

# Chamber CHATTER



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**11.20.25**

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**News, Events & more!**

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

## CHAMBER EVENTS

*Watch for Weekly Updates!!*

### *November*

**27 - Office closed for Thanksgiving Day**

**28 - Annual Community Tree Lighting - Downtown  
Mechanicsburg. 5:15 - 6:30pm**

**29 - Small Business Saturday**

### *December*

**10 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -  
Sponsored by HD Entertainment, Location:  
Revolutionary Hot Sauce Eatery & Brewpub, 30 S Market  
St, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member  
event.**

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

**Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!**

**Chase Fitness  
Comfort Suites Camp Hill-Harrisburg West  
Courtyard by Marriott Harrisburg West/Mechanicsburg**

Mechanicsburg's Annual Community



# TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 28 | 5:15 PM



**DOWNTOWN – MAIN STREET BESIDE THE  
MECHANICSBURG FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

*Music | Santa Claus | Hot Cocoa*

Music provided by HD Entertainment starts at 5:15 PM  
- with the lighting of the tree at 5:30 PM.

## *Post-Ceremony Festivities*

- Visit with Santa @ Buhrig's Gathering Place
- "Believe - A Polar Express Christmas" model railroad exhibit and gingerbread house contest @ Mechanicsburg Museum Association Freight Station

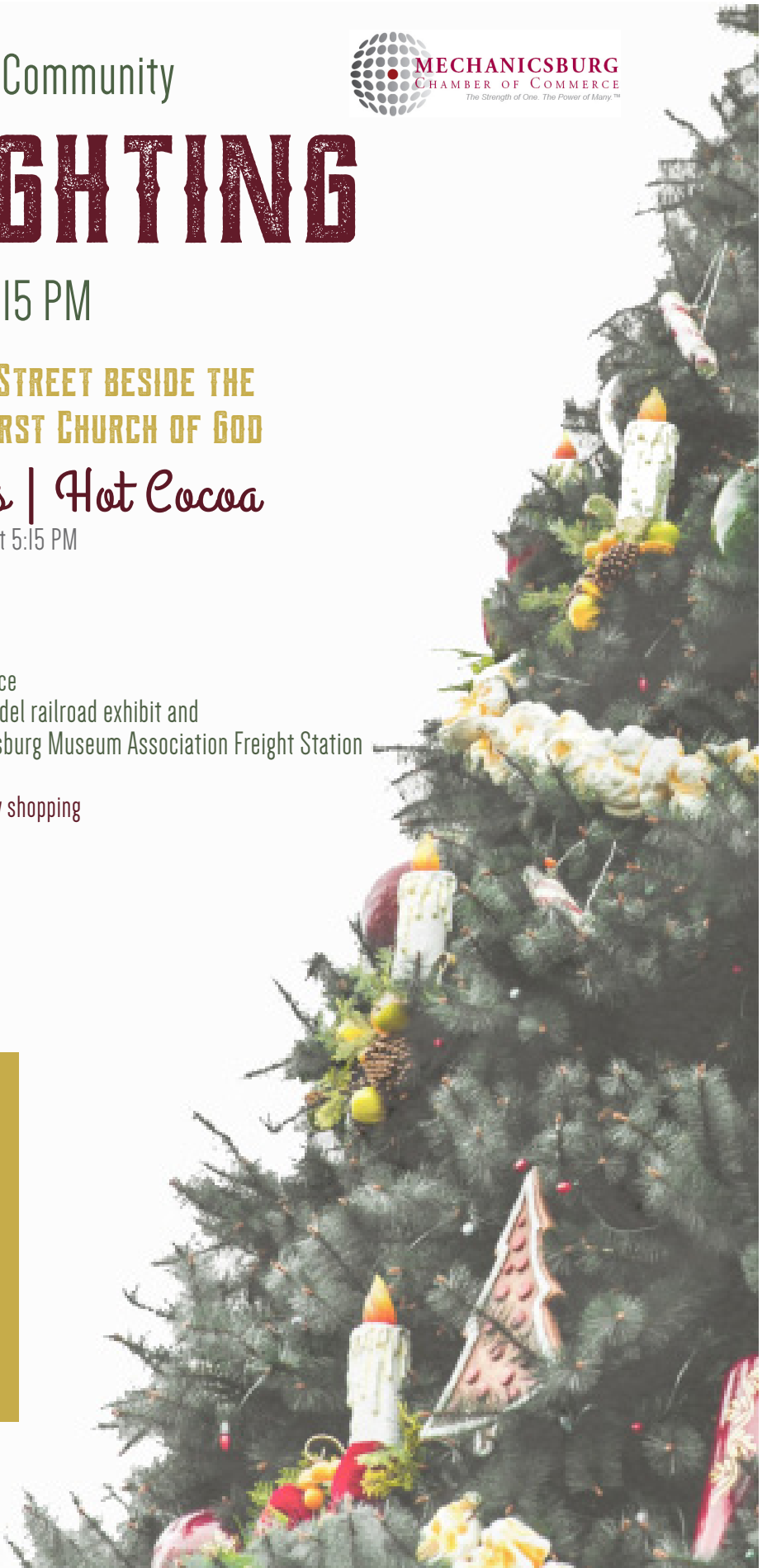
Visit our downtown merchants for Black Friday shopping  
and Small Business Saturday!



**FREE PUBLIC &  
ON STREET PARKING:**

## *Event Sponsors*

Borough of Mechanicsburg  
Buhrig's Gathering Place  
Boy Scout Troop 195  
HD Entertainment  
Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church  
Mechanicsburg First Church of God  
Neat Roots  
George & Karen Richards  
The Mercantile of Mechanicsburg



**Sponsors Welcome at only \$25!**



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# SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY®

Saturday, November 29



# Do you have a special or sale for Small Business Saturday?

Forward the information to us and we will work to get the word out between now and through the Community Tree Lighting set for Friday, November 28. Join the list below:

**The Mercantile:** We will be open from 9am to 9pm at The Mercantile. We are offering Lonely Monk Coffees and Dough N Joe donut holes. (while supplies last)

**Dalicia Bakery & Ristorante:** \$5.00 cake slices all day

**Your Business Here:** Your Special for Small Business Saturday

Send your information to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)  
or call 717-796-0811

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## Welcome New Chamber Members

**Mind Over Matter Holistic Counseling**, 19 North Railroad Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Brooke Serina; 717-602-5151; momhcounseling.net; Counseling / Health Care / Holistic Wellness

**The Mercantile**, 13 East Mainn Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; Beth and Mike Hilman; 717-695-7535; 32ndstreetmercantile.com; Retail

**Costco Wholesale**, 6719 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050; Sebastian Perfetto; 717-458-6608; www.costco.com; Retail

**Rubai Aesthetics and Wellness Clinic**, 3860 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011; Dr. Munir; 717-967-0000; rubaiaesthetics.com; Spa/Spa Services / Health Care / Skin Care

**That 1 Painter**, 3 Natures Crossing, Enola, PA 17025; Jim Serfass; 717-363-7578; that1painter.com; Painting / Home Improvement





Once again, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce is proud to join the business community of the area in participating as a drop off point for Toys For Tots. If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy (or wrapping paper, batteries, tape, etc.), there is a collection box at the office or you may bring your item(s) to any Chamber event.

## TOYS FOR TOTS



**U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

Other local locations participating include:

A&B Automotive  
AAA  
American Legion Post 109  
Benecard PBF  
Best Line Equipment  
Callery Dental Care  
Classic Rock Design Center  
Delbrook Manor Apartments  
East Main Dental  
Fusion Financial Group - Thrivent  
GEICO  
Hot Frog Print Media  
IGPS Logistics  
Lower Allen Township  
Mechanicsburg Kung Fu Center  
Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop  
Orrstown Bank - Baden Powell Road office  
Orrstown Bank - Market Street, Camp Hill office  
Pivot Physical Therapy  
Premier Martial Arts  
Schneider Electric  
State Farm Insurance - Denise Dombach  
Trindle Bowl  
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
West Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Wolf Brewing Co.  
Zimmerman's Automotive Tire Pros

***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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

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

# Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Wednesday, December 10

11:30am - 1:00pm

**NOTE CHANGE OF DAY/DATE**

**CELEBRATE** *Gettysburg's*  
*Greatest DJ*  
2025

*Heather Dino Laughman, M.A.*  
**Headliner + President**

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AWARDS  
2017-2025

## HD Entertainment

hdentertainmentdj.com

Join Heather and HD Entertainment for an Ugly Sweater Christmas Cookie Bash at the December Business Women's Lunch!

Learn how you can add to your holiday and post New Year's gatherings.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy of at least \$10 in value for Toys for Tots to get entered into our raffles. One lucky lady will win a free DJ event for her organization!

Bring your networking materials and your best ugly sweater!

**Location:**

Revolutionary Hot Sauce Eatery & Brewpub  
30 South Market Street  
Mechanicsburg

Space is limited. Reservations required.

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



## **Cumberland County Planning Commission Seeking Resident to Fill Vacancy**

*Applications are due to the Planning Commission Office by Nov. 21;*

*Term begins Jan. 2026*

The Cumberland County Planning Commission is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on its board. Qualified applicants must be Cumberland County residents and willing to serve a four-year term beginning Jan. 2026.

Board members are expected to attend the commission's monthly meetings, held at 7:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Residents interested in contributing to the county's planning and development efforts are encouraged to apply. Experience in planning is helpful but not required.

The Cumberland County Planning Commission partners with its urban, suburban, and rural communities to create and implement plans that promote economic development, provide more housing and transportation choices, and protect clean air, land, and water.

A commission subcommittee will review applications, conduct interviews, and recommend potential members to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, who will make the final appointment decisions.

How to Apply: To be considered, residents need to complete an [application](#) and submit a one-page resume. Submission of application materials is due to the Cumberland County Planning Commission Office by Friday, Nov. 21, 2025.

- By email: Applications should be emailed to Kirk Stoner, AICP, Director of Planning at [kdstoner@cumberlandcountypa.gov](mailto:kdstoner@cumberlandcountypa.gov)
- By mail or in-person delivery: Applications can also be mailed or hand-delivered to the Cumberland County Planning Commission, 310 Allen Road, Suite 101, Carlisle PA 17013.

For more information visit: [www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/planning](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/planning).

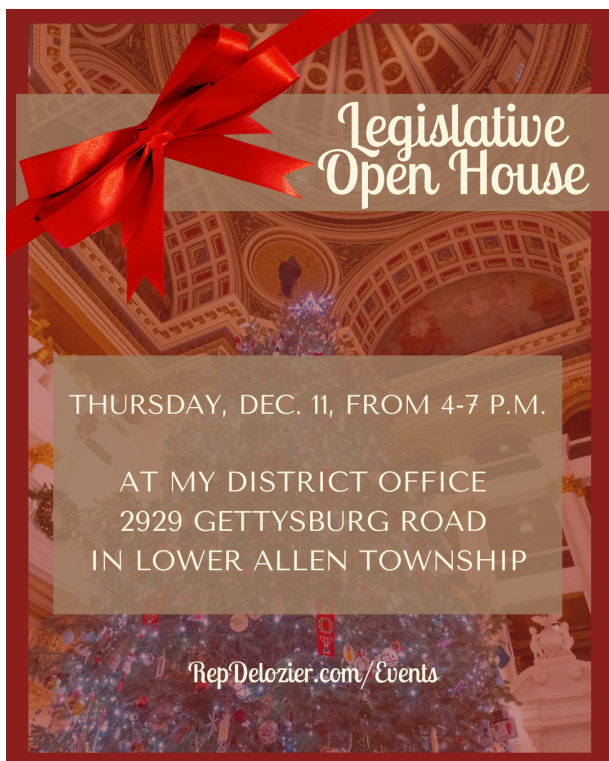




Pennsylvania State Dog Law requires all dogs 3 months and older to be properly licensed every calendar year in the county they reside. The Cumberland County Treasurer's Office will facilitate dog licensing applications at these events, which coincide with pet photos with Santa.

Wag and Tag Dog Licensing Events will be held on Dec. 1, 8 and 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Capitol City Mall, 3506 Capital City Mall Dr. in Lower Allen Township.

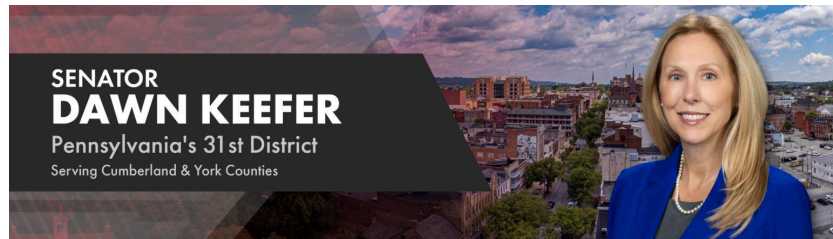
Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or [click here](#).



Residents of the 88th District are invited to drop by my district office at 2929 Gettysburg Road in Lower Allen Township for an open house on Thursday, Dec. 11, from 4-7 p.m. to celebrate the holiday season and have a discussion about state-related issues.

Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP to 717-761-4665 or [click here](#).



Don't miss our upcoming [School Property Tax Elimination town hall](#) on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. Join State Reps. [Jeremy Shaffer](#), [Roman Kozak](#), [Aaron Bernstine](#), [Wendy Fink](#) and me at the West Deer American Legion, 57 Superior Rd., Tarentum. You can RSVP to our host, Rep. Shaffer, [online](#) or by calling 412-369-2230.

This town hall is an important opportunity to learn more about the legislation Rep. Fink and I introduced to eliminate school property taxes and finally deliver meaningful relief to Pennsylvania homeowners. We will walk through how this proposal creates a fairer, ability-to-pay funding model, one that gives you greater control over your own finances and ends the pressure placed on families whose tax bills rise simply because of where they live.

If you are interested in bringing this discussion to your own community, my office can help you host a town hall to share how this proposal would ease the burden on homeowners and strengthen education funding across the commonwealth. To get started, call my office at 717-432-1730.



## Oh Say, Can You Sing? The PA Farm Show National Anthem Contest

Think you've got what it takes to sing the National Anthem at the Farm Show? The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is looking for singers to kick off each day of the 2026 edition of the [nation's largest indoor agricultural exposition](#).

Submit your original video entry by Nov. 24 to be considered. Winners will be selected by fan voting on Facebook. You must be available at least one day of the Farm Show, which runs from Jan. 10 through Jan. 17.

You can find details about eligibility, video requirements, voting and how to apply [here](#).





# UNITED WAY POINSETTIA SALE



## *Check off Your Holiday “To Do” List While Supporting a Great Cause*

Order beautiful poinsettias and help support United Way of the Capital Region’s internal campaign!

These make great office decorations or gifts for family, friends or coworkers!

Poinsettias will be delivered the first week of December. Order 5 or more and receive FREE delivery!

- **Poinsettias are 6” pots**
- **COLORS:** red, white, pink or burgundy
- **COST: \$12 each**
- **Orders are due by November 20**

## *What is United Way’s Internal Campaign?*

Just like other organizations, United Way of the Capital Region runs a fundraising campaign among its staff members. Funds are generated through donations and special event sales such as this one. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to United Way’s 2025 campaign. Thank you for supporting United Way!

**PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY AT:**  
[www.uwcr.org/uw-poinsettia-sale](http://www.uwcr.org/uw-poinsettia-sale)



**UNITED WAY**  
Capital Region

Questions? Contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717.724.4055, or e-mail [hneuhaus@uwcr.org](mailto:hneuhaus@uwcr.org).





# Mechanicsburg Money

**Where dollars made in Mechanicsburg stay in Mechanicsburg**

Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership is excited to introduce Mechanicsburg Money, a new initiative designed to keep local spending local and drive customers directly to our downtown businesses!

**This program runs from 11/29/2025-2/28/2026.**

**\$4,000**

400 \$10 coupons  
will be distributed

**More Info**  
& to Register -



**FREE TO  
JOIN!**

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## Merry & Bright Window Wonderland Decorating Contest

**Downtown Businesses** are invited to **decorate their storefronts** with a festive holiday or winter theme!

**Cash Prizes** and other perks for 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners

### Important Dates:

- Registration & Decorating: Thurs, 11/6 – Tues, 12/2
- Public Voting: Fri, 12/5 – Mon, 12/29
- Winners Announced: Tues, 12/30

**More Info**  
& to Register -



**CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS**

# JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING  
SOLO, DUO & BAND  
PUBLIC DATES

Thurs. 11/20 – Big Bottom Brewery @  
Al's Pizza, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Fri. 11/21 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,  
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Sat. 11/22 – Sage Lane Christmas Show,  
Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 1-3

Sun. 11/23 – Masonic Homes Brunch,  
Elizabethtown...Kirk solo 11-2

Tues. 11/25 – Range + Rye Restaurant @  
Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6 – 9

Wed. 11/26 – Range + Rye Restaurant @  
Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Fri. 11/28 – The Dog House, Linglestown  
...Kirk solo 7-9

Sat. 11/29 – Moo Duck Brewing,  
Elizabethtown... Kirk & Beth Duo 5:30-8:30

Thurs. 12/4 – The Terraces, Harrisburg  
...Kirk solo 2-3

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  
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The Mechanicsburg Kung Fu Center is teaming with a local church to collect food items for the holiday season and those that are affected by the recent government shutdown.

Since many programs have had funding stalled, food providing programs are strained. If you would like to donate to help local residents in need, you may drop items off during regular business hours.

**Mechanicsburg Kung Fu Center**  
**2 W Allen St**  
**Mechanicsburg PA 17055**  
**717-364-5252**  
**[Click here for more information](#)**



## CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER!!

It's that time of year again, the Hearts~n~Hands Sertoma Club is doing our annual gift card fundraiser. We have gift cards for over 50 different stores and restaurants. We can have gift cards available for you to do your Black Friday shopping and/or to give out as gifts during the holiday season.



Proceeds go to Hearts~n~Hands ongoing mission projects of spreading sunshine to those in our community dealing with cancer and other life depleting diseases.

If you are interested, please a club member or [CLICK HERE](#) for an order form.

Thanks for your support and have a blessed holiday season.

**[CLICK HERE FOR ORDER FORM](#)**

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**November 24**

**6:30 PM**

**St. Timothy's Lutheran Church  
4200 Carlisle Pike,  
Camp Hill**

**SPEAKER: Cheryl Hornung, Founder  
Abby's Angels and Caitlin's Smiles**

*"What I want people to understand," she said, "is how fragile people are. You don't know what someone's going through. A harsh word, a moment of road rage – it might be the thing that pushes someone already struggling. We need to work harder to be kinder."*

*Harrisburg Magazine October 14, 2025*

Please join us Monday November 24th as we welcome Speaker Cheryl Hornung share the impact of Caitlin's Smiles and Abby's Angels in our community. For more information about Hearts~n~Hands Sertoma Club contact 717-805-7243.



## PA Small Business of the Year Awards

*Share Your Story! Apply for the PA Chamber's Inaugural  
"PA Small Business of the Year Awards"*

The PA Chamber proudly launched an exciting new initiative — the inaugural **PA Small Business of the Year Awards**. This statewide program will spotlight the innovation, resilience, and community impact of small businesses across the Commonwealth.

We're honored to count thousands of small businesses among our nearly 10,000 members and deeply value the far-reaching economic and cultural impact they have on the communities they serve. As we host the 2025 "PA Small Business of the Year Awards," we're excited to recognize the contributions of small businesses to jobs, the economy, and Pennsylvanians' way of life.

If your business qualifies, we encourage you to apply, share your story, and take a chance at becoming one of this year's nominees!

### Eligibility Criteria:

Small businesses are eligible if they:

- Is headquartered in Pennsylvania
- Has between 100 and 250 employees, and generates less than \$20 million in annual revenue; OR
- Has fewer than 100 employees, and generates less than \$10 million in annual revenue.

### Why Apply?

Two standout businesses, one in each category named above, will be named **Top Small Business in Pennsylvania**, receiving:

- A one-year Investor-level PA Chamber membership (\$6,500 value)
- Statewide recognition
- Exclusive networking opportunities with business leaders and policymakers

Finalists will also be recognized across several categories, including growth, leadership, innovation, and community engagement.

### Deadline to Apply: November 30, 2025

We'll announce our full list of winners in early December.

Visit our [2025 "PA Small Business of the Year Awards" webpage](#) to learn more and apply!

Let us celebrate your success and amplify your story. We look forward to your application!

# APPLY NOW



## Annual Payroll, Human Resources & Business Seminar

**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](#)**



*Circle of  
2025  
Angels*

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
carlisle & cumberland county

# *Happy Holidays*

*from all of us at  
YWCA Carlisle and Cumberland County.*

**December 8, 2025, 4:00-6:00 pm**

We welcome you to join us for our Circle of Angels Reception  
Come celebrate the holiday season and the impacts we have  
made as a community.



**RSVP today,  
and join us  
December 8th!**

Add a donation to your  
registration to support  
survivors of sexual assault  
and human trafficking

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## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA Welcomes MaDonna Awotwi as New Director of Marketing and Communications.**

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South-Central PA proudly announces the appointment of MaDonna Awotwi as Director of Marketing and Communications, marking a strategic step in the organization's mission to expand its community impact and elevate awareness around youth mentorship across the region.

In her new role, Awotwi will oversee the organization's marketing strategy, brand storytelling, digital presence, and community engagement initiatives. Her focus will be on increasing volunteer recruitment, strengthening donor relationships, and amplifying the voices of Bigs, Littles, and partners who make Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South-Central PA's mission possible.

"Mentorship changes lives. It builds confidence, character, and community," said Awotwi. "Big Brothers Big Sisters' mission deeply resonates with my passion for empowering others and creating opportunities for youth to thrive. I'm excited to help tell the powerful stories of impact that are happening every day across our region."



Awotwi brings more than 15 years of experience in marketing, public relations, and community development. Prior to joining Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA, she served as Program Manager for the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at Harrisburg University, where she led regional programs that supported small business growth, women's empowerment, and youth entrepreneurship. She is also an accomplished creative professional and entrepreneur, with a background spanning experiential marketing, branding, and social impact initiatives.

As Director of Marketing & Communications, Awotwi will lead efforts to increase visibility and engagement for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South-Central PA programs across Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York Counties, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential through the power of mentorship.

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Christine Vasiliades  
Founder  
[liveworkplay.media](http://liveworkplay.media)





## Confidently close out 2025 payroll with PaySmart.

As 2025 comes to a close, we know your to-do list is growing. Payroll compliance shouldn't be another headache on it!

That's where PaySmart can help. As a locally owned and operated payroll company, we've been supporting Central PA businesses for years. Our team of payroll advisors can give you practical tips to help ensure:

- Your payroll tasks are completed on time
- You stay compliant with year-end regulations
- You feel confident closing out the year

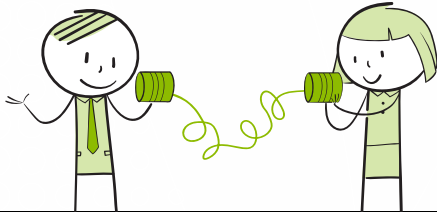
Let's set up a quick call so you can walk into 2026 with peace of mind.

[Schedule a quick chat](#)

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# 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](mailto:cecd@psu.edu). Thank you!

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Our Website

<https://www.tutordocor.com/harrisburg-mechanicsburg/>



## **CAEDC 2026 Tourism Grant Applications Now Open**

### **2026 Tourism Grant Opportunities**

Beginning Thursday, November 6, 2025, CAEDC invites local businesses, nonprofits, and event organizers to apply for 2026 tourism grant funding. Three distinct opportunities are available:

- Tourism Product Development Grant - Supports physical product development projects seeking between \$25,000 and \$500,000 for creating new tourism experiences, including construction, furniture and fixtures, equipment and more.
- Tourism Partnership Grant – Offers funding from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for smaller-scale product development projects aimed at expanding tourism products, experiences, or services that attract overnight visitors to Cumberland Valley.
- Destination Sales Grant – Provides \$3,000 to \$10,000 for multi-day event expenses, including bid fees, facility or shuttle rentals, speaker or performer fees, and marketing or advertising costs.

Tourism grant applications are reviewed and approved quarterly, and the final deadline to apply for 2026 grants is November 6, 2026.

To learn more about CAEDC's tourism grants, including eligibility, timelines, and application guidelines, [click here](#).

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## **CAEDC Announces Tourism Impact Sponsorship**

The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) through the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau is excited to announce a Tourism Impact Sponsorship program for 2026.

Building on the momentum of the recently launched [2026 Tourism Grant programs](#), CAEDC is unveiling a new Tourism Impact Sponsorship to invest in tourism partners by reimbursing the registration fee for trade shows, sales events and training sessions.

Eligible applicants can apply for up to \$2,500 in event registration reimbursement, with a maximum of \$5,000 being reimbursed to any one organization in a calendar year. This support is designed to open must doors and remove barriers so that partners can participate in the events that matter most.

Applicants should review the full program [guidelines](#) that include details on eligibility, requirements and the reimbursement process. Forms should be submitted at least one month prior to the event you wish to attend.

"The Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau's goal is to strategically invest in partners that drive



visitation and strengthen the reputation of Cumberland Valley. The Tourism Impact Sponsorship ensures that our partners have access to tools, training, and opportunities they need to grow” said CAEDC Director of Tourism and Marketing, Laura Delaney.

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## **Cumberland County PA Celebrates America 250 with Ceremonial Bell**

In honor of America’s upcoming 250th anniversary, Cumberland County is joining communities across the Commonwealth in the *Bells Across PA* initiative by placing a ceremonial bell at Veterans Memorial Courtyard next to Cumberland County’s historic courthouse in Carlisle, Pa.

The Bells Across PA project is part of America250PA, Pennsylvania’s official commemoration of the nation’s semiquincentennial. The initiative will feature artist-designed bells installed throughout Pennsylvania through 2026, each symbolizing Pennsylvanian’s unique role in shaping the nation’s history and future.

Cumberland County’s bell will be created by Carlisle artist Phil George, whose design “250 Years of Cumberland County,” reflects the region’s deep roots in American history, its rich traditions in agriculture, and diverse wildlife. The bell stand will be designed and built by students at the Carlisle Center for Careers and Technology. The bell will be installed before the end of 2025, and will be unveiled at a ceremonial event which will be announced.

This commemorative installation is made possible through the support of the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC)/Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, the county’s designated tourism and economic development agency.

“The Board of Commissioners is honored to host the ceremonial bell in the Veterans Memorial Courtyard, a perfect place to honor our nation’s 250th birthday and the service of our Cumberland County heroes,” said Commissioner Kelly Neiderer. “There’s no group more deserving of this honor than our veterans, who have fought to preserve our freedom.”

To learn more about America 250 in Cumberland County, including events and historic landmarks visit [www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/America-250](http://www.visitcumberlandvalley.com/America-250).



### **CAEDC's America250PA Cumberland County Sponsorship Program**

To support product development, event creation, and promotion efforts for America250PA Cumberland County, CAEDC will consider sponsorship requests of \$500-\$3,000 for activities happening in Cumberland County prior to December 1, 2026.

Sponsorship requests will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Emphasis will be placed on projects and activities that attract visitors. Please allow three weeks for review after submitting your sponsorship request.

All America250PA Cumberland County sponsorship requests must be submitted through this form.

[See full Sponsorship Guidelines.](#)

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## **Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America250!**

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

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

- Explore and share the microsite [VisitCumberlandValley.com/America-250](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).