

# Chamber CHATTER



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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!!*

### *February*

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

### *March*

**5 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- The Learning Experience,** 165 Gateway Dr, Mechanicsburg. 11:30 am

**17 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -**  
Hosted by HD Entertainment. Location TBA.  
11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

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Members only event.

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## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

ABC West Lanes  
Art Depot  
Aumiller's Auto Parts, Inc.  
Cumberland County Housing & Redevelopment Authority  
Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership  
Eichelbergers, Inc. Well Drilling, Service, & Repair

Malpezzi Funeral Home, Inc  
Chris Moulton  
Pink Hands of Hope  
Synergy HomeCare of Mid Penn  
The Mechanicsburg Club

## Welcome New Chamber Members

Blue Moon Games, 101 South 3rd Street, Lemoyne, PA 17043; Tyler Myers; 717-480-6457, 267-848-4205; bluemoongamer.com; Retail / Recreation/Entertainment

Sue Erdman, Residential

SRS Building Products, 2754 Creek Hill Road, Leola, PA 17540; Chris Jordan; 717-673-4826; www.srsdistribution.com; Building/Construction / Retail

Teflon Roofing, 372 Grant Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201; Andy Kang; 717-830-8454; www.teflonroofing.com; Roofing / Building/Construction / Home Improvement

Greg Verbosky, Residential

**Do you know a great way to show off what, where, and how you do the things you do? Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event, contact the Chamber office for more details.**

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  - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT  
contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

# Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, February 26  
7:45 - 9:00 am

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



RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org) or call 717-796-0811.  
This members-only event is free to attend!

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

## Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, March 17  
11:30am - 1:00pm

[hdentertainmentdj.com](http://hdentertainmentdj.com)

Join Heather and HD Entertainment with a little  
**'Luck of the Irish'**  
as she hosts this month's event.  
HD Entertainment is the area's  
only all-female dj company.  
Learn how you can benefit from the  
Central PA Wedding Shows, also.

STAYED TUNED FOR  
LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT



Space is limited. Reservations required.

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



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*All-Female*  
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Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce  
as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting.

Help us welcome Mechanicsburg's newest early education offering.  
Check out the major transformation of the building into a facility to  
make learning joyful, engaging, and fun.

Thursday, March 5th  
**The Learning Experience**  
165 Gateway Drive  
Mechanicsburg 17050  
Ribbon Cutting at – 11:30 am

**THE LEARNING  
EXPERIENCE**<sup>®</sup>  
Academy of Early Education



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.

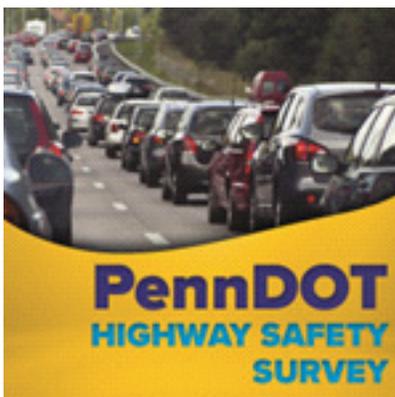
Questions about these events should be directed to 717-761-4665.

**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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## PennDOT Hosts Highway Safety Survey

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is seeking input from Pennsylvanians on traffic safety and driving behaviors through [an online survey](https://pa.gov/dotsafety) open now through Feb. 28 at [pa.gov/dotsafety](https://pa.gov/dotsafety).

The voluntary survey covers several topics, including seat belt use, impaired driving, speeding and distracted driving, as well as bicycle, pedestrian and motorcycle safety. It takes approximately five minutes to complete.



## Exploring Data Center Development and Community Planning

Data centers have become a key topic in Pennsylvania, and the 31st District is no exception. Land-use and planning decisions are a huge responsibility for local elected officials. I have prioritized helping local officials access the tools and knowledge necessary to make truly informed decisions on these developments.

That's why I recently traveled to "data center alley" in Loudoun County, Virginia — known as the "Silicon Valley of data centers" — to study their approach. I met with county leaders and toured facilities to understand the strategies that have succeeded, the obstacles they faced and lessons learned from their experiences.



Their insights were invaluable and will help guide responsible growth in our region, from zoning and infrastructure planning to environmental stewardship and community development. By planning carefully today, we can foster sustainable and balanced growth that benefits our neighborhoods for years to come. I look forward to sharing these findings with municipalities across the 31st District.

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## Chime Scholars Foundation Opens 2026–27 Scholarship Applications

A photograph of a "Scholarship Application" form. The form includes fields for "Name:", "First Name:", "Address:", "Street:", "City:", "State:", "ZIP:", "Telephone Number: ( )", "Birth: Month", "Day", and "Year". A gold pen is resting on the form. A social media handle "@SENATORKEEFER" is visible in the top right corner of the image.

The Chime Scholars Foundation has opened applications for the 2026–2027 academic year, offering scholarships of up to \$20,000. The program is designed to help learners of all backgrounds and stages of life pursue a variety of educational pathways, including traditional college degrees, trade schools, apprenticeships and technical certifications.

Applications are open through March 31, 2026.

For more information and to apply, visit the [Chime Scholars Foundation website](#).

# JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND  
PUBLIC DATES

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

Fri. 2/27 – Columbia Cottage Retirement, Linglestown...Kirk solo 3-4

Sat. 2/28 – Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk & Dave Duo 6-9

Tues. 3/3 – 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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**Bookings:** call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or E-mail [wisemotors@aol.com](mailto:wisemotors@aol.com)

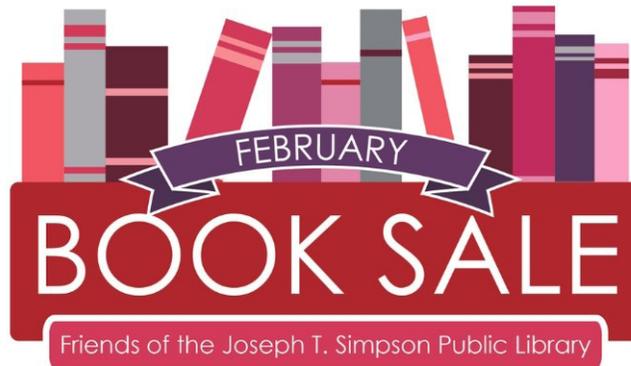
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**Friday, February 20, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

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**

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We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

*Chamber Chatter* advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

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



# 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](mailto:treasurer@cumberlandcountypa.gov)  
include organization name and number of attendees



**TREASURER'S OFFICE**  
Cumberland County

[www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/treasurer](http://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.

### Teddy Bear Clinic Event

Feb. 21, 2026



UPMC | CHILDREN'S

"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](https://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](https://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.**

**\$4,000**

400 \$10 coupons  
will be distributed

**More Info**  
& to Register -



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**Please contact Karen at 717-773-1340**

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SEMINAR

### Separation Issues



Hosted by

**PA CAREERLINK® Cumberland County**

Location

**PA CareerLink® Cumberland County**

40 Noble BLVD #12

Carlisle, PA 17013

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Program Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

Register through [www.pacareerlink.pa.gov](http://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov) or by

Email: [robortiz@pa.gov](mailto: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](http://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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# 2026 Virtual Early Learning Conference

March 9-13, 2026



This one-of-a-kind conference is meeting the needs of South-Central Pennsylvania by providing early education professionals with important training. The 2026 Virtual Early Learning Conference presented by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is an online asynchronous learning opportunity for any professional that supports young learners. Participants can expand their professional growth through the PDE and PQAS credits awarded all for an affordable \$50 registration fee.

As Pennsylvania experiences a teaching crisis, this year's conference puts an emphasis on helping underserved populations. The Virtual Early Learning Conference has community-informed sessions that empower those leading the charge in education. For example, the course on ASL communication with nonverbal students and infants/toddlers will help foster new connections with students. Other sessions take on topics such as the dangers of screentime and the ways that international literature can unlock new methods of teaching.

During her meetings with TFEC's Early Education Task Force, Michelle was ecstatic to realize that the needs of her community partners were directly reflected in the conference. Additionally, early education centers across Pennsylvania are in a battle against children's screen time. Our conference gives professionals tools to aid in that fight.

TFEC hosted over 200 attendees during the previous year's conference. Participants said they took back real-world skills that helped them support the little learners in their lives. This asynchronous opportunity allows participants to watch the courses at their own speed within the timeframe. Attendees will earn continuing education credits and develop new skills to take back to the community!

**[Registration Here](#) - Deadline is March 5.**

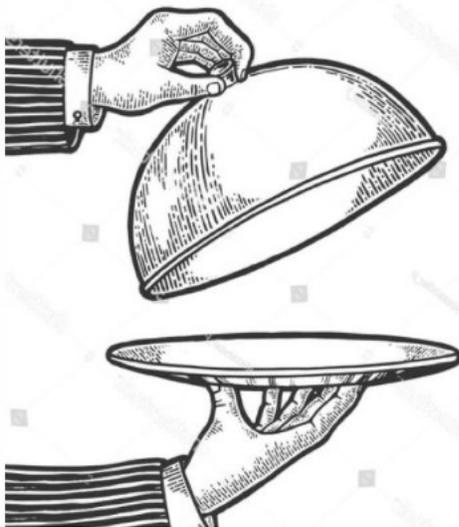


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**Sunday March 22,  
2026**

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*Or*      **1:30 –2:30**

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**Call Pam for tickets: (717) 254-6136**

**Hosted by: American Legion Post 109 Home Canteen  
224 W. Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



# CAEDC Annual Awards Event

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

**SUBMIT  
NOMINATIONS  
HERE**

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

**CAEDC**  
**CUMBERLAND VALLEY**  
**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

## Grant Applications Now Open to Support South Central Pennsylvania Nonprofits

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is now accepting applications for Grant Cycle 2, offering funding opportunities to nonprofits serving South Central Pennsylvania.

Eligible nonprofits can review guidelines and apply at [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org). The application deadline is Friday, May 1, 2026. Nonprofits with questions about application or eligibility for available competitive grants can learn more by emailing [grants@tfec.org](mailto:grants@tfec.org).

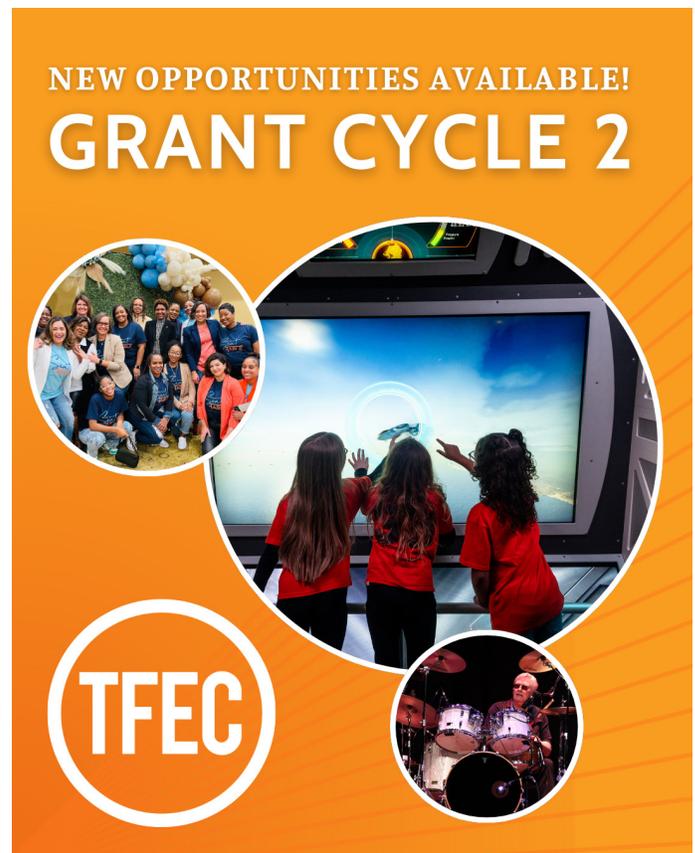
These funds support programs that strengthen families, expand access to education and health care, address basic needs, protect the environment and enrich communities through the arts.

“Every grant awarded represents an investment in our community,” said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO of TFEC. “When local nonprofits have the resources they need, they can respond to real challenges, meet people where they are and create lasting impact.”

Grant Cycle 2 is open to eligible nonprofits serving Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry counties, as well as the Dillsburg area. Funding priorities reflect the charitable goals of donors who partner with TFEC to make a difference close to home.

“When nonprofits thrive, our communities thrive,” said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact at TFEC. “In 2025 alone, more than \$9 million in grants helped organizations expand services, launch new programs and reach more people. That investment strengthens families, supports economic stability and improves quality of life across South Central Pennsylvania.”

Community change begins with people who care. TFEC is powered by private generosity, not government funding, which means individuals, families and businesses can shape the future of their own neighborhoods. By starting a charitable fund, donors can turn their values into lasting impact and strengthen the place they call home. To learn how to begin, connect with Kim Alvarez, Vice President of Philanthropy at TFEC, at [philanthropy@tfec.org](mailto:philanthropy@tfec.org).



**APPLICATION DEADLINE - MAY 1**



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- promote shoe drive and collect shoes
- donate your new/gently worn shoes

**Collection thru  
March 31st**

Contact The Tide office for  
more information or to set  
up a collection site at your  
church or business.

**events@thetide.org  
717-264-7288**



thetide.org/shoes

Special thanks to the community for their past support - donating 20,000+ pairs of new and gently worn shoes since 2022 and to Cubes Moving & Storage of Chambersburg for the use of a Cube to store incoming shoes.



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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!

## Mechanicsburg Lions Club

6<sup>th</sup> Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 10, 2026 @

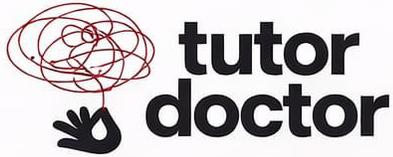


Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 6th annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle 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](https://sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is 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](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).