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  - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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## CHAMBER EVENTS

*Watch for Weekly Updates!*

*June*

**18 - Jubilee Day - Downtown Mechanicsburg**

**25 - 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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

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**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# **Business Leaders Discussion Group**

**Thursday, June 25**

**7:45 - 9:00 am**

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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!**

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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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## 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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

It takes a small army, yet dedicated team, to make this important community event happen. If you are interested in helping for a few hours (or all day), please contact the Chamber office.



## Penalties for Using Handheld Devices Take Effect June 6

A Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving has been in effect since last June, with violators being issued warnings. Starting June 6, violators will instead face fines.

Paul Miller's Law limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. Effective June 6, violators will be issued a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Blue-tooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws.

[Read more here.](#)

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## Tips to Protect Against Common Scams Ahead of Large-Scale Events

With half a million fans expected to take part in the FIFA World Cup festivities starting next month in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is offering tips to help visitors and residents protect themselves from crimes and potential scams commonly associated with large-scale events.

These include:

- Ticket Scams: Only purchase tickets from verified platforms.
- Accommodations Fraud: Be cautious of rentals, hotels or travel packages at "too good to be true" prices.
- Malware/Phishing: Social media may be used to send links to photos and videos of important event moments. The links may appear valid, but when clicked, malware is downloaded.
- QR Codes: Fraudulent QR codes may be placed in areas



surrounding event venues to mislead unsuspecting attendees into believing the link is for legitimate sites to purchase merchandise, tickets, parking, meet and greet opportunities, or other goods. Avoid QR codes that are stickers, and always check the website URL after scanning a QR code.

- **ATM Cash Traps/Skimming Devices:** Use caution when using ATMs and points-of-sale terminals to withdraw funds or pay for items. Avoid using standalone ATMS or ones that show signs of tampering. If the cash doesn't dispense immediately, report it to local law enforcement.

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## SENATOR DAWN KEEFER

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### New Satellite Office Open in Cumberland County

To increase access to state services for residents of the 31st District, I am pleased to announce the opening of a new satellite office in Cumberland County on at the [Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center](#), 2233 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill. The office will be open on the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Stop by for assistance with property tax/rent rebates, PennDOT paperwork, birth or death certificates, veteran assistance and other state-related services. My office is committed to delivering timely and accessible support closer to home.



### New Medical and Health Professional Loans Support Graduate Students

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency has launched a new Medical and Health Professional Loan Program to support graduate students in medical, dental, veterinarian and health professional studies.

The program features deferred repayment during residency, fellowship, internship, research and

other clinical training, and the potential for reduced reliance on co-signers. This initiative helps fill critical, specialized positions to serve citizens across the commonwealth.

[Medical students can apply here.](#) [Other health-related students can apply here.](#)

[Students pursuing advanced degrees in other areas of study can apply here.](#)

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## Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Kicks Off in June

Beginning in June, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program offers vouchers to eligible seniors (60+) to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

Call your county aging office to apply and find out when and where they are distributing the vouchers. [You can find aging offices and voucher information here.](#)

Available on first come, first served basis. [Click here for details and where to find participating markets.](#)



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## School Property Tax Elimination Town Hall Draws Strong Community Engagement

Thank you to everyone who attended the School Property Tax Elimination Town Hall on May 27 at Elizabethtown Area High School. More than 200 residents attended, reflecting strong interest in school property tax reform. The discussion featured a robust question-and-answer session, with so much engagement that the event ran 30 minutes beyond its scheduled end time.

For those unable to attend a town hall to learn more about [my proposal to eliminate school property taxes](#), please listen to my recent discussion on [The Conservative Radio Show](#) for additional details.





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- Fri. 6/5 – Railroad Rhythms, Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 5-6:30  
Sat. 6/6 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8  
Sun. 6/7 – Allegro Winery & Brewery, Stewartstown...Kirk & Bryce Duo 1-4  
Tues. 6/9 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9  
Wed. 6/10 – West Shore Chamber Event @ Mercato Mio Resturant, Camp Hill...Kirk solo 4-6  
Thurs. 6/11 – New Cumberland Downtown Food Truck Rally...Kirk solo 5-8  
Fri. 6/12 – Seven Mountains Wine Cellars @ Penn State...Kirk Joe & Jon Trio 6-9  
Sat. 6/13 – Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk & Beth Duo 6-9

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*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  
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Ben Walker, Environ  
VP Market Analytics

**Special Guest**  
Bill Townsend, Environ  
Chief Revenue Officer

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026 | 3:30 - 4:00 PM ET**  
[www.environenergy.com](http://www.environenergy.com)

• LIVE STREAM

As we look ahead to June, we have two fantastic upcoming educational events that can help our members navigate today's complex energy and sustainability landscape.

- [June 16 | Live on LinkedIn](#): A dynamic session focused on current energy markets and how shifting trends will directly impact your members' bottom lines.
- [June 23 – July 16 | Virtual GRI Certification Training](#): Hosted in partnership with UT Dallas, this intensive program is perfect for members looking to master sustainability reporting.

Energy markets are shifting fast. Rising electricity demand—fueled by data centers and AI—combined with geopolitical uncertainty and evolving regulations are creating both risks and opportunities for buyers.

The good news: there are clear steps you can take right now to protect your members' organization and stay ahead.

Here are 3 actions energy buyers learned in our last Energy Buyer's Brief:

- Lock in strategic hedges where budgets allow.  
Forward pricing still offers opportunities—especially in natural gas—to secure long-term cost stability.
- Diversify procurement timing.  
Avoid waiting until contract expiration. Layer purchases over time to reduce exposure to market volatility.
- Evaluate longer-term contracts (7–15 years).  
For organizations needing stability, extending your horizon can provide cost predictability in a rising demand environment.

Don't miss this next Energy Buyer's Brief on June 16th for current energy dynamics, more tips, and ways to manage costs and capture value.



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## Harrisburg Hoopla Returns June 6 to Support Local Nonprofits

Harrisburg Hoopla will return to City Island on Saturday, June 6, 2026, giving teams from across the region a chance to compete for a cause while supporting local nonprofits.

Hosted as a program of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, Harrisburg Hoopla is a full-day event where friends, coworkers and neighbors form teams to take on physical challenges and puzzle games. Each team selects a local nonprofit to represent and competes to win money that will be donated to that organization.

The event offers participants a fun way to give back while providing nonprofits with a unique opportunity to engage supporters, build visibility and raise funds for their mission. Proceeds from Harrisburg Hoopla also help support the Emerging Philanthropists Program at TFEC.

In 2025, Harrisburg Hoopla welcomed more than 100 participants across 12 spirited teams. The event generated more than \$11,000 in sponsorship support and has raised more than \$70,000 overall.

Top finishers in 2025 included Dogs & Dolls, which competed for Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Enterprise Mobility, which competed for Junior Achievement of South Central PA, and The Nice Guys, which competed for American Cancer Society.

Team registration is now open. Nonprofits are encouraged to invite supporters, staff members and volunteers to form a team and compete on behalf of their organization.

To learn more about Harrisburg Hoopla, visit [www.tfec.org/hbghoopla](http://www.tfec.org/hbghoopla).



## GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be installation of officers for the 2026-2028 term. There will be a pot luck supper, so please bring a dish to share and your place setting.

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://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>



You're invited! Join us for a free VBS event, inviting children (independent three year olds through Fifth Graders) called "This Zoo is Not For You". It will be at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8 East Keller Street, Mechanicsburg, on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Join us as we follow a platypus on his journey with a story, snacks, music, crafts and games.

While this event is free, please consider donating individually packaged snacks for our partners at the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission Horse and Pony Camp.

Please help us by registering by June 6 at [www.stlukesmech.org](http://www.stlukesmech.org).  
Email questions to [kidmin.stlukesmech@gmail.com](mailto:kidmin.stlukesmech@gmail.com).

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# UPMC

## LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

### **UPMC Magee-Womens Expands Obstetrics and Gynecology Services in Lemoyne**

UPMC Magee-Womens in Central Pa. has expanded access to obstetrics and gynecology services with the opening of a new practice location at 3 W. Walnut St., Suite 100, Lemoyne. The new office, part of UPMC Woodward & Associates Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists, began seeing patients in March 2026. The Lemoyne site marks the practice's third location, joining its existing offices in Hershey and Hummelstown.

The expansion is designed to make care more accessible and convenient for patients in Cumberland County and surrounding communities.

"We are committed to meeting patients where they are and making it easier to access high-quality care close to home," said Kenneth Oken, M.D., medical director of Obstetrics & Gynecology, UPMC Magee-Womens in Central Pa. "With comprehensive care available in one convenient location, it makes way for more collaboration, convenience, and comprehensive care for patients, offering comfort and ease to all our patients, from preventative care to pregnancy and beyond."

Providers from the Hershey and Hummelstown offices will rotate through the Lemoyne location to ensure continuity of care, with [John Mantione, Jr, M.D.](#) and [Courtney Potteiger, D.O.](#) seeing patients at the site for the first several months.

Services available at the Lemoyne office include:

- Gynecology care
- Obstetrics, including pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum care
- Preventative care and annual exams

[UPMC Woodward & Associates Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialists in Lemoyne](#) is designed to support a seamless patient experience, with a focus on accessibility, convenience, and comprehensive care.

UPMC Magee-Womens is a National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. As a nationally renowned hospital specializing in women, UPMC Magee-Womens combines a wealth of specialty services with a traditional focus on gynecologic and obstetric services.

For more information about UPMC Magee-Womens services in central Pennsylvania, visit [UPMC.com/CentralPaWomen](https://www.upmc.com/CentralPaWomen).

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## **UPMC Child Advocacy Center in Carlisle Receives National Children's Alliance Satellite Membership**

UPMC Child Advocacy Center in Carlisle has been awarded Satellite Membership by National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and review process. This recognition reflects UPMC Child Advocacy Center's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality, coordinated services to child abuse victims in central Pennsylvania and surrounding communities.

The UPMC Child Advocacy Center in Carlisle was opened in 2022 and is dedicated to reducing the trauma and the aftermath of abuse for children and their families while providing care in a safe, child-friendly environment for children suspected of having been abused or neglected. As a Satellite Member of the National Children's Alliance, the UPMC Child Advocacy Center in Carlisle provides comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate services to victims of child abuse.

The National Children's Alliance awards various levels of membership to centers responding to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient and puts the needs of the child first. Satellite Members must utilize a functioning and effective multidisciplinary team approach to work collaboratively in child abuse investigation, prosecution and treatment.

"As an organization dedicated to a coordinated and collaborative response to child abuse, we recognize the importance of achieving Satellite Member status from National Children's Alliance as a team," said Shannon Cossaboom, director of Operations, UPMC Child Advocacy Center of Central Pa. "Satellite membership demonstrates to the community the care and commitment to provide proven evidenced-based services to those in need. It also helps to establish consistency across the child advocacy center movement as a whole and allows us to facilitate hope, healing and resiliency for everyone we serve."

Opened in 1994 and having served more than 24,000 children suspected of abuse, neglect or exposure to violence, UPMC Child Advocacy Center of Central Pa. in Dauphin County earned Accredited Child Advocacy Center status with the National Children's Alliance and is one of the first nationally accredited child advocacy centers in Pennsylvania.

UPMC Child Advocacy Center also has an office located in Lebanon County. For more information about the UPMC Child Advocacy Center of Central Pa., visit [UPMC Child Advocacy Center of Central Pa. | UPMC in Central Pa.](#)



*Lions Club of Mechanicsburg*

**Celebrates**

*Jubilee Day 2026*

**50/50 Cash Bingo – Rain or Shine!**

**Thursday, June 18 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**Take a break-Take a chance!**

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10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

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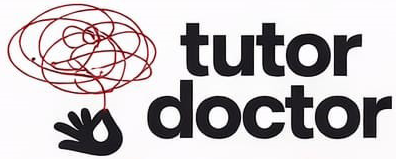
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## Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America250!

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
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- 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).