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Interested in sponsorship, participating, or
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info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

October

17 - 31st Annual Street of Treats,
Downtown Mechanicsburg. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

23 - Chamber office closed

29 - 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
more likely to purchase from a chamber
member.*

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce
invites you to attend

31st Annual
Streets of Treats

Downtown Mechanicsburg

Saturday, October 17, 2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Trick-or-Treating at Downtown & Local Businesses

FREE and low cost activities, crafts & games

Pick up your trick-or-treating bag and map of
participating businesses at the Square

Market Street, Mechanicsburg, PA

Questions?

(717) 796-0811 | info@mechanicsburgchamber.org
6 West Strawberry Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Would you like to participate? Keep an eye toward your mailbox or contact the Chamber office for more information. It is free to participate, however, the event is funded through sponsorships.

**Call or email for more information -
717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org**

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, October 29

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

- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
 - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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.



New Hope Ministries - the Chamber's 2026 'Charity of Choice' - Offers Assistance for local Youth

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.

Youth:

Summer Youth Programs are thriving and making a lasting impact. These programs provide the young members of our community with a safe and welcoming place to grow, learn, and stay engaged during the summer months.

Through a blend of educational enrichment and meaningful connection, students are able to continue building important academic skills while also being encouraged in their faith and learning more about Jesus in a caring and supportive environment.

We are so grateful for your partnership in making this possible. Because of you, summer becomes more than just a break from school. It becomes a season of growth, discovery, and hope for every child who walks through our doors.

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.

Travel with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to Sunny Portugal

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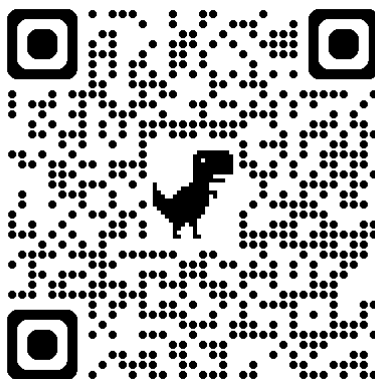
September 12-21, 2027

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

Join us for a presentation Thursday, November 19 , 2026

Call to register and make your reservation.

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





2026 General Election Important Dates



Oct. 19 	Last day to register to vote in the general election • vote.pa.gov/Register
Oct. 27 	Last day to apply for a mail ballot • vote.pa.gov/MailBallot
Nov. 3 	Election Day. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. • vote.pa.gov/Polls
Nov. 3 	Completed mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. • vote.pa.gov/County

The 2026 General Election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The ballot includes candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, U.S. House of Representatives, and state House and Senate (in even-numbered senatorial districts).

If you are not already registered to vote, the deadline to do so is Monday, Oct. 19. You may register in person at your county elections office, by mail or by [visiting the state's online voter registration website](https://vote.pa.gov/Register).

The last day to [apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot](https://vote.pa.gov/MailBallot) is Tuesday, Oct. 27. Completed ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

For more information about voting in the Commonwealth, including how to check your registration and voting location, visit vote.pa.gov.



Policy Hearing Highlights Firefighter Needs and Well-being

The House Republican Policy Committee held a public safety hearing on Thursday to examine the needs of Pennsylvania's firefighters. The day began with a tour of the Allegheny County Fire Training Academy, where members observed training exercises and gained insight into the demanding conditions firefighters face.

The hearing focused on recruitment and retention challenges, as departments continue to struggle with dwindling volunteer numbers and an aging workforce. Speakers stressed the importance of updated recruitment strategies, flexible staffing models and incentives to attract and keep new firefighters.

Committee members also heard extensive testimony about firefighter health and wellness. Experts highlighted the heightened risk of occupational cancers and the need for consistent, early screening.

The committee concluded the hearing by reaffirming its commitment to advancing policies that strengthen firefighter well being, workforce stability, and public safety across Pennsylvania.

Attention First-Time Hunters!

Hunter-Trapper Education courses are required for all first-time hunters and trappers before they can buy a license in the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) offers both in-person and online options.

The course covers responsible hunting behavior, firearms basics and safety, basic shooting, wildlife conservation and management, outdoor safety and survival, hunting techniques, trapping and furtaking basics, and hunting safety.

The following options are available:

- PGC's Basic Hunter-Trapper Education In-Person Course is offered free of charge to anyone age 11 and older. Classes are held in various locations across the Commonwealth. A schedule is available at pgc.pa.gov.
- An interactive online version of PGC's Basic Hunter-Trapper Education Course is offered to Pennsylvania residents age 11 and older. The fee for this course is \$49.95.
- PGC's official online course is offered to Pennsylvania residents age 16 or older. The fee for this course is \$34.95.
- The National Rifle Association offers a free online hunter education course to Pennsylvania residents age 11 and older.



Visit pgc.pa.gov for more information.



Fall, Winter Trout Stocking Underway

Now through mid-December, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will be conducting its fall and winter trout stocking at dozens of waterways across the Commonwealth.

PFBC will stock approximately 114,700 hatchery-raised adult Rainbow, Brown and Brook Trout in 117 stream sections and lakes. These stockings will replenish some of the most popular fishing spots across the Commonwealth and provide ice fishing opportunities as conditions allow throughout the winter. Trout stocked during fall and winter can be fished immediately.

[Click here to learn more and access stocking schedules.](#)



Older *and* Wiser

SEMINARS

 **THURSDAY, OCT. 1 9-10:30 A.M.**

 **MECHANICSBURG PLACE SENIOR CENTER**
97 W. Portland St., Mechanicsburg

 **THURSDAY, NOV. 5 9-10:30 A.M.**

 **WEST SHORE SENIOR CENTER**
122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland

Due to room occupancy limits, RSVPs are required.
Sign up by calling 717-761-4665 or visiting RepDelozier.com/Events.

Thursday, Nov. 5, from 9-10:30 a.m.,
at West Shore Senior Center, 122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland

Mid Penn Legal Services will lead a seminar educating attendees on the protection offered by power of attorney (POA) arrangements. Living wills, wills and health care POAs will also briefly be discussed.

Due to room occupancy limits, RSVPs are required. Sign up by calling 717-761-4665 or [click here](#).

SENATOR **DAWN KEEFER**

Pennsylvania's 31st District

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Join Us for a Concealed Carry Seminar Oct. 17



I invite area gun owners to join [Rep. George Margetas](#) for a Concealed Carry Seminar on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at the West Manchester Farmers and Sportsman's Association, 4900 Pine Hill Road, Dover.

Attorney Seth Springer will discuss the rights of gun owners and provide information about concealed carry. Northern York County Regional Police Department Detective Jonathan Bailey, a firearms instructor, also will be on hand to

share his expertise and answer questions. My staff will be available to provide information about state services and resources.

This seminar will cover your rights as a gun owner, Pennsylvania firearms laws, the concealed carry permit application process and safe concealed carry practices. Registration is required. To reserve your spot, please call Rep. Margetas' office at 717-767-3947.

Fire and EMS Companies Can Apply Now for State Assistance

Attention local fire companies, emergency medical services and volunteer rescue squads: Applications are being accepted for the latest round of the state Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant program.

The funds can be used to help pay for facility construction/renovation, equipment, training, debt reduction and more. The application period closes Oct. 22.

Providing communities with fire, medical



and rescue services comes with a considerable price tag, especially for volunteer organizations. The General Assembly funds these grants to ensure these life-saving services are available. [Find more information and applications here.](#)

My Water Infrastructure Bill Becomes Law



As Pennsylvania communities continue to grow, we need to make sure essential infrastructure keeps pace. [My Senate Bill 1287 addresses an important gap in state law by requiring proof of adequate water service before a subdivision or land development project receives final approval.](#) The bill passed both the Senate and House with unanimous support and has been signed into law.

Current law requires municipalities to establish rules requiring evidence of adequate water service but does not specify when that evidence must be submitted. My legislation sets a clear deadline: before final approval.

This helps municipalities make informed decisions, supports responsible development and ensures water infrastructure is considered before projects move forward. By planning ahead, we can better protect our communities and ensure growth is supported by the resources residents need.

Measures Helping Nonprofit Fundraising Efforts Approved by Senate

The Senate approved two bills to give a boost to civic organizations, fire companies, veterans' groups and other Pennsylvania nonprofits that rely on small games of chance for crucial fundraising.

Under current law, clubs and organizations are limited to awarding no more than \$35,000 in prizes from small games of chance each week. That cap has not been updated since 2013, despite inflation and the rising costs of programs these organizations fund.



[Senate Bill 995](#) would raise the weekly limit to \$60,000, ensuring local groups can continue generating the revenue they rely on to support vital community programs and services. [Read more about this bill.](#)

[Senate Bill 465](#) would allow licensed clubs to retain up to 50% of their small games of chance proceeds, up from the current 40%. Clubs would continue to be required to use at least 50% of proceeds for public interest purposes. The change would provide clubs with more flexibility to cover operating costs while continuing to support their communities. [Read more about this measure.](#)

The bills were sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.



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- Fri. 10/16 – Dillsburg Farmers Fair..Kirk & Friends 2-3
- Fri. 10/16 – Blue Buffalo, Newport...Kirk solo 5-8
- Sat. 10/17 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2
- Sun. 10/18 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 1-4
- Tues. 10/20 – Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9
- Thurs. 10/22 – The Willows & Ashcombe...Private Event..Jazz Trio 5-6
- Fri. 10/23 – Totem Pole Wine Farm, Carlisle...Kirk solo/duo 6:30-8:30
- Sat. 10/24 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2
- Sun. 10/25 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 1-4

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.****

THE
CAEDC
PARTNERSHIPFALL
NETWORKING
EVENT

Join CAEDC for an evening of
networking with business professionals
over drinks and appetizers at one of
our favorite local restaurants!

October 15th
from
4:30-6:30pm

Duke's Riverside
Bar & Grille

313 S Front Street
Wormleysburg, PA

CAEDC
CUMBERLAND VALLEY
PENNSYLVANIA

**REGISTER
HERE**

CAEDC Partners receive complimentary tickets through their membership. Visit our website [HERE](#) to determine your level.



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

UPMC

LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

Free Carpal Tunnel Screenings Available to Community During UPMC West Shore Event

UPMC is offering free carpal tunnel screenings for individuals with wrist numbness, tingling, weakness or pain on Oct. 15 on the UPMC West Shore campus. The event will be held at Medical Office Building 1 (Entrance 1) at 2025 Technology Pkwy., Suite 255, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 17050.

Carpal tunnel syndrome occurs in one to five percent of the population and is more likely to occur in women and people between the ages of 40 and 60. When left untreated, the condition can cause a decreased quality of life due to pain and an inability to hold everyday items such as steering wheels or phones.

The event runs between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. and will feature Mark Lavalley, M.D., sports medicine specialist, John Braca, M.D., chief neurosurgeon, and Ryan Ward, neurosurgery nurse practitioner. Participants will learn about UPMC's treatment options, including a new ultrasound guided, minimally invasive procedure. Registration is required.

[Register for the free carpal tunnel syndrome screening event.](#)

Cumberland County Historical Society Announces 2026 Award Recipients

The Cumberland County Historical Society (CCHS) is pleased to announce its 2026 History Award recipients. Each year, CCHS recognizes individuals, organizations, and projects that have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to preserving, interpreting, and sharing the history of Cumberland County and the surrounding region.

The 2026 award recipients are:

Roger K. & Helen E. Todd Distinguished Service Award - Sherron Biddle

The Roger K. & Helen E. Todd Distinguished Service Award recognizes outstanding service and dedication to the Cumberland County Historical Society and its mission. CCHS is honored to recognize Sherron Biddle for her dedication, service, and commitment to the Society and to the preservation of local history.

Milton E. Flower Historian of the Year Award - Patriot's Path Committee

The Milton E. Flower Historian of the Year Award honors those who make significant contributions to the research, interpretation, and understanding of local history. The Patriot's Path Committee is being recognized for its continued efforts to explore, interpret, and share the history of the region, helping connect members of the community with the stories of the past.

William Foshag Preservation Award - Friends of Peace Church

The William Foshag Preservation Award recognizes exceptional efforts to protect and preserve historic places and resources. Friends of Peace Church is being honored for its commitment to the preservation and stewardship of Peace Church and its important place in Cumberland County's history.

Leadership in History Award - Don Paul Shearer

The Leadership in History Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership and dedication to the advancement of historical understanding. Don Paul Shearer is being recognized for his leadership, service, and commitment to keeping local history relevant and accessible to the community.

Special Project Recognition - J. Sherwood McGinnis, Jr. War, Peace, and Justice Project

The J. Sherwood McGinnis, Jr. War, Peace, and Justice Project is receiving Special Project Recognition for its work bringing important historical subjects to the community through educational programming, film, discussion, and exploration of the complex themes of war, peace, and justice.

Special Project Recognition - Carmen James

Carmen James is also receiving Special Project Recognition in appreciation of her contributions to the community and her efforts to promote an understanding and appreciation of history.

"We are pleased to recognize this year's recipients and the important work they are doing to preserve and share our history," said Lindsay Varner, PhD, Executive Director of the Cumberland County Historical Society. "Their dedication represents the many ways individuals, organizations, and community projects help ensure that the stories of Cumberland County continue to be valued and remembered."

The Cumberland County Historical Society is committed to engaging people with the stories of all of Cumberland County history, linking past to present, to build understanding and strengthen our communities. Through its museum, archives, library, educational programs, exhibits, publications, and community partnerships, CCHS works to preserve and make accessible the history of the county for current and future generations.

For more information about the Cumberland County Historical Society, its collections, programs, and upcoming events, visit the Society or follow CCHS on social media.

East Main Dental will be hosting our

3rd Annual Fighting Cancer with Smiles

fundraiser throughout the month of October, with all proceeds benefiting **Pink Hands of Hope**, a local nonprofit supporting women and families affected by breast cancer.

October Food Trucks – 11:00 AM–2:00 PM

All food trucks will be located at **East Main Dental, 324 E Main St., Mechanicsburg**, with a portion of each day's sales benefiting **Pink Hands of Hope**.

- October 21: Speckled Moose
- October 29: Soul Lotta Empanadas

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FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
PINK HANDS OF HOPE

OCT. 7

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CREAMERY




OCT. 14

CK CHICKEN



OCT. 21

SPECKLED MOOSE




OCT. 29

Soul Lotta
EMPANADAS



EVERY WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER

≥ 11AM – 2PM ≤

ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD & SUPPORT
LOCAL WOMEN AND FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY CANCER.

PINK HANDS OF HOPE

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

Fighting Cancer with Smiles Raffle

We are also selling raffle tickets for some great prizes, including 4 Rockettes Christmas Spectacular tickets in New York, a 55-inch television, and many other prizes!

The raffle drawing will be held **October 29 at 1:15 PM** at **East Main Dental**.

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AVON Lady Be
♥ in October?

✂ **October 10-11:**

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Adams-Ricci Park



October 24:

GFWC Women's Club
Craft Show @
Mechanicsburg Middle
School Show



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♥ See you there! ♥

First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson, Mechanicsburg

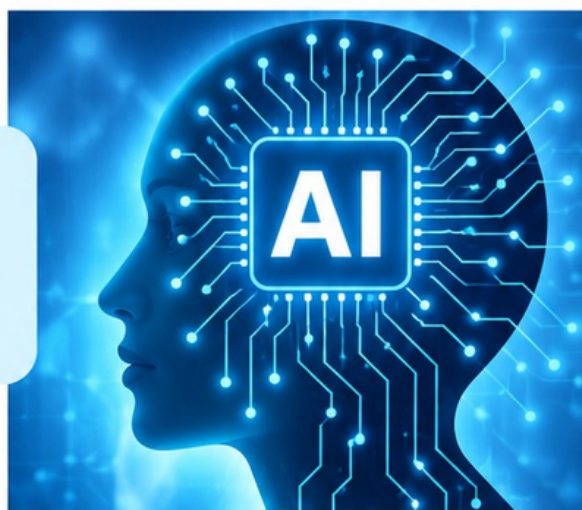


Health and Wellness

invites you to this upcoming presentation

with **Jason Fisher**

Sunday, October 18th
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
in the Multi-purpose room.



AI: **Understanding the Myths** **and Risks of Artificial Intelligence**

A presentation and conversation about what AI is, how it's perceived in shaping our daily tasks, and the opportunities and challenges it presents. We'll explore its uses in everyday life, as well as concerns about privacy, misinformation, scams, jobs, bias, and the environment.



**Everyday
Uses**



Privacy



**Misinformation
& Scams**



**Jobs &
Bias**



**The
Environment**

Details at fumchurch.com

HEARTS~N~HANDS SERTOMA CLUB FOURTH ANNUAL



Hearts - n - Hands
Sertoma Club

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING



10/24/2026
2:30 PM

AT

PINK HANDS OF HOPE

5325 E TRINDLE ROAD, MECHANICSBURG PA

FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFO PLEASE CALL BEA GABANY AT 717-439-3692

TICKETS ARE \$10.00

WATCH LIVE ON [FACEBOOK.COM/HEARTSNHANDSSERTOMA](https://www.facebook.com/HEARTSNHANDSSERTOMA)

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)



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Net Proceeds benefit those in need in our community

LEARN MORE ABOUT HNH



If you are experiencing grief and loss and would like to share in a group experience this fall, we invite you to journey with us for a 4 week grief group as we search together for hope, peace, and meaning in our grieving.



Tuesdays

Oct. 27, Nov. 3,
Nov. 10, Nov. 17



Room 105



3:30 – 4:30 PM

Register by October 20th

For more information or to register, contact:

Janice Bowen
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717 766 4611 x112

Patti Vogl
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First United Methodist Church
135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg
Register at fumchurch.com



THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Turn Year-End Giving into Local Impact

A complimentary TFEC webinar will help individuals and businesses connect their generosity with community needs

Year-end giving gives individuals and businesses a chance to support the communities they care about while making thoughtful financial decisions. The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) will host a free virtual webinar, [Finish the Year with Impact: Meeting Community Needs and Maximizing Your Impact](#), on Thursday, Oct. 29, at noon to help attendees better understand local needs and explore practical ways to make a difference.

“Giving can look different for every person and every business,” said [Kim Alvarez, vice president of philanthropy](#) at TFEC. “This webinar will help attendees understand the options available to them and consider how their resources can have a meaningful impact on the causes and communities that matter most.”

Alvarez will be joined by [Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact](#) at TFEC. Together, they will share insight into challenges affecting communities across South Central Pennsylvania and opportunities for philanthropy to help address them.

TFEC’s community needs assessments point to issues ranging from housing affordability and food insecurity to economic pressure and access to mental health care. The data offers a glimpse of how these challenges affect communities throughout the region, including working households struggling to afford basic needs and children facing food insecurity and gaps in access to essential services. County-by-County Needs Assessment

[Cumberland](#)

[Dauphin](#)

[Franklin](#)

[Lebanon](#)

[Perry](#)

With a clearer understanding of community needs, TFEC will help attendees explore ways to put their generosity to work. The webinar will cover donor-advised funds, gifts of appreciated securities, qualified charitable distributions from IRAs and legacy gifts, along with how these options can help donors increase their impact in the communities they care about.

No prior experience with TFEC or an existing charitable fund is required to participate. Please visit the [event page](#) to register.

Make Your Year-End Giving Count

Join TFEC on Thursday, Oct. 29, at noon for a free virtual webinar designed to help you better understand local needs and explore practical ways to make a greater impact through your charitable giving.

[Register Today to Reserve Your Spot](#)

Questions? Contact Kim Alvarez at kalvarez@tfec.org or 717-236-5040.

Needs Across South Central Pennsylvania

29%



Cumberland County
Twenty-Nine percent of households are asset limited, income constrained and employed

Dauphin County
Fifty-Eight percent of children are eligible for free lunch



58%

17,720



Franklin County
Over seventeen thousand people experience food insecurity

Lebanon County
Twenty-Six percent of households spend over thirty percent of their income on housing.



26%

1:2,720



Perry County
One mental health provider per nearly three-thousand residents



Cumberland Area
Economic Development
Corporation

LSA Statewide Grant Applications Currently Open – Connect With CAEDC To Apply

The Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide grant is now open for applications, and interested non-profits can apply through the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC). CAEDC is seeking applicants who are non-profit organizations and need funding for projects that either have an economic development or tourism component in the region. Projects must be at least \$25,000, and the maximum grant request is \$1 million.

Eligible uses include real estate acquisition, construction, demolition, infrastructure, and the purchase of vehicles, machinery, and equipment (excluding uniforms, protective equipment, consumable supplies, and furniture), as well as planning, consulting, and design costs.

For construction projects specifically, engineering, design, inspection, and permitting costs may be included up to 10% of the total grant request, with contingency costs capped at 5% of eligible construction costs.

Interested, qualified applicants can apply on CAEDC's online application at CumberlandBusiness.com/lsa-application.

Complete applications must be submitted to CAEDC by October 31, 2026.

To discuss your project or if you have any questions, contact Alyssa Smith, CAEDC Grants Manager, at Alyssa@cumberlandbusiness.com or 717-240-7184.

The LSA Grant is funded through the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, which provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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5:30 PM**

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Mechanicsburg**



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Calling ALL Small Businesses!

Join our virtual lunch & learn
focused on funding resources for
small and diverse business owners

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Click the link in event description to register!



Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation

Virtual Lunch & Learn: PennDOT Opportunities for Small Businesses **Wednesday, November 4, 2026** **Noon to 1 p.m.**

Driving Your Business Growth

Join PennDOT's Small and Diverse Business Opportunity Unit for an informative virtual lunch & learn session focused on small businesses.

This one-hour session is designed to help small and diverse business owners better understand and identify funding resources. You will hear directly from professionals from the Small Business Development Council, APEX Accelerator, and Chase Bank.

We'll focus on small businesses, highlighting the resources, guidance, and connections that can open doors to opportunities, to empower new and existing businesses.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, engage, and explore how PennDOT can support your business goals!

Register and add to your calendar:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/6a73a868-9176-41b0-ad00-43579e099bbd@418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

NEVI FUNDING ROUND 4 OPEN



Round 4 of the NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) **COMMUNITY CHARGING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** is now open. It will invest \$32 million in eastern Pennsylvania.

To see all Eastern Region funding opportunities and additional resources, go to pa.gov/evcommunity.

To submit a project proposal, complete the [NEVI Interested Organizations Survey](#).

You can also view [PennDOT's NEVI Community Charging Flyer](#).

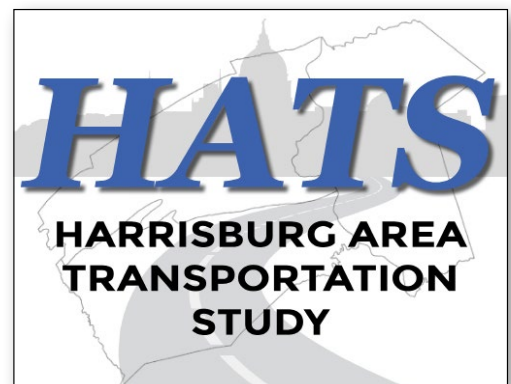
The deadline to submit technical questions is **Nov. 23**. The eGrants online proposal platform will be open **Dec. 7-Mar. 12**.

PennDOT hosted an **INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR** to summarize the program and answer questions on **Wed., Sept. 30 at 1 PM**. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

For an interactive map of existing and planned EV charging stations as well as priority eligible locations, [click here](#).

Any organization [registered](#) to do business in PA that is not barred from receiving state or federal funds may apply.

QUESTIONS? Email PennDOT at ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov



Help Us Make the 2027 PA Farm Show Extra Sweet!

Valley Grange #1360 is looking for **businesses, churches, youth groups, 4-H and FFA clubs, civic organizations, employee groups, families, and individuals** to volunteer at the **PA Dairymen's Association Milkshake Booth** during the 2027 PA Farm Show!

 **January 9–16, 2027**

 **PA Farm Show Complex – Harrisburg, PA**

Who Can Volunteer?

Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. Groups are welcome to volunteer together, making this a great opportunity for organizations, businesses, families, and community groups!

You **do not have to volunteer for the entire week!** Groups can choose the day and shift that works best for them.

Why Volunteer?

Your volunteer time helps support the long-standing partnership between **Valley Grange #1360 and the PA Dairymen's Association**, while helping support Pennsylvania agriculture, youth programs, educational opportunities, scholarships, hunger prevention, and other agricultural programs across Pennsylvania.

It's a great opportunity to:

-  Give back to our community
-  Support Pennsylvania dairy and agriculture
-  Bring your group together for a fun experience
-  Be part of the famous PA Farm Show milkshake tradition
-  Make a difference while having a great time!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Ready to join us? Click the link below to choose your available shift(s)!

 Valley Grange #1360 – 2027 Farm Show Milkshake Volunteer Sign-Up
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABAB2AA4F4C61-65659782-2027#/>

If you have a group that would like to volunteer together, please let us know! We are happy to work with you to find shifts that fit your group.

Thank you for helping us continue this wonderful Farm Show tradition and for supporting Pennsylvania agriculture!

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a group of volunteers, please contact me.

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