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Interested in sponsorship, participating, or
volunteering? - email
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

October

9 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking - Cosey Collectibles,
50 W Main St B, Mechanicsburg. 11:30 am

12 - Chamber office closed for the Columbus Day
holiday

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

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!

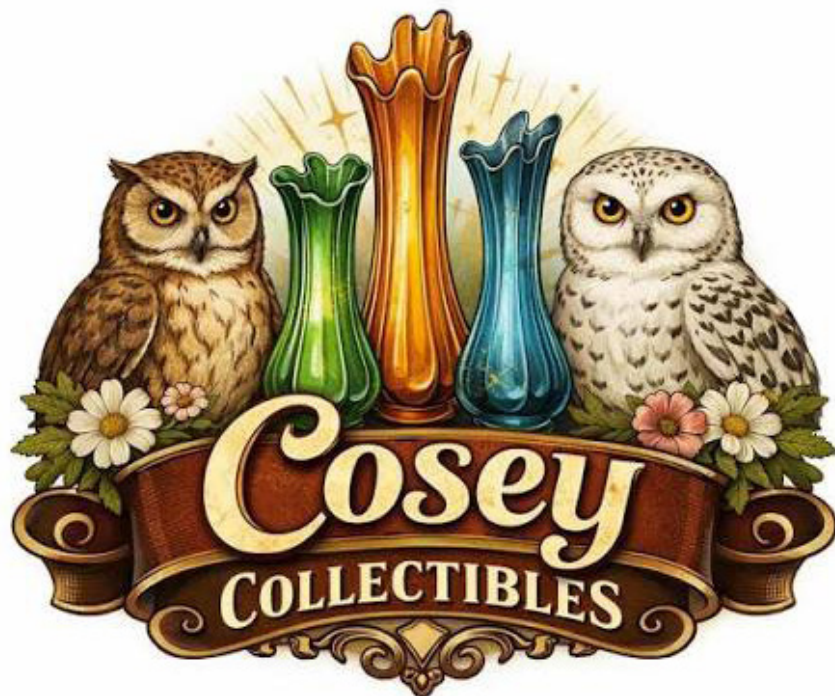
Fairfield Inn & Suites Harrisburg West/Mechanicsburg



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce
as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting.

Come visit Downtown Mechanicsburg's newest retail shop featuring
antiques and glass items. Not only may you find a replacement for
your set, but they are always buying lots and pieces. Talk to them
about how to clear out your cabinets.

Friday, October 9th
Cosey Collectibles
50 West Main Street B
Mechanicsburg 17055
Ribbon Cutting at – 11:30 am



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.



The **Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce** and **Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce** joined **Community CARES** for a ribbon cutting celebrating the new **Men's and Women's Shelter at The Cove**. Beth Kempf, **Community CARES** Executive Director, welcomed more than 100 community, business, and governmental leaders to join her in commemorating the upcoming opening of this facility that will be able to serve the homeless community of Cumberland County. The new shelter is expected to open in the next few weeks and is located at 230 S Spring Garden St, Carlisle.



Travel with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to Sunny Portugal

Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera

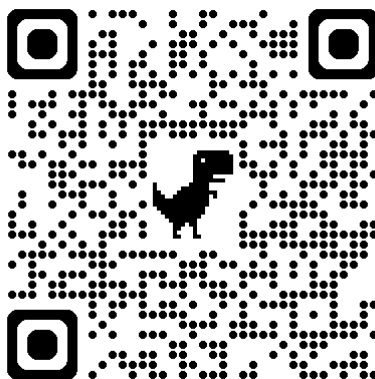
September 12-21, 2027

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

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.





A poster for the "Fall Fair Senior Expo". The top section has a red background with yellow and green leaves. It features the text "REPS. BARB GLEIM and SHERYL DELOZIER" in white, followed by "Invite You to their" in a script font. The main title "Fall Fair Senior Expo" is in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title are portraits of Rep. Barb Gleim (left, in a dark blazer) and Rep. Sheryl DeLozier (right, in a pink jacket). Their names and websites, "Rep. Barb Gleim RepGleim.com" and "Rep. Sheryl DeLozier RepDeLozier.com", are listed below their portraits. The middle section has a white background with a circular photo of an elderly couple. To the right of the photo, the date "TUESDAY, OCT. 13" is in large red letters, followed by "10 a.m. to 2 p.m." and the location "Carlisle Expo Center, 100 K St., Carlisle". The bottom section has a red background with yellow and green leaves. It contains the text: "Government and community service/resource providers will be in attendance. Light refreshments will be provided." and "If you plan to attend, please register by calling 717-249-1990 or online at RepGleim.com/events."

Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Carlisle Expo Center, 100 K St. in Carlisle

I am partnering with Rep. Barb Gleim (R-199) to host a senior expo for residents of our legislative districts. Numerous government and community resource providers will be in attendance. Light refreshments will be provided.

Potential exhibitors must fill out [this form](#) by Friday, Sept. 18.

Attendees should RSVP to 717-761-4665 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.

Safe Charging is Focus of Fire Prevention Week

National Fire Prevention Week kicked off Sunday, Oct. 4, with the theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower.”

The campaign focuses on everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer. The National Fire Protection Association offers these tips:

- Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one



approved by the manufacturer.

- Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk or bare floor.
- Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.
- Unplug your device when it's fully charged.
- Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.
- When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on a plane.

[More information from the National Fire Protection Association is available here.](#)



Avoid Health Insurance Scams

With annual open enrollment periods set to begin soon for both Medicare and Pennie, the state's health insurance marketplace, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is offering tips for consumers to avoid being scammed.

When researching options online, type the name of the website directly into the search engine. For Medicare, it's [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), or call 800-633-4227. Pennie's website is [Pennie.com](https://www.pennie.com) or call 844-844-8040.

Take your time. Look for small "Ad" or "Sponsored" labels next to search results to identify paid ads and scroll past them.

Get help to compare costs, coverage and plans. Assistance with Medicare is available through Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI), provided by the Department of Aging. Call the PA MEDI Helpline at 800-783-7067 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or reach out to your local county Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for one-on-one phone, virtual or in-person counseling sessions.

Suspect a health insurance scam? Tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov) and the [Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General](#). If the scam involves Medicare, report it at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or call 800-633-4227.

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](#).



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.

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Homeland Security Grant Webinar Oct. 15

When a crisis strikes, faith-based communities are often among the first places people turn for help, hope and support.

Houses of worship, nonprofits, schools and community organizations can learn how to play a vital role before, during and after a crisis via a free Pennsylvania Department of Homeland Security webinar Oct. 15.

Participants will gain practical tools



and resources to help their organization respond with compassion, coordination and confidence. Learn more at the [webinar registration page](#).

Exploring the Future of Stormwater Funding



I recently moderated a panel during the [Local Government Commission's virtual symposium](#) focused on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision in *West Chester v. PASSHE* and its potential implications for stormwater management. The April 30 ruling addressed whether a charge imposed by West Chester Borough to fund stormwater management was a fee for service or a tax. The court determined the charge was a tax, raising important questions for municipalities that rely on stormwater charges to fund infrastructure,

regulatory compliance and other programs.

The discussion provided an opportunity to examine what the decision could mean for municipalities and taxpayers as communities consider how to fund and manage stormwater systems. I appreciate Emma Bast, Esq., of PennFuture and Mary Jane Kuffner Hirt of Greenville Borough for sharing their expertise and perspectives, and I thank the Local Government Commission for the opportunity to lead this important conversation.

Legislation to Ban “Nudification” Apps Passed by Senate

Continuing our work to implement stronger safeguards on artificial intelligence, legislation to ban “nudification” apps – which allow individuals to take an image of someone and generate a fake nude or sexually explicit photo of that person – was approved by the Senate.

[Senate Bill 1368](#) prohibits such apps from being developed, operated or made available in Pennsylvania, including through online application marketplaces.



These apps serve no legitimate purpose and pose a special risk to children and school students, whose lives can be upended and reputations damaged through the malicious use of this technology. The measure will be sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. [Learn more about Senate Bill 1368 here](#).

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.](#)





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| Fri. 10/9 | – | Royal Winery-Brewery-Distillery , Harrisburg...Kirk & Bryce 6-9 |
| Sat. 10/10 | – | Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 11-2 |
| Sun. 10/11 | – | Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 1-4 |
| Mon. 10/12 | – | Mt. Airy Orchards Columbus Day Event, Dillsburg ... Kirk solo/duo 1-4 |
| Tues. 10/13 | – | Range + Rye Restaurant @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9 |
| 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 |

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.****

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October 9

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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.



FREE Breast Screening Event

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026
8 a.m. to noon**

**UPMC Obstetrics & Gynecology
Specialists-North Harrisburg**
2645 N. 3rd St., 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Women ages 18 and older can expect:

- **A quick review of breast-focused history and a breast-focused exam.**
- **Breast-specific medical oncologists, breast surgeons, breast-focused nurse practitioners, general surgery residents, and gynecology residents will be onsite for exams.**
- **If an abnormality is found, a referral will be made to a UPMC Breast Care Center for follow-up care.**

What to Bring:

- Insurance card, but insurance is not required. No payment is expected.
- Photo ID

Important to Note:

- No breast imaging (mammograms) will be conducted.
- Attendees do not have to be a current UPMC patient.
- A full physical will not be conducted. Non-breast issues will not be addressed.
- This event is not for patients with a history of breast cancer due to other information needed.

**Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is encouraged.
To register, please call 717-960-3360.**

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✂ **October 10-11:**

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Adams-Ricci Park

✂ **October 24:**

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GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be PennDot Spokesman Fritz Schreffler. She is a Safety Press Officer at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, specializing in government communications and public outreach.

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



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 7: Sarah's Creamery
- October 14: CK Chicken
- October 21: Speckled Moose
- October 29: Soul Lotta Empanadas

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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**.

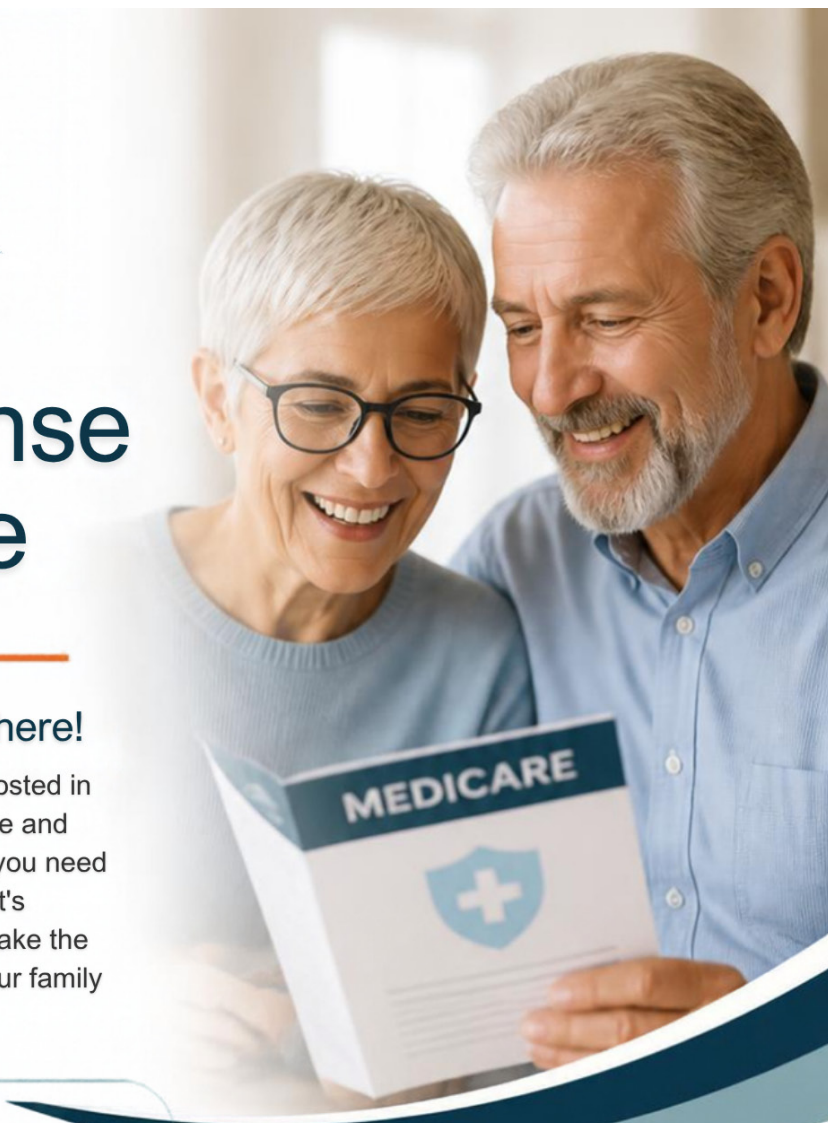


Making Sense of Medicare



Open Enrollment season is here!

Join us for a free community seminar hosted in partnership with a trusted local Medicare and insurance agency. Get the information you need to review your options, understand what's changing for the upcoming year, and make the best coverage decisions for you and your family — all in a relaxed, welcoming setting.



October 14th



6PM



The Bridges at Bent Creek

2100 Bent Creek Blvd.,
Mechanicsburg, PA 17057



Community Host

The Bridges at
Bent Creek



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Please RSVP to 717-918-0422 by
10/12 to reserve your spot

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

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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



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.](#)

First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson, Mechanicsburg

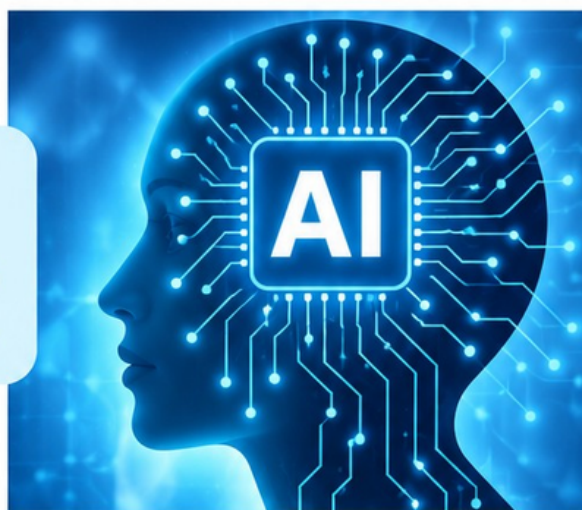


Health and Wellness

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



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
wecare@fumchurch.com
717 766 4611 x112

Patti Vogl
pvogl@timelessconnections.org
717 319 7318

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



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.

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.

Tina "Tink" Leinberger
President, Valley Grange #1360
 [717-329-7012](tel:717-329-7012)
 tinkleinberger@gmail.com

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

