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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

13 - Office closed for Columbus Day

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

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!



GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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.



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

**YOU'RE
INVITED TO THE**

Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

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Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce

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30th Annual 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 15th** 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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Monster Sponsor
\$250



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

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, 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!

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



**DISTRICT OFFICE
ON THE GO!**

THURSDAY, NOV. 6 10 A.M. to NOON	&	THURSDAY, NOV. 13 10 A.M. to NOON
Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center 97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg		West Shore Senior Center 122 Geary Avenue in New Cumberland

RepDeLozier.com

To expand the reach of our state services, my district office will set up at local senior centers to assist with state-related issues.

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!

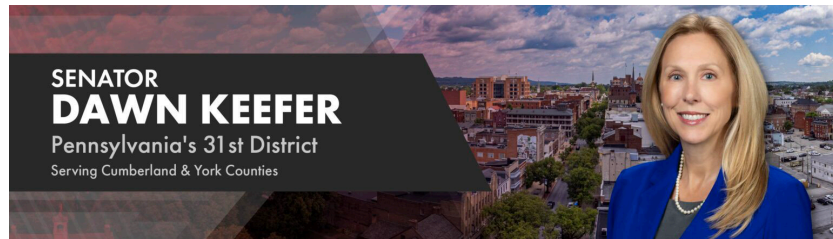
Chamber Chatter is published on-line every Thursday.

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.****



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!

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.

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. Members of the Monroe Fire Company will speak about fire safety as October is Fire Safety Month. Monroe Fire Company (Company 25) provides the residents and visitors of Monroe Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania with fire suppression, rescue, water rescue, medical assist and fire prevention services.

Look for us at the Chamber's Street of Treats on October 18th, we'll be there!

Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>



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PUBLIC DATES

Thurs. 10/9 – New Cumberland
Food Truck Rally...Kirk & Dave 5-8

Fri. 10/10 – The Doyle Hotel, Duncannon ...
Kirk solo 7-9 (tentative)

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

Sun. 10/12 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ...
Kirk solo/duo 1-4

Tues. 10/14 – Range + Rye Restaurant, @
Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6 – 9

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

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

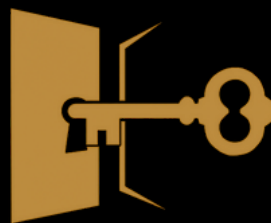
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E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

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Celebration



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THURSDAY

6

AT 5:30 PM

NOV



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93 Encks Mill Rd
Carlisle, PA 17015

USE THE QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER
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REGISTER AT

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Enjoy an evening filled with festivities, music, and
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TODAY:**

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OCTOBER

11

2-5PM

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THIRD ANNUAL**



**50/50 RAFFLE
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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](https://www.facebook.com/HEARTSNHANDSSERTOMA)

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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.



South Central PA Residents Invited to Spark Change Through Community Contest

Residents of Central Pennsylvania now have the chance to turn their passion into lasting impact through **SPARK!**, a community contest from the Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) that proves everyone can be a philanthropist.

“Philanthropy isn’t just for a select few. It belongs to everyone who cares about their community,” said Jennifer Doyle, President and CEO of TFEC. “SPARK! is about turning passion into action. By sharing your idea, you can spark change that grows far beyond one person. With the power of collective giving, your vision can become a permanent \$10,000 fund supporting nonprofits right here in our region. Together, we create something bigger than any one person could achieve.”

SPARK! invites individuals across Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry counties, along with the Dillsburg area, to submit an idea for a cause they are passionate about. Unlike traditional grant programs, SPARK! is not about organizations applying for funding. It is about people stepping forward to define the issues that matter most in their community.

The winning idea will become a **permanent \$10,000 area of interest fund** at The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). This endowment will provide grants to nonprofits that address the chosen cause, ensuring that one person’s vision creates lasting change in the community.

Past SPARK! winners show how one idea can grow into lasting impact. The previous winning cause focused on youth ballet, recognizing that children in South Central Pennsylvania needed more access to the arts. From that idea, and with the support of the community, youth ballet now has another financial advocate in the region.

This year, participants can bring forward new causes they care about. From after-school programs to early learning literacy initiatives, animal welfare to entrepreneurial tools, the stage is set for someone to spark change.

Timeline to Participate

- **Sept. 15 through Oct. 8:** Individuals submit their cause at www.tfec.org/spark
- **Oct. 13 through Oct. 26:** Public voting on all eligible ideas
- **Nov. 3 through Nov. 16:** Final voting on the top five causes
- **December:** Winner announced

SPARK! encourages broad participation by giving every resident the chance to submit, vote and rally support. By focusing on causes rather than nonprofits, the contest demonstrates that philanthropy is accessible to everyone and that collective giving has the power to create lasting impact.

For more information and to submit an idea, visit www.tfec.org/spark.



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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 <https://america250pa.org/PPE: Semiquin Scholarships> to see a listing of our partners and their generous match details.



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.



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. 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 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.