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CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP DISPATCH

Photos by Mary Voss





From the Chairman's Desk...

2024 PSATS Conference

This past April I attended the annual Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Conference in Hershey with the township manager, Dave Blocher, finance director/treasurer, Camie Stouck-Phiel, secretary, Michele Long, and road superintendent, Chris Walter. The conference brought together municipal officials from across the entire Commonwealth. This year's conference hosted more than 4,000 township officials. Over 100 workshops were given throughout the four-day conference. The workshops ranged from administration and public works to public safety. planning and zoning, and many more. In addition to daily workshops, a general session was held daily for all attendees. The general session featured keynote speakers, state representatives, and state senators. The general sessions created a great opportunity to gain inspiration from the speakers and to ask questions to those who work in Harrisburg at the state level of government. Alongside the workshops and general sessions, nearly 300 exhibitors shared their products and services. It made for easy face-to-face meetings with many companies and businesses that aid in running good municipal government, including many partners of Cumberland Township.

One of the highlights of the conference for me was attending the Pennsylvania Municipal Government Academy (PMGA) award ceremony. PMGA is a leadership and municipal education program within PSATS. Cumberland Township's very own manager, Dave Blocher, graduated from the PMGA academy. The ceremony honored those who had completed the full academy curriculum. The PMGA program strives to provide education in leadership and communication skills with an emphasis on administration, planning and zoning, public safety, and public works. Fewer than 1% of Pennsylvania's township officials have completed this important educational program. As a Cumberland Township supervisor and resident, I feel very fortunate to now have two graduates (Camie Stouck-Phiel 2023 & Dave Blocher 2024) of the PMGA program working at Cumberland Township!

I look forward to attending the 2025 PSATS Conference, with the Cumberland Township staff, to expand my knowledge of municipal government to help make Cumberland Township one of the best municipalities to live in now and in the future!

2024 Open House & National Night Out

On August 6 from 4-7 pm, Cumberland Township is excited to host its second Open House and National Night Out! The event will be held at 730 Chambersburg Road Gettysburg, at the old Gettysburg County Club. By this August date, Cumberland Township plans to have this building fully up and running as it's temporary home while construction is under way on the new building at the current location. Building on the success of the 2023 event, Cumberland Township plans to expand vendors and public offerings for residents to interact with. The event will feature food and entertainment, giveaways, local organizations, equipment demonstrations, touch a truck and equipment opportunities, car seat safety checks, and much more! This fun family event will be a great way to learn more about your local government, first responders, and elected officials. Hope to see you there!!

Shaun Phiel

Chairman, BOS

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meets the 4th Tuesday of every month
at 7:00pm 1370 Fairfield Road

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From the Manager's Desk...

Cumberland Township Renovation Update

On June 18th at 4pm the Board of Supervisors held a building workshop to update our community on the plan to move the Township forward into the next 40 years. The project will increase the building's footprint by 38%, with the current structure's 8,800 square feet of office and garage space increasing to 12,260 square feet. The three primary items the building will address are:

- Space: 75% of the increase will expand the Police Department, which was built in 1994 to serve two officers but currently houses eleven officers.
- Security: This project will fix multiple security vulnerabilities identified by studies and evaluations.
- Community: The building upgrades will address ADA compliancy to better assist all of our residents, and offer space for HOA meetings, elections, and other community needs.



Financing is a work in progress for this 4.3 million dollar project. We have been awarded 1.3 million dollars in funding from the PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program - RACP. In addition to those funds already awarded, the Township has applied for an additional $700,000 in RACP funding, and $100,000 in another state program. Those funding sources in addition to over $500,000 saved will go towards the funding of the renovation with the remainder of the balance financed. An RFP (Request For Proposals) will go out in July to evaluate and determine financing options best suited for the Township.

The Township entered a zero-dollar lease of the former Country Club building located at 730 Chambersburg Road. The Township plans to move all administrative services, the police department, and meetings to that space starting in September of 2024. American Battlefield Trust has saved the Township more than an estimated $150,000 by allowing us to utilize the building with the only expenses being utilities, one-third of the mowing cost, and operational maintenance.

If you would like to see the proposed layout or have any questions, please reach out to us!

David Blocher
Township Manager

Keep up with Building updates and Township Meetings! Sign up for Savvy Citizen today!



Preserve our Heritage - Provide Quality Services - Plan for our Future

From your Maintenance Department...

With the Summer season upon us, the Cumberland Township Maintenance Department has been busy with planned projects in progress, routine maintenance, and a busy schedule of new and upcoming projects.

The Twin Lakes 1 / Lakeview Drive paving project is well underway and will be finalized later this summer. This project is being completed by the in-house Maintenance Department staff along with inter-municipal help from Gettysburg Borough, Mt. Pleasant, Straban, and Franklin Townships. Twin Lakes 2 / Twin Lakes Drive is slated for a paving overlay this summer. This project has been contracted to New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company. It will be a three-phase project beginning with a profile mill to reshape the crown of the street, followed by a fiber seal coat to help prevent reflective cracking, and adding a wearing surface overlay.

The crew has also been busy maintaining roadside vegetation. Our mowing tractor has been out every day making rounds throughout the Township. This mowing, coupled with weed control around guide rails, signs, and other roadside structures, helps to ensure safe sight distances along the roads.



Cumberland Township Maintenance Department working on Twin Lakes paving project.

Another upcoming project for this summer is the micro surfacing of multiple roads within the Township. This will be completed on the southern end of Herrs Ridge Road, the roads within The Preserves at Cumberland Village, and Fairplay Road. This process is a type of seal coating that preserves the integrity and extends the life of the pavement.

Shoulder grading will take place along Herrs Ridge Road to remove excess materials from the shoulder of the road which allows the water to run off the road and into the side gutters to prevent puddling and icy spots in the winter months.

Pipe replacements, sign upgrades, and various other routine maintenance will fill the summer and fall schedule.

When you're out and about not only on Cumberland Township roadways but anywhere you may be traveling, please be aware and safe through work zones and ongoing highway projects.



Did you know? Road closures, road work, and road emergencies will be broadcast via the Savvy Citizen App. Sign up today to stay in-the-know!

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!!

Chris Walter
Superintendent of Roads


Mt. Pleasant Township, helping with Twin Lakes paving project.

From your Chief of Police...

As summer approaches and families gear up for road trips and vacations, ensuring the safety of our youngest travelers is paramount. At Cumberland Township Police Department, we are committed to promoting awareness and adherence to car seat safety regulations to protect our children during every journey.

Car crashes remain a leading cause of death for children in the United States, emphasizing the critical need for proper car seat usage. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), using age- and size-appropriate car seats reduces the risk of serious injury by up to 71% among infants and 54% among toddlers.

Understanding the regulations surrounding car seat usage is crucial for every parent and caregiver. Here are the basic guidelines according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA):

1. Infant Seats: Infants should ride in rear-facing car seats until they reach the maximum height or weight limit allowed by the seat's manufacturer.
2. Convertible Seats: Toddlers and young children should use convertible or forward-facing seats with a harness until they outgrow the seat's weight or height limits.
3. Booster Seats: Children who have outgrown the forward-facing seat should use booster seats until they are big enough to fit properly in a seat belt.
4. Seat Belts: Children should remain in booster seats until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly, typically when they are about 4 feet 9 inches tall and are between 8 and 12 years old.

Tips for Safe Travel:

1. Installation: Ensure that car seats are installed correctly. Many car seat stations and police departments, including ours, offer free car seat checks to help parents and caregivers install seats properly.
2. Location: Place car seats in the back seat of the vehicle—ideally in the center—to maximize safety in case of a crash.
3. Avoid Second-Hand Seats: While it might be tempting to use a second-hand car seat, it's safer to purchase a new one to ensure it meets current safety standards and hasn't been involved in a crash.
4. Stay Informed: Regularly check for recalls and register your car seat to receive recall notices directly from the manufacturer.

At Cumberland Township Police Department, we are here to support our community in promoting car seat safety. We offer resources, educational materials, and guidance to ensure that every child travels safely.
As we embark on summer adventures, let's prioritize the safety of our youngest passengers. By following car seat guidelines and staying informed, we can make a significant impact in reducing injuries and fatalities on our roads. Together, let's ensure that every journey is a safe one for our children.

For more information or to schedule a car seat inspection, please contact Cumberland Township Police Department at 717-334-6485 x403. Remember, a properly secured child is a safer child.
Safe travels!

Chief Matthew S. Trostel

Did you know? Emergency alerts are broadcast through the Savvy Citizen App! Sign up today!

Our NATIONAL NIGHT OUT/OPEN HOUSE is August 6, 2024!

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Cumberland Township Open House & National Night Out

Food and entertainment!

Giveaways!

Local organizations!

Equipment demonstrations!

Touch a Truck!

Car seat safety checks!

Learn more about your local government, first responders, and elected officials!

AUGUST 6 4-7PM

730 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg

Want to stay up-to-date on all the exciting events and announcements for Cumberland Township? Sign up for Savvy Citizen today!

Your CTA Board...

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Tom Shealer, Vice Chairman
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CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY

Sanitary Wastewater Treatment 101

Think of a municipal sanitary wastewater plant as a giant cleaning facility for all the water that goes down our drains and toilets from homes, businesses, and industries. The goal is to take all that dirty water, clean it up, and then release it back into the environment safely. Here's how it generally works:

1. Collection: First, all the wastewater from homes and buildings flows into the plant through underground pipes.
2. Screening: When the wastewater arrives, it goes through a screening process where big objects like wipes, rags, and plastics are removed. This prevents them from causing damage to the equipment downstream. (Please, only flush TP!)
3. Primary Treatment: After screening, the wastewater moves into large aeration tanks, where it's mixed with bacteria. These bacteria are like little helpers that eat up the tiny bits of organic material that are still in the water. As they eat, they clean the water even more. Gravity helps heavy stuff like sludge (the solid waste) sink to the bottom, while oils and grease rise to the top. This process removes a lot of the solid materials from the water.
4. Final Treatment: Once the water has been treated with bacteria, it moves to a post E.Q. tank. Here, any remaining tiny particles settle to the bottom, leaving the water cleaner.
5. Disinfection: After all that cleaning, the water is almost ready to be released back into the environment. But first, it's treated with ultraviolet light to kill any remaining harmful bacteria and viruses.
6. Release: Finally, the now-clean water, called effluent, is released into local creeks, where it can safely mix with the natural water without harming the environment.

Throughout this process, the solid waste that settles at the bottom of the tanks is collected and treated separately. It is turned into biosolids (which can be used as fertilizer) and applied in farmers' fields.

So, in simple terms, a municipal sanitary wastewater plant is like a big cleaning factory that takes dirty water, removes all the yucky stuff, and then puts the cleaned-up water back where it belongs, keeping our environment safe and healthy!

Save checks and time with auto-pay! ACH Authorization forms are available at cumberlandtwppa.gov under the Document Center!

Want to know more or get involved? The CTA Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 3:00pm 1370 Fairfield Road

Capital Improvements Corner

Route 116 Culvert/Sewer Relocation - Relocation in process
Boyds School Road Sewer Extension- Contract awarded to Guyer Brothers and work has begun
South Plant Siphon Replacement- In progress
South Plant Post Equalization, UV System, & Digester Conversion- Authorization to bid motion at July meeting
Greenmount Sewer System- Preliminary scope
Retrofit Old Mill Pump Station- Bid opening scheduled for July 2

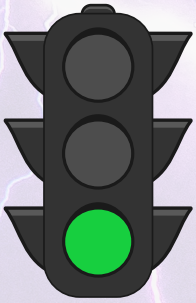
Let's Talk Storm Water!

Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in your Community

The PA DEP understands the severe damage and disruption that flooding can cause to residents, businesses, and municipal governments, and the importance of prevention when possible and rapid recovery when necessary. The PA DEP strives to assist PA communities by ensuring stream work is done in a way that reduces the likelihood of future problems.

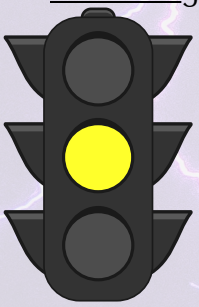
Below is a simple guide to help you take the appropriate steps when undertaking any stream restoration or maintenance. When it doubt, your first step should always be to contact your regional DEP office. Adams County is served by the Southcentral office, which can be reached by calling 717-705-4700.

Green light, go! These actions do not require DEP notification, pre-approval, or permits.



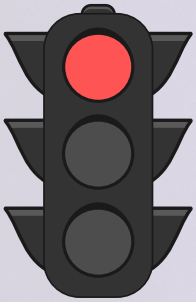
- Removing non-native material, such as litter and construction debris, from the stream, banks, or riparian areas.
- Removing woody debris from the stream while you are standing in the stream w/use of handheld tools only.
- Chaining or winching large woody debris and dragging it from the streambank.
- Cutting trees off at the stump (keeping stumps helps stabilize banks).
- Cleaning out culverts.
- Planting trees and other plants on streambanks and riparian areas. Bonus if they are native!

Yellow light, slow down! These actions likely require DEP notification, pre-approval, or permits.



- Rebuilding roads or bridges across streams.
- Streambank stabilization projects.
- Armoring streambanks w/an engineered riprap design in emergency situations.
- Removing gravel bars from the stream channel using heavy equipment (gravel must be safely relocated out of the floodplain to an upland area that is not wetland).
- Repairing a bridge or culvert.
- Removing a bridge or culver in danger of failure or in partial or complete collapse.

Red light, stop!! These actions definitely require permits and may require the involvement of other agencies.



- Dredging streams.
- Creating dikes.
- Damming streams.
- Building a new bridge or culvert.
- Redirecting the flow of a stream by reshaping gravel bars or moving gravel to the streambank.
- Armoring streambanks with concrete, construction debris, and other impervious materials.
- Moving (relocating) a stream.

Remember, when in doubt, call the DEP!

Little Roundtop Open!

Gettysburg National Military Park celebrated the reopening of Little Round Top with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The Little Round Top area of the Gettysburg battlefield, which saw extensive fighting on the afternoon of July 2, 1863, had been closed to the public for almost two years for extensive rehabilitation efforts to improve parking areas, accessibility, and safety, and address erosion and vegetation issues.

The project enhances access to a more extensive, safe, and accessible trail system that allows visitors to experience the area's monuments, cannons, and other areas of interest. Gathering areas across the summit will better accommodate the many large groups arriving by bus. Eroded soils have been stabilized and re-vegetated. New interpretive waysides throughout the area tell the story of those who suffered, died, and memorialized the battlefield. In addition, satellite parking has been expanded and formalized in the area with access to the trail system.

Funding for the project represents a mix of federal funds and generous donations. The total cost of the project was $12.9 million, of which $5.2 million came from donations from the Gettysburg Foundation, National Park Foundation, and the American Battlefield Trust.

Gettysburg veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, Joshua Chamberlain, noted that 'In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays' and there are few landscapes for which that power of place is more tangible than Little Round Top. Now revitalized and enhanced, it stands ready to welcome this and future generations, a place where they can feel a meaningful connection to the past."

"Modernizing and improving visitor access to Little Round Top protects this hallowed ground and ensures that future generations can explore this place where history was made, and better understand how the battle of Gettysburg shaped our nation," said National Park Foundation President and CEO Will Shafroth. "I am grateful for the generosity of John L. Nau, III and the partnership of the American Battlefield Trust for making it possible."

Park staff would like to thank the many members of the local Gettysburg community who helped keep park visitors up to date with pertinent information about the project and their continued patience throughout the process. We look forward to welcoming visitors back to this iconic battlefield site and join us as stewards to help us protect and interpret the site for generations to come.

Full details of the project, including photo albums, videos, time lapse videos, and frequently asked questions are on the park's website at www.nps.gov/gett.

Adams County Office of Veterans Affairs

The Adams County Office of Veterans Affairs provides, at no cost to the Veteran, guidance and submission of applications and assistance on a wide range of federal, state, and county benefits for qualified veterans and their families. VA program assistance includes but is not limited to: health care, service-connected disability compensation, Wartime Veteran and spouse pensions, education benefits, VA home loan guarantees, homeless veterans, emergency financial needs, burial benefits, obtaining copies of military records, as well as a central resource for the distribution of information to Veterans and Veteran service organizations. Potential non-VA benefits are identified, and referrals are made on the veteran's behalf to other agencies. Additionally, representation at community functions is provided to include, but not limited to: attending veterans service organization meetings and outreach to non-Veteran community service organizations. For more information on benefits to which you may be entitled please call 717-337-9835 or email sclark@adamscountypa.gov or Carl "Sonny" Freeman at cfreeman@adamscountypa.gov or Jessica Allmon at jallmon@adamscountypa.gov. Our office is located in the Adams County Court House in Gettysburg.

Stan Clark

Director, Adams County Office of Veterans Affairs

PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Program

The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) plays a crucial role in funding and supporting various environmental initiatives, including the Homeowner Septic Program. This program is designed to address the critical issue of failing or inadequate septic systems, which can lead to contamination of groundwater and surface water, posing risks to public health and the environment.

The Homeowner Septic Program aims to provide financial assistance to homeowners for the repair or replacement of malfunctioning or outdated septic systems. It offers low-interest loans and grants to eligible homeowners, helping them cover the costs associated with improving their septic systems. By doing so, the program not only enhances water quality but also ensures compliance with environmental regulations, benefiting both individual households and the broader community.

PENNVEST continues to play a vital role in promoting environmental stewardship and public health through initiatives like the Homeowner Septic Program. By investing in sustainable infrastructure and encouraging responsible wastewater management practices, the program contributes to a cleaner environment and healthier communities across Pennsylvania.



Download the Savvy Citizen App to stay informed when grants and low-cost loan opportunities pop up!

Visit pennvest.pa.gov to apply!

Adams County
Office for Aging

Know Us Before You Need Us

The Adams County Office for Aging, Inc. (ACOFA) is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to assisting and advocating for adults aged 60 and over who are residents of Adams County. Our mission is to help people maintain independence and dignity within their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

ACOFA offers & coordinates a variety of services. Some services include help with bathing and dressing, adult daycare services, personal emergency response systems, and home-delivered meals. We also have five thriving Senior Centers throughout the county. They are in Littlestown, McSherrystown, Fairfield, Upper Adams, and York Springs. ACOFA offers a Dementia/Alzheimer's Caregiver Support group that meets on the third Wednesday of every month. We also have numerous staff members who are Certified Dementia Practitioners available to answer questions and support individuals and their families living with Alzheimer's or Dementia.

Volunteers play a vital role in providing additional services to our community. ACOFA offers different programs because of wonderful volunteers willing to give up some of their time to help our residents. Some of these services include the free Tax preparation program and PA Medi (Medicare) Counseling. Volunteers also help deliver meals to those in need throughout the county.

Last year, in Cumberland Township alone, ACOFA provided services for 91 individuals at a cost of $75,723.42. These services included home-delivered meals, personal care, adult day services, and personal emergency response systems. ACOFA receives Federal and State funding but also heavily relies on donations and fundraising to service more people across the county.

Recently, ACOFA is thankful to have been chosen to be the beneficiary of the upcoming Gettysburg Eagles Annual Golf Tournament being held on August 16th at the Quail Valley Golf Course in Littlestown. We are looking for participants and sponsors to make this event a success. Another exciting upcoming fundraiser is the 5k walk/run being held by the Amblebrook Community on Saturday, September 14th. Gettysburg Amblebrook is donating all proceeds from this event to ACOFA to benefit individuals in our community who are living with Alzheimer's or another form of Dementia.

To learn more about our programs or fundraisers, please reach out to us. Our knowledgeable staff are also available to participate in speaking engagements to share more information as to what ACOFA has to offer. We also invite you to read about our services on our website at acofa.org and watch our Facebook page for news and events. Most importantly, please help us by spreading the word on the services that ACOFA has to offer. We are hoping the community will get to "know us before you need us" and this can be accomplished by everyone sharing with just one person!

Lynn Deardorff
Executive Director

Glass Recycling Center Now Open!

WHEN? The first Saturday of each month, from 9am-12pm

WHERE? 230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg

WHAT? Only glass bottles and jars are accepted. Plate glass, mirrors, auto glass, ceramics, and china will not be accepted. Please ensure the bottles and jars are empty, free from hazardous residue, and preferably unbroken for the safety of our volunteers.

Glass Recycling is brought to you by Gettysburg Green Gathering.
Visit https://www.facebook.com/GburgGreenGathering or gettysburggreengathering.com for more information!

E-Cycling 2024

WHEN? September 21, 2024 from 8am-10am

WHERE? 230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg

WHAT? All electronic devices are accepted with Photo ID and a copy of your Waste Connections bill

Gettysburg Green Gathering Presents - Homesteading Day at the Gettysburg Farmers Market!

Gettysburg Green Gathering (GGG), in partnership with Adams County Farmers Market (ACFM) and the Gettysburg Rec Park, will be hosting their Homesteading & Green Living Expo on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8am-1pm in conjunction with the regularly scheduled farmers market.

The Expo has grown, and in 2024 will include more vendors, demonstrations, and resources. Some of the new vendors scheduled to attend this year include Thomason's Herb Farm, an East Berlin-based business with a focus on herb gardens; The Fertrell Company, highlighting their organic fertilizers; and Ethical Energy, a group specializing in residential solar panels. Many of last year's groups will be returning as well, including the Watershed Alliance of Adams County, the Land Conservancy of Adams County, and the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC, who will have information about electric vehicles and various EV models on display.

Anyone interested in learning more can visit the GGG website at www.gettysburggreengathering.com or the ACFM website at www.acfarmersmarkets.org.

PA Kennel and Rescue Regulation/Licensing Changes

Governor Shapiro signed legislation that took effect on January 22, 2024, enacting the following in an attempt to crack down on illegal kennels and rescues in the state. While well-intentioned, there are some issues.

The Pennsylvania Dog Law defines a kennel as one "where at least 26 dogs are kept or transferred in a calendar year with different classifications based on the number of dogs transferred or kept." There is also licensing for boarding kennels and pet stores.

This legislation eliminates the term "nonprofit kennel" in favor of "Municipal Holding Pen" and "Humane society or association for the prevention of cruelty to animals" which is defined as a nonprofit society or association duly incorporated pursuant to current law for the purpose of the prevention of cruelty to animals, which has a licensed physical kennel facility that can house a minimum of ten dogs, and which is not located on a residential property. The Adams County SPCA falls under this classification.

The definition of a Rescue Network Kennel is "a person, organization, business, or operation which utilizes offsite or rescue network kennel homes to keep, maintain, breed, train, harbor, board, shelter, sell, give away, adopt, exchange or in any way transfer dogs." This bill requires all rescue network kennels to be licensed according to transfers like the private sector (at least 26 dogs are kept or transferred in a calendar year). This is not foster-home dependent, but all falls under how many animals pass through the entire rescue organization per year.

All organizations adopting dogs to the public are responsible for disclosing breeder information (if known), vaccination and medical documentation, and any known bite attacks on a human or a domestic animal. Also, kennels and shelters that offer dogs for sale or adoption must include their kennel license number in advertisements.

All dogs being brought into the state by license holders (which includes rescues) must be isolated for 14 days before any sale or transfer to ensure the health of the dog and must have an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). The isolation rule creates confusion; thus many rescues are bringing dogs across state lines, holding adopt-a-thons, or sending them straight to fosters or homes. The new owner or foster is then required to quarantine the dog for 14 days. Dog Law has no way of monitoring nor enforcing the quarantine for all of these homes. This new rule has negatively impacted shelters that often help out shelters in states where there is overcrowding and high rates of euthanasia. It puts an undue burden on the shelters to physically quarantine these dogs for 14 days. Quarantining means isolating them from other dogs and humans and keeping them on the property. Such quarantines can negatively affect the dogs' socialization and care — especially where puppies are concerned. We hope that our legislators will revisit this topic and listen to input from the shelters.

Dog Wardens are in charge of enforcing these kennel regulations and are required to inspect each kennel at least two times per year. In Adams County — Jimi McClain 717-756-4350; Franklin County — Georgia Martin 717-762-9794; York County — Will Clark 717-329-5106; Cumberland County — Jeff Snell 717-979-5384. They may be reached during daytime office hours.

Pam Curly, Board Member
Adams County SPCA

Township Treasures

Trail Spotlight- Big Round Top



Distance- .8 miles/out and back

Big Round Top played a crucial role in the Battle of Gettysburg, serving as a key defensive position for Union forces. Situated at the southern end of the battlefield, its commanding height provided an advantageous vantage point for Union artillery and infantry to survey and defend against Confederate advances. During the battle, both Union and Confederate forces vied for control of this strategic position, recognizing its significance in the outcome of the conflict. The intense fighting around Big Round Top underscored its pivotal role in the larger narrative of the Gettysburg campaign.

Today, hiking Big Round Top offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves in the landscape where history unfolded. The trail conditions vary, with some paths relatively well-maintained while others may be rugged and steep. Hikers can expect a moderate to strenuous trek, navigating rocky terrain and dense vegetation as they ascend to the summit. Along the way, interpretive signs provide insights into the battle that once raged on these slopes, enhancing the hiking experience with a deeper understanding of the area's historical significance. Despite the challenges, the hike to Big Round Top rewards adventurers with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside, offering a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made on these hallowed grounds.

The Ax Man
Lt. Stephen Brown



Lieutenant Stephen Brown's daring decision to wield an ax as his weapon during Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg stands as a testament to both ingenuity and bravery amidst the chaos of war. As part of the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Brown found himself at the forefront of one of the most critical moments in American military history. As Confederate forces surged forward in a desperate attempt to break the Union lines on July 3, 1863, Brown seized upon the nearest available weapon, an ax, demonstrating a resourcefulness born of necessity.

Originally disciplined for allowing his unit to stop for water, he had his sidearms confiscated. Unable to find his weaponry, he grabbed his camp axe and joined the fray at Pickett's Charge. His actions, alongside those of his fellow soldiers, helped stall the Confederate advance, buying crucial moments that ultimately contributed to the Union victory at Gettysburg. Lieutenant Stephen Brown's valor in wielding an ax amidst the chaos of Pickett's Charge serves as a stirring example of individual bravery and determination in the face of overwhelming odds.

Community Bulletin Board

ywca Hanover Safe Home
Free and confidential services for those impacted by domestic violence.
24/7 Hotline: 717-632-0007

SCAN ME

Friday
August 9th
2024
Winebrenner's

Walk A MILE IN HER SHOES provides men the opportunity to promote awareness about violence against women by walking a mile in ladies footwear.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION

Event Schedule		Prices	
5:00 PM	Check-In / Registration	Individual Registration (18+)	$30
6:00 PM	Walk Begins	Children 5 and up	$10
6:45 PM	After-Party	Children 4 & Under	FREE
		ALL REQUIRED to Register	

REGISTER TODAY AT HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/ATG17

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Questions? Contact Janise Bankard at 717.637.2125 or jbankard@ywcahanover.org



Sgt. Joshua Rosenberger explaining bike safety at the Bicycle Rodeo held by the Church of the Brethren.

Child Support Awareness

Community Connections Event

August 2, 2024 10:00am - 1:00pm

Adams County Human Services Building
525 Boyds School Road Gettysburg PA 17325
on the lawn left to the building



CELEBRATING CHILDREN AND RAISING COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- Free Face painting
- Community services
- Food trucks
- Therapy Pets
- Free Ballon animals
- Free Activites & Crafts
- First Responders
- Educational materials
- Free Coloring Books

Rain date August 9, 2024
If you have any questions please contact our office at 717-337-9804

HEAD START SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
HEAD START SERVICIOS PARA NIÑOS



Adams County Head Start

In Head Start, we serve eligible families with children ages 3 to 5 who reside in Adams County. Services are provided at no cost to families and include the following:

En Head Start, servimos a familias elegibles con niños de edades entre 3 a 5 años quienes residen en el condado de Adams. los servicios son proveídos sin costo alguno para las familias e incluyen lo siguiente:

- High Quality Preschool Education
- Health & Nutrition services
- Daily meals and snacks
- Dental Screenings
- Family Support
- Services for children with disabilities
- Mental Health support

- Educación prescolar de alta calidad
- Servicios de salud y nutrición
- Comidas y Aperitivos diarios
- Evaluaciones Dentales
- Apoyo Familiar
- Servicios para niños discapacitados
- Apoyo de Salud Mental

Apply online today!
Aplique en línea.

Adams County Head Start
705 Old Harrisburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717) 337-1337
www.achsacess.org



Sgt. Rosenberger giving a tour of his olice cruiser to two lucky Cumberland Township residents!

PENNVEST HOMEOWNER SEPTIC PROGRAM

LOAN USES FOR QUALIFIED PENNSYLVANIA HOMEOWNERS

- Repair or replace an existing connection to public sewer OR an individual, on-lot sewage disposal system;
- Connect an existing home for the first time to public sewer.
- Pay for design, construction, permit and other related municipal costs.

TERMS

- Fixed interest rate for life of loan, currently as low as 1.75 percent [2.55% APR[1]].
- Up to 20 years to repay the loan balance.

SAMPLE PAYMENTS

- Payment for a $15,000 loan is $75 monthly.[1] • Payment for a $25,000 loan is $124 monthly.[1]

LEARN MORE

Call PHFA's Solution Center at 855-U-ARE-HOME (855-827-3466) or visit www.PHFA.org to learn more about eligibility and view a list of participating lenders.

This low-cost loan is funded by PENNVEST and administered by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

1 Subject to credit approval and eligibility restrictions including loan use, property requirements, and owner occupancy. Interest rate quoted as of 1/1/2023. The APR is fixed for the term of the loan. Borrower pays origination and closing charges. Sample payments based on $15,000 and $25,000 loan examples have 20 year term and 240 payments. Total finance charge for a $15,000 loan is $3,869 and for a $25,000 loan is $5,727.

PHFA
PA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Josh Shapiro, Governor
Robin Wiessmann, PHFA Executive Director & CEO
Robert Boos, PENNVEST Executive Director

2024 MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL TRAININGS

Gettysburg Hospital Foundation · Healthy Adams County

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE TRAININGS 101 & 102
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024 * 8:30AM TO 12:30PM
WELLSPAN GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ROOMS B & C
147 GETTYS STREET, GETTYSBURG
(USE MAIN HOSPITAL ENTRANCE & TAKE ELEVATOR TO GROUND FLOOR WHERE ROOMS ARE LOCATED)

TIC IS AN APPROACH THAT ASSUMES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO HAVE A HISTORY OF TRAUMA. TIC RECOGNIZES THE PRESENCE OF TRAUMA SYMPTOMS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROLE TRAUMA MAY PLAY IN AN INDIVIDUALS LIFE. TIC REQUIRES A PARADIGM SHIFT FROM "WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PERSON" TO "WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS PERSON".

QUESTION PERSUADE REFER / MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 * 8:30AM TO 12:30PM
WELLSPAN GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ROOMS B & C
147 GETTYS STREET, GETTYSBURG
(USE MAIN HOSPITAL ENTRANCE & TAKE ELEVATOR TO GROUND FLOOR WHERE ROOMS ARE LOCATED)
TRAINING IS RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS WANTING AN OVERVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION ALONG WITH SKILLS IN SUICIDE PREVENTION.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Seating is limited to 30 people.
Please register to by clicking on this LINK or calling 717-337-4137.



Ptlm. Dan Barbagello with Adams County Tech Prep students for shadowing.

Community Bulletin Board

Purple Paws Pet Walk

YWCA Hanover Safe Home
Adams County SPCA

September 22nd, 1pm-3pm
Gettysburg Rec Park
545 Long Lane
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Speak Out Against The Violence!

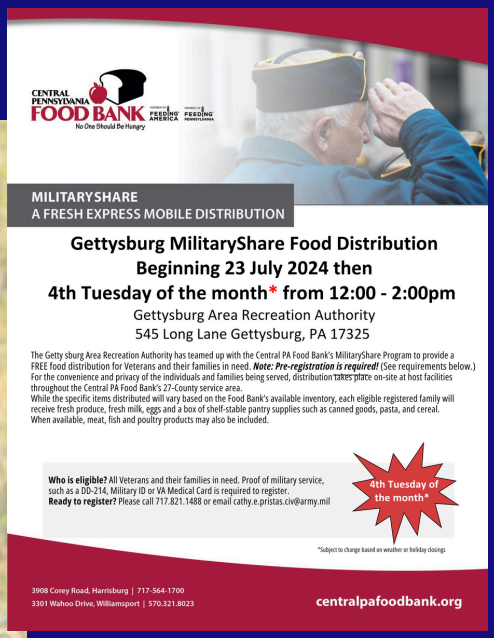
We welcome you and your dog(s) to participate in the 1st annual Purple Paws Pet Walk! We walk to raise awareness about the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. Lets go for a walk to show our support to end the violence!



Cumberland Township's Maintenance Supervisor, Secretary, Finance Director, and Manager at the PSATS conference.



Cumberland Township Authority Plant Superintendent, Shawn, working hard to keep your pipes flowing.







Cumberland Township Residents, Savvy Citizen® is now available!

Cumberland Township would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the township to send information about important township news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

For more info:

SavvyCitizenApp.com

Sign up and become a savvy citizen!

We want you!

If you'd like to be featured in our next Dispatch, please reach out! You can submit articles, topics you'd like to learn more about, or photographs from around our beautiful township! Please send all correspondence to mvoss@cumberlandtwppa.gov with NEWSLETTER in the subject line. We appreciate you!

Get Involved!!

But how??

Have you seen this form?



CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP

1370 FAIRFIELD ROAD • GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17325
PHONE (717) 334-6485 FAX (717) 334-3632

Citizen Interest Form

Thank-you for your interest in serving on a Commission, Committee, Authority, or Board with Cumberland Township. Appointments are made by the Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Pa. Second Class Township Code.

Please provide the following information:

Name:

Cumberland Township residence (address):

Phone #:

E-mail Address:

Position you are applying for:

Occupation:

Location of occupation:

Education:

Other information you deem pertinent (attach):

Date:

Signature: _____

Forward to: Michele Long, Township Secretary, 1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325;
e-mail: mlong@cumberlandtwppa.gov

The Citizen Interest form can be found in the Document Center at www.cumberlandtwppa.gov!

Simply fill it out and email it or drop it off at the Municipal Office located at 1370 Fairfield Road!!

Download Savvy Citizen to be the first to know of open positions and other ways to volunteer for your community!

Available appointments:

Planning Commission - an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors on issues and policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development.

ZHB (Zoning Hearing Board) - a quasi-judicial board to help assure fair and equitable application and administration of the zoning ordinance by hearing appeals on the zoning officer's determinations and by granting relief from the literal enforcement of the ordinance in certain hardship situations.

CTA Board (Cumberland Township Authority) - the governing body of the municipal sewer authority.

GARA (Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority) - within its mission focus, the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority has been established to organize year round programs and services to help sustain better health and wellness in our community.

HARB (Historical Architectural Review Board) - reviews and makes decisions regarding architectural design, landscaping, and signs for historic resources and buildings within historic districts.

Appointments generally take place at the reorganization meeting at the beginning of each year, but occasionally need to happen mid-year due to unforeseen circumstances. We accept interest forms all year long!

EVENTS!

JULY

1-3rd- 161st Anniversary GNMP Program nps.gov
3rd- Eisenhower Farm Jr. Ranger Program Begins
4th- A Gettysburg 4th - Rec Park
6th- Glass Recycling Center Open
8th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
10-14th- Gettysburg Bike Week
11th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
13th- Sustainability Day @ AC Farmer's Market
15th- GARA Mtg 7pm Charlie Sterner Bldg
17th- BOS Mtg 7p

AUGUST

2nd- Community Connections Event AC Human Services Building
3th- Glass Recycling Center Open
7th- Child Passenger Safety Week
8th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
9th- Walk A Mile in Her Shoes ywca.org
10th- An Evening with the Painting
12th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
19th- GARA Mtg 7pm Charlie Sterner Bldg
27th- GASD First Day of School
27th- BOS Mtg 7p

Underground Railroad tours are conducted weekly at McAllister's Mill, located adjacent to the National Military Park on Baltimore Pike. Tours leave from the south end of the Mulligan McDuffer's Golf Course parking lot every Saturday at 11:00 AM from May through August.

HGAC's Summer at Spangler program at the George Spangler Barn will run on Sundays, June 9 through August 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take the shuttle from the battlefield Visitor Center.

BOS, CTA, and Planning Commission Board meetings are held at 1370 Fairfield Road

SEPTEMBER

Sewer Awareness Month!

7th- Glass Recycling Center Open
9th- CTA Board Mtg 3pm
12th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
17th- GARA Mtg 7pm Charlie Sterner Bldg
21st- HGAC Historic Barns Tour
21st- E-Cycling 231 Greenamyer Lane Gburg
22nd- Purple Paws Pet Walk 1-3pm Rec Park
24th- BOS Mtg 7p

ACHS- Adams County Historical Society
625 Biglerville Road
Tickets available at www.achs-pa.org

Yoga in the Park takes place every Saturday from 11-12pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park

Have a township event you'd like included in our next edition? Email mvoss@cumberlandtwppa.gov with EVENT in the subject line. We'd love to help you get the word out!

Adams County Farmers' Market takes place every Saturday, 8am-1pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park.

Essential Township Contacts

For all your township needs...

Cumberland Township Municipal Building

717-334-6485
1370 Fairfield Road
www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

For all your permitting, code enforcement, and zoning needs....

PMCA

717-495-4995 ext. 172
1895B York Road
www.pacodealliance.com

For all your sewer needs...

Cumberland Township Sewer Authority

717-334-6485
1370 Fairfield Road
Emergency line- 717-253-0122
www.cumberlandtwppa.gov

For all your water needs...

Gettysburg Municipal Authority

717-334-6738
601 E Middle Street PO Box 3307
www.gettysburgma.com

For all your garbage and curbside recycling needs...

Waste Connections

717-709-1700
3747 White Church Rd, Chambersburg
www.wasteconnections.com

For all your electricity needs...

Adams Electric Co-Op

1-800-726-2324
1338 Biglerville Road
www.adamsec.coop

Met-Ed

1-800-545-7741
261 S Franklin Street
www.firstenergycorp.com

For all your large item recycling needs...

Adams Rescue Mission

717-334-7502
2515 York Road
adamsrescuemission@yahoo.com
www.adamsrescuemission.org

Adams County Department of Emergency Services

NON-EMERGENCY

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717-334-8101