

# Chamber CHATTER



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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!!*

### *March*

**11 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -**  
**New Cumberland Federal Credit Union**, 345 Lewisberry Rd, New Cumberland. 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

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

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,  
visit [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events)

## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Harrisburg Senators  
Kona Ice of Central Capital Region/Carlisle  
Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co.

# Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, March 11

11:30am - 1:00pm



## New Cumberland Federal Credit Union

345 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland

Join us as we are excited to host you at our Headquarters location. NCFCU is a full-service, not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution with a longstanding tradition of service - Since 1952.

Learn how NCFCU can be Your Community Credit Union and get reacquainted with Mary Heimbuch, Marketing Director.

Space is limited. Reservations required.

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

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**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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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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# Business Leaders Discussion Group

**Thursday, March 27**

**7:45 - 9:00 am**

**Sponsored by  
PaySmart Payroll Services  
650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg**



RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto: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!**



## Get Ready for REAL ID

The deadline for enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act is fast approaching.

As of May 7, you will have to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. Federally accepted forms of identification include a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. passport or passport card, or a military ID.

While all Pennsylvanians must comply with the new law, obtaining a state-issued REAL ID is not mandatory. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs.



To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit [penndot.gov/REALID](http://penndot.gov/REALID).



THURSDAY,  
MARCH  
**27**  
5 TO 7 P.M.

At The  
**Hampden Township Pool  
Parking Lot**  
5001 Hampden Park Drive,  
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17050

# SPRING DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

There is a limit of four boxes per household.  
No businesses please. The shredder can handle staples,  
but please remove paperclips and binder clips in advance.

Safely and securely shred documents containing sensitive information like bank account numbers at my free Spring Shredding Event on Thursday, March 27, from 5-7 p.m. at the Hampden Township Pool parking lot, located at 5001 Park Drive in Mechanicsburg. There is a limit of four boxes per household. No businesses, please. The shredder can handle staples, but please remove paperclips and binder clips in advance.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit [RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events) to give my staff and the shredding company a headcount. Shredding will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.



# JOB and Government Services FAIR

Hosted by **Representative Sheryl M. Delozier**

**Thursday,  
APRIL  
10**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Mechanicsburg First Church  
of God Community Center**  
201 East Green St.,  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

I will be hosting a job and government services fair for constituents of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative District which will, in addition to business and employers, include various state agencies and legislative information booths. If you would like to participate as a vendor and set up a table at this event, please fill out our vendor form at [RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events). There is no cost to participate.

If you would like to attend the fair as a job seeker, or to take advantage of government services, please RSVP to [RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events) or call **717-761-4665**.

# JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING  
SOLO, DUO & BAND  
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 3/8 – American Legion #974,  
New Cumberland...Kirk Duo 7:30-10:30

Sun. 3/9 – Community Christian Fellowship  
Church, Carlisle... service 10:30

Fri. 3/14 – Big Bottom Brewery @ Al's Pizza,  
Dillsburg...Kirk Duo 7-10

Sat. 3/15 – Rotunda Brewing Kegs & Eggs,  
Annville ...Kirk solo 10-2

Sat. 3/15 – Totem Pole Wine, Carlisle...  
Kirk solo 6:30-8:30

Thurs. 3/20 – VibraLife, Mechanicsburg...  
Kirk solo 3-4

Fri. 3/21 – Jimmy Jaxx Shine Shack,  
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 7-10

Sat. 3/22 – Reid's Wine & Cider House,  
Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 7- 10

Wed. 3/26 – Wolf Brewing,  
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

For complete up-to-date  
schedule, information,  
and photos go to  
[www.jazzmeband.com](http://www.jazzmeband.com)

**Bookings:** call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or  
E-mail [wisemotors@aol.com](mailto:wisemotors@aol.com)

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Cumberland Area  
Economic Development  
Corporation

Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation is kicking-off a new Funding Seminar series in 2025 highlighting funding opportunities for Outdoor Recreation projects and Agriculture/ Agritourism. As we build these programs, we'd love to better understand our partners' needs.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this seven-question survey.

**TAKE SURVEY HERE**



**GFWC**  
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**GENERAL FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

## **GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

The program will be Deb Donahue speaking about Veterans Village tiny homes.

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 visit our website at <http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>

## 2025 Virtual Early Learning Conference

# 2025 Early Learning Conference



Join TFEC's Early Education Initiative for the 2025 Virtual Early Learning Conference from  
**March 10-14, 2025.**

Register at <https://www.tfec.org/earlyed-conference/>.

### Why should you attend?

**Flexible Learning:** Enjoy the convenience of recorded sessions available all week, fitting your schedule.

**Earn Valuable Credits:** Take advantage of PDE and PQA credits while expanding your knowledge.

**Networking Opportunities:** Connect with fellow educators and community partners to strengthen your professional network.

**Build Strong Foundations:** Strengthening educators, caregivers, and more to help children build strong foundations.

**Empowering Early Education:** Learn more about topics such as behavior, mental health, STEM, arts integration, infant care, administration, trauma, The BASICS and more.



**THE FOUNDATION  
FOR ENHANCING  
COMMUNITIES**

## TFEC Welcomes Crystal Brown as Vice President of Equity Initiatives

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is proud to announce the appointment of Crystal Brown as its Vice President of Equity Initiatives.

Brown brings more than a decade of experience in human services and nonprofit management, including leadership roles at Dasher Services Inc. and Brethren Housing Association. Her passion for housing and community engagement will play a vital role in advancing TFEC's mission of creating a better community through philanthropy.

In her new role, Brown will focus on deepening TFEC's commitment to equity both within the

organization and throughout the communities it serves. Drawing on her background in social work, she aims to evaluate grantmaking and scholarship processes to ensure resources reach those most in need. She will also build upon ongoing efforts in community engagement and capacity-building, setting a strategic direction that centers diverse voices.

“My goal is to open doors for others and support TFEC as its work is done through an equitable lens,” said Brown. “I’m looking forward to collaborating with local nonprofits, donors and community partners so we can all benefit and thrive. This work can be challenging, but true change comes from embracing the conversations that help us move forward together.”

Brown’s lived experience and personal passion for housing have been a key part of her journey to TFEC. During her time with the Capital Coalition on Homelessness and with the Brethren Housing Association, she witnessed firsthand how organizations can effect real, lasting change when they operate from an equity-focused perspective. She now sees TFEC as uniquely positioned to leverage resources, convene stakeholders and serve as a catalyst for broad-based community improvements.

Since its founding TFEC has strived to serve as a trusted steward of donated assets, manage permanent funds and empower local nonprofits through grantmaking. With Brown’s appointment, TFEC reaffirms its dedication to communities it serves and ensuring resources are used strategically and responsibly to create a more equitable future for all.

For more information about TFEC’s initiatives or to learn how you can get involved, please visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) or email [philanthropy@tfec.org](mailto:philanthropy@tfec.org).

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## The 2025 Public Comment Period for the 12-Year Program Update is Open!



TELL US  
ABOUT YOUR  
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

TAKE THE SURVEY  
March 3 - April 30

 Pennsylvania  
Department of Transportation

 State Transportation  
Commission

# UPMC

## UPMC to Host Free Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Screening Event

UPMC is offering free carpal tunnel screenings for individuals with wrist numbness, tingling, weakness, or pain on March 13, 2025 on the campus of UPMC West Shore at 2005 Technology Pkwy., Suite 255, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

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

The event runs between 4 and 6 p.m. and will feature UPMC neurosurgeon [Dr. John Braca](#), plastic surgeon [Dr. Peter Wallick](#), and sports medicine specialist [Dr. Mark Lavallee](#). Participants will learn about UPMC's treatment options, including a new ultrasound guided, minimally invasive procedure. Registration is required.

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

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## Don't Dread Spring Ahead – Tips to Avoid Sleep Issues

Saisaketh Javvaji, D.O., Sleep Medicine Physician

Every spring, we look forward to the days getting longer. In exchange, we lose an hour of sleep when the clocks 'spring ahead' every March, which often leaves people worried about the effect it will have on their sleep.

The beginning of daylight saving time can bring about a sense of dread. After all, the transition results in more than just a lost hour of sleep each spring. It causes a shift in our circadian rhythm, the 24-hour cycle that regulates our body's sleep, appetite, and mood.

One study found that people get 40 minutes less sleep the Monday after 'springing forward'. This "Sleepy Monday" describes the phenomenon of increased fatal car accidents, hospitalizations for conditions like heart attacks or atrial fibrillation, and a general sense of grogginess that people may experience. The misalignment of our circadian rhythm may also lead to accumulated sleep debt while our bodies adjust to the new normal.

Even though most people adjust quickly to the change, others may experience chronic sleep loss. If left untreated, this can cause increased blood pressure and heart disease, weight gain, decreased immune function, and the development of psychiatric disorders like depression and anxiety.

Tips for a smooth transition into daylight saving time

- Adjust your schedule the week before. For a few days leading up to daylight saving



time, wake up 15 to 20 minutes earlier than you normally would.

- Seek out light upon waking. Exposing your eyes to sunlight can help retrain your circadian rhythm and consider getting outside for moderate exercise upon waking.
- Get a good night's rest before the change. Anticipate the change by sticking to your normal bedtime and wind-down routines the Saturday before.
- Avoid caffeine or alcohol before bedtime. Consuming alcoholic or caffeinated beverages can disrupt your sleep and decrease the quality of your sleep.
- Consider a nap. If you feel groggy in the days following daylight saving time beginning, take a short nap (20 minutes or less). Do not nap close to bedtime.

For most people, daylight saving time should only temporarily disrupt their sleep. However, people experiencing symptoms of sleep disorders — daytime sleepiness, difficulty falling asleep, restlessness when trying to sleep, or atypical breathing while sleeping — should talk with their primary care provider or a sleep medicine specialist about getting relief. These symptoms often will be present before the time change and persist for weeks to months beyond daylight saving time.

[Saisaketh Javvaji, D.O.](#), is a sleep medicine specialist with UPMC Sleep Medicine.

[Find a UPMC Sleep Medicine provider near you.](#)



## **Treasury Department Announces Suspension of Enforcement of Corporate Transparency Act Against U.S. Citizens and Domestic Reporting Companies**

The Treasury Department is announcing that, with respect to the Corporate Transparency Act, not only will it not enforce any penalties or fines associated with the beneficial ownership information reporting rule under the existing regulatory deadlines, but it will further not enforce any penalties or fines against U.S. citizens or domestic reporting companies or their beneficial owners after the forthcoming rule changes take effect either. The Treasury Department will further be issuing a proposed rulemaking that will narrow the scope of the rule to foreign reporting companies only. Treasury takes this step in the interest of supporting hard-working American taxpayers and small businesses and ensuring that the rule is appropriately tailored to advance the public interest.

“This is a victory for common sense,” said U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent. “Today’s action is part of President Trump’s bold agenda to unleash American prosperity by reining in burdensome regulations, in particular for small businesses that are the backbone of the American economy.”

# Campaign Sponsor Belco Community Credit Union Invests in Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA Through Partnership for Better Health's Match Madness Campaign

*Match Madness engages local donors in a special fundraising campaign during the month of March.*

Belco Community Credit Union invests in the power and promise of youth with a matching gift to Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South-Central PA through Partnership for Better Health's Match Madness Campaign.

The 10th annual Match Madness fundraising campaign brings together 55 nonprofits to make a positive difference in the community. The Match Madness campaign runs from March 1-31 and donations will only be accepted through the end of this month. BBBS of South-Central PA and the other participating nonprofits will receive 100 percent of the donations made in their name. Partnership for Better Health, with support from WellSpan Health and The M&T Charitable Foundation, will match up to \$150,000 of donations made by community members to participating nonprofits.

Belco Community Credit Union is contributing \$5,000 in matching dollars to BBBS of South-Central PA's Match Madness campaign. Individuals and businesses can increase the impact of their donation thanks to Belco's generous matching gift and Partnership for Better Health's \$150,000 Match Madness stretch fund.

Mary Murphy, VP of BBBS of South-Central PA shares, "We are deeply grateful to Belco for investing in our campaign for the third year in a row. They are a driving force in our efforts to increase awareness and giving."

**Big Brothers Big Sisters®**  
OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PA

**3X MARCH 1 - 31**  
**YOUR IMPACT**  
MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY  
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**MATCH Madness**

**INVESTING IN BIG FUTURES**

**BELCO**  
COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

Thank you to our Campaign Sponsor for believing in us, our youth, and the power of mentorship.

Your donation will be matched dollar for dollar by our Campaign Sponsor, Belco Community Credit Union (up to \$5,000 in total donations), and by Partnership for Better Health's match (up to \$1,500 in total donations). Your gift will also be increased through the Match Madness stretch fund.

Belco understands the importance of building relationships. The credit union believes in BBBS of South-Central PA's commitment to the community and to making the lives of each young person better.

"Making a positive contribution to our communities is Belco's differentiator," says Paul Perini III, SVP of Retail. "As a financial institution, we offer all the same products as other financial institutions – savings, checking, loans, etc. Those products are important for our members and the consumers here

in central PA, and at the heart of everything we do is our mission to make other's lives better. We support BBBS with the Match Madness campaign because we believe in their mission, and we understand the value one-to-one youth mentoring brings to families and the community at large."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA serves over 1,300 youth annually in professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships throughout their 7-county service region. Youth in the organization's programs are more engaged in school, build stronger relationships with adults and peers, are more likely to attend college and avoid risky behaviors such as drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

The funds raised through Match Madness will be used to sustain and grow programming, connecting youth with more mentors and helping those Littles to dream big and achieve their goals.



### 1) Choose a Date.

- **Saturday, March 22**  
1:00pm & 3:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- **Sunday, March 23**  
2:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- **Saturday, April 5**  
1:00pm. 222 Dutch Lanes, Ephrata.
- **Friday, April 11**  
5:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- **Saturday, April 12**  
2:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- **Thursday, April 17**  
6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.
- **Thursday, April 24**  
6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.
- **Saturday, April 26**  
2:00pm. South Hanover Lanes, Hanover.
- **Sunday, April 27**  
2:00pm. Edgewood Lanes, Gettysburg.

### 2) Register Today.

[CAPBIGS.ORG/EVENTS](http://CAPBIGS.ORG/EVENTS)

### 3) Build your team.

Invite friends, family & coworkers.

### 4) Raise funds.

Support a Little, a Big & a family.

### 5) Party!

Bowling. Pizza. Drinks. Raffle prizes.  
Inspire children to dream BIG!

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# Manufacturers' ASSOCIATION

## **Billy Beane, Inspiration for Moneyball, to be Keynote Speaker at the Manufacturers' Association's 119th Annual Event**

The Manufacturers' Association will host its 119th Annual Event featuring Billy Beane, who inspired the Hollywood hit film "Moneyball", as its keynote speaker. Named by Forbes as one of the "100 Greatest Living Business Minds", An Evening with Billy Beane will be the highlight of the 119th Annual Event held on Tuesday, May 20th, at York College's Waldner Performing Arts Center.

Beane is a name that is instantly recognizable across the world of sports, especially in Major League Baseball with his affiliation with the Oakland Athletics. The former professional baseball player turned executive forever disrupted the game and the world of sports. Known for his innovative approach to team management, Beane's story has captivated fans and industry insiders alike. From his unconventional strategies and use of data analytics to predict future performance to his remarkable rise to prominence, Beane's story serves as a testament to the power disruptive technology and redefining the status quo.



Currently a senior advisor to the Oakland A's, Beane molded the team into consistent winners since taking over as general manager following the 1997 season. Eventually rising to the role of executive vice president of Baseball Operations, Beane shattered traditional beliefs that high payrolls equated wins by implementing an innovative data-driven methodology that led the Oakland A's, with one of the lowest payrolls, to 7 AL Western Division titles, 10 playoff appearances and the historic 20 game winning streak. That strategic methodology is now known as the "Moneyball" philosophy, named for the best-selling book and Oscar-nominated film chronicling Beane's journey from general manager to hero to celebrated management genius.

"At a time when businesses are seeking a competitive edge, Billy Beane's insights on the use of data and analytics will offer our businesses and community a unique opportunity," says Tom Palisin, executive director of the Manufacturers' Association. "By striking parallels between baseball and business, he will inspire our employers with his unforgettable underdog story. His presentation is sure to be a home run with our audience!"

When Beane first introduced his data-driven approach, he faced significant resistance and skepticism from traditionalists within the baseball community. However, the success of the Oakland Athletics in the early 2000's silenced many of his critics and proved the effectiveness of the "Moneyball" philosophy. His dedication to building a successful small-market team and his commitment to his innovative approach have made him a beloved and respected figure in the world of baseball.

The success of the "Moneyball" philosophy inspired a film adaptation of the same name, starring Brad Pitt as Beane. The movie delves into the challenges and triumphs of Beane's unconventional methods and received widespread acclaim for its portrayal of his journey.

His groundbreaking approach to player evaluation and team management forever changed the sports industry. Beane's legacy serves as a reminder that innovation and leveraging new ideas – like data science and analytics for decision making - can yield dramatic success even in the most traditional and established industries. Beane is a four-time MLB "Executive of the Year" award winner and was named by Forbes as one of the "100 Greatest Living Business Minds."

The Manufacturers' Association's Annual Event, hosted this year at York College's Waldner Performing Arts Center on May 20th, will bring together nearly 600 business and community leaders across central Pennsylvania. The Event will also award our outstanding manufacturers, member companies and individuals for their accomplishments and community contributions during the previous year. Association members interested in submitting for one of the awards should visit the Association website Annual Meeting page for applications and information.

For information regarding available corporate sponsorships for the 119th Annual Event, visit [mascpa.org/annualevent](http://mascpa.org/annualevent), call the Association at 717-843-3891 or email at [office@mascpa.org](mailto:office@mascpa.org). Seating is limited. Individual keynote tickets that include the General Reception for the event will be \$100 per guest, with a discounted rate of \$85 for U.S. service veterans and active military.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PINK HANDS of Hope**

**Join Us for the Annual  
Patrice Berkheimer Memorial  
Day of Hope Golf Outing**  
*benefiting Pink Hands of Hope*

**When: Friday, June 6, 2025**  
**Where: Rich Valley Golf Club**  
**227 Rich Valley Road**  
**Mechanicsburg, PA**  
**7:00 a.m. | Registration**  
**8:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start**  
**Breakfast & Lunch provided**

[www.pinkhandsofhope.org](http://www.pinkhandsofhope.org)

# Mechanicsburg Lions Club

5<sup>th</sup> Annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament



July 11, 2025 @



Celebrating 75 years of service in Mechanicsburg in 2024, our group has raised and distributed funds to help various charities, both locally and worldwide. Charitable donations and support have been provided to: Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania, New Hope Ministries, Meals-on-Wheels, Pink Hands of Hope, Mission Central, Eye Glasses and Hearing Aids for needy adults & children, Silver Spring Township Veterans Memorial, Little League Baseball, Girls Softball, PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), “Give From the Heart” at area Elementary Schools, J.T. Simpson Public Library, Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Mechanicsburg Senior Center, PA Beacon Lodge for Blind & handicapped campers, Youth Basketball & Bocce ball, Cumberland Co. Seeing Eye Puppies, Mechanicsburg Museum Assoc., Business awards for local High School Students, multiple Eagle Scout Projects, Dog TAGS for Vets, Ironstone Ridge Nature Center, Cumberland Valley Mini-thon for Children’s Cancer, District Governor’s Projects, Lions Club International, Vision Screening equipment that has helped our club complete vision screenings for over 14,000 kids.

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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](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

**\*\*Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.\*\***

# FREE TAX PREPARATION!

Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program! Review the following information BEFORE arriving at a site.



## You MUST bring the following documents to have your taxes prepared:

- Valid photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) for taxpayer and spouse.
- Original Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, your children and other dependents included in your tax return.
- Your current Identity Protection PIN number issued by the IRS (if you have one).
- Printed copies of all year-end tax forms you have received in the mail. (We cannot use electronic files from phones.)
- If you received health insurance from the marketplace, bring your form 1095-A.

## Also bring the following information if it is available:

- Previous year's federal and state tax returns. (We can only access prior year returns for clients who used MIYP last year.)
- If you wish to have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account, bring a blank check or other documentation from your bank/credit union that shows your account number and the routing transit number.
- If you expect to claim a credit for child or dependent care, bring the child care provider's address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or their Social Security number.

## TAX PREPARATION WILL BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025 AT THE FOLLOWING SITES

To schedule an appointment, dial 211 on your phone or call 855.567.5341.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

#### Bosler Memorial Library

158 W. High St., Carlisle  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Fridays: noon - 4 p.m.

#### Employment Skills Center

29 S. Hanover St., Carlisle  
No appointment needed.  
Tuesdays, Thursdays: 5:30-7 p.m.

#### First Christian Church of Lemoyne

442 Hummel Ave., Lemoyne  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Thursdays: 6-8 p.m.  
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon  
(Second & fourth Saturdays each month.)

#### First United Church of Christ

30 N. Pitt St., Carlisle  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Mondays: 3:30-7 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (2/22 only.)

#### Messiah University

Frey Hall, Rm.150  
One University Ave., Mechanicsburg  
717.796.1800, ext. 7300  
No appointment needed.  
Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
(Open 2/24 thru 4/14. Closed 3/10.)

#### New Hope Ministries, Inc.

5228 Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg  
No appointment needed.  
Mondays, Wednesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Penn State Dickinson Law

150 S. College St., Rm. 104, Carlisle  
No appointment needed.  
Thursdays: 4-8 p.m. (Closed 3/13.)

#### Shippensburg University

68 W. King St., Shippensburg  
No appointment needed.  
Wednesdays: 5-9 p.m. (Closed 3/12.)

#### Tri County Community Action

123 N. Enola Dr., 2nd Floor, Enola  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### DAUPHIN COUNTY

#### Belco Community Credit Union

449 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Wednesdays: 5:30-8 p.m.

#### Market Square Presbyterian Church

20 S. Second St., Harrisburg  
No appointment needed.  
Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Middletown Public Library

20 North Catherine St., Middletown  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Mondays, Thursdays: 5-8 p.m.

#### Tri County Community Action

20 Clearfield St., Elizabethtown  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Tuesdays: 9 a.m. - noon

#### Tri County Community Action

1514 Derry St., Harrisburg  
Tuesdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (No appointment needed.)  
Thursdays: 6-8:30 p.m. (Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.)

#### Widener Law Commonwealth &

Central PA Law Clinic   
3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - noon

### PERRY COUNTY

#### Perry County Literacy Council

133 South 5th St., Newport  
Appointment only. Call 717.567.7323 to schedule.  
Mondays: 5-8 p.m. with other evenings and some Saturdays.

#### Tri County Community Action

8407 Spring Rd., New Bloomfield  
Appointment only. Call 211 to schedule.  
Fridays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more information, contact  
United Way of the Capital Region  
at 717.724.4077, or e-mail  
[miyp@uwcr.org](mailto:miyp@uwcr.org).

Do not call sites directly  
unless a number is listed.

\*All walk-in sites may reach capacity early on high volume days.

# LET TRAINED VOLUNTEERS PREPARE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

**Families (2 or more people) who made \$67,000 or less and individuals who made \$45,000 or less in 2024 may be eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through Money in Your Pocket (MIYP)! MIYP is part of the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.**



- The amount of money you get back depends on many factors and may not be the same as last year.
- To get a refund, you must file a tax return even if you don't owe anything.
- If you did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past but were eligible, you can file an amendment at any time during the year for up to three previous tax years. You may be eligible for money you did not know about!
- Refunds for e-filed returns that will be direct deposited are usually received in 10 days or less.

## TOUCH-FREE TAXES FREE Remote Tax Preparation

Touch-Free Taxes is a free tax preparation program which can be done from the comfort of your home by connecting you to a trained volunteer to complete your taxes.

You can start using the Touch-Free Taxes service starting February 3, 2025 by visiting:

[www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa](http://www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa)

For more information, e-mail [miyp@uwcr.org](mailto:miyp@uwcr.org) or call 717.724.4077.

*Touch-Free Taxes is brought to you by the Money in Your Pocket program.*

## FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

If you fit these guidelines, you may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Children	Single Income	Married (filing jointly)
No children	\$18,591	\$25,511
1 child	\$49,084	\$56,004
2 children	\$55,768	\$62,688
3 or more children	\$59,899	\$66,819

All reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to individuals with special needs. For more information about special accommodations, or the availability of interpreters, call the MIYP info line at 717.724.4077, or e-mail [miyp@uwcr.org](mailto:miyp@uwcr.org).

## MONEY IN YOUR POCKET PARTNERS:

- Belco Community Credit Union
- Bosler Memorial Library
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Citizens Bank
- Code For America/Get Your Refund
- Dickinson College
- Employment Skills Center
- First Christian Church of Lemoyne
- First United Church of Christ
- Market Square Presbyterian Church
- Messiah University
- Middletown Public Library
- Midwest Food Bank
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services
- New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Penn National Insurance
- Perry County Literacy Council
- PNC
- Shippensburg University
- Tri County Community Action
- Truist Bank
- United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County
- United Way of the Capital Region
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