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- 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

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

July

1-7 - Chamber office will be closed

14 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -
Hosted by Belco CCU & Visaggio's Ristorante, 6990 Wertzville Road, Enola. 11:30am - 1:00pm.
FREE member event.

21 - After Hours Mixer & Ribbon Cutting - Spark by
Hilton Mechanicsburg, 385 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg. 4:30 - 6:30pm.

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

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

One study found that 64% of adults familiar with their local chamber of commerce were more likely to purchase from a chamber member.

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

**Advanced Coating Technology
Kanagawa**

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

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



Lunch with Belco CCU President and CEO Amey Sgrignoli

Join us as **Belco Community Credit Union** and **Visaggio's Ristorante** co-host and educate all on what that they have to offer.

Learn more about **Belco** - one of Central PA's leading financial institutions - and **Visaggio's** - an area staple in dining, catering, and your special events.

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:

Visaggio's Ristorante
6990 Wertzville Road
Enola 17025

Space is limited. Reservations required.
RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

After-Hours Mixer & Ribbon Cutting

FREE
EVENT!

**Tuesday, July 21
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

FREE
EVENT!



Spark by Hilton Mechanicsburg
385 Cumberland Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Join us for a Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer at the Spark by Hilton Mechanicsburg. Come check out the area's newest renovated and rebranded accommodations. Help us celebrate this Grand Rebranding with a ribbon cutting.

We invite you to come network with other businesses and get to know fellow professionals in the area. The Mixer is FREE.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811.

Enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments and a chance to win a prize!

RSVPing is easy, simply email info@mechanicsburgchamber.org, RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, July 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.**

Seeking HOSTS for 2026 EVENTS

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

For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT
contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all the vendors, sponsors, attendees, and especially the volunteers that assisted in making the 96th edition of Jubilee Day another incredible highlight of the Mechanicsburg and central PA area. This historic event could not be done without the cooperation of a small army of dedicated people.

The 97th edition of Jubilee Day is scheduled for
Thursday, June 17, 2027.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office at
717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.



Grants Bolster School Safety, Mental Health for Non-Public Schools

Recently, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) approved grants to bolster school safety and mental health support.

I am glad to see several non-public schools in the 88th District receive these important grant dollars. Ensuring student safety and access to mental health support betters the quality of the education they receive. Safe schools where mental health services are readily available prepare our students for success in the classroom and beyond. As a former member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's board, I appreciate the work of the staff for distributing these funds.



The following grants were awarded in accordance with grant guidelines for non-public schools:

- Merakey Pennsylvania – Hampden
- River Rock Academy – Shiremanstown Campus
- Saint Theresa of the Infant Jesus Parish and School
- St. Joseph Parish and School

The funding from this grant program may be used to help address school violence, improve student mental health and bolster school security, including costs associated with the training and compensation of security personnel.



511PA Available to Help Travelers Heading to Major PA Events

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is encouraging drivers traveling to FIFA World Cup 26 matches, FIFA Fan Festival, Major League Baseball All-Star Week or America250PA events in Philadelphia to plan their trip using the enhanced real-time travel information available on a specialized webpage at 511PA.com/PhillyEvents.

The new webpage includes links to traffic maps, along with other helpful links and travel tips for getting to each event. Traffic maps include the average travel time for primary routes to each event. Users can see real-time incidents, construction, traffic cameras, traffic speeds and message board displays on the maps. The maps also include real-time SEPTA information, including

status and next departure times.

Travelers using the “My Routes” option will also have access to a list of special points of interest when choosing their starting point or destination, making it easier than ever to find the best route to or from the events.

[Read more here.](#)

Fun for All Ages Awaits at PA Fairs

Summer is in full swing, and so is Pennsylvania fair season! Communities across the Commonwealth are hosting dozens of fairs featuring food, fun and entertainment, as well as competitive exhibits highlighting animals, produce, crops, crafts, baking and more.

To plan your fair visit, check out the [2026 PA Fair Guide here.](#)



An Ice Cream Lover’s Dream Getaway!

Looking for a way to sweeten your summer? Check out this year’s Scooped: An Ice Cream Trail to help find the best cool treats of the season.

This year’s trail features 59 participating PA Preferred creameries. From working dairy farms where visitors can meet the cows to artisan micro creameries crafting bold, rotating flavors, the 2026 lineup offers something for every kind of ice cream adventurer across all corners of the Commonwealth.

Participants can accumulate points by visiting trail stops and making purchases. Plan your adventures, learn about participating creameries and sign up for the free digital passport at visitpa.com/scooped.



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Get Help with State Services at a Satellite Office Near You

In addition to my Harrisburg and district offices, I maintain satellite offices in Cumberland and York counties to make it easier for residents throughout the 31st Senatorial District to access state services closer to home.

Residents can stop by for assistance with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- PennDOT paperwork and forms
- Birth and death certificates
- Veteran-related services
- Other state government programs and services

Below are my satellite office locations, hours and days of operation. Residents are welcome to stop by or schedule an appointment with my staff.

Cumberland County Satellite Office

Days of Operation: Second Thursday of Every Month

Hours: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center, 2233 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill.

City of York Satellite Office

Days of Operation: Every Wednesday

Hours: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: York County Administrative Center, Suite 216, 28 E. Market St., York.

My team is committed to providing the assistance and resources you need. If you would like to set up an appointment at one of my satellite offices or have questions, please call 717-432-1730.

We look forward to serving you.





Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Community Events

I am pleased to host two upcoming community events designed to provide valuable services and connect residents with important resources:

*** Shredding and Damaged License Plate Replacement Event — Join me on July 30 from 4-7 p.m. for a [FREE shredding and damaged license plate replacement event](#)

at Mechanicsburg Middle School, 1750 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg. This is a secure way to dispose of personal documents and help ensure your vehicle remains road-ready with assistance from the Upper Allen Police Department.

*** Senior Expo — Don't miss this informative event on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Shore YMCA, 410 Fallowfield Rd., Camp Hill, where local organizations will come together to share information, resources, free health screenings, door prizes and more.

More details, including additional participating organizations and event information, will be shared in the coming weeks.

PA Guard Military Family Education Program

As students begin preparing for the fall semester, Pennsylvania National Guard members are reminded their families could be eligible for assistance to offset the cost of higher education.

The Military Family Education Program is for Guard members who completed an initial service obligation on or after July 1, 2019, and is eligible to reenlist in the PA National Guard for a period of six years.



The grants can be used for a degree-granting or certificate-granting curriculum, course of study, or training program required for entrance into a specific career at an approved Pennsylvania institution of higher learning. [Read more details and find applications here.](#)

Department of Agriculture Issues Quarantine Order for Screwworm

Confirmed cases of New World Screwworm (NWS) in Texas and New Mexico has prompted the state Department of Agriculture to issue a quarantine order limiting the movements of livestock and pets.



The quarantine order establishes movement restrictions and enhanced animal health requirements for susceptible domestic animals entering Pennsylvania from affected areas. The order includes provisions for veterinary inspection, animal health certification and preventative measures designed to reduce the risk of NWS entering the commonwealth through animal movements. [Read the NWS quarantine order here.](#) [Find more information about the NWS outbreak here.](#)

There are currently no cases in Pennsylvania.

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Fri. 6/26 – Copper Pub & Grille, Linglestown...Kirk & Patrick duo 6-9
Sat. 6/27 – American Legion “the Swamp”, New Cumberland ... Kirk & Bryce Duo 7:30-10:30
Sun. 6/28 – Wolf Brewing Brunch, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo/duo 11-2
Tues. 6/30 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9
Fri. 7/3 – Gettysburg Farm Campground, Dover...Kirk solo 6-9
Sat. 7/4 – Mt. Airy Orchards July 4th Day, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2
Sat. 7/4 – Royal Winery, Harrisburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9
Sun. 7/5 – Green Ridge Village, Newville...Kirk Duo 3-4
Tues. 7/7 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9
Thurs. 7/9 – New Cumberland Downtown Food Truck Rally...Kirk solo 5-8

Welcome to Buhrig Funeral & Cremation

The death of a loved one turns your world upside down. We understand, and we're here for you. It is our greatest honor to care for your loved one and help you create a uniquely personalized service to celebrate their life and legacy.

But funeral service goes beyond paying tribute to a life lived. It's also about supporting the family and friends a loss leaves behind. You don't have to walk the journey through grief alone. When your loved one is brought into our care, you are, too.

We would love to visit with you more about the services we provide to Mechanicsburg and the surrounding area. Please contact us today.

Our History

Buhrig Funeral & Cremation has been a comforting presence in the heart of the Mechanicsburg community since it was founded as Myers Funeral Home in 1910. The Vertin family of funeral homes purchased us in 2023. Although the funeral home has undergone name changes and facility upgrades, the team's deep dedication to providing families with the very best care has remained the same.

Testimonials

Outstanding & professional - THE best! We were treated like family. Buhrig was outstanding in EVERY way.
— Kathleen M.

Kirk and his staff were very professional and considerate of the loss we were experiencing. A great experience in a time of great loss and sadness.

— Connie T.

Buhrig Funeral Home did an absolutely beautiful job with my sisters viewing and funeral. As someone who grew up in Mechanicsburg it is wonderful to have a hometown Funeral business that pays this much attention to detail and treats their clients with this much care and respect.

— Todd O.

Upcoming Event

July 7, 2016 • 2:00 PM

PLANNING FOR PEACE OF MIND

Explore the advantages of pre-planning. This seminar will guide you through options that ensure your final wishes are met while giving your family peace of mind.

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11:30AM-1:00PM

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Trump Accounts for Kids: Tax-Advantaged Savings Guide

Written by [Robin Bodine, CPA](#)

What Are Trump Accounts and Why Do They Matter?

Trump Accounts were created by the 2025 [One Big Beautiful Bill](#) to help children build wealth early. Unlike 529 plans, these accounts don't require earned income and funds can eventually be rolled into a traditional or Roth IRA. For many families, especially those with lower incomes, the combination of a government seed contribution and tax-deferred growth offers a rare opportunity to give kids a financial head start. Parents often ask whether they should open one. The short answer is: if your child is eligible, there is little downside to starting early.

Quick answer

Trump Accounts are new tax-advantaged investment accounts that let parents save for their child's future from birth. Eligible kids (U.S. citizens born 2025–2028) receive a one-time \$1,000 seed contribution, and annual contributions from family and employers can total up to \$5,000.

Quick Facts Table

Feature	Details
Eligibility	U.S. citizens under 18; birth years 2025–2028 qualify for \$1,000 seed.
Opening	Parent, guardian, adult sibling or grandparent files IRS Form 4547 or uses the online portal.
Individual Contribution Limit	Up to \$5,000 per child per year.
Employer Contribution Limit	Up to \$2,500 annually.
Investment Options	Low-cost U.S. stock index funds and ETFs with expense ratios $\leq 0.10\%$.
Withdrawal	Generally locked until the year the child turns 18; account transitions to IRA rules thereafter.

How to Open and Fund a Trump Account

Who Can Open the Account?

Any parent or legal guardian can open a Trump Account on behalf of a child under 18. If a parent isn't available, an adult sibling or grandparent may file the election. To establish the account, you'll

need the child's Social Security number and must submit IRS Form 4547 or complete the online form at trumpaccounts.gov. This form should be filed no later than December 31 of the year before your child turns 18 to secure eligibility.

When Can You Fund It?

Although you can elect to open the account anytime, contributions cannot begin until **July 4, 2026**.

Who Can Contribute?

Contributions may come from a wide range of sources:

Parents and guardians: After-tax money, similar to Roth IRA contributions.

Relatives and friends: Anyone can contribute up to the annual limit on behalf of the child.

Employers: Businesses may add up to \$2,500 per year for employees' children.

Governments & charities: State or local governments and charitable organizations can make unlimited contributions; these gifts don't count toward the \$5,000 cap.

Private philanthropic contributions: Some private programs may provide additional Trump Account funding for eligible children. For example, Michael and Susan Dell announced a pledge to provide \$250 deposits for certain children who do not qualify for the federal \$1,000 seed contribution. The deposit is expected to be added to qualifying Trump Accounts once the account is opened or activated, while funds are available.

What About Taxes?

Your own contributions are made with after-tax dollars. This means withdrawals of your principal are not taxed, but investment earnings will be taxed when the account is rolled into a traditional IRA. By contrast, the government's \$1,000 seed and employer contributions are fully taxable upon withdrawal. Consider working with a tax advisor to decide whether to convert to a Roth IRA at age 18.

How Investments and Growth Work

The goal of Trump Accounts is to encourage long-term investing. During the growth period (from account opening until December 31 of the year before your child turns 18), funds must be invested in **broad U.S. stock index funds or ETFs** with expense ratios no higher than 0.10 %. Diversified index funds typically offer steady growth over decades and are well-suited to a child's long time horizon. After the child turns 18, investment restrictions lift and you may roll the balance into a traditional or Roth IRA, where the full menu of mutual funds, ETFs, and individual securities becomes available.

Withdrawal & Rollover Rules

Because Trump Accounts are designed for long-term savings, withdrawals generally are not allowed during the account's growth period, which ends before January 1 of the calendar year in which the child turns 18. During that period, money can generally leave the account only in limited situations, such as a qualified rollover to another Trump Account, a qualified ABLE rollover, a return of excess contributions, or a distribution after the beneficiary's death.

Benefits of Trump Accounts for Kids

Early compounding: Starting at birth or early childhood means contributions benefit from nearly two decades of compounding.

Inclusive eligibility: Unlike Roth IRAs, children don't need earned income to qualify.

Financial education: Opening an account provides a practical way to teach kids about investing and the power of compound interest.

Complementary to other plans: You can still contribute to 529 plans or custodial accounts; the Trump Account doesn't replace them.

Potential for matching contributions: Employer matches and government or charitable gifts can significantly boost the balance.

Practical Steps to Get Started

Confirm your child's eligibility: Make sure your child has a Social Security number and review whether they qualify for the \$1,000 seed contribution (birth years 2025–2028).

File the election form: Download [Form 4547](#) or use the online portal. Many experts recommend filing the form with your 2025 tax return so the account is ready when contributions open.

Plan your annual contributions: Decide how much you, relatives, and your employer will contribute each year. Coordinating contributions helps ensure you don't exceed the \$5,000 limit.

Choose your index fund: Once contributions begin, select a low-cost U.S. stock index fund or ETF with an expense ratio below 0.10%.

Monitor and adjust: Review your account annually and prepare for the rollover to a traditional or Roth IRA as your child approaches 18.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline to open a Trump Account?

You must file Form 4547 by December 31 of the year your child turns 17 to remain eligible. Earlier is better so your child is ready to receive contributions when funding opens in July 2026.

Does my child have to be born after 2025 to be eligible for a Trump Account?

No. Any minor with a Social Security number can have a Trump Account as long as the election is filed before the deadline. The requirement to be born between January 1 2025 and December 31 2028 applies only to the federal seed contribution; children in that date range receive a \$1 000 government deposit. Children born before 2025 can still open a Trump Account, but they will not receive the seed money

Can my child have both a Trump Account and a 529 plan?

Yes. Trump Accounts complement, rather than replace, existing options like 529 plans and custodial Roth IRAs. A 529 plan may offer better tax treatment for education expenses, while a Trump Account prioritizes long-term and retirement savings.

Who controls the account after my child turns 18?

Once your child reaches 18, the Trump Account will transition into their own traditional or Roth IRA. They gain control of the account and can decide how to invest or withdraw the funds, subject to standard IRA rules.

What happens if my child becomes a non-resident?

Eligibility for contributions and withdrawals is tied to U.S. tax rules. If your child becomes a non-resident or citizen of another country, consult a tax advisor to understand how residency changes might affect the account.

What is the Dell Foundation \$250 contribution?

[Michael and Susan Dell announced](#) a private philanthropic pledge intended to provide \$250 deposits for up to 25 million children who are not eligible for the federal \$1,000 Trump Account contribution. Reports indicate the contribution is aimed at children age 10 and under in qualifying ZIP codes. This \$250 contribution is separate from the IRS annual contribution limit and should not be confused with the federal \$1,000 seed contribution.

Next Steps

Trump Accounts offer families a new way to build generational wealth. With a \$1,000 government seed for eligible newborns, low-cost investments, and the flexibility to eventually roll funds into an

IRA, there are compelling reasons to consider opening one. The key is acting early: File the election form, coordinate contributions, and educate your child about the benefits of long-term investing.

For official program details, see the [IRS Trump Accounts page](#).

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Midstate Medical Moment: The Real Risks of Vaping

Santosh Nepal, MD, pulmonologist, UPMC Pulmonary Institute

As electronic cigarettes and vapes continue to increase in popularity, especially among teens, many people still believe the false narrative that vaping is a safer alternative to cigarettes. While there is still a lot we don't know about the long-term health consequences of vaping, we can empower children and teens to make informed decisions to protect their overall health by having open conversations about the risks of vaping.

Q: What are the health risks associated with vaping, especially for teens?

There are both short and long-term health risks, including acute lung damage, permanent lung damage resulting in conditions like chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD), scarring of the lungs, and a potential risk for cancer (although this has not been proven yet). Electronic cigarettes and vapes are also considered gateway drugs to more harmful substances and can also affect brain development and harm fetal development if used during teen pregnancy.

Q: What components and chemicals are found in vapes that cause damage?

Many people would be surprised to learn that it's not just the vapor that can be harmful when using e-cigarettes and vapes. Other components that can cause damage include the battery and heating element. The cartridges of liquid chemicals contain substances such as nicotine, THC, glycerol and propylene glycol for flavoring, and thickening agents like vitamin E, which has directly been linked to lung damage.

Q: Why do teens start vaping, and how can parents help prevent it?

Some teens are drawn to vaping because it is seen as "cool." Appealing flavors add to the

misconception that vaping is less harmful than smoking. Stress, anxiety, and other psychological challenges can lead teens to vape as a coping mechanism.

Parents play a crucial role in prevention by staying informed and having honest, direct conversations with their kids. They should keep an eye on their kids' activities, peer influence, and signs of stress or behavior changes. Parents should also normalize having conversations about the risks of vaping with their kids and encourage positive outlets for stress relief.

Q: How does vaping affect the body?

First, lungs are designed to handle air, not chemicals. When you use vaping products, you're introducing substances into the lungs that can cause damage and inflammation. Over time, that damage can produce scarring. I often compare the lungs to a balloon, when they're healthy, they can easily expand, but once they become scarred, the lungs lose their ability to open and effectively transfer oxygen.



Damage from e-cigarettes and vapes doesn't stop at the lungs. When the lungs are damaged the heart must work harder to push blood through them which can lead to increased pressure in the lung's blood vessels, and increase the risk of heart failure, heart attack, or stroke. Vaping affects the entire body, not just one organ.

Q: What are symptoms of vaping-related lung damage, and what should you do if they occur?

Symptoms can occur much quicker than people expect, even after a short period of vaping. You may start to have difficulty breathing, a dry cough, chest pain, fever, or congestion, all symptoms that often resemble a common viral infection. However, if you've been vaping, these symptoms could be signs of an e-cigarette or vape-induced lung injury. If you develop these symptoms, stop vaping immediately and seek medical attention. Conditions can progress quickly, but if we catch them early, we may be able to treat the damage and potentially prevent it from becoming permanent.

Through the Midstate Medical Moment, UPMC wants to raise awareness about the health conditions affecting people living in the communities we serve. For more information about UPMC services in central Pennsylvania, visit UPMC.com/centralpa.

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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.

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If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

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Does your business or organization want to give back to the community and help local families? We invite you to participate in a fundraiser that benefits Highmark Caring Place, a program dedicated to supporting children & families who are grieving. Your participation can make a real difference in their lives!

You can participate by
SPONSORING A TREE - \$250
or **WREATH - \$100**

- Includes a holiday tree (approx. 6 ft. with white lights) or wreath that you get to decorate! You can showcase your brand or promote the work that you do in the community!
- Community exposure through a social media campaign and in-house guests!
- Special community event in December to highlight sponsors!

Engage your team by decorating together!
Tree & wreath decorating will be held on
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Contact Penn Harris Hotel Sales Office to reserve your sponsorship today!
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How it works:

- Sponsor a tree/wreath on behalf of your favorite local non-profit.
- The non-profit you choose gets to decorate a tree to highlight their work & increase community exposure.
- Your business is highlighted as a corporate sponsor.
- All proceeds of your donation go directly to grieving children & families supported by Highmark Caring Place.
- Highmark matches your donation!

Support two causes with one gift today!





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.