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 - 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!

September

7 - Office closed for Labor Day holiday

10 - Cumberland County Mega Mixer -
Location - **Members 1st Federal Credit Union,**
5000 Marketplace Way, Enola. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

18 - 22nd Annual Golf Outing - Rich Valley Golf,
227 Rich Valley Rd, Mechanicsburg. Registration
and Lunch - 12:00 PM, Tee time - 1:00 PM

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

*One study found that 64% of adults familiar
with their local chamber of commerce were
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- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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THURSDAY
SEPT. 10
5:00-7:00PM

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Friday, September 18, 2026

Rich Valley Golf
227 Rich Valley Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

12:00 p.m. - Registration / Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Tee Time

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Networking • Food • Beverages • Prizes

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CLICK HERE for registration form or at www.mechanicsburgchamber.org



Portion of proceeds will support New Hope - a social services agency assisting those in need across portions of Cumberland, York, and Adams Counties with food and basic needs, workforce development programs, transportation & housing assistance - along with a variety of community, business, and economic development programs throughout the year.

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, September 24

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



New Hope Ministries - the Chamber's 2026 'Charity of Choice' - Offers Assistance with Transportation

Each year, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce chooses a "Charity of Choice" to deliver community awareness and fundraising efforts. The Chamber uses its numerous vehicles to focus on understanding of what the chosen charity offers. Also, the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing provides an opportunity to financially assist the chosen charity to better provide its services to the area's residents. For 2026, New Hope will benefit from the Chamber's efforts and will be featured in numerous editions of Chamber Chatter – the Chamber's weekly e-newsletter.

Transportation:

Summer may be coming to a close, but at New Hope, there is still plenty to smile about. Thanks to the continued generosity and support of our community, we are able to walk alongside our guests as they build brighter futures, just like Christine.

For the past 10 years, New Hope has had the privilege of supporting Christine on her journey toward stability and independence. Throughout that time, we have helped her secure housing, find employment, and cover critical car repairs. When her vehicle recently stopped working, New Hope's Car Loaner Program provided reliable transportation for two months, giving Christine the opportunity to save enough money to purchase her very first car.

New Hope has 10 locations across parts of 3 Counties covering nearly a half million people. The Mechanicsburg area is served by their location at 5228 E Trindle Rd. They are open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and would be pleased to show their facility and all they do. Visit their website at nhm-pa.org or call 717-766-7333 for more information.

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.****

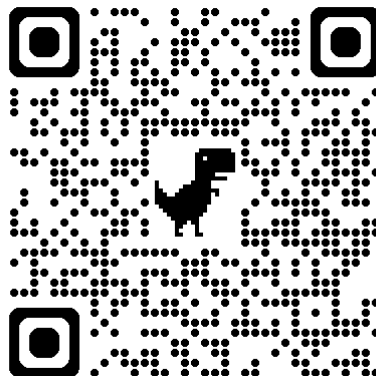
Travel with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to Sunny Portugal

Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera

September 12-21, 2027

We have teamed up with Collette Vacations to offer this inclusive tour of one of Europe's fascinating countries.

Scan the QR code below for more information or click here.



A poster for a Senior Expo. The background is dark blue with a white wavy line at the bottom. At the top is a small logo of a building with red and white stripes. Below it, "2026 Cumberland & York Counties" is in red, italicized font. The main title "SENIOR EXPO" is in large, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below the title, "THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10" is in red, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, "10 AM - 12 PM" is in red, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, "West Shore YMCA" is in black, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, "410 Fallowfield Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011" is in small black font. To the right is a portrait of Senator Dawn Keefer, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue blazer. Below the portrait, it says "SENATOR DAWN KEEFER" and "31st Senate District" in white font. To the left of the portrait, there is a paragraph of text: "Please join me at my Senior Expo to learn about the many programs, services and resources available to older adults. Admission is **FREE**, and more than 50 exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions and provide helpful information. Free health screenings and immunizations will also be available. Thank you to the Prime Sponsors for their generous support in making this event possible:". Below this text are two logos: "GIANT" in red and "Select MEDICAL" in green. At the bottom left is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is a dark blue bar with "SenatorKeefer.com" in white font.

Thursday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Shore YMCA, 410 Fallowfield Road in Hampden Township

My office is going to be an exhibitor at Sen. Dawn Keefer's (R-31) first community senior expo for residents of our House and Senate districts. The expo will feature numerous resources, including health information, wellness services and educational opportunities.

Fall DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



**THURSDAY, SEPT. 10
5 - 7 P.M.**



**HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP
POOL PARKING LOT**
5001 Hampden Park Drive,
Mechanicsburg

RSVP TO 717-761-4665 OR VISIT REPDELOZIER.COM/EVENTS

RSVP to 717-761-4665 or [click here](#). RSVPing gives my staff and the shredding company a headcount. Shredding will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK & DAMAGED LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENT EVENT



**THURSDAY, SEPT. 24
4-7 P.M.**



PLATINUM MITSUBISHI
6039 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg



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National Child Passenger Safety Week is Sept. 20-26. Certified car seat technicians will be on-site to ensure your child's car seat is properly installed. Police will also be available to facilitate damaged license plate replacements. These services are provided at no cost to the community.

RSVP to 717-761-4665 or [click here](#).

Veterans – Don't Fall for This Scam

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is warning veterans and their spouses about a postcard promising extra monthly benefits. But the “Veterans Savings Program” mentioned in the postcard doesn't actually exist. It's just a scammer phishing for personal or financial information.

While the postcard might list the state you're living in and mention real VA benefits like CHAMPVA or TRICARE For Life, those programs are just being mentioned in an effort to make the mailing look legitimate and trick veterans into sharing personal information like your Social Security number or bank account details.



If you get a postcard like this:

- Don't respond. Legitimate VA communications will not pressure you to respond immediately or give sensitive information over the phone.
- Contact the VA directly if you have questions about your benefits. Always use a number you know is real, never the one on the postcard. Start with the VA Benefits Hotline at 1-800-827-1000.
- Spread the word. Scammers typically don't just contact one person. Sharing this advice can help others in your community spot and avoid the scam. Sign up for email updates to get the latest on scams like this one at [MilitaryConsumer.gov](https://militaryconsumer.gov).

If you spot this or another VA benefits scam, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov) and to the VA at [VSAFE.gov](https://vsafe.gov) or 1-833-38V-SAFE.



Discover Resources for Older Adults at My Senior Expo

Please join me Thursday, Sept. 10, for my Senior Expo from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Shore YMCA, 410 Fallowfield Road, Camp Hill. Admission is free, and more than 50 exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions and share information about programs, services and resources available to older adults and their families.

In addition to valuable resources, attendees can take advantage of free health screenings and immunizations, enjoy light refreshments and enter for a chance to win door prizes. I hope you will join me for this informative and engaging event and learn more about the resources available in our community.

Thank you to our Prime Sponsors Giant Food Stores, Select Medical and West Shore YMCA for their generous support in making this event possible.




Senator Dawn Keefer invites you to her
SENIOR EXPO

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 • 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
WEST SHORE YMCA
410 Fallowfield Rd., Camp Hill

- FREE ADMISSION
- DOOR PRIZES
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- VENDOR EXHIBITS
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

SENATOR
DAWN KEEFER

Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy Accepting Applications for 2027



Teenagers in jeopardy of not graduating on time or dropping out of school have a chance at obtaining their basic education through the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy.

Applications are being accepted for its first class of 2027, which begins in January at Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County. There is no tuition cost to attend, and meals, housing, uniforms and school supplies are provided at no charge.

The program lasts for five-and-a-half months as a residential phase and 24 months of mentorship by academy staff back in home communities. [Learn more about the Keystone State ChalleNGe Academy and apply here.](#)

Job Opportunities for Nurses at PA Veterans Homes

Pennsylvania's six veterans homes care for our neighbors who answered the call to serve. The homes offer levels of care tailored to the specific health needs of residents and are supplemented with an array of clinical services.

Pennsylvania veterans homes are looking to hire registered nurses and license practical nurses to provide the kind of care that will allow veterans to live an active and healthy life with as much independence as possible.

[Learn more about these opportunities and apply here.](#)



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| Fri. 9/4 | — | The Dog House, Linglestown...Kirk solo/duo ...7-9 |
| Sat. 9/5 | — | Railroad Alley, Mechanicsburg...Kirk & Beth Duo 9-Noon |
| Sun. 9/6 | — | Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3 |
| Tues. 9/8 | — | Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9 |
| Fri. 9/11 | — | Liquid Noise Brewing, Duncannon ...Kirk Duo 7-9 |
| Sat. 9/12 | — | Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 6-9 |
| Thurs. 9/14 | — | Harmony Hall @ Hershey...Kirk solo 3-4 |
| Tues. 9/15 | — | Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9 |
| Fri. 9/18 | — | Traditions of Hershey Event, Palmyra...Kirk solo 2-3 |
| Fri. 9/18 | — | Totem Pole Wine Farm, Carlisle...Kirk solo/duo 6:30-8:30 |
| Sat. 9/19 | — | Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2 |



**Simpson Library will be closed on Monday, September 7
in observance of Labor Day.**

No Simpson Library items will be due and no holds will expire.

NEW HOURS!

**Starting September 8, our hours will be:
Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sundays, 1:00 to 5:00 pm**

**Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
16 N. Walnut St.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
717-766-0171
mechanicsburg@cumberlandcountylibraries.org
www.simpsonlibrary.org**



Where Will the AVON Lady Be in September?

September 3-7: Dover Fireman's Carnival, 30 E Canal Rd, Dover 4p-9p daily

September 12: Falmouth Goat Races 101 Governor Stables Rd, E-town 9a - until races end

September 19: Mt. Holly Day, Mt. Holly Springs Street Fair 8am-3pm

September 20: Pumpkinfest @ Middletown Home 999 W Harrisburg Pike, Middletown 10a-6p

September 26: K-9 Fundraiser: Union Fire & Hose Co 30 E Canal Rd, Dover 11a – 4p

Sept 27: Winding Hill Mini Arts Fest Clubhouse Parking lot, Old Barn Rd Mechanicsburg 10a-3p

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be a speaker from Operation Wildcat.

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



Our Mission

To enhance the lives of women, in the fight against breast cancer. Offering medical reimbursement, transportation costs, products and services free of charge to ease the journey. Serving all of Central Pennsylvania, the community that supports us. We can't do what we do without you.



Join Us!

We hope to see you there!

When:

Friday, September 11, 2026

Where:

Valley Green Golf Course
1227 Valley Green Rd
Etters, PA

7:00 a.m. | Registration

8:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start

Breakfast & Lunch provided

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Join Us for the Annual

Patrice Berkheimer Memorial

Day of Hope Golf Outing 2026

Friday, September 11, 2026

Benefiting Pink Hands of Hope

Sponsorships Available

Please select your level of sponsorship and return to PHOH with payment.

Deadline to register is August 14, 2026

Bright Pink Tournament Host \$2,500 (1 Available)

(2) Foursomes
On-site Recognition as Host
Hole Signage
Speaking Opportunity
Social Media

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$750 (1 Available)

Name on Cart
Hole Signage
Rep in Cart

Breakfast Sponsor \$350 (2 Available)

Recognition on Tables

Pink Sponsor \$1,000 (4 Available)

(1) Foursome
On-site Recognition
Hole Signage
Social Media

Lunch Sponsor \$500 (4 Available)

Recognition on Tables
Hole Sponsor

Hole Sponsor \$250 (18 Available)

SPONSORSHIP TOTAL \$ _____

Golfer Registration

___ x \$350 Each (Foursome) = _____

___ x \$100 Each (Individual) = _____

___ x \$25 Each (Power Package) = _____

Golfer Total: _____

Sponsorship Total (from above): _____

Total Due: _____

* Power Package includes 7 "Additional Games" of Skill, for Prizes
* Power Package will be \$30 if bought day of tournament
* Skill Games are included in the regular price

Donations

I would like to donate a:



Swag Bag Item



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Please call or email to make drop-off arrangements.

Register Here!

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone (Required): _____
Email (Required): _____

Players Names:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Don't have a group to play with? We'll happily pair you with other players.

Please return this form along with your check to:

Pink Hands of Hope

Attn: Debra Donadee
5325 E. Trindle Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

or add credit card info below:

Card Number: * _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ CV: ____

* Credit Card Company will charge 3% convenience fee

Thank you so much for your consideration.
We appreciate any help you can provide!

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Veterans Square, Carlisle, PA



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BECAUSE HERSTORY COUNTS

Help raise awareness around violence prevention, support victims & survivors, and envision a world without violence.

- Start a team
- Set a fundraising goal
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**All funds raised by Walk the Mile will go to support survivors with emergency housing, food, free counseling sessions, and more!*

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October 9

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Harrisburg, PA 17101

Over The Edge raises
funds for our one-to-
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for a child in your
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The official registration and financial information of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**REGISTER
TODAY: BBBSSCPA.ORG**

*Rappelers are asked to fundraise a minimum of \$1,000 prior to their rappel.



UPMC Harrisburg Recognized as Gold-Level Center of Excellence Designation for ECMO Program

UPMC Harrisburg has been awarded the prestigious ELSO Gold Center of Excellence designation for 2027. The Award from the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO) recognizes hospitals and medical centers around the world that demonstrate exceptional commitment to evidence-based processes and quality measures, staff training and continuing education, patient satisfaction and ongoing clinical care in the use of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).

"This recognition reflects the extraordinary dedication of our multidisciplinary ECMO team and their unwavering commitment to providing the highest level of care for some of our sickest patients," said Dr. Paul Modelewski, ECMO medical director, UPMC Harrisburg. "Achieving Gold status is the result of years of collaboration, performance improvement and a shared vision to continually advance our program."

ECMO is an advanced form of life support that temporarily takes over the function of the heart and/or lungs for patients experiencing severe cardiac or respiratory failure, allowing time for recovery or additional treatment.

The UPMC Harrisburg ECMO program began in 2021 through the efforts of a highly committed team of medical intensivists, cardiothoracic surgeons, intensive care cardiologists, critical care advanced practice providers, ICU nurses, ICU pharmacists, respiratory therapists and ECMO specialists. Through a sustained focus on quality improvement and program development, the team transformed the program from performing only a handful of cases annually to becoming one of the state's recognized centers for ECMO excellence.

The program earned ELSO's Silver Center of Excellence designation in 2024 and has now advanced to the organization's Gold Center of Excellence designation for 2027, reflecting significant progress in clinical outcomes, operational excellence and program maturity.

The ELSO Gold Center of Excellence designation is recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a marker of excellence among leading institutions. The award will be presented at the 37th Annual ELSO Conference on September 28, 2026, in Nashville, TN.

UPMC Harrisburg, including UPMC West Shore and UPMC Community Osteopathic under the same license, was named the No. 1 hospital in the Harrisburg metro area and No. 7 in Pennsylvania in U.S. News & World Report's 2026-2027 Best Hospitals rankings, with high-performing ratings in several heart and vascular specialties.

For more information about UPMC services in central Pennsylvania, visit UPMC.com/CentralPa.



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WELLNESS EXPERIENCE MENU

Participants may select the experience that best matches their comfort and wellness goals.

1. SEATED DEEP RELAXATION — 20 MIN.

A fully clothed, product-free relaxation session focused on the scalp and temples, neck, shoulders, upper back, and arms as time allows.

Ideal for: Meeting breaks, desk-based teams, conferences, and employee appreciation events.

2. WARM HAND & ARM RITUAL — 20 MIN.

A comforting skin-care ritual featuring hand cleansing, gentle exfoliation, a warm towel, hydrating oil or cream, and relaxation of the hands and forearms.

Ideal for: Computer users, client-facing events, and participants who prefer a focused hand-care experience.

3. FOOT COMFORT & RELAXATION RITUAL — 20 MIN.

A portable foot-care experience featuring warm-towel cleansing, optional light exfoliation, hydrating oil or cream, and gentle foot relaxation.

Ideal for: Wellness lounges, appreciation events, and guests who spend long hours standing or walking.

4. EXPRESS GLOW FACIAL — 20 MIN.

A streamlined facial designed to refresh the skin. The 20-minute format includes cleansing, gentle exfoliation, hydration, and daytime protection.

Best provided in a quiet, semi-private area. Participants should arrive without makeup or consent to makeup removal.

5. REIKI RELAXATION RESET — 20 MIN.

A quiet, fully clothed, non-medical relaxation experience designed to encourage calm, mental rest, and a sense of balance. Hands may rest lightly on approved areas or remain just above the body.

No spiritual or religious belief is required. Participation is always optional and based on individual consent.

SIMPLE TIMING & PRICING — 20-MINUTE WELLNESS EXPERIENCE — \$40 PER PARTICIPANT — MINIMUM BOOKING: 5 PARTICIPANTS

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The final experience can be adapted to the number of participants, meeting agenda, available space, privacy needs, and preferred combination of services. A quiet area, standard electrical access, and a nearby hand-washing area may be requested depending on the selected menu.



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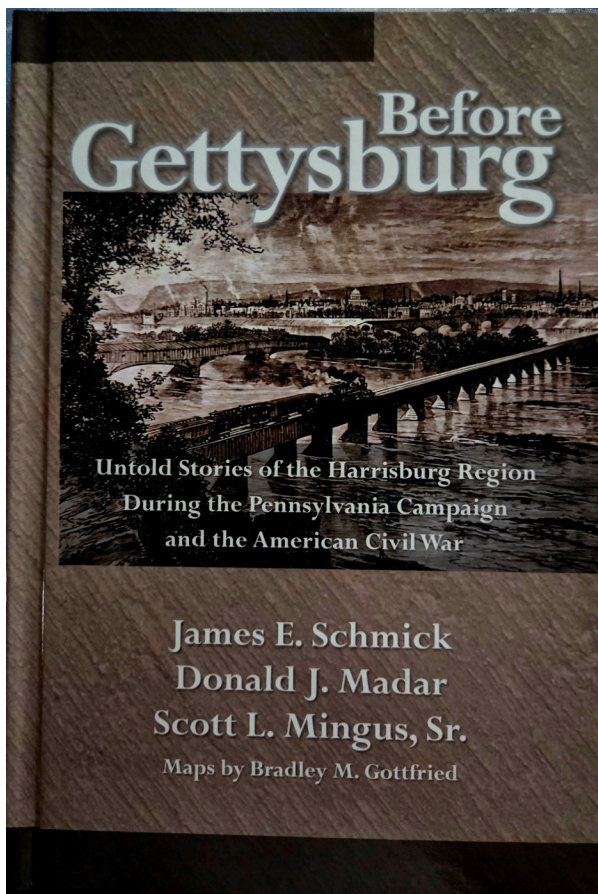
The State Transportation Commission (STC), PennDOT, and Pennsylvania's Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations (MPOs and RPOs) are excited to announce the availability of Pennsylvania's adopted 2027 12-Year Transportation Program (TYP).

Your support of Pennsylvania's TYP update process is greatly appreciated and valued by the STC. Your review and input of statewide transportation projects help us to improve Pennsylvania's transportation infrastructure, enhance safety, and develop modern mobility solutions.

The TYP is PennDOT's official mid-range planning tool, which lists statewide planned projects across all modes of transportation and assigns funding over a 12-year period. Pennsylvania State Law, Act 120 of 1970, as amended, requires PennDOT to prepare, update, and submit Pennsylvania's TYP every two years to the STC.

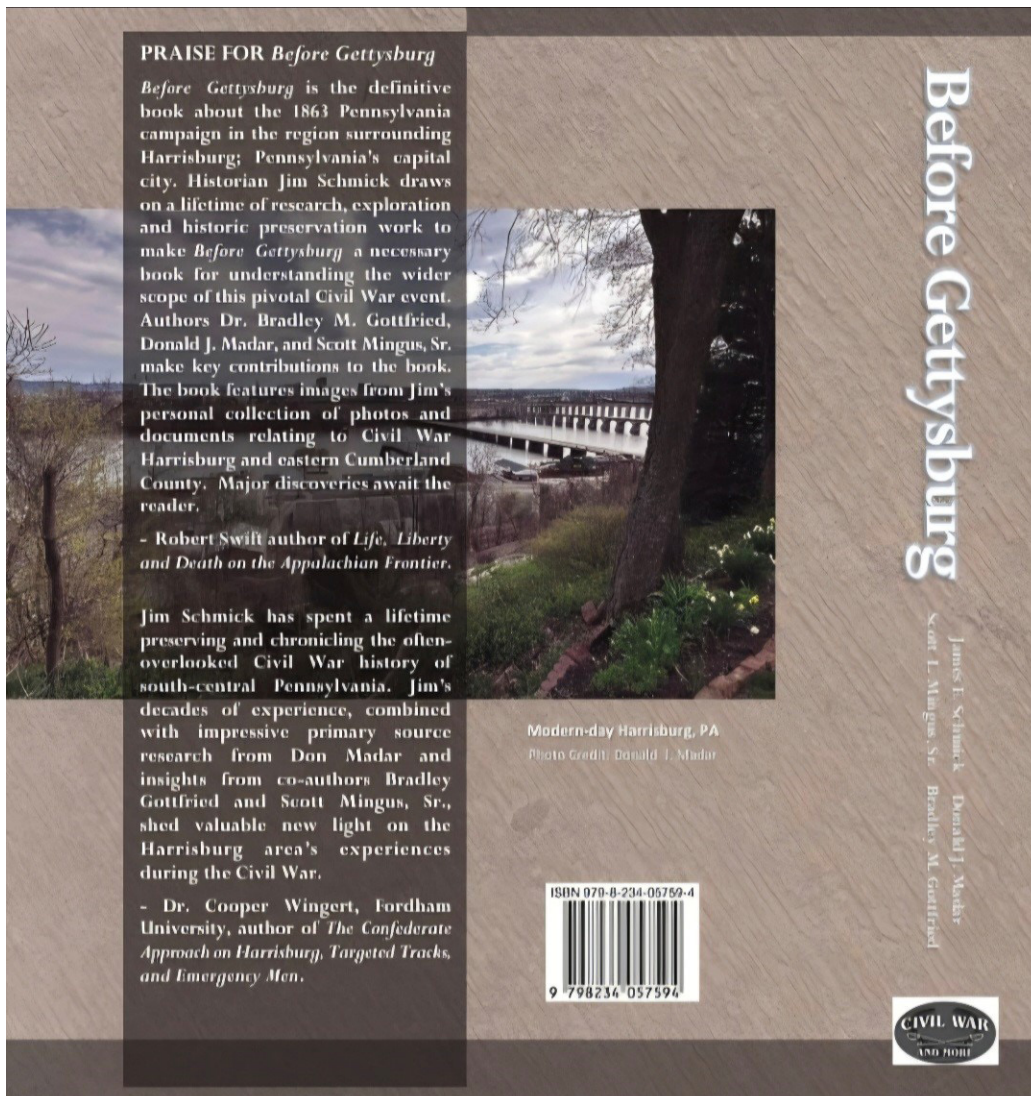
The STC adopted the 2027 TYP on August 5, 2026. [View the 2027 TYP on our website](#) to see which transportation projects are planned in Pennsylvania over the next 12 years.

VIEW THE 2027 12-YEAR PROGRAM



Civil War and More proprietor, local historian, and co-founder of the Camp Curtain Historical Society/ Civil War Roundtable, Jim Schmick, has released his newest book pertaining to our Central PA region from 1861-1865.

The hardback publication has 611 pages which feature 600 Images and 40 Maps



You can purchase your copy (and even get it signed by the author) at

Civil War and More
10 South Market Street
Mechanicsburg Pa

10:30-4:30.
Monday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Saturday by appointment
717-766-1899

Civil War and More is proudly celebrating its 25th Anniversary Year in Mechanicsburg and is a long supporting member of the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Hiding in plain sight: Why the industry needs to talk about AI glasses

AI-powered smart glasses are already being banned from restaurants, theatres and private members' clubs over privacy concerns. Paul Harvey asks whether conference organisers should be thinking about them too.

From *Meetings & Incentive Travel*

Imagine you've spent months planning a high-profile client conference.

Your keynote is about to unveil a new product roadmap. Your afternoon roundtable is being held under Chatham House Rules. Senior executives are having frank conversations over tea and coffee. Exhibitors are demonstrating products that haven't yet reached the market.

Now imagine every delegate in the room could be wearing what appears to be an ordinary pair of glasses capable of discreetly recording everything they see and hear.

That future isn't coming - it's already here.

Meta's AI-powered smart glasses have become one of the most talked-about pieces of consumer tech this year. While marketed as a hands-free way to take photos, record video, translate languages and interact with AI, they've also prompted a growing backlash from people concerned about privacy. They've acquired the nickname 'pervert glasses' on social media for that very reason.

Accordingly, restaurants, theatres, pubs and private members' clubs across the UK have begun **banning the glasses altogether**, arguing that customers and staff have a reasonable expectation not to be recorded without their knowledge.

The question for our industry is this: are business events ready?

We often worry about smartphones distracting delegates, and ask people to silence their devices, put them away at certain points, and refrain from taking photographs.

Smart glasses are a step change in that conversation.

A smartphone is visible. If someone holds it up to record, everyone in the room knows what's happening. A pair of glasses? Not so much.

Even with indicator lights designed to show when recording is taking place, would most delegates notice? And crucially, would they feel comfortable speaking openly if they weren't sure?

Built on trust

Business events are built on trust. We ask delegates to network with strangers, encourage audiences to ask challenging questions, and organise all kinds of events where confidentiality isn't

just desirable, it's essential.

Many conference sessions operate under Chatham House rules precisely because participants are more willing to share honest opinions when they know those opinions won't be attributed outside the room.

What happens when every attendee has the potential to covertly record proceedings? The event still happens, but the openness that made it valuable begins to disappear.

Of course, there are positive applications too.

For international delegates, AI-powered glasses offering live translation could transform accessibility. Hands-free note-taking could help attendees stay engaged rather than typing throughout a keynote. Event professionals might use wearable AI to navigate unfamiliar venues, retrieve schedules or capture content more naturally.

Like most new technologies, the glasses themselves aren't inherently good or bad. It's how they're used that matters.

Detailed policies

Many organisers have detailed policies covering photography, filming, social media, drones and even the use of generative AI during conferences. Where do these glasses fit in?

There's a good chance they don't need to, as there's every possibility the technology won't achieve mainstream adoption. Especially if the 'pervert glasses' moniker sticks.

But there's also the chance that these devices will become so commonplace that event organisers will have little choice but to develop clear policies on when they're appropriate and when they're not.

Do exhibitors want visitors wearing recording glasses onto their stands? Should confidential sessions prohibit them? Should organisers ask delegates to declare wearable recording devices during registration? Should venues themselves take a position?

These questions may become impossible to avoid over the next couple of years.

And before we rush to embrace the opportunities of wearable AI, we should probably decide where the boundaries lie.