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BE A HOST and showcase your business,
service and more...

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,
visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

April

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 -
The Wildcat Factor: Lead Fierce. Lead Kind. Lead
Well. Presented by **Tracey Jones, Tremendous Leader-**
ship. Location sponsor - **Joseph T. Simpson Public**
Library. 8:30 - 10:00am. FREE member event.

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

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Brookdale Grandon Farms
Buchanan & Erb
Chick-Fil-A at Shepherdstown Crossing
Daflure Heating & Cooling

Home2 Suites by Hilton Mechanicsburg
Schnader's Concessions LLC
Strategic Consulting Partners
Willis Fuel Services

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

A.M. Strategies...for Business Success

Tuesday, April 28th
8:30 am - 10:00 am

The Wildcat Factor: Lead Fierce. Lead Kind. Lead Well.

Presented by: Dr. Tracey Jones, MBA, CPBC, CPBL - Tremendous Leadership

Key Takeaways

1. Know Your Call Sign — How to build a leadership identity so strong that your team, clients, and competitors all know exactly who they're dealing with.
2. Firm But Kind Is a Strategy, Not a Personality Trait — The framework for holding the line with grace in difficult conversations, tough seasons, and fast-changing markets.
3. What Manny Taught Me About Your Business — The 3 questions every leader must ask about their customer experience before a crisis asks them for you.
4. The 60-Year Test — How Tremendous Leadership has outlasted nearly every company in its era, and the principles that apply to YOUR business right now.
5. AI Didn't Replace Wildcat — It Armed Her — A candid, practical look at how AI is already in your business, whether you invited it or not, and how to lead that reality with confidence.



About Dr. Tracey “Wildcat” Jones

Dr. Tracey “Wildcat” Jones is President & CEO of Tremendous Leadership, a publishing and leadership development company carrying forward the 60-year legacy of her father, Charlie “Tremendous” Jones. A former Air Force officer, F-15/F-16 Aircraft Maintenance Officer, and Operation Desert Storm veteran, Tracey holds a PhD in Leadership and has authored 14 books. She coaches executives, speaks to organizations worldwide, and has a gift for making leadership both deeply practical and genuinely unforgettable.

She leads with two things her father taught her, and the Air Force confirmed: be firm. Be kind. Never apologize for either.

Location:
Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
16 N Walnut Street
Mechanicsburg 17055

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811
This event is free to attend!

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 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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For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT
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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





Save the Date

On June 18, Jubilee Day returns to the streets of downtown Mechanicsburg. This year marks the 96th Annual edition! Don't miss your chance to be exposed to nearly 70,000 attendees from across the midstate.

Booth space is available at a discounted rate for Chamber members. Contact the chamber for an application. 717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org



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
Lower Allen Township

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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.

Voter Registration Deadline May 4



Pennsylvanians who are not already registered to vote but wish to participate in the May 19 primary election should be sure to register no later than Monday, May 4.

To be eligible to vote in the primary, you must be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the election; a resident of the election district in which you register to vote for at least 30 days before the election; and at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the primary. Under state law, only voters registered as Republicans or Democrats may vote for candidates in the primary election.

[Citizens may register to vote online here](#) or [visit your county voter registration office](#). Not sure of your registration status?

[Check it here.](#)

Voters who prefer to vote by mail-in or absentee ballot have until May 12 to apply for the ballot and until 8 p.m. on May 19 to return it. [For more information, click here.](#)

SENATOR DAWN KEEFER

Pennsylvania's 31st District
Serving Cumberland & York Counties



31st Senatorial District Residents: Share Your Input on Proposed Deer Season Change

A proposal under consideration, [Senate Bill 1244](#), would move the opening day of firearms deer season to the Monday after Thanksgiving. This potential change could impact participation and scheduling for many. To better understand the perspective of hunters in my district, I am asking for your input. Please take a moment to complete the [brief survey](#) and share your views on how this proposal may affect you and deer season participation overall.



Senate Approves Bill Aiding Pennsylvanians with Invisible Disabilities During Police Interactions



The Senate approved a voluntary ID designation for Pennsylvanians with invisible disabilities, such as deafness and autism, to help ensure clearer, [safer interactions with law enforcement](#).

Under [Senate Bill 802](#), individuals with invisible disabilities could apply for the designation free of charge, with a doctor's sign-off, through a process similar to obtaining a handicap parking placard. The designation would appear as a symbol on a driver's license or state-

issued ID card, alerting officers of potential communication difficulties during traffic stops or other interactions.

At least 32 other states have implemented similar measures. Senate Bill 802 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](#).

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.



JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

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

Fri. 4/10 – The Dog House, Linglestown...Kirk solo/duo ...7-9

Sat. 4/11 – Grappling Crab Public Event, Lisburn...Kirk solo 12-3

Sat. 4/11 – Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk & Bryce Duo 6-9

Sun. 4/12 – Freedom Biker Church , West Fairview...service 10:30 AM

Tues. 4/14 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

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

Bookings: call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

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You will be able to stay and
watch the show also.

Sign up below using the link
provided.

Thank You!

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)





Now Casting Local Kids

Ages 9-17

For Mark Rober's **SCHOOLED!** on Netflix



At your local Code Ninjas, your child has a chance to go on camera to show the casting producer their personality for **SCHOOLED!**, the new **Netflix** competition show from Mark Rober.

Why This Matters for Students

- ▶ Build confidence through **real-world** creativity.
- ▶ Learn how to prevent ideas and **think like a problem solver**.
- ▶ Experience technology, coding, and innovation in action.

For Parents & Community

- ▶ **Safe, structured environment** for kids to explore tech.
- ▶ Encourages leadership, independence, and communication.
- ▶ Connects local families to **future-ready** skills.

Who Can Participate

- Ages 9-17
- No experience required!

What to Bring

- A project, idea, or a passion for building.
- Creativity and curiosity.

What Happens

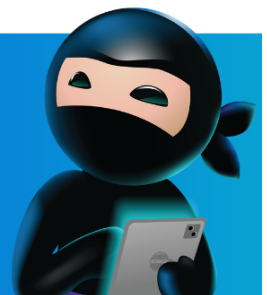
- Record an audition at your local Code Ninjas.
- Submissions are sent directly to casting.



Find Your Center

**Show the Casting Producers Your Child's
Personality At Your Local Code Ninjas!**

CODE NINJAS HARRISBURG-MECHANICSBURG
35 Gateway Drive, Unit A-113, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
(717)-546-4652 harrisburg-mechanicsburg@codeninjas.com





**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PA



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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3) Build your team.

Invite friends, family & coworkers.

4) Fundraise.

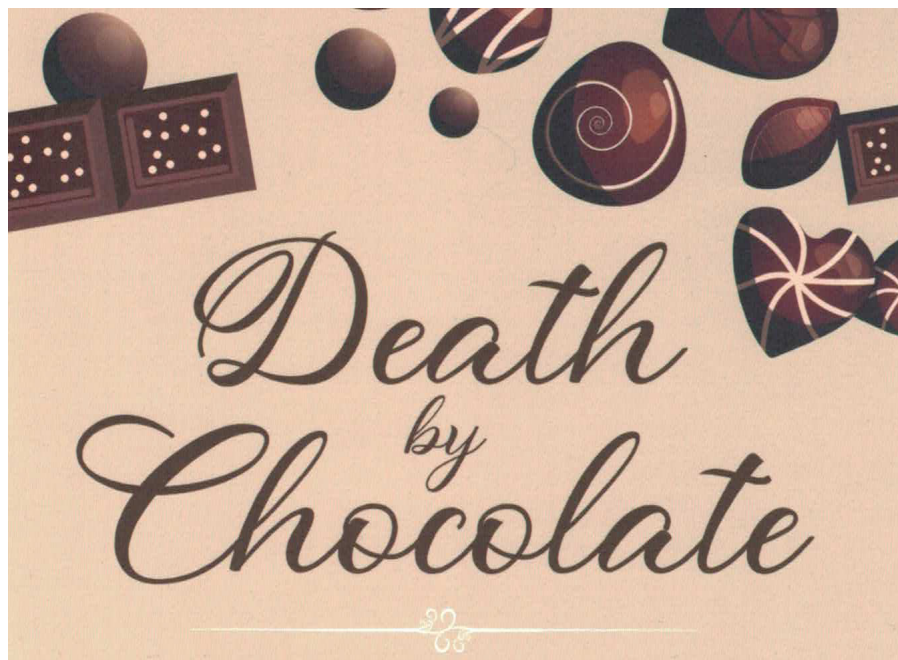
Teams of 5 raise \$500 (or more) to support a Big & Little.

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,
with a chocolatier doing a presentation at the Gathering Place.
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.](#)



GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg



The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. Our speaker will be a representative from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization. They are dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Their Alliance includes more than 650 NAMI State Organizations and Affiliates who work in your community to raise awareness and provide support and education to those in need.

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

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



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 15th

Email: 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.



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. 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
fighting cancer or other
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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RAFFLES!**



**SMALL
GAMES OF
CHANCE**

Or Call Karen - 717-979-5546

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. 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.

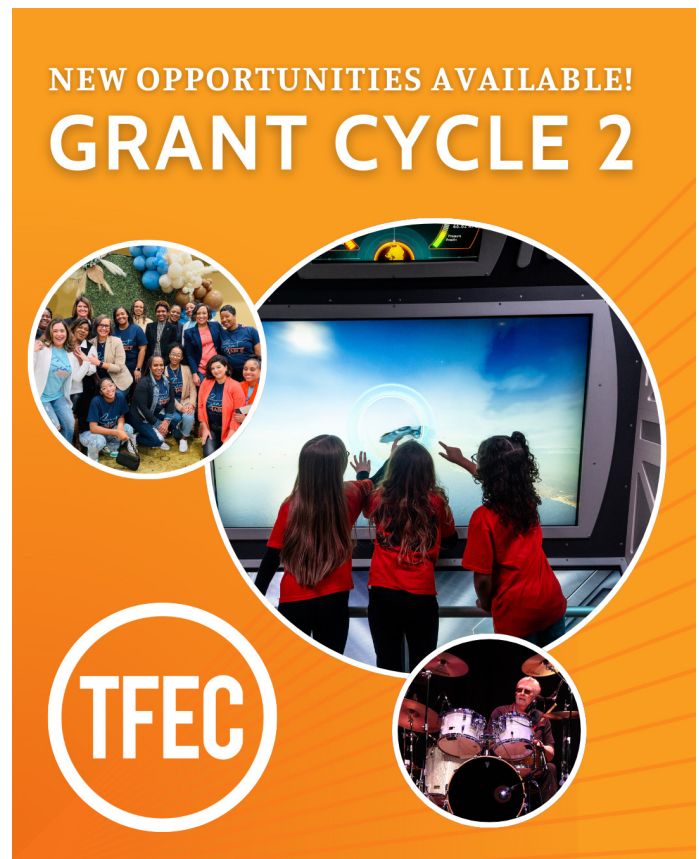
These funds support programs that strengthen families, expand access to education and health care, address basic needs, protect the environment and enrich communities through the arts.

“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.



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2026 ANNUAL TOURISM MEETING



MAY 11TH
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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](#)

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CUMBERLAND VALLEY
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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 20th • 6:00pm
Light Refreshments Served

RSVP by Monday, May 18 to
christine.meukel@bridgesatbentcreek.com

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



Learn more about our community at TheBridgesAtBentCreek.com





Join Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA on Thursday, May 21 for Big Night Out and celebrate 45 years of mentorship in our region! For 45 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA has been working to empower youth to reach their full potential. This milestone celebration is a chance to come together, to share stories, and to recognize our supporters, volunteers, and partners who make the mission possible. Corporate sponsorships are available.

Details and registration: <https://www.bbbsscpa.org>

Chamber Chatter is published on-line every Thursday.

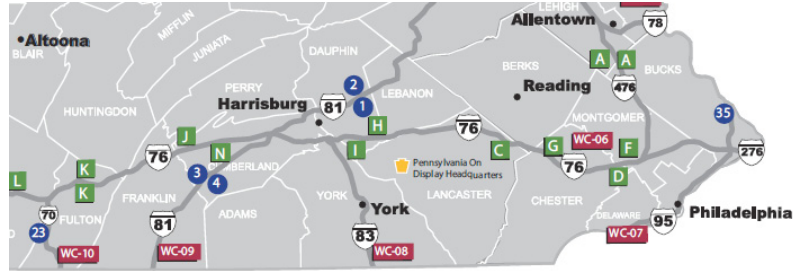
We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

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.****

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
Tournament Website to Register & Pay:*



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

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"Mechanicsburg Lions Club"

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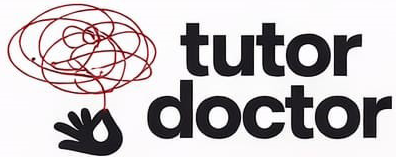
1. Celebrate America's 250th birthday in July! Gettysburg and many PA locations will have special commemorative events to experience this once-in-a-generation milestone,
2. FIFA World Cup in Philadelphia, June 14 to July 4th! Fans from more than 200 countries have requested tickets and Pennsylvania is 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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Account Executive
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THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Investing in Housing Solutions Across South Central Pennsylvania

Housing shapes every part of community life.

When people have a safe and stable place to live, families are stronger, health improves and communities are better positioned to grow. That is why The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) has committed to supporting safe, stable housing for all. Through its Equitable Access to Housing initiative, TFEC is working to expand options for affordable and accessible housing across its footprint. The effort is focused on building long-term community stability. At the same time, it supports environmental health and works to ensure fair access to housing that meets people's needs.

“This work reflects TFEC’s commitment to investing in the long-term strength of our communities,” said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO of TFEC. “Our hope is to support local solutions that meet real needs and help more people across our region build a stable future.”

The Need is Clear in South Central PA

The housing challenges facing our region do not look the same across communities, but the need is clear in each one. Local needs assessments point to rising costs, limited housing options and growing financial pressure on households across the footprint.

- **Cumberland County:** Basic needs continue to outpace wages. More households are also facing housing cost burden, especially older adults and lower-income renters.
- **Dauphin County:** Homelessness remains a major issue. More households are also spending too much of their income on housing and related costs.
- **Franklin County:** Housing affordability is becoming a greater concern. Home prices and rents are rising faster than income, making housing harder to afford.
- **Lebanon County:** Housing supply remains tight. Rental options are limited, homes for sale are scarce and many households are already housing cost burdened.
- **Perry County:** Housing costs are putting more pressure on local households. That strain is contributing to broader economic hardship across the county.

TFEC’s response is rooted in the belief that housing challenges are complex and require community-wide action. No one investment will solve the issue. Real progress takes strong local partners working together. It also requires listening to community needs and supporting solutions that can make a lasting difference.

“We know there is no single answer to housing challenges,” said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact at TFEC. “Meaningful progress takes strong local partnerships. It also depends on thoughtful investment and a clear understanding of what each community needs most.”

Investing in Local Housing Solutions

TFEC is putting this commitment into action by investing in community-based housing efforts across the region. That includes a \$25,000 grant to the AMiracle4Sure Community, which serves people experiencing homelessness in the greater Harrisburg area. The organization is creating a space where vulnerable neighbors can find hope, stability and support.

“It is so important that we as the community, collectively support the needs of the most vulnerable,” said Marsha Curry, founder and executive director of AMiracle4Sure. “The dynamics of homelessness are so complex that it cannot be solved by one person or one entity. It requires us all to do our part and I believe when we do, those we serve have a sense of hope. This grant speaks to the hearts of those who trust TFEC to ensure their donations have a direct impact on the critical needs of the greater Harrisburg area. Many thanks to the community for all they have done.”



According to Curry, local residents can support the AMiracle4Sure Community in several ways. By following the organization on social media and sharing updates with others, individuals can help keep the spotlight on those in need. They can also collect needed items listed on the organization’s website at www.amiracle4sure.com, helping to ensure needs are not left unmet. Curry also noted that volunteers are needed in the community. Support may include helping with cleaning, assisting with laundry or preparing a meal. Those who want to be involved more actively may also consider joining the board and contributing to future planning. Financial support of the Amiracle4Sure community is also welcome. Donations help cover utility costs and support the development of a pavilion over the housing units.

Because housing challenges take different forms across the region, TFEC is expanding its response to allow for local flexibility. In 2026, TFEC will offer five new competitive grant opportunities, providing \$10,000 per community in Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry counties, as well as Mechanicsburg, to support housing-related work. Nonprofits interested in applying for these grants can email grants@tfec.org to learn more. Community members who want to support this work can email philanthropy@tfec.org to learn how to begin their own philanthropic journey and invest in solutions that strengthen their community.

Housing challenges affect every county in different ways, but the goal is shared. TFEC is committed to working with donors, nonprofit partners and community leaders to move this work forward and create stronger communities across the region.



CAEDC Awards Nearly \$1 Million in Tourism Grants for Cumberland County; 2026 Application Still Open

The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC), through the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, has awarded \$994,140 in tourism grant funding to support 14 projects across Cumberland County.

The funding is part of CAEDC's ongoing commitment to strengthening the region's tourism economy by enhancing visitor experiences, supporting local businesses, and investing in attractions that draw travelers to the Cumberland Valley. In 2025, CAEDC administered three grant programs: the Tourism Recovery Grant, Tourism Product Development Grant, and Destination Sales Grant.

A list of awarded projects is below:

2025 Tourism Product Development Grant

- Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails received a \$176,000 grant to assist with construction of a trail along Middle Spring Creek. The project will connect the Shippensburg Station trailhead of the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail to downtown Shippensburg.
- Destiny Dairy Bar received a \$152,777 grant to enhance visitor experiences on the farm. Improvements include a pavilion with shade, seating, and lighting, a food truck for on-farm dining, and a concrete entrance to the cow barn to improve access for strollers and children.
- Midway Bowl received a \$133,709 grant to update event rooms, add better seating and shade to the outdoor patio, and install new windows and an ADA-accessible door.
- Jubilee Cake Studio received an \$87,020 grant to expand the indoor play area playhouses, amusement equipment, and LED displays.
- The Event Cafe was awarded a \$76,586 grant for ADA accessibility upgrades and structural improvements.
- Shippensburg University received a \$74,000 grant to support new equipment purchases that will enhance performance quality at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center.
- Shippensburg University Foundation received a \$25,260 grant to support the creation and installation of "Happy Birthday! America's Milestone Celebrations from Lafayette to Today," an exhibit celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary at the Shippensburg Fashion Archives.

2025 Tourism Recovery Grant

- Denim Coffee was awarded a \$10,000 grant for new furniture, a water filling station, butcher-block tabletops, and additional enhancements. [Denim Coffee's award was highlighted in a recent Success Story.](#)

- Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association received a \$5,819 grant to replace a 40-year-old sound system.

2025 Destination Sales Grant

- New Cumberland Olde Towne Association received a \$120,000 multi-year grant for the Iron Bridge Festival to support entertainment and event expenses.
- Innovation Management Consulting LLC received an \$89,812 multi-year grant for the PA Gospel Fest in Shippensburg to cover artist fees and related expenses.
- Carlisle Family YMCA was awarded a \$24,155 grant for the Carlisle Crush Volleyball Tournament, supporting field maintenance and facility upgrades.
- Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling received a \$12,000 grant to assist with hiring officials and renting timing equipment and mats for the Youth Championships.
- Professional Women and Women Entrepreneurs Association received a \$7,000 grant to assist with performance and venue fees for the Annual Gala Dinner at the Penn Harris Hotel.

Since the program began in 2010, more than \$4.2 million in tourism grant funding has been awarded to 237 projects.

2026 Tourism Grant Opportunities

CAEDC is currently accepting applications for its 2026 Tourism Grant program. Available opportunities include:

- **Tourism Product Development Grant:** Supports physical product development projects seeking between \$25,000 and \$500,000 for creating new tourism experiences that attract overnight visitors or provide experiences for visitors already in-market, including construction, furniture and fixtures, and equipment.
- **Tourism Partnership Grant:** Offers funding from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for smaller-scale product development projects that expand tourism products, experiences, or services designed to 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 quarterly. The next Tourism Grant Program application deadline is May 8, 2026. Grants are reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis as funds are available. “CAEDC’s tourism grant program helps turn great ideas into visitor-focused experiences that strengthen Cumberland County’s appeal. By investing in projects that enhance attractions, events, and infrastructure, we’re driving tourism growth, supporting local businesses, and creating lasting economic impact for our community,” said CAEDC’s Director of Tourism and Marketing, Laura Delaney. To learn more about CAEDC’s tourism grants, including eligibility, timelines, and application guidelines, visit cumberlandbusiness.com/tourism-grants.

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 \(EIDL\)](#)**



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.