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CHAMBER EVENTS

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February

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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

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!



To expand the reach of our state services, my district office will set up at local senior centers to assist attendees with state-related issues. My office can facilitate Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications and check for unclaimed property.

My first of two District Office on the Go events will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Shore Senior Center, 122 Geary Ave. in New Cumberland. The second will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center, 97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg.

Questions about these events should be directed to 717-761-4665.

**DISTRICT OFFICE
ON THE GO!**

THURSDAY, FEB. 26 10 a.m. to 1 P.M. West Shore Senior Center 122 Geary Avenue in New Cumberland	THURSDAY, MARCH 5 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center 97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg
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Community Conservation Partnerships Program Now Accepting Grant Applications

Communities across Pennsylvania can now apply for state grants to fund parks, recreation and conservation projects, as the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) opens its latest round of [Community Conservation Partnerships Program](#) funding. Applications are open now through April 30 at 4 p.m.

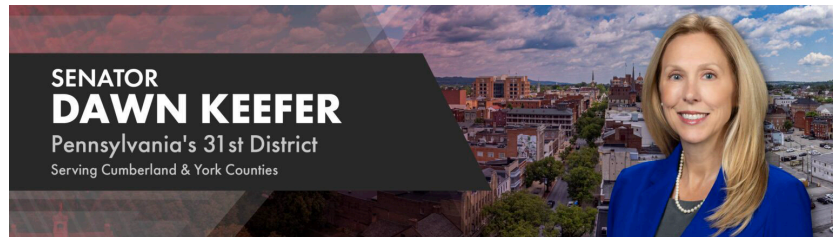
Eligible applicants include county and municipal governments, municipal agencies and nonprofit organizations. The grants fund projects such as park and recreation projects,

conservation planning, trail planning, land and river conservation, community and streamside tree planting, and more.

Grant applications are only accepted through [DCNR's Grants Customer Service Portal](#).

Before starting an application, potential applicants should contact a regional advisor who serves the county where their project will be located. Contact information is available on the [Regional Staff Assignment map \(PDF\)](#).

[Learn more here.](#)



2026 Trout Stocking Schedule Available

Looking forward to trout season? The [2026 trout stocking schedule](#) is now available online from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

It is searchable by county, lists waterways in alphabetical order, and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers, and the species of trout planned for each location. Opening day of trout season is Saturday, April 4. A single, statewide [Mentored Youth Trout Day](#) will take place on Saturday, March 28.

The commission will stock approximately 3.2 million trout in 684 streams and 130 lakes that are open to public angling.



Celebrating Career and Technical Education Month

I was proud to recognize Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month by attending the CTE Celebration Luncheon hosted by the [Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators](#), where I spoke about how CTE programs are opening doors to opportunity for students across the commonwealth.

CTE prepares students for high-demand, family-sustaining careers in fields such as health care, manufacturing, public safety, information technology and the skilled trades. More than 75,000 Pennsylvania students are enrolled in CTE programs, gaining hands-on experience that connects classroom learning to real-world problem-solving and workforce success.

It was inspiring to celebrate the students, educators, employers and partners shaping Pennsylvania's future workforce. I remain committed to expanding access to career-ready education and supporting programs that strengthen our economy and keep young Pennsylvanians building their futures right here at home.

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A Networking Fellowship for Rotarians and Friends

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WHERE: The Rolls Royce Museum
189 Hempt Road, Mechanicsburg, PA.

WHEN: Thursday, February 12, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

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-  Or Use the Registration Link in the Rotary Reporter

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Fri. 2/13 – The Dog House, Linglestown...Kirk solo/duo ...6-9

Sat. 2/14 – Homeland Center Valentine's Luncheon...Harrisburg...Kirk solo Noon-1:30

Tues. 2/17 – Strock Farms Catering Dinner, Mechanicsburg ...Kirk solo 6-8

Sat. 2/21 – Safe Harbour Gala, Carlisle...Band 6-10

Sun. 2/22 – MRC Church Dillsburg/ York Springs...Service @ 9

Tues. 2/24 – Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6 – 9

For complete up-to-date schedule, information, and photos go to
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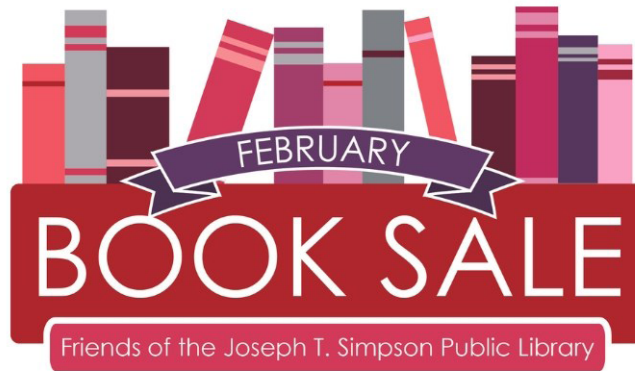
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Friday, February 20, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

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, February 21, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

See the list of prices on our website.

Sunday, February 22, 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.



**At the Learning and Book Sale Center
45 West Allen Street, Mechanicsburg**

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.****



Small Games of Chance ^{SGOC}

Educational Seminar for PA Non-profit Organizations

This session will feature informative discussions and in-person expertise on all aspects of the Small Games of Chance program:

Cumberland County Treasurer:

Learn the requirements for submitting a [SGOC](#) license application and renewing existing licenses.

Liquor Control Enforcement:

Gain critical insight into reporting requirements, record-keeping, and how to remain fully compliant with state law.

Legislative Leaders:

Discuss current and proposed legislation affecting Small Games of Chance in Pennsylvania.

Whether your organization currently holds a [SGOC](#) license or is considering applying for one, this seminar will answer your questions, clarify common areas of confusion, and help ensure your non-profit operates within the law.

When:

February 21

Saturday | 9am -10:30am

Where:

Cumberland Valley 9th Grade
Academy Auditorium
451 Skyport Road, Mechanicsburg

Cost:

Free to all registered 501(c)
non-profit organizations.

Limited seating available.

RSVP by February 10

treasurer@cumberlandcountypa.gov

include organization name and number of attendees



TREASURER'S OFFICE
Cumberland County

www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/treasurer

UPMC Children's to Host Free Teddy Bear Clinic to Help Kids Feel More Comfortable with Hospital Visits

UPMC Children's is inviting families in central Pennsylvania to a free Teddy Bear Clinic at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts located at 222 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa. on Saturday, Feb. 21 to help children better understand and feel more at ease with hospital experiences. Registration by Feb. 15 is required for this event.



“A visit to the hospital can be overwhelming and sometimes scary for young children,” said Sandra Schreffler, lead child life specialist, UPMC Children's in Central Pa. “The clinic is designed to reduce fear and build confidence by allowing children to learn about common medical tools and procedures in a fun, compassionate environment.”

Children must be aged 4 to 9 to participate. There are two sessions available - Session 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Session 2 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and registration is first come, first served. Both sessions will include pediatric teams performing sutures, taking vital signs, and putting a cast on a teddy bear. Following each session, each child will receive a free entry to the UPMC Science Center to experience various activities, including their special exhibit.

Child-friendly demonstrations will help them see that medical care can be safe and reassuring. This interactive event gives kids and parents the chance to walk through a series of playful, hands-on “medical” stations with their favorite teddy bear. Families are welcome to bring a stuffed animal from home. UPMC Children's will also provide a teddy bear for each child who participates. Friendly demonstrations will help them see that medical care can be safe and reassuring.

No walk-ins will be accepted. Visit UPMC.com/TeddyBearClinic for details about the event and to register.

UPMC Children's at UPMC Harrisburg offers 72 beds dedicated to infants, children, adolescents and teens, providing acute and critical inpatient pediatric care. UPMC brings nationally ranked care from UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to families in central Pennsylvania, with direct access to its specialists when needed.

To learn more about UPMC Children's in Central Pa., visit UPMC.com/CPAHospitalPediatrics



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.

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Separation Issues



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Location

PA CareerLink® Cumberland County

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Carlisle, PA 17013

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Program Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

Register through www.pacareerlink.pa.gov or by

Email: robortiz@pa.gov using

"UC Seminar" in the subject line

by *February 27, 2026*.

Please contact the PA CareerLink® Cumberland County
at 717-243-4431 / TTY: 717-243-3236 **if you require a
disability accommodation.**

Topics

Many employers and claimants have difficulty understanding the process UC uses to determine an employee's eligibility for benefits after voluntarily leaving or being discharged from a job. This presentation explains how the service center discovers the person quit or was discharged, the fact-finding process, burden of proof, the factors that are considered when making a determination, and appeal rights.

Our seminar will explain the process the UC Service Center follows when investigating and issuing determinations relating to quits and discharges, including:

- What are the steps taken in the fact-finding process?
- How is a ruling issued without fact-finding information from a party?
- What factors determine if a separation is a quit or a discharge?
- What determines burden of proof?
- How are certain exceptions under the federal Trade Readjustment Act factored into determinations?
- What additional steps are available if there is a disagreement with the determination?

Questions & Answers

Our skilled professionals will be available to answer your questions and help you to better understand everything about the UC program.

For more information on all aspects of unemployment compensation, go online at **www.uc.pa.gov** and click on "Employer Services."

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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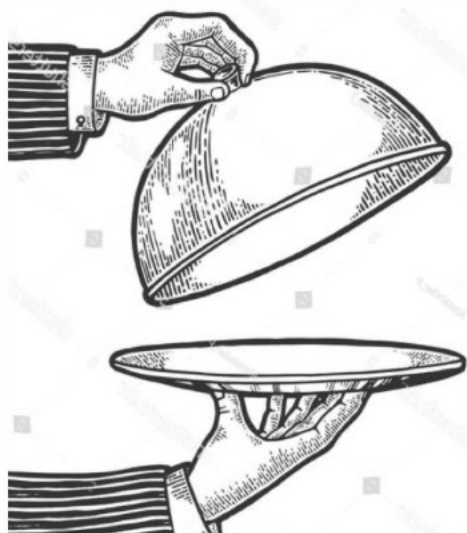


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The 4th Annual Flavors Of Mechanicsburg

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2026**

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CAEDC Annual Awards Event

Join CAEDC to celebrate the great leaders in our community that further our mission. Invitation to follow.

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NOMINATIONS
HERE**

SAVE THE DATE
March 27th
from 11:30am-2pm
at the Penn Harris Hotel

CAEDC
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PENNSYLVANIA

Nominations are open for the upcoming CAEDC Annual Awards Event. Help us recognize the businesses, partners, and individuals making a powerful impact in Cumberland County – from economic growth and lending excellence to tourism leadership and collaboration.

Award categories:

- **Economic Impact Award** - This award recognizes a business, organization, or project that has generated significant and measurable economic benefit to Cumberland County.
- **Economic Development Partner Excellence Award (Lender)** - This award recognizes a financial institution or lender that has demonstrated outstanding collaboration with CAEDC to support business growth and economic development in Cumberland County.
- **Tourism Ambassador of the Year** - This award recognizes an individual who actively promotes Cumberland County as a destination and demonstrates exceptional dedication to tourism excellence.
- **Tourism Partner Excellence Award** - This award recognizes outstanding hospitality and tourism partners who consistently deliver exceptional visitor experiences.
- **CAEDC Impact Award** - This award recognizes collaborative initiatives that create meaningful impact across economic development and tourism sectors.



THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Susquehanna Nonprofit Summit to Bring Regional Nonprofit Leaders Together on April 22

Nonprofit professionals and community leaders from across the lower Susquehanna Valley will gather on April 22 for the Susquehanna Nonprofit Summit, a one-day regional conference focused on connection, collaboration and shared learning to build nonprofit capacity and resilience. The conference will take place at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel & Conference Center.



SUSQUEHANNA NONPROFIT SUMMIT

A REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The conference is being planned by a regional partnership formed by the Adams County Community Foundation, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), Lancaster County Community Foundation, the High Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Partnership for Better Health and the York County Community Foundation, with sponsorship support from RKL and WellSpan. Together, these organizations are committed to strengthening the nonprofit sector and advancing positive change throughout the region.

“The Susquehanna Nonprofit Summit gives nonprofit leaders a chance to come together, learn from each other and build relationships across the region,” said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact at TFEC. “We want nonprofits to leave with practical tools, fresh ideas, and added capacity to serve their communities.”

The conference will feature keynote speaker Leslie Crutchfield, co-author of *Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits*. Crutchfield is a nationally recognized expert on social impact and nonprofit effectiveness whose research offers practical, evidence-based insights into how nonprofits can scale their impact and drive lasting change.

Attendees can expect a full day of engaging sessions, networking opportunities and conversations centered on today’s nonprofit challenges and opportunities. The event is designed for nonprofit staff, executives and board members at all stages of their work and is provided free of charge.

Registration is now open. Additional details, including the agenda and registration information, are available at www.susquehannanonprofitsummit.org.



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Penn State's Center for Economic and Community Development is surveying Pennsylvania businesses and organizations about their needs for a recovery-friendly workplace training initiative.

Please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to participate!



All participants will receive a **\$10 Amazon gift card** as a token of appreciation for their time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cecd@psu.edu. Thank you!

Mechanicsburg Lions Club

6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 10, 2026 @

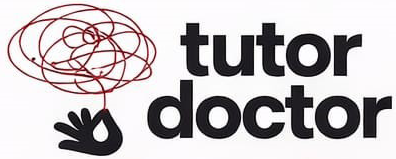


Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 6th annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends.

Sponsorship opportunities and golfer registration is open now. Use the URL or QR Code below to visit us on our Tournament Website:

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/mechanicsburg-lions-golf>





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SBA Offers Disaster Relief to Pennsylvania Small Businesses and Private Nonprofits Affected by Rainfall

Low interest disaster loans now available



U.S. Small Business
Administration

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 the rainfall beginning May 2-July 17, 2025.

The disaster declaration covers the counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and York.

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 3.625% 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 Sept. 29, 2026.

**[CLICK HERE FOR A FACT SHEET ON
ECONOMIC INJURY DISTASTER LOANS \(EIDL\)](#)**



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. Deadline to submit an application has been extended to March 2, 2026.

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

[See full Sponsorship Guidelines.](#)

**CLICK HERE FOR
APPLICATION FORM**



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.

