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Seeking HOSTS for 2025 EVENTS

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

BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

January

23 - Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting - Residence Inn by Marriott Mechanicsburg, 2040 Technology Parkway, Mechanicsburg. 4 - 6 pm

27-31 - Office closed / limited hours

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

31 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Katsu's Dojo 3D, 123 E Main St., Mechanicsburg. 12 - 2 pm

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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

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OPENING**

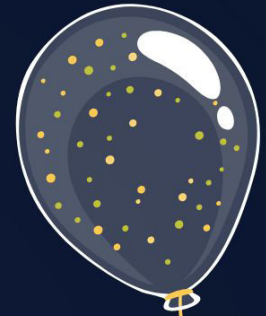
& RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

New Year, New Beginnings

Thursday | January 23rd, 2025 | 4pm-6pm
2040 Technology Parkway, Enola, PA 17025

Please join us for an evening of fun, food,
music, raffles, and more in
celebration of the opening of
**Residence Inn by Marriott
Mechanicsburg!**

Kindly RSVP to Emily Teatum by 1/17/25
eteatum@titanhotelgroup.com
717-219-4533



Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, January 30
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!

The poster features a central illustration of a red torii gate with a 3D printer integrated into its structure. The background is black with gold confetti and balloons. A yellow starburst contains the text: "First 50 Attendees Each Day Receive a FREE 3D-Printed Mini Creature!". At the bottom left is a logo for "A Pinch Of Sugar Creations" featuring a pink cake. At the bottom right is a logo for "Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership" and the "Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce" logo with the tagline "The Strength of One. The Power of Many.".

First 50 Attendees Each Day Receive a FREE 3D-Printed Mini Creature!

Katsu's Dojo 3D GRAND OPENING

Friday - Saturday
Jan 31 - Feb 1
2025
11am-6pm

Friday: 12pm Ribbon Cutting
12:30-2pm Business Networking

Free treats from **A Pinch of Sugar!**
Exclusive Deals for the Grand Opening
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Welcome Thrift On Purpose

Last month, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce joined elected officials and the staff & volunteers of Thrift On Purpose to cut the ribbon for the area's newest thrift store. Partnering with the Mennonite Central Committee, it is one of more than 85 MCC thrift shops. Net proceeds from Thrift On Purpose help support the MCC and local community needs. Support is provided in the form of food assistance, health care, education, clean water, and relief supplies to local and global communities. With a goal of seeking to relieve the stresses of poverty, Thrift On Purpose gratefully accepts donations to not only find good homes to previously owned items, but to also provide them at a reasonable cost. The new store is located at 5220 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg.



January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. While many may not realize it, it is happening right here in the Commonwealth, not only in big cities but also in our suburban and rural communities.

In fact, according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, Pennsylvania consistently ranks among the top states in reported trafficking cases.

One of the most persistent myths about human trafficking is the assumption that it exclusively involves abduction or kidnapping. In reality, fewer than 10% of trafficking cases nationwide involve kidnapping. Instead, traffickers often groom their victims over time, exploiting vulnerabilities like age, poverty, substance abuse or unstable housing. Many victims know their trafficker, whether it's a family member, romantic partner or someone embedded in the local community. These relationships of trust make trafficking more difficult to detect.

Children and adults of all ages and demographics can become victims. Through force, fraud and coercion, traffickers push their victims into demeaning forms of abuse, including domestic servitude and commercial sexual exploitation.

If you are a victim of human trafficking in need of help, or you suspect someone else is a victim:

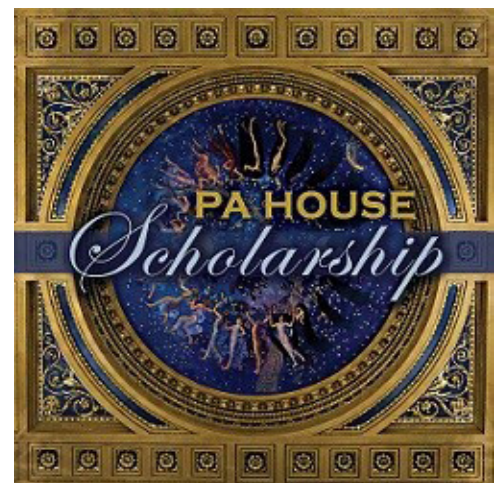
- Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.
- Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.
- Text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733) to reach the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Applications for 2025 Pennsylvania House Scholarship Available

High school seniors interested in receiving financial assistance to help pay for college can now apply for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives' Scholarship.

Each year the program awards a four-year scholarship to two students preparing for post-secondary education. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are Pennsylvania residents with plans to attend a Pennsylvania college, university or career



school as a full-time student.

To qualify, students must have attained a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in high school. Other factors taken into consideration for the awards are a student's commitment to community, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities and financial need.

The scholarship program is administered through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities. [Click here for more information and an application](#). The deadline to apply is April 15.

The scholarship is privately funded by individual and corporate donors; no tax or other public funds are used. Scholarships are awarded through an independent panel of judges chosen by the foundation.

**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.**

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SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Thurs. 1/23 – Cashtown Inn Dinner,
Orrtanna...Kirk solo 6-8

Fri. 1/24 – Jimmy Jaxx Shine Shack,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 7-10

Sat. 1/25 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Fri. 1/31 – Celebration Villa, Dillsburg...
Kirk solo 3-4

Fri. 2/1 – Reid's Wine & Cider House,
Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 7-10

Thur. 2/6 – Big Bottom Brewery @Al's Pizza,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-8

Fri. 2/7 – Hemauer Brewing,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 7-9

Sat. 2/8 – Spring Gate Wine, Harrisburg...
Kirk solo/duo...5-8

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and photos go to
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E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

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Cumberland Homeowners: Stay Warm and Save Money This Winter! Energy Efficiency Made Easy with UGI Save Smart Home Energy Upgrades

As temperatures drop, ensuring your home is prepared for the heating season is essential. Winter doesn't have to mean higher gas utility bills or chilly drafts in your home. By taking important steps toward energy efficiency, you can keep your home warm, comfortable and lower your gas utility bills all-season long.

Through the [UGI Save Smart Home Energy Upgrades Program](#), homeowners can schedule a \$50 home energy assessment to identify energy-saving opportunities. By working with one of the program-approved contractors, you'll receive a detailed report of your home's energy performance and recommended upgrades like air sealing and insulation to help you save money and stay warm.

The contractor you choose will visit your home and perform a Home Energy Evaluation, which provides a detailed report of the performance of your home, identifies opportunities to improve your home's energy efficiency, and a FREE DIY energy-savings kit complete with:

- ENERGY STAR® certified smart thermostat*
- Low-flow showerhead
- Kitchen sink aerator
- Bathroom sink aerator
- Carbon Monoxide Detector
- Tank temperature turn-down

The contractor will provide you with recommended upgrades that will boost the energy efficiency of your home, lower your monthly gas bill, and improve your indoor comfort.

Take the first step toward a warmer, more energy-efficient home.

[Schedule your energy assessment today!](#)

C-PACE Seminar

February 27, 2025

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Commercial



Industrial



Agriculture

Join us to learn how to use the C-PACE program to finance energy efficiency, water conservation or clean energy projects.



230 S Sporting Hill Rd, Suite 100
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

[Register Here](#)

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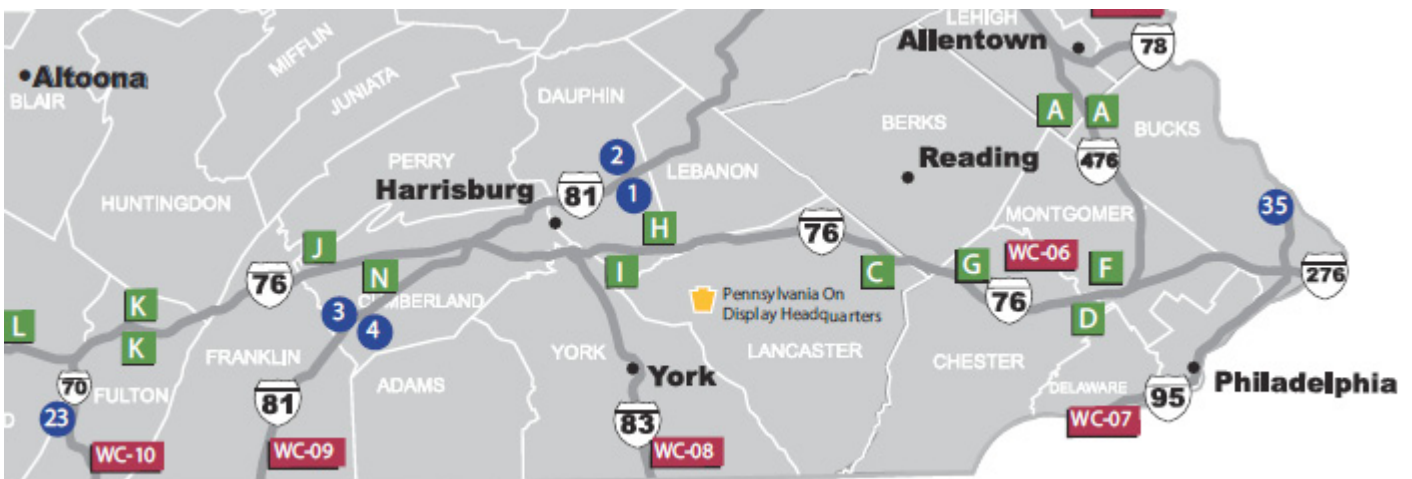
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- SET UP A COMMUNITY DROPOFF LOCATION
- PROMOTE SHOE DRIVE AND COLLECT SHOES
- DONATE YOUR NEW/GENTLY USED SHOES

Would you like to reach more potential customers via the PA Turnpike, Interstate Rest Areas or PA Welcome Centers?



Travelers can find out about your business at highly traveled Turnpike Service Plazas and/or Interstate Rest Areas for only \$28 per month per location with a FREE pocket for 4x9 print brochures or rack cards. Non-profit organizations and B&Bs are only \$16 per month per location.

We are also the sole distributors for the FREE PA Welcome Center Program that offers tourism information to all 14 official PA welcome centers around the perimeter of the state! Your tax dollars pay for this free program! Please contact me with any questions or interest in any of our programs!

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New Annual Report Requirement for PA Businesses

Starting in 2025, Pennsylvania will implement a new annual report filing requirement for domestic and foreign business filing associations. This change, enacted through Act 122 of 2022, replaces the long-standing decennial report requirement and aligns Pennsylvania with the practices of most other states.

This update applies to various business entities, including corporations, limited liability companies (LLCs), limited partnerships (LPs), nonprofit corporations, and more.

Key Details About the Annual Report Requirement

- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines vary by entity type (June 30, September 30, or December 31).
- **Filing Fees:** \$7 for most entities; \$0 for nonprofits and not-for-profit LPs/LLCs.
- **Information to Include:** Registered office address, principal office address, name of at least one governor, and names and titles of the principal officers.

Failure to file could result in **administrative dissolution or termination**, loss of name protection, and other consequences.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the impact of these changes on your business, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Read More About the New Annual Report Requirement](#)

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Mechanicsburg Lions Club

5th Annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament



July 11, 2025 @



Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 5th annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 11, 2025. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends. Registration forms and more details will be made available in early April.

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.****

How to reclaim a few hours of meeting time a week (and still get more done)

Here's how to figure out when a meeting could be an email, how to trim your meeting times down, and which gatherings to cut all together.

By [Kathleen Davis](#) - Fast Company

I've worked fully remotely for the last four years and while I love the flexibility, Zoom meetings and calls with my colleagues are often the only human interaction I have in between school drop-offs and pick-ups. Still, I've felt advanced [Zoom fatigue](#) when facing a day full of back-to-back meetings.

While a few companies, [like Shopify](#), have taken a radical approach and canceled all meetings (at least temporarily), that's not a realistic approach for most companies. Some meetings are needed, so here's some advice on how to make the most of the meetings on your calendar, no matter how many you have:

Never attend a meeting without an agenda

Having an agenda is the most basic piece of advice about meetings, and yet it's also one of the most ignored. So many meetings are just on our calendars each week as "check-ins" or "status updates." If you don't have a plan for what you'll talk about (and who will lead), the meetings are guaranteed to meander. If you can't think of at least two significant agenda items, then your meeting likely falls into the "[this meeting could be an email](#)" category.

Speaking of email, when you set the agenda, make sure you give the meeting attendees the heads-up on what you'll be covering ahead of time (either in the meeting invite or over Slack or email). If you're stuck on how to frame an agenda, start with a few [conversation-starting questions](#).

Don't default to hour or half-hour meetings

We fill the time we have. Have you ever noticed if [a meeting is scheduled for an hour](#), you nearly always use the entire time? Take that same meeting and shave off 15 minutes and it's very likely that you'll get the same amount accomplished. You can try the same method with shorter meetings too: 30-minute meetings can become 20 minutes.