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Mechanicsburg Chamber Will Hold Election for Board of Directors at January Meeting



If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce, click here to review job description, nomination policies, procedures and application.

We are accepting applications!

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

November

10 - Afternoon Mixer - CPRS Physical Therapy, 102 N Baltimore St, Dillsburg. 12:00 - 2:00pm.

19 - Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening/Open House & Networking - Hyatt Studios, 381 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg. 12:00 - 3:00 pm

19 - Travel with the Mechancisburg Chamber of Commerce to Portugal Presentation, Simpson Library, 16 N Walnut St, Meeting Room B, Mechaniscburg, 2:00 PM

26 - Office closed for Thanksgiving Day

27 - Annual Community Tree Lighting - Downtown Mechanicsburg. 5:15 - 6:30pm

28 - Small Business Saturday

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!

Encompass Health Rehabiliation Hospital of Mechanicsburg
Dillsburg Banner
Homeland Hospice
Rohrer Bus Service

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Afternoon Mixer

Tuesday, November 10
12:00pm - 2:00pm

We're trying something different!!

CPRS Physical Therapy
Hands that heal. Hearts that care.

The CPRS Physical Therapy location in Dillsburg welcomes you to an Afternoon Mixer for November.

Introduce yourself and your business to familiar faces and hopefully some new ones, too. Come network with local business representatives and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.
Don't forget to bring your business cards to MIX & MINGLE.

Learn about the wide variety of services CPRS offers including:
Physical Therapy, Vestibular Therapy, Sports Rehabilitation, Pre and Post-Operative Therapy, Oncology Rehab Program, Diabetes Management, and Wellness.
They offer several wellness programs including: general membership, healthy lifestyles, personal training, and sports specific training.

CPRS Physical Therapy Dillsburg
102 N Baltimore St
Dillsburg

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening/Open House at the only Hyatt branded facility in central Pennsylvania.

This Hyatt Studios is one of the first of its kind in the United States with less than 10 open at this time.

Join us as we recognize the opening of the area's newest extended stay facility that offers the comforts and amenities that are expected of a Hyatt brand. See all that this phoenix has to offer the visitors of our area.

HYATT studios

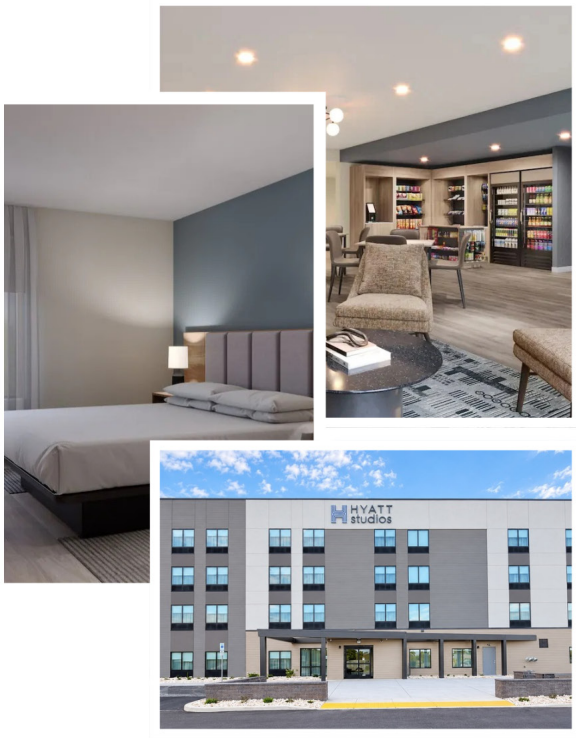
GRAND OPENING

Celebration

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

NOON - 3 PM

- **FOOD**
- **DRINKS**
- **MUSIC & RAFFLES!**



RSVP BY NOVEMBER 12, 2026
TO NBLOOM@RILEYHG.COM

381 Cumberland Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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 at the Joseph T. Simpson Library Meeting Room B

Call to register and make your reservation.

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



Mechanicsburg's Annual Community

TREE LIGHTING

MECHANICSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Friday, November 27 | 5:15 PM

DOWNTOWN MECHANICSBURG



Music | Santa Claus | Hot Cocoa

Music starts at 5:15 PM
- with the lighting of the tree at 5:30 PM.

Sponsorship donations for lights, cookies, and Santa's travel expenses are welcomed. Contact the office for more information at 717-796-0811.

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 2026-27 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 Housing

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.

Housing:

Before turning to New Hope for help, Terry and her son spent many years moving between motels, relatives' homes, and even their car. After unexpected challenges and crises, they were left without a stable place to land. Every day was filled with uncertainty, and Terry carried the heavy burden of trying to keep her son safe while having nowhere they could truly call home.

Through New Hope's staff and volunteers, Terry and her son received help with food, and ultimately secured safe and stable housing. With a helping hand and the generosity of others, she was able to find stability and begin building a life filled with dignity and possibility.

Today, three years later, Terry still holds the keys to her home. She has become an active member of her community, building friendships and finding the stability she had gone without for so long. She still visits New Hope regularly, staying connected and supported as she continues on her journey.

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.



New Law Bans Cell Phone Use in School



Legislation that would require schools across the Commonwealth to ban the use of cell phones during the school day was signed into law earlier this week.

Act 117 of 2026 specifically requires all Pennsylvania public, charter, cyber charter, and private schools to adopt policies prohibiting students from using personal cell phones throughout the school day, including during lunch, recess and between classes.

There are some exemptions, including students who require a mobile device due to a medical condition of the student or an immediate family member; students who have individual education plans that require them to use their phones; English-language learners who use their phones for translation services; and students who receive permission from the teacher when certain criteria are met.

The law requires school entities to inform parents, guardians, teachers and students about the policy at the beginning of each school year. The policy would have to include information about how parents or guardians can sign up for emergency notifications and how they can contact their child during the school day.

Schools are required to adopt and implement a policy by the start of the 2027-28 school year.



Hearing Explores Opportunities to Expand Scholarships for Students with Learning Differences

The House Republican Policy Committee convened its final hearing of the 2025–26 session on Thursday to examine how strengthening Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs can expand opportunity for students whose learning needs are not being met in traditional settings.

Testifiers included Jason Seggern, head of The Hillside School; Kevin Kane, director of legislative strategy at the Commonwealth Foundation; Gregory Dolan, senior advisor with the U.S. Department of Treasury; and others. Their message was clear: students with learning differences rely on instruction and support that many families simply cannot access without financial help. EITC and OSTC scholarships give those families the ability to choose schools that provide individualized attention and smaller, more supportive environments.

Testifiers also highlighted a major opportunity ahead. Pennsylvania has the option to join the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC) initiative, which allows states to attract additional private donations for K–12 scholarships. Opting in would mean more resources flowing directly to students, so more children can attend schools that match their learning needs. By pairing this federal mechanism with Pennsylvania's existing EITC and OSTC programs, the Commonwealth could significantly expand the number of scholarships available statewide.

Committee members closed the hearing by reaffirming the importance of broadening educational options in Pennsylvania. To learn more about the FSTC program, click here.

New Law Cracks Down on Deceptive Telemarketing Schemes



A new law modernizing the Commonwealth's regulation of telemarketing took effect earlier this week with the goal of cracking down on spoofing, robocalls, scam texts and more.

Act 47 of 2026 prohibits telemarketing calls before 9 a.m. and after 7 p.m., and at any time on Sundays and legal holidays. It requires prior express written consent for most robocalls and telemarketing text messages for those on the Do-Not-Call List and prohibits deceptive or fraudulent practices used to obtain a consumer's consent.

The law also prohibits telemarketers from falsely identifying themselves or using deceptive caller ID information, including spoofed numbers. It allows consumers to opt out of telemarketing text messages by responding with commonly recognized terms such as "STOP," "QUIT," "END," "CANCEL" or "UNSUBSCRIBE." Finally, it requires telemarketers to stop their solicitation when a consumer asks them to do so.



Looking for a Career in Law Enforcement?

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is accepting applications from people interested in a rewarding career in public service as a state trooper.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate and a valid driver's license from any state. They must be at least 20 years old at the time of application, and they must be at least 21 years old and cannot have reached age 40 upon entry into the PSP academy.

Applications for the current cadet hiring cycle should be submitted via the Commonwealth's employment website by Nov. 27.

For more information on becoming a state trooper, including applicant requirements and job benefits, visit PATrooper.com.



Mapping Out the Big Plan: A Senior Transitions Seminar

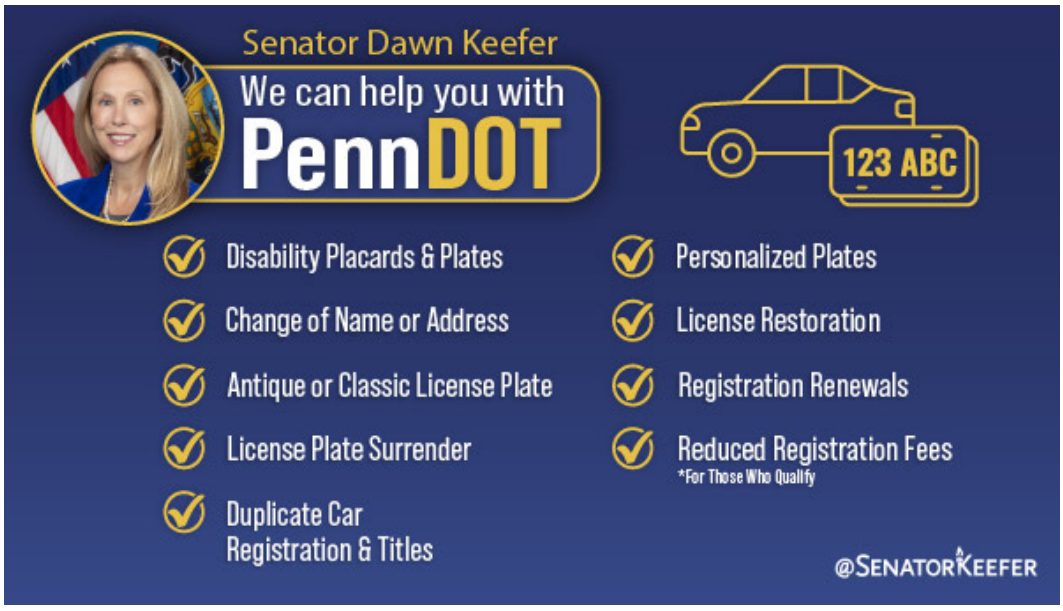


Planning for the next chapter of life can bring important questions about housing, finances, legal matters and the transition process. I'm hosting Mapping Out the Big Plan – A Senior Transitions Seminar on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion Post 26, 301 U.S. Route 15, Dillsburg, to help seniors navigate these decisions with greater confidence.

Featured topics include downsizing, navigating the physical and emotional aspects of a major life transition, planning for the unexpected and understanding elder law. A buffet breakfast will be provided.

I encourage seniors and those preparing for a future transition to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn about available options, ask questions and plan for the future. To RSVP, call 717-432-1730 or visit my website.

Having Trouble with PennDOT?



Navigating PennDOT paperwork can be confusing, especially if you're unsure where to start or run into problems along the way. My staff can help you understand your options and work through a variety of PennDOT-related issues.

If you need assistance, contact my office at 717-432-1730 or visit us in person.



Fri. 11/6	–	Ted's Bar & Grill, Harrisburg…Kirk Duo 8-11
Sat. 11/7	–	Totem Pole Wine Farm, Carlisle…Kirk solo/duo 6:30-8:30
Sun. 11/8	–	The Bourbon Mill, New Oxford…Kirk & Band 1-4
Tues. 11/10	–	The Overlook at Range End Restaurant, Dillsburg…Kirk solo 6-8
Fri. 11/13	–	Traditions of Hershey Event, Palmyra…Kirk solo 2-3
Fri. 11/13	–	Crossing Creek Christmas Open House Event, Dillsburg…Kirk solo 6-8
Sat. 11/14	–	Crossing Creek Decor Christmas Open House Event, Dillsburg… Kirk solo 11-2
Sat. 11/14	–	Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg…Kirk & Beth Duo 6-9
Tues. 11/17	–	The Overlook at Range End Restaurant, Dillsburg…Kirk solo 6-9

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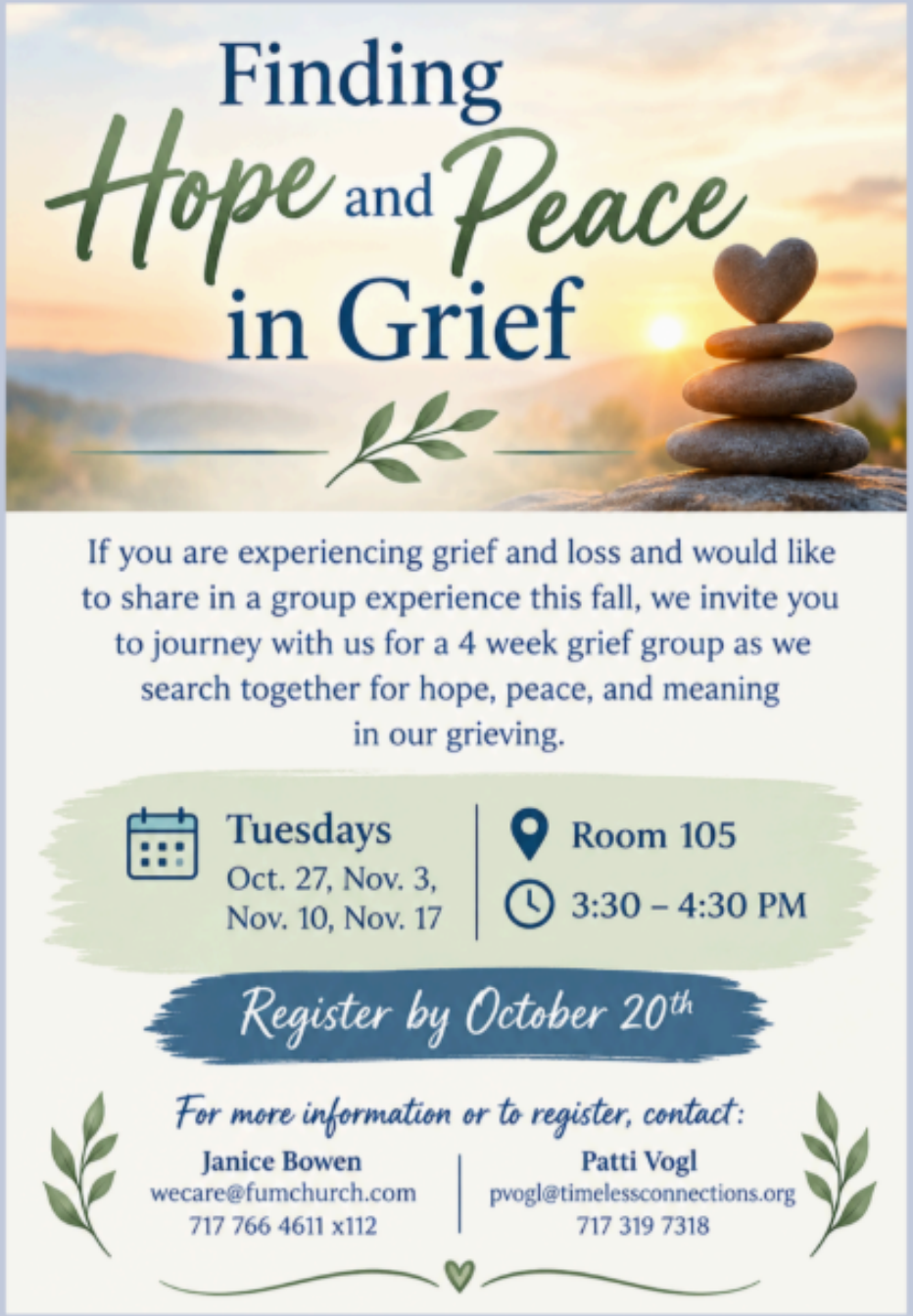
We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

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.

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9am – 3pm
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Craft Show
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450 Powers Ave #103, Harrisburg
9am – 4pm
November 14
Mt. Zion Crossroads Church
Craft Show
420 Park Drive, Carlisle
9am – 2pm
November 21
Pink Holiday Shoppe
201 E Green Street, Mechanicsburg
8am – 2pm
November 27-29
Lebanon Expo Center
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November 28
Meet the "Avon Man"
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First United Methodist Church
135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg
Register at fumchurch.com

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be presented by Donna O'Dell-Foltz consultant from Tastefully Simple.

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

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Named Among Nation's Top Ten Pediatric Hospitals on U.S. News Honor Roll

Across central Pennsylvania, UPMC Children's provides families with access to nationally recognized pediatric and neonatal care close to home

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has been named to the prestigious U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospitals Honor Roll for 2026-2027, earning a place among the nation's top 10 pediatric hospitals.

UPMC Children's is now tied for the No. 1 rank in Pennsylvania and tied for No. 1 in the Mid-Atlantic Region, also earning national rankings in all 11 pediatric specialties that are evaluated by U.S. News & World Report.

The annual rankings recognize hospitals that deliver exceptional outcomes and specialized care for children with complex and serious medical conditions. UPMC Children's is nationally ranked in:

- Cancer
- Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Neonatology
- Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- Gastroenterology & GI Surgery
- Nephrology

- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedics
- Pediatric & Adolescent Behavioral Health
- Pulmonology & Lung Surgery
- Urology

Among its highest performing specialties, UPMC Children's ranked No. 3 nationally in diabetes and endocrinology, No. 4 in pulmonology and lung surgery, and No. 10 in nephrology. Five specialty programs improved their rankings this year, including cardiology, nephrology, orthopaedics, pulmonology, and urology.

"Every day, our team comes to work with a singular purpose: to give children the healthiest, brightest future possible," said Diane Hupp, president, UPMC Children's Hospital.

"Being named to the U.S. News Honor Roll and recognized among the nation's best pediatric hospitals is an incredible honor, but what makes me most proud is what this recognition represents, thousands of moments of expertise, compassion, innovation, and hope delivered to children and families when they need us most. This achievement belongs to every physician, nurse, advanced practice provider, researcher, therapist, and staff member whose dedication continues to transform children's lives."

The Honor Roll distinction recognizes children's hospitals that demonstrate excellence across multiple specialty areas, reflecting consistently high levels of clinical performance and patient outcomes. UPMC Children's continued success in the rankings underscores its role as a national leader in pediatric care, research, innovation, and education.

UPMC Children's serves children and families throughout Pennsylvania and the surrounding region through its main campus in Pittsburgh, specialty and outpatient centers, primary care locations, and telemedicine services. As one of the nation's leading pediatric hospitals, UPMC Children's provides highly specialized care while expanding access to world-class pediatric services closer to home.

The annual U.S. News rankings evaluate children's hospitals based on clinical outcomes, patient safety, infection prevention, nursing quality, and other measures of excellence across pediatric specialties.

Across central Pennsylvania, UPMC Children's provides families with access to nationally recognized pediatric and neonatal care close to home. UPMC Children's delivers coordinated, high-quality care for children at every stage of life in central Pennsylvania through its in-patient pediatric unit at UPMC Harrisburg, pediatric infusion therapy facilities, UPMC Children's Community Pediatrics practices, Express Care and Specialty Care locations, labor and delivery services and NICU services.

UPMC Harrisburg and UPMC West Shore was also 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

For more information about UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and its nationally ranked pediatric programs, visit www.chp.edu.



UNITED WAY POINSETTIA SALE



Check off Your Holiday "To Do" List While Supporting a Great Cause

Order beautiful poinsettias and help support United Way of the Capital Region's internal campaign!

These make great office decorations or gifts for family, friends or coworkers!

Poinsettias will be delivered the first week of December. Order 5 or more and receive FREE delivery!

- **Poinsettias are 6" pots**
- **COLORS:** red, white, pink or burgundy
- **COST: $13.50 each**
- **Orders are due by November 19**

What is United Way's Internal Campaign?

Just like other organizations, United Way of the Capital Region runs a fundraising campaign among its staff members. Funds are generated through donations and special event sales such as this one. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to United Way's 2026 campaign. **Thank you for supporting United Way!**

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY AT:

www.uwcr.org/uw-poinsettia-sale

UNITED WAY
Capital Region

Questions? Contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717.724.4055, or e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Fall 2026

Help provide free tax preparation to low- and moderate-income families through United Way of the Capital Region's Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program. You'll help ensure working families in our community claim all available tax credits while saving them the cost of high tax preparation fees and refund anticipation loan interest rates.

- **No previous experience necessary** - Easy-to-use computer software.
- **Learn a valuable skill** - IRS tax training and certification.
- **Make a big impact** - Help families receive thousands of dollars in Earned Income Credits and Child Tax Credits, which are the nation's largest anti-poverty programs.
- **Flexible enough for any schedule** - Volunteer days, nights or weekends at one of 17 tax prep sites within Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. Most volunteers work one day a week during tax season (late January through mid-April). Some remote opportunities are available.
- **Other ways to volunteer** - Serve as a greeter, screener, local tax preparer or translator at one of our tax sites. These positions do not require any tax preparing.



MIYP HIGHLIGHTS since 2003...

- 82,559 federal returns filed
- $88,771,536 million returned to our community
- $25,600 – average annual income for clients receiving service
- $16.5 million saved in tax preparation fees *(based on average cost of $150 per return)*
- 17 sites in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties
- 3 site through partnerships in Mifflin and Juniata counties

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Heidi Neuhaus at hneuhaus@uwcr.org or call 717.724.4055.

UNITED WAY Capital Region | MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau Launches New Interactive Trip Planner and Mobile App

Planning a Cumberland Valley getaway just got easier with a new interactive trip planner and the Visit Cumberland Valley mobile app from the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau. The new tools help visitors discover things to do, organize their favorites, and create a personalized itinerary before and during their trip.

"Today's travelers want to plan on their own terms, whether that's browsing ideas on the couch weeks ahead or figuring out where to grab lunch once they're downtown," said Laura Delaney, Director of Tourism & Marketing for the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau. "The trip planner and app put everything the Cumberland Valley has to offer in one place, so visitors can spend less time searching and more time enjoying their trip."

Developed in collaboration with VisitWidget, the new planning tool is available directly on VisitCumberlandValley.com, enabling visitors to explore the destination and build an itinerary on desktop or mobile. Travelers can also download the free Visit Cumberland Valley app, available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, to take their plans on the go.

Visitors can browse things to do by category, including history, outdoor recreation, shopping, food and drink, events, and lodging. As they explore, they can save favorite locations, add stops to their itinerary, and view their plans on an interactive map.

"The Cumberland Valley is all about trails, history, and welcoming communities in the heart of Pennsylvania," Delaney said. "With everything mapped out in one place, visitors can easily plan a morning hike, an afternoon exploring our historic downtowns, and dinner at a local favorite, and maybe discover a few hidden gems along the way."

Travelers can also share their itinerary with family and friends, making it easier for everyone to help plan the getaway. The new tools give visitors another way to experience Cumberland Valley, from researching ideas at home to deciding where to eat, shop, or explore once they arrive.

The Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau is the destination tourism arm of the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation.

Community Equity Grants Open Nov. 1 to Support Local Nonprofits

Applications for the 2026 Community Equity Grants open Nov. 1, offering local nonprofits funding to address inequities and strengthen communities across South Central Pennsylvania.

"When more people have access to opportunities, our entire community benefits," said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact at The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). "These grants help local nonprofits expand their impact and make a lasting difference for the people they serve."

Grants generally range from $5,000 to $10,000, with applications due Feb. 1, 2027.

Investing in Local Communities

In 2025, TFEC awarded $48,971 through the Community Equity Fund to support 15 projects across 13 organizations.

"Last year, TFEC awarded more than 1,700 grants totaling over $8.7 million," McAuliffe said. "The Community Equity Fund is one part of that broader investment, helping us direct charitable resources toward needs in the communities we serve."

A New Opportunity for Local Nonprofits

The Community Equity Fund is open to nonprofit organizations serving Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon or Perry counties, as well as the Dillsburg area of northern York County.

Applicants must be registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or work with an eligible nonprofit fiscal sponsor.

Projects must take place during the grant period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028.

TFEC encourages community members and business leaders to share this opportunity with local nonprofits whose work aligns with the fund's purpose.

Make a Difference Through Local Giving

Individuals and businesses can help strengthen communities by investing in the work of local non-profits. A gift to the Community Equity Fund helps support future grants that address inequities and expand opportunities across the region.

Those interested in supporting other community needs can explore TFEC's charitable funds and contribute to a cause that matters to them.

For individuals or businesses looking to make a lasting impact, TFEC can also help establish a charitable fund that reflects their giving goals.

Contact the Philanthropy Team at philanthropy@tfec.org to explore the possibilities.

Learn More About Community Equity Grants

To help nonprofits prepare, TFEC will host a free, 30-minute virtual information session on Wednesday, Nov. 11, from noon to 12:30 p.m.

McAuliffe and TFEC's Grants Team will explain the funding opportunity and answer questions about the application process.

Register for the free Community Equity Grants webinar.

Organizations interested in applying can review the funding priorities and eligibility requirements at www.tfec.org/grants/tfec-community-equity-grants/.

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PA Raises Financial Reporting Thresholds for Nonprofit Organizations

On October 22, 2026, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro signed Act 104 of 2026 into law, increasing the annual contribution thresholds that determine when charitable organizations must obtain an audit, review, or compilation of their financial statements.

The legislation updates Pennsylvania's Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act for the first time since 2017.

What Has Changed?

The new law increases the annual contribution thresholds as follows:

- $1 million or more: An independent audit is required.
- $500,000 to less than $1 million: A review or audit is required.
- $150,000 to less than $500,000: A compilation, review, or audit is required.
- Less than $150,000: A compilation, review, or audit is optional under these provisions.

When Does Act 104 Take Effect?

Act 104 takes effect on February 19, 2027, 120 days after the governor's signature, and applies to contributions received in calendar years beginning after the effective date.

What Does This Mean for Your Organization?

The increased thresholds may reduce state financial reporting requirements for certain Pennsylvania charitable organizations.

Trout CPA is reviewing the legislation and its application to nonprofit reporting periods, including organizations with fiscal year-ends. We will provide additional guidance as the implementation requirements are clarified.

In the meantime, please contact your Trout CPA professional with any questions.

Read More About Act 104

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Protect Your Business with No-Cost PASBDC Cybersecurity Services



Cyber threats can put your business's data, finances, operations, and reputation at risk. But knowing where your business may be vulnerable, and what steps to take to protect it, isn't always easy.

The Pennsylvania SBDC has cyber-certified consultants who can help.Our no-cost, confidential cybersecurity consulting services provide practical, one-on-one guidance to help you identify potential risks, recognize cyber threats, improve password and backup practices, train employees, and prepare for, respond to, and recover from a potential breach.

October was Cybersecurity Awareness Month, making it a timely opportunity to strengthen your business's cybersecurity. Learn more, access resources, and connect with your local SBDC at www.pasbdc.org/cybersecurity.

Learn More & Access Resources

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**

HATS
HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

🥤 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
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✉ tinkleinberger@gmail.com