mechanicsburg, PA



### FREE Breast Screening Event

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025 8 a.m. to noon

UPMC Obstetrics & Gynecology Specialists-North Harrisburg 2645 N. 3rd St., 4th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17110

#### Women ages 18 and older can expect:

- A quick review of breast-focused history and a breast-focused exam.
- Breast-specific medical oncologists, breast surgeons, breast-focused nurse practitioners, and primary care residents will be onsite for exams.
- If an abnormality is found, a referral will be made to a UPMC Breast Care Center for follow-up care.

#### What to Bring:

- Insurance card, but insurance is not required.
   No payment is expected.
- Photo ID

#### Important to Note:

- No breast imaging (mammograms) will be conducted.
- Attendees do not have to be a current UPMC patient.
- A full physical will not be conducted.
   Non-breast issues will not be addressed.
- This event is not for patients with a history of breast cancer due to other information needed.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is encouraged. To register, please call **717-960-3360**.



### HEARTS~N~HANDS SERTOMA CLUB THIRD ANNUAL



# 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING

10/25/2025 4:00 PM AT

### **PINK HANDS OF HOPE**

5325 E TRINDLE ROAD, MECHANICSBURG PA

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL BEA GABANY AT 717-439-3692

### TICKETS ARE \$ 10.00

WATCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK.COM/HEARTSNHANDSSERTOMA

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Our Website

https://www.tutordoctor.com/harrisburg-mechanicsburg/



## New Hope Ministries Provides Help for Families Impacted by Federal and State Funding Delays

As the state budget impasse continues and the federal government shutdown begins, New Hope Ministries wants the communities we serve to know that help is available for anyone facing hardship. While the impact of the shutdown

may vary, we understand that some families could experience financial strain or uncertainty in the days ahead.

New Hope Ministries remains committed to serving our neighbors in need. Our food pantries are open, and assistance with basic needs is available to anyone experiencing difficulty. We believe in the strength of our community and want to reassure everyone that no one has to go through times of uncertainty alone.

"We know times like these can be stressful," said Eric Saunders, Executive Director of New Hope Ministries. "Our mission has always been to walk alongside people in moments of need. If you are struggling, please reach out. We are here to help."

New Hope Ministries offers food, housing, transportation, and stability services across Dillsburg, Dover, Enola, Hanover, Littlestown, Mechanicsburg, New Oxford, Red Land, and West Shore locations. Families affected by the shutdown, or anyone facing hardship, are encouraged to contact their local New Hope Center or visit www.nhm-pa.org for more information. Together, as a community, we can support one another and get through this challenging time with hope and compassion.



### Community Members Invited to Vote on Ideas to Strengthen Central Pennsylvania

### Public voting for TFEC's SPARK! contest open through Oct. 26

Residents across South Central Pennsylvania now have an opportunity to direct change in their community by helping decide which ideas will receive funding through The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' (TFEC) SPARK! community contest.

More than 50 ideas were submitted during the first phase of the contest, reflecting the creativity and compassion of people across the region. Submissions include efforts to build welcoming communities for immigrants, expand affordable mental health care, create safe spaces for teens, help families with special needs services and encourage wellness through outdoor activities.

Community members are invited to visit TFEC.org/spark to explore all of the ideas and vote for their top three causes. Voting is open through Sunday, Oct. 26, and each person may vote once.

After voting closes, the top five causes by community vote will move to a final round of voting beginning Monday, Nov. 3. Once the final votes are tallied, TFEC will establish a permanent \$10,000 fund dedicated to supporting the winning cause. Local nonprofits will then be invited to apply for a grant from that fund to make the community's selected idea a reality.

The SPARK! community contest demonstrates that everyone lead change by sharing ideas, voting and supporting the causes that matter most.

To learn more and vote, visit www.TFEC.org/spark.





### Thursday, December 4, 2025 | 9 AM - 12 PM

Registration is now open for our 2025 Payroll, HR & Business Seminar!

This virtual event brings together industry experts to share key updates and strategies to help you lead better, hire smarter, and stay compliant.

Empower your HR and leadership strategies for 2026 and beyond at this must-attend event.

Whether you're an executive, HR professional, or business owner, join us for a half-day of impactful sessions covering the most relevant topics in workforce management.

We'll kick things off with an essential update on upcoming payroll changes and compliance mandates to keep your organization ahead of the curve. From there, you'll discover how small leadership habits can drive long-term success and learn how to sharpen your recruitment practices.

Industry experts will also walk you through the latest developments in employment law, ensuring you're aware of new legal risks and responsibilities. The day rounds out with hands-on guidance on conducting effective annual reviews and onboarding new hires in a way that fosters long-term engagement.

#### Topics Include:

- Payroll updates for 2026 and compliance best practices
- Transformational leadership through small daily habits
- Employment law updates from top labor attorneys
- How to lead impactful annual reviews that inspire growth
- Creating onboarding experiences that boost retention

Walk away with practical tips, legal updates, and leadership strategies you can put into action immediately.

**Register Here** 



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### America250PA's Semiquincentennial Scholarship Program application is NOW OPEN!



In commemoration of America's 250th anniversary and to honor the legacy of Pennsylvania's strong commitment to education, America250PA will be awarding \$250,000 in scholarships to deserving Pennsylvania students attending Pennsylvania colleges and universities in the 2026/2027 academic school year.

#### Who

Pennsylvania High School Seniors who are planning to attend an accredited Pennsylvania college or university for the 2026/2027 academic school year

#### What

Twenty-five \$10,000 Scholarships will be awarded throughout America250PA's six designated regions.

#### Where

Any Pennsylvania College or University

- 12 to any Pennsylvania Community College
- 13 to any Pennsylvania Post-Secondary College or University

#### When

Scholarships will be awarded in 2026 for the 2026/2027 academic year.

We are so proud to partner with some of Pennsylvania's most iconic educational institutions on this program. Please visit <a href="https://america250pa.org/PPE: Semiquin\_Scholarships">https://america250pa.org/PPE: Semiquin\_Scholarships</a> to see a listing of our partners and their generous match details.



### Big Brother Big Sisters of South-Central PA Raising \$80K at Over The Edge Rappelling Event to Support Youth Mentoring

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA (BBBS) is proud to announce the resounding success of its annual Over The Edge fundraiser, held in downtown Harrisburg. The nonprofit is nearly at its \$80,000 fundraising goal to support transformative youth mentoring programs across its 7-county service region.

More than 60 daring participants are stepping up in a big way, by rappelling 18 stories (a 200-foot descent) from the rooftop of the Market Square Plaza building. Each descent is not just a feat of courage, but a powerful statement of commitment to BBBS's mission to ignite the power and promise of youth through one-to-one mentoring relationships.

"Over The Edge is more than a thrilling experience; it represents the bold steps our Bigs, Littles, families, and communities take every day to create brighter futures," said Amy Rote, President & CEO of BBBS. "The bravery of our participants and the generosity of our donors help us grow and sustain our life-changing mentoring programs, directly impacting the lives of over 1,300 youth annually."

The funds raised ensure that BBBS can continue to recruit, train, and support dedicated mentors who provide guidance, stability, and hope to youth throughout the South-Central PA region.

Fleet Repair Solutions proudly returned as the event's Presenting Sponsor for the second year in a row. They continue to sponsor the Over The Edge fundraiser because it makes a real impact, not just for the Littles, but for the Bigs and everyone involved. Fleet Repair Solutions supports BBBS because mentorship changes lives. It gives young people guidance, confidence, and opportunities for the future, while building stronger communities along the way.

BBBS extends heartfelt thanks to the participants, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and supporters who made this unforgettable day possible. Together, we are helping youth across South-Central PA dream bigger, achieve more, and thrive, one match at a time.

To help BBBS reach their \$80K goal, make your donation at https://tinyurl.com/bbbsOTE25 or text OTE25 to 50155.

To learn more about how to get involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA, visit BBBSSCPA.ORG.



### 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. 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 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.



### MID PENN BANK DONATES \$100,000 TO PA BREAST CANCER COALITION

Mid Penn Bank (the "Bank"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mid Penn Bancorp, Inc. ("Mid Penn") (Nasdaq: MPB), is proud to announce its continued partnership with the PA Breast Cancer Coalition ("PBCC"). On October 7, Mid Penn Bank President and CEO and PBCC Board Member Rory Ritrievi spoke at the organization's annual Pink Fountain Event at the Pennsylvania State Capitol and presented the coalition with a \$100,000 donation from funds raised through the 2025 Mid Penn Bank Celebrity Golf Classic, which took place in July.

The annual event marked the start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and brought together lawmakers, survivors, community leaders, and supporters to highlight the importance of early detection and accessible screenings. Each year, the PBCC turns the Capitol's East Wing Fountain pink as a symbol of hope for those affected by breast cancer and as a reminder of the ongoing need for research, advocacy, and support. The event served to reaffirm PBCC's mission of "finding a cure for breast cancer now, so our daughters don't have to."

"More than 13,000 women in Pennsylvania are diagnosed with breast cancer every year, and behind every one of those cases is a family, a community, and a story," Ritrievi said. "The PA Breast Cancer Coalition continues to make a meaningful impact on those stories through outreach, advocacy, and research that bring hope and progress in the fight for a cure."

Since its founding, the PBCC has contributed more than \$6 million to researchers in Pennsylvania and



has championed legislation to expand screening and treatment for women with breast cancer. The organization also provides vital support, education, and resources to those newly diagnosed.

This year marked the 10th year the Bank has supported the PBCC through its annual Celebrity Golf Classic. The event brought together celebrities, sponsors, and community members in a shared effort to raise awareness and funding for breast cancer research and advocacy. During the tournament, volunteers took part in Project Pink, a hands-on initiative supporting the PBCC's Friends Like Me program. Together, they packed 200 care packages filled with comfort items and resources for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. Over the past five years, Project Pink volunteers have assembled 1,000 boxes, complementing PBCC's statewide efforts and helping extend the program's reach to even more women across Pennsylvania.



# 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 250thanniversary 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-demandcontent from all 67 countiesthrough PCN's streaming platform, PCN Select.

In partnership with America250PA —the official state commission for the Semiquincentennial — PCN's *Celebrating America's 250th* in Pennsylvaniahighlights the people, places and events that shaped both Pennsylvania and the nation. The interactive 250thMap allows users to explore curated PCN content that showcases local history, culture and landmarks from all overthe 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 250thanniversary of the United States."

The interactive 250th Map is available now through PCN's online streaming platform, PCN Select, at 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.



### Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America 250!

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.