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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!*

*April*

**3 - Office closed for Good Friday holiday**

**14 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -** Hosted by **Highmark Caring Place, 1800 Center St, Camp Hill.** 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

**28 - AM Strategies...for Business Success - Tracey Jones, Tremendous Leadership.** Location TBA. 8:30 - 10:00am. FREE member event.

**30 - 16th Annual Cinco de Mayo Regional Fiesta Mixer -** Location - **Volvo CE, 200 Rowe Rd., Shippensburg,** 4:30 - 6:30pm. RSVP requested.

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

## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Central Penn College  
Classic Drycleaners & Laundromats  
Fairway Home Mortgage Corp  
Hampton Inn - Harrisburg West  
Herd Chiropractic Clinic  
Holiday Inn Express Harrisburg SW

Hynes Group, LLC  
Kona Ice of Carlisle Area  
Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ  
Tutor Doctor - S3D Education  
Wendell's Performance Truck Shop

# Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, April 14  
11:30am - 1:00pm

 HIGHMARK.

**CARING PLACE** 

**finding hope in grief**

Join us as the **Highmark Caring Place** hosts and educates all that they do to assist children, adolescents, and families through the grieving process after they have lost a loved one.

Introduce yourself and your business to familiar faces and hopefully some new ones. Come network with local business women and enjoy a light lunch. Don't forget to bring your business cards to MIX & MINGLE

**Location:**

Highmark Caring Place  
1800 Center Street  
Camp Hill 17011

Space is limited. Reservations required.  
RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# **Business Leaders Discussion Group**

**Thursday, April 30**

**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!**

**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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16th Annual



REGIONAL FIESTA MIXER

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

4:30 - 6:30 PM

V O L V O

Volvo Construction Equipment Customer Center 200 Rowe Road, Shippensburg

RSVP:

https://bit.ly/45DuEHa





Thank you to the **Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC)** for hosting their Innaugural Awards Luncheon Ceremony recognizing the individuals, organizations, and projects making a meaningful and lasting impact on the region's growth and vitality. The event brought together community leaders, partners, and stakeholders to celebrate the outstanding achievements driving tourism and economic development across Cumberland County. Along with the other Chambers of Cumberland County, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce was a nominee for the CAEDC Impact Award.

Through an open nomination process and careful review by a selection committee, CAEDC honored excellence across five categories: Economic Impact Award, Economic Development Partner Excellence Award, Tourism Ambassador of the Year, Tourism Partner Excellence Award, and the CAEDC Impact Award. The organization is grateful for the strong participation and extends its sincere congratulations to all nominees and winners for their exceptional contributions to Cumberland County.

#### Economic Impact Award:

This award recognizes a business, organization, or project that has generated significant and measurable economic benefit to Cumberland County.

#### Nominees:

- **Silver Spring Township**
- Triple Crown Corporation
- Woda Cooper

Winner: Triple Crown Corporation

#### Economic Development Partner Excellence Award:

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.

#### Nominees:

- Duane Bock, ACNB Bank
- Jason Seibert, Ephrata National Bank
- Jeff Hojnacki, Link Bank

Winner: Jeff Hojnacki, Link Bank

#### 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.

#### Nominees:

- Amy Brickner, Destiny Dairy Bar
- Chuck Payne, AHEC Foundation
- **Katee Brown, Penn Harris**

Winner: Chuck Payne, AHEC Foundation

#### Tourism Partner Excellence Award:



This award recognizes outstanding hospitality and tourism partners who consistently deliver exceptional visitor experiences.

Nominees:

- Carlisle Family YMCA
- High Hotels
- Jubilee Cake Studio
- PSFCA Big 33
- The Greatest Gift

Winner: PSFCA Big 33

CAEDC Impact Award

This award recognizes collaborative initiatives that create meaningful impact across economic development and tourism sectors.



Nominees:

- Cumberland County Planning Department and Cumberland County Planning Commission
- **West Shore, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg and Shippensburg Chambers**

Winner: Cumberland County Planning Department and Cumberland County Planning Commission

The event, sponsored by ECON Partners, was held at the Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill, and CAEDC extends its heartfelt appreciation to all nominees, winners, and partners whose dedication continues to strengthen Cumberland County's economy and tourism industry.

“Today marked a milestone for Cumberland County. Our inaugural Awards Luncheon was a powerful reminder of the extraordinary talent, dedication, and vision that exists right here in our backyard” said CAEDC Executive Director, Janet Anderson. “This event was about more than awards; it was about celebrating the partnerships and people who make Cumberland County a great place to live, work, and visit. We are incredibly proud to shine a light on the individuals and organizations who are moving this region forward, and we look forward to making this an annual tradition that grows alongside our community.”



To help constituents file their 2025 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications, I'm hosting designated office hours on Friday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at my district office, 2929 Gettysburg Road, Suite 6 in Lower Allen Township.

The program is open to residents aged 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. Income limits increased again this year to \$48,110 for both homeowners and renters. This is due to a 2023 law I supported that calls for adjusting the income limit based on annual increases in the Consumer Price Index. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000.

Appointments are requested. When you schedule, my staff will ensure you know what to bring to file your application. Call 717-761-4665 to make an appointment.

**PROPERTY TAX/  
RENT REBATE PROGRAM  
ASSISTANCE EVENT**

**HOSTED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHERYL M. DELOZIER**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10  
10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**  
at my district office  
2929 Gettysburg Road, Ste. 6  
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## PennDOT Seeks Feedback on Winter Services



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is seeking the public's feedback on winter services through an online survey.

The survey is available now through April 14 and should take about five minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous.

The 17-question survey asks respondents about their timeline expectations for safe and passable roadways, how they rank snow-removal priorities and how they rate PennDOT's winter services.

[Click here to take survey.](#)

The 88th District's veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families are invited to my 14th annual Tribute to Veterans Breakfast on Thursday, April 23, at 8 a.m. at the Mechanicsburg First Church of God Community Center, 201 E. Green St. in Mechanicsburg. At this free program and breakfast, we will pay tribute to the service of local veterans. This year, our theme is "Celebrating Our History in Preparation for America250."

Our keynote speaker will be Lt. Col. Devin Hammond. Lt. Col. Hammond is a U.S. Army War College resident student. He enlisted in 1998 as an infantryman, serving in the 75th Ranger Regiment and the 101st Pathfinder Company before commissioning through ROTC at Radford University. As an infantry officer, he held multiple leadership and staff roles, including platoon leader and company commander with deployments to Iraq. Since transitioning to the Acquisition Corps in 2013, he has served in key contracting and leadership positions, most recently as the 904th Battalion commander and MICC-Fort Stewart director. A native of Staunton, Virginia, he and his wife, Daiquiri, have two children, Garrett and Skylar.

I am looking forward to celebrating the service of local veterans, as well as our country's rich military history as we prepare to mark the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding on July 4.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit [RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events).



## Supporting Student Success Through Pennsylvania FFA Programs

The Pennsylvania FFA held their legislative breakfast on March 24 at the Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center in Camp Hill. This annual event provides an opportunity to engage with FFA student leaders and members from across the commonwealth and to learn more about the impact of agricultural education on Pennsylvania's future workforce.



It was especially meaningful to sit with members of the Dover FFA and hear about their experiences, leadership development and career goals. Their dedication highlights the important role FFA plays in preparing students for future success.

Pennsylvania FFA continues to play a vital role in developing the next generation of agricultural leaders through hands-on learning and mentorship. I am grateful for the opportunity to take part in this important event.

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## Senate Acts to Protect Workers' Compensation for First Responders

The Senate approved legislation to ensure volunteer fire and EMS personnel are [covered by workers' compensation](#) if injured participating in the fundraising activities essential for covering the costs of providing public safety.

A 1980 court decision held that firefighters injured at their annual fundraising picnic were eligible for workers' compensation because members were covered for all activities authorized

by a municipality. However, current law does not provide the same coverage for the full scope of fundraising activities. [Senate Bill 1053](#) would fill the gap, expressly providing workers' compensation for volunteers' participation in fundraising activities.

The bill was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.



## Interested in Law Enforcement? Check Out This State Police Program



If you are thinking about a future in law enforcement, consider participating in the Pennsylvania State Police Law and Leadership Academy, which offers a 15-week program to experience the process of becoming a cadet.

Applicants age 18 and over with a high school diploma or GED can apply. The program covers:

Physical Fitness  
Paramilitary Discipline  
Law Enforcement Education  
Time and Stress Management Skills  
Hands-On Practicums

The program runs from early May to early August at six locations statewide. Cadets meet twice a week, with occasional Saturday sessions. You can learn more [here](#).

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When the Senate gathers in Harrisburg to consider legislation, we open session with a non-denominational prayer delivered by a guest chaplain. Religious leaders from across the commonwealth have offered messages of peace, reflection and hope in this role for many years.

If you are interested in visiting the state Capitol when the Senate convenes for a session day to take part in this time-honored tradition, please contact my office for more details. Religious leaders of all faiths are welcome to reach out about this opportunity.





Mechanicsburg Area Churches invite the community to the

## **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK**

**Friday, April 3 | 11 AM to 12:15 PM**

Led by local pastors, prayer walkers will start at one of the prayer sites and then cover the surrounding area in prayer.

Participants are invited to join together at 12:00 PM at Mechanicsburg First Church of God for closing prayer and worship. All are welcome!

### *Starting Prayer Sites*

**Mechanicsburg Area Senior High**  
500 South Broad Street

**Turning Point Church**  
201 East Green Street

**St. Mark Lutheran Church**  
117 West Keller Street

**Park on the Square**  
1 West Main Street

**First United Methodist Church**  
135 West Simpson Street

#### **Closing Prayer & Worship**

**Mechanicsburg First Church of God, 28 East Main Street**

Visit [Mechanicsburg & Upper Allen Area Churches](#) Facebook page for more information.

# JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND  
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 4/3 – Totem Pole Wine Farm/Ranch Carlisle...Kirk solo/duo 6:30-8:30

Sat. 4/4 – Talking Breads Easter Egg Event, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 9-Noon

Sun. 4/5 – King's Gap Easter Sunrise Service, Carlisle... 7 AM

Tues. 4/7 The Homeland Center, Harrisburg...Kirk solo 1:30-2:30

Tues. 4/7 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Thurs. 4/9 – New Cumberland Downtown Food Truck Rally...Kirk solo 5-8

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 E-mail [wisemotors@aol.com](mailto:wisemotors@aol.com)

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# UPMC

## LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

### UPMC Empowering Wellness through Annual Women's Cancer Survivorship Conference

UPMC Magee-Womens and UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Central Pa. with the support of UPMC Pinnacle Foundation, hosted the annual Women's Cancer Survivorship Conference on March 28 at the Penn Harris Hotel Convention Center. Dedicated to empowering women living with cancer, the comprehensive one-day free event focused on wellness and was attended by over 100 participants.

"Survivorship extends far beyond medical follow-up," said Beth Rudge, CRNP, WHNP-BC, program coordinator, UPMC Breast Cancer Survivorship. "It includes emotional well-being, physical strength, mental health, sexuality, nutrition, movement, and reclaiming joy. Conferences like this create space not just for learning, but for reflection, healing, and renewal."

The conference opened with one of the day's most engaging sessions, "Ask Your Oncology Provider," a panel discussion featuring Dr. Maureen Roberts, Dr. Joshua Kesterson, Dr. Theresa Lee, and Dr. Kit Lu. The session was moderated by Megan Lanigan, program coordinator for UPMC Women's Cancer Survivorship.

The conference was designed to meet participants where they are. Throughout the day, attendees heard from clinical and community experts. Educational sessions focused on safely rebuilding strength and energy, with guidance from professionals at ReVital and LiveStrong. Participants also explored integrative practices such as Reiki and sound therapy, received practical



nutrition guidance from UPMC dietitian, Sadia Shaukat and learned strategies to support mental health and emotional well-being from UPMC Behavioral Health Therapist, Virginia Getz. Genetic updates and available resources were shared by UPMC Genetic Counsellor, Rachelle Gehr.

The event created space for shared experiences, allowing participants to connect through understanding and mutual support.

For more information on UPMC Magee-

Womens and UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Central Pa., visit [UPMC.com/CentralPAHillman](https://UPMC.com/CentralPAHillman) and [UPMC.com/CentralPaWomen](https://UPMC.com/CentralPaWomen).



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# BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

REGISTER TODAY. IMPACT TOMORROW.

## 1) Choose a Date.

- **Saturday, March 28** 2:00pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- **Sunday, March 29** 2:00pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- **Wednesday, April 8** 4:00pm. Clearview Lanes, Mount Joy
- **Friday, April 10** 6:00pm. Edgewood Bowl, Gettysburg.
- **Wednesday, April 15** 4:00pm. Clearview Lanes, Mount Joy.
- **Thursday, April 16** 6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.
- **Friday, April 17** 6:00pm. Hanover Bowling Centre, Hanover.
- **Thursday, April 23** 6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.
- **Friday, April 24** 6:00pm. Colony Park Lanes, York.

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## 2) Register Today.

[BBSSCPA.ORG/EVENTS](http://BBSSCPA.ORG/EVENTS)

## 3) Build your team.

Invite friends, family & coworkers.

## 4) Fundraise.

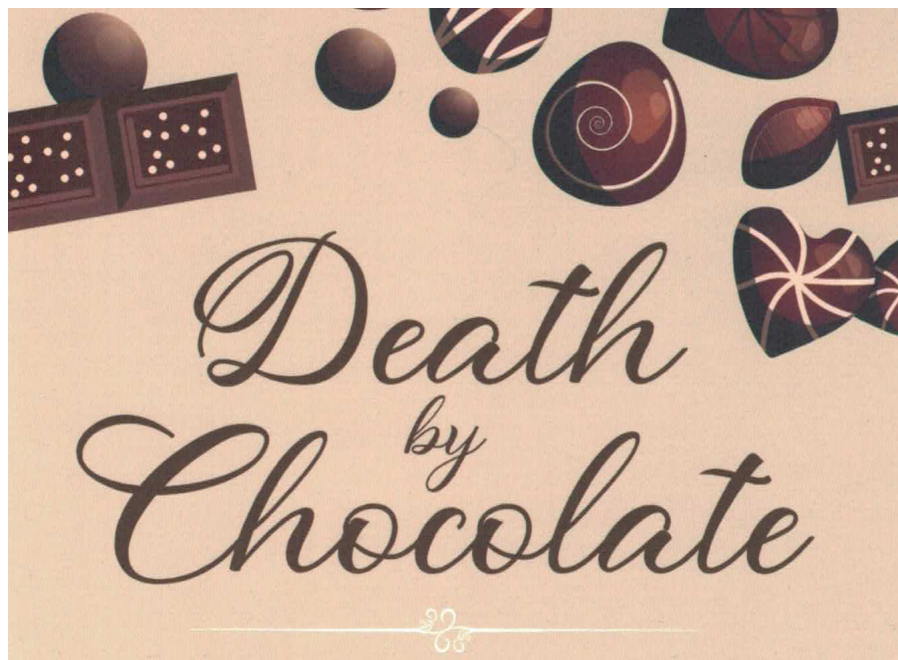
Teams of 5 raise \$500 (or more) to support a Big & Little.

## 5) Party!

Bowling. Pizza. Drinks. Raffle prizes. Inspire children to dream BIG!

Food Sponsors





**You're invited to a sweet meet and greet  
Saturday, April 11, 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Buhrig Funeral & Cremation Ltd.  
37 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
Buhrig's Gathering Place  
25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

**Join us for this free exclusive chocolate tasting event!  
Tour the facility and receive chocolates as you go,  
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The event is free, and there is no sales pressure,  
but it is offered to inform and demystify the process and to  
make you feel more comfortable  
with the concepts of our industry before your time of need.  
While the event is free, there are limited spaces.**

**[Click here to reserve your space.](#)**





# Mechanicsburg Lions Club



*Invites you to attend:*

## Lions Club Open House **April 21, 2026**

### Free Dinner for prospective members!

**In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be the "Knights of the Blind". Lions International accepted that challenge and have been helping the blind ever since. The Lions have grown to be the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 Million members in 48,000 clubs in 200 Countries!**

Would you like to **give back** to your community through service?

Would you like to learn more about the Lions?

Join the 96 men & women of our club to better our community!

### Reply if Interested!

Where: Buhrig's Gathering Place - 25 E. Main Street - Mechanicsburg, PA

When: **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** 5:45-6:15 Arrival Time 6:30 Dinner

**RSVP: by April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Email: [mechanicsburglionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:mechanicsburglionsclub@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 717-516-8401**

**You must RSVP to reserve your place for dinner!**

**This event is sponsored by the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA-Membership materials will be distributed during the evening.  
Dinner is free for anyone interested in becoming a Mechanicsburg Lion.**

**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.\*\***

## GFWC Mechanicsburg Newsletter articles April 2026

### Book Club - Sue Hardenbrook

The Book Club has been meeting since September of 1998 (that's 28 years!) and is still going strong. Won't you join us to read the latest choices? Contact Sue for directions - 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>

04/21/26 Prose, Nita - The Maid: A Novel - Betsy Rushong's house

05/19/26 Levi, Allen - Theo of Golden - Marge Frantz's house

06/16/26 Kamali, Marjan - The Lion Women of Tehran - Sue Hardenbrook's house

### Education - Sue Hardenbrook

The next Friends of the Joseph T. Simpson Library book sale is April 25 and 26th. However, the Yellow Breeches Education Center doesn't need any books until the October book sale. If you know of any group that can use the books, please let me know so that we can make arrangements with them. Thanks.

Please continue to use the many library services and programs along with borrowing books. Happy reading.



# JUNIOR MOCK INTERVIEWS

MASH Career Services is seeking community professionals to volunteer as mock interviewers for all junior students.

**APRIL | 20-28 | 2026**

Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

Use the QR code or link below to sign up, or contact [nclever@mbgsd.org](mailto:nclever@mbgsd.org) for more information.

[ttsu.me/mockinterviews](https://ttsu.me/mockinterviews)





## PASSPORT GALA PREMIERE EVENT

Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania (VROCP) is excited to announce the premiere of the organization's new fundraising concept: **Vision Resources Passport Gala**. Each event will feature a different Passport destination, the first, on **April 23, 2026**, will be Italy and there is no better location for guests to enjoy an Italian experience than **Visaggio's Ristorante**.

The ambiance at Visaggio's will be the perfect setting to allow those attending to move about among the food and beverage stations, place bids on a variety of auction items, enjoy strolling musicians, and share this marvelous evening with passionate friends of Vision Resources. Gala guests will be treated to sensational cuisine featuring Northern, Central, and Southern regional Italian specialties, prepared by the talented chef Tony and the staff at Visaggio's. Tickets will include beverages of choice including select wines, beers, and the signature drink of the evening, an Aperol Spritz.

VROCP is a one-hundred-and five-year-old non-profit agency with a mission to facilitate independence, enrich the quality of life, and empower individuals who are visually impaired, or otherwise disabled. The organization is proud that for the past twenty-five years Vision Resources promoted awareness of the vital programs and services the agency provides, while celebrating the agency's importance in the community, with inspiring and spirited Visions of Monte Carlo events. The organization believes the Vision Resources Passport Gala is a creative and fresh concept that will continue to benefit the agency and take the organization farther in the fulfillment of its mission.

Mark your calendar for April 23, 2026, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for Vision Resources Passport Gala. Tickets are \$125.00 per person, available online at the VROCP website, [www.vrocp.org](http://www.vrocp.org). Advance ticket purchases are required, space is limited and sales end Thursday, April 2nd. For more information call Vision Resources, 717-238-2531.





*Spreading sunshine to  
those in our community  
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life-threatening  
illnesses.*



**Hearts - n - Hands  
Sertoma Club**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 26, 2026**

**Mary Lank Memorial  
Flamingo Cash Bingo**

**Lower Allen VFW Post 7530 - 4545 Westport Dr.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

**For Tickets Scan Code:**

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GAMES OF  
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**Please RSVP by 4/13/2026**

**Doors Open at Noon - Games begin at 1:30pm  
\$35 includes: 10 Games, Hearty Appetizers & Soda**

**Special Games available for purchase**

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# 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).

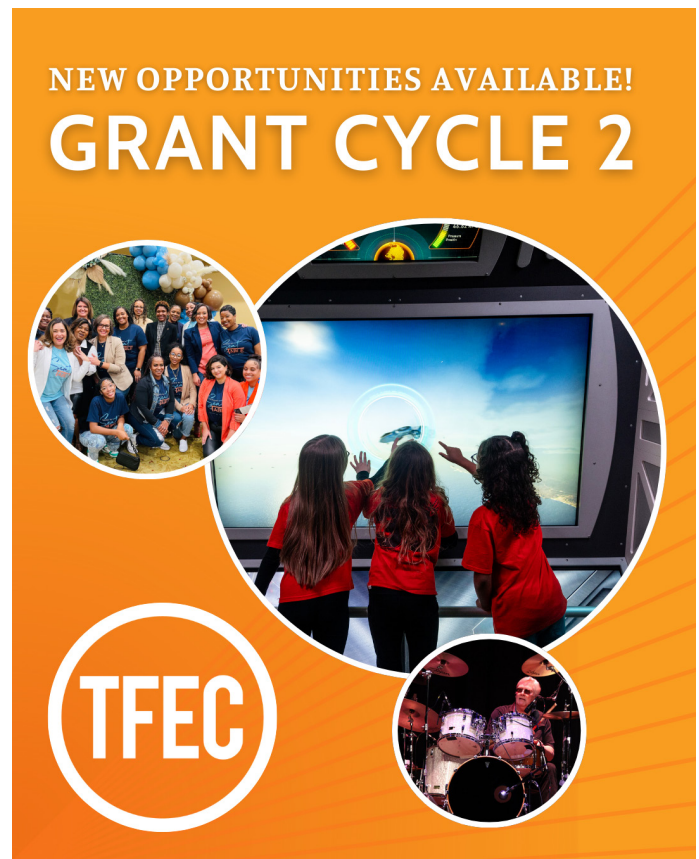
These funds support programs that strengthen families, expand access to education and health care, address basic needs, protect the environment and enrich communities through the arts.

“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).



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# 2026 ANNUAL TOURISM MEETING



MAY 11TH  
FROM  
11AM-3PM

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CARLISLE, PA 17013

Hear from **Josiah Brown**, “The New York Sherpa” as he discusses tourism advocacy, as well as breakout sessions covering influencer marketing and attracting first time visitors. Lunch will be served.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**CAEDC**  
CUMBERLAND VALLEY  
PENNSYLVANIA



**Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation**  
230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Bridges to Wisdom



## *Identity Theft: What Every Consumer Should Know*



Join us for an informative session on identity theft led by the PA Office of Attorney General. Learn how to protect your personal information, recognize common scams, and what to do if your identity is compromised.

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> • 6:00pm**  
Light Refreshments Served

RSVP by Monday, May 18 to  
[christine.meukel@bridgesatbentcreek.com](mailto:christine.meukel@bridgesatbentcreek.com)

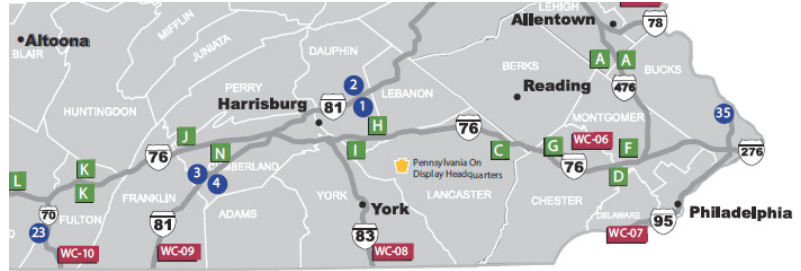
**The Bridges at Bent Creek**  
**2100 Bent Creek Blvd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**



Learn more about our community at [TheBridgesAtBentCreek.com](http://TheBridgesAtBentCreek.com)



## 2026 will be a high travel year for Pennsylvania!



**We Serve**

### **6th Annual Mechanicsburg Lions "We Serve" Golf Tournament**

**Friday, July 10, 2026**



**Tee Off: 8:00am Shotgun Start**

*Use the QR Code or URL below to visit us on our  
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<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/mechanicsburg-lions-golf>

**Check us out on FACEBOOK....**

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Let us help capture the travelers and tourists' attention and promote your tourism business.

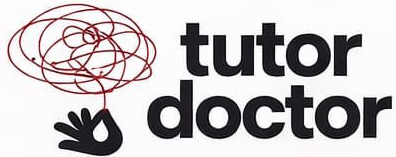
1. Celebrate America's 250th birthday in July! Gettysburg and many PA locations will have special commemorative events to experience this once-in-a-generation milestone,
2. FIFA World Cup in Philadelphia, June 14 to July 4th! Fans from more than 200 countries have requested tickets and Pennsylvania is anticipating over 72 million visitors in the state and specifically traveling through DE/MD I95 travel plazas.
3. NFL draft in Pittsburgh, April 23-25! A half-million people could attend this legendary event in Steel City.
4. MLB All-Star Game in Philadelphia, July 14th! Baseball's biggest stars take center stage with nearly 43,000 fans filling the stands for this unforgettable experience.
5. NCAA March Madness tournament in Philadelphia, March 20 to 22nd! Top college basketball teams will be drawing passionate fans from across the county.

2026 is your opportunity to be seen, remembered, and chosen. Let's put your tourism message directly in front of the travelers who are already on the move.

Advertising options with our company include:

- Exclusive distribution in Pennsylvania FREE Welcome Centers
- Paid Turnpike Service Plazas and Interstate Rest Areas
- Sole contract for three DE/MD travel plazas along I-95 — only \$750 for the entire year
- Local distribution options for hotels, campgrounds, and attractions

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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 \(EIDL\)](#)**



## 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).