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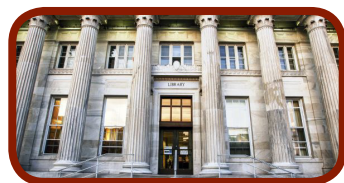
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- 4/5 Membership Committee, 8:30 a.m.
- 4/6 County Connections, 8 a.m.
Career Fair Committee, 1 p.m.
- 4/7 Business & Industry Committee, Noon
- 4/12 Executive Committee, 7:30 a.m.
Environmental Committee, Noon
- 4/12 Chamber Chat Content Deadline
- 4/21 Membership Mixer, 5-7 p.m.
- 4/22 Lunch & Learn, 12:15 p.m.
- 4/28 Board of Directors, 7:30 a.m.

Chamber Holds Legislative Forum

Nearly 100 chamber members discussed business and community issues with local legislators during the chamber's annual State Legislative Luncheon on Friday, March 11, at the HACC-Gettysburg Campus.

Moderated by *Gettysburg Times* editor Alex Hayes, Senator Rich Alloway and Representatives Dan Moul and Will Tallman fielded questions from the audience ranging from potential mandated minimum wage increases to cider production.

Passing a Sustainable State Budget

Not surprisingly, the state budget crisis and pension reform were the main topics of discussion. Pennsylvania has been without a budget since July 1, 2015, despite five budgets being passed out of the House and seven attempts at a budget or compromise by the Senate.

Representative Moul said Republicans in both bodies of the General Assembly believe no budget can be sustainable without addressing pension reform. There is currently \$60 billion in debt in the state's pension systems, a number that grows daily. He said a hybrid plan that combines a traditional pension with 401K does not go far enough to get the system out of debt; instead new hires should be under a 401K plan only.

Funding Our Schools

Several school board members representing many of the county's public school districts were in attendance and questioned why legislators and the Governor could not come together on a budget compromise. Some of the districts are looking at borrowing money to keep the schools open.

Representative Tallman said he is seeking ways to improve the way money is distributed to school districts in the budget. The Basic Education Funding Commission created a school funding formula in 1991 that has not been used in a decade. The commission developed a new formula that if used today, of the 17 schools in Adams and Cumberland counties, only one would fare worse; the rest would be better off using this formula versus what has been proposed in the Governor's budget.

Making it Easier to Do Business

Following the Governor's recent Executive Action to increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour for state employees and state contractors, business owners are concerned that this paves the path for a mandatory statewide minimum wage increase. The legislators agreed the government should not tell employers what to pay their employees. Senator Alloway noted if a bill should pass the legislature and be signed into law, he is prepared to introduce a tax break for small businesses.

Another attendee asked what legislators are doing to make it easier to open and operate a cider business. The panelists voiced their support in moving the cider industry forward and suggested that anyone running into challenges contact their legislators.

Businesses in New Oxford are looking forward to renovations to the town's square, which will help improve its appearance and traffic flow. Senator Alloway said the project is a priority for him, but the Governor is holding the funds as a bargaining chip in budget negotiations, despite there being money already set aside and available.

The event was sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative Inc. with support from C.S. Davidson Inc. and Harrisburg International Airport. Table sponsors were School Express Inc. and Land and Sea Services. The South Central Community Action Program's Food Service Development Program, which teaches students food service skills so they can become more employable, provided a catered lunch.



The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce is Adams County's largest and oldest business organization and supports the local business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. Nearly 540 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit gettysburg-chamber.org.



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Did you
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The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 97th anniversary April 26. A group of area businessmen formed the chamber in 1919 with the vision of leading and supporting economic growth. Today nearly 540 members benefit from the chamber's mix of advocacy, networking and information.



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Business News

The **bolded** businesses in Business News are Chamber members. Submit news (between 50-75 words) to news@gettysburg-chamber.org by the second Tuesday of each month for inclusion in the following month's publication.

ACNB Bank recently hired two senior employees. Charlene L. Feuchtenberger is the new Vice President & Trust Operations Manager. Her responsibilities include trust accounting, trust systems, estate valuations, tax reporting and trust disbursement processing. Kevin J. Hayes will serve as Vice President & General Counsel, responsible for providing legal counsel and representation to ACNB Bank on general corporate, real estate, commercial law, trust and regulatory issues. Both from Cumberland County, Feuchtenberger and Hayes will work from Gettysburg.

APPI Energy celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2016. Since 2010, the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce has endorsed APPI Energy to provide data-driven procurement solutions that reduce and manage electricity and natural gas supply costs for members on an ongoing basis.



The **Country Inn and Suites by Carlson** in Gettysburg was recently awarded the 2015 Renovations Excellence Award during this year's brand conference. While renovations at the hotel are ongoing, changes and improvements at the hotel have already had a big impact.

Dunlap's Restaurant recently underwent major renovations, creating a new buzz for the family restaurant. Updates include new booths and chairs, modern lighting and colors, a fireplace and eating bar. The restaurant is open Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Edward Jones recently ranked 10th on FORTUNE magazine's Best Companies to Work For list, marking the 17th year the firm appeared on the prestigious list, according to Erik Hendricks and Frank Pizzuto, financial advisors in Gettysburg. In the magazine's survey of associates, 94 percent of Edward Jones associates said they have pride in the work they do, while 95 percent say that overall it's a great place to work.

John Lewis was unanimously approved by the **Gettysburg Area School District** school board as the new Coordinator of Education Services, effective July 1, 2016, replacing Kelly Dewees. Lewis brings his extensive background and expertise in alternative education and pupil, social and guidance services to have a positive impact on the K-12 programs and services of the district.

Eric Seidel, DMD, of **Gettysburg Dental Associates** and Stefanie DeFilippo, DDS, of **Just Kids at Gettysburg Dental Associates**, presented a check for \$415 to Tammy Barbour, executive director of the **Adams County Children's Advocacy Center**. The funds were raised by the staff as a holiday gift to the doctors.

HACC-Gettysburg students completed 120 hours of certified nursing assistant training Feb. 26 at **SpiriTrust Lutheran, the Village at Gettysburg**. The program included education on activities of daily living, vital signs and

infection control. Through the HACC program, SpiriTrust Lutheran offers the only nursing assistant education program in Adams County.

Rebecca Prehoda, Hanover, has been promoted to Relationship Manager/Officer for **Members 1st Federal Credit Union's** Adams and York region. She began her career with the credit union in 2013 as a branch manager for the North Hanover branch.

Mister Ed's Elephant Museum & Candy Emporium recently donated \$626 each to the **Adams County SPCA** and East Coast Exotic Animal Rescue. The Gettysburg area destination quarterly donates funds to local organizations on behalf of its customers.

In a partnership between the **National Park Service** and Google, 200 images of Eisenhower National Historic Site artifacts are now featured in the Google Cultural Institute, a digital platform which makes hundreds of historically and culturally significant objects in the National Park Service's museum collection available online. The Google Cultural Institute uses technologies similar to Google's Street View, providing 360-degree views on Google Maps of locations around the world, to photograph and virtually map important artifacts, photos, records and works of art to share important material with global audiences and digitally preserve them for future generations.

Smith Elliott Kearns & Company LLC will be represented in 2016 on six Allinial Global committees. John Schnitzer was reappointed to the Firm Management and Nominating committees; Timothy Peters was appointed to the Accounting & Auditing Committee; Nathaniel Fissel now holds a seat on the Tax Committee; MaryBeth Hockenberry will serve on the Business Development/Marketing Committee; and Kimberly Wines continues to hold her seat on the Human Resources Committee.

Survivors Inc. opened the Claudia McCarthy Legal Center in Gettysburg to provide holistic civil legal representation to those impacted by domestic violence in Adams County. The project is funded by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The center is housed at 18 Carlisle St., Suites 200 and 202.

TREYSTA Technology Management was recently named to CRN's 2016 Managed Service Provider 500 list in the Pioneer category. The annual list recognizes North American solution providers with cutting-edge approaches to delivering managed services. TREYSTA has been a proven leader in information technology management and services in southcentral Pennsylvania for more than 20 years, and with the merger of Net-Aid and ComputerWorks in 2014, has grown in knowledge and employees.

Focused on improving patient access to walk-in urgent care in Gettysburg, WellSpan ReadyCare moved Monday, Feb. 29, and is now seeing patients in a new location near **WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital**. ReadyCare's new home is in the Gettysburg Medical Building at 455 South Washington St., adjacent to WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital.

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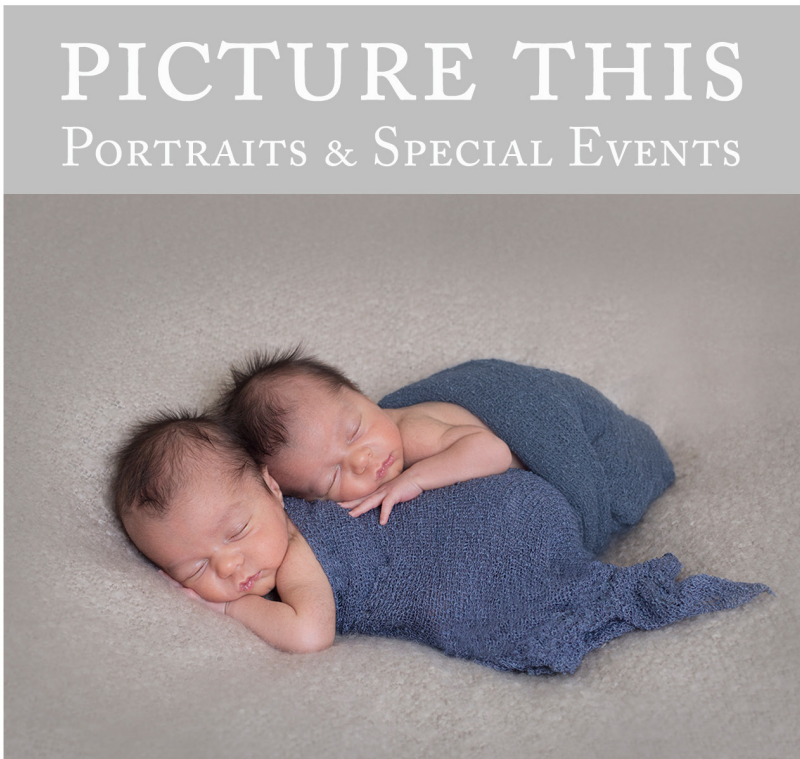
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MEMBER APPRECIATION MONTH EVENTS

It's more than a membership. It's a PARTNERSHIP.

Throughout May, we're taking time to celebrate YOU, our members, as part of Member Appreciation Month. Join us as we recognize your investment in the future of Adams County.

"UNLOCKING OUR WORKFORCE POTENTIAL" MONDAY, MAY 2, 11:45 A.M. GETTYSBURG HOTEL \$15 MEMBERS/\$20 NON-MEMBERS



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AWARDS BREAKFAST TUESDAY, MAY 10, 7 A.M. HANOVER COUNTRY CLUB, ABBOTTSTOWN \$15 MEMBERS/\$20 NON-MEMBERS

The chamber will provide an update on activities and recognize award winners in the following categories as part of May Member Appreciation Month:

- Small Business Person
- Environmental Stewardship
- Educator of the Year



MEMBERSHIP MIXER & GETTYSBURG 2 GO APP LAUNCH PARTY THURSDAY, MAY 19, 5-7 P.M. CENTRAL PA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, GETTYSBURG FREE!

Mix and mingle with the business community over light refreshments and discover how Central PA Transit Authority is enriching life in Adams County.

Plus we'll launch our **NEW chamber member benefit**, the Gettysburg 2 Go App, already downloaded on the Apple Store and Google Play by more than 12,000 users.



MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 11 A.M.-7 P.M. ADAMS ELECTRIC PAVILION, GETTYSBURG FREE!

Lunch | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Hamburgers and hot dogs grilled up by YOUR Board of Directors, plus great sides and drinks. *Please RSVP.*

Prize Giveaways | 2-4 p.m.

Huge prize packages each hour from chamber members. Must be present to win. *No need to RSVP.*

Business Awards Reception | 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages as we honor the Family Owned Business, Young Business Leader, Minority Owned Business and Best Place to Work in Adams County. *Sponsored by Senator Rich Alloway. Please RSVP.*

Games & Prizes All Day, Including a FREE Membership



Unlock Your Chamber Member Portal

There are a ton of ways to make your chamber membership work for you. You can attend member events like breakfasts and mixers. You can hone your leadership skills on a committee. You can share your chamber news for our print and email publications.

One of the best ways you can take advantage of your investment is by simply logging into your member portal at gettysburg-chamber.org. Each member business has one unique user id and password. If you're not sure what yours is, send us an email at info@gettysburg-chamber.org or call the office at 717.334.8151.

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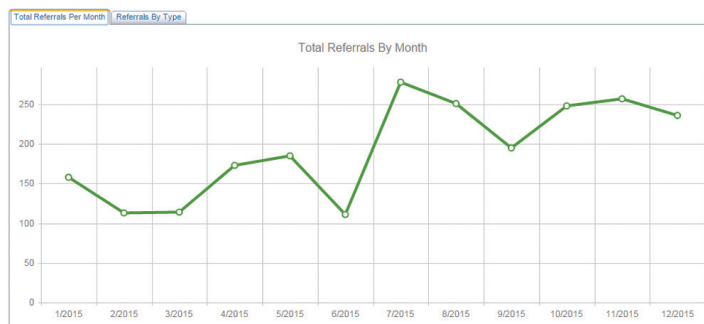
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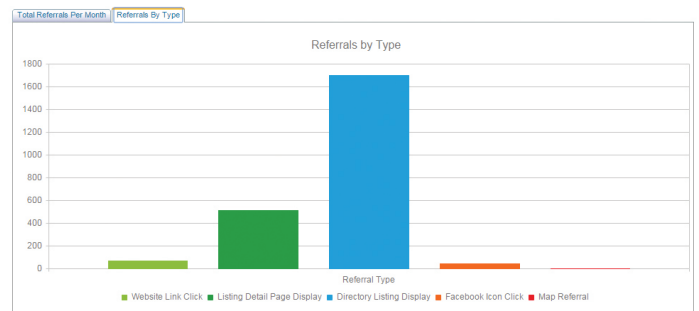
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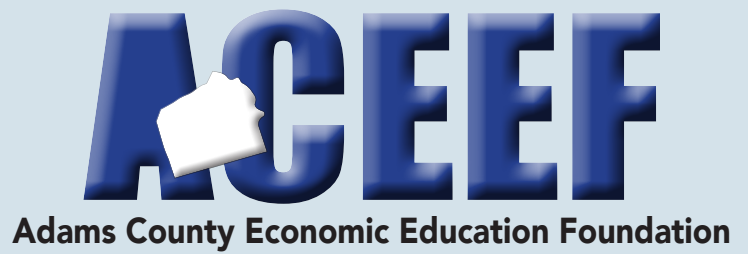
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Adams County Career Fair Connects 1,100 High School Students to Local Experts

More than 1,100 Adams County tenth grade students today learned how to reach their career goals during the 16th annual Adams County Career Fair at Gettysburg College.

Hosted by the Adams County Economic Education Foundation with support from the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce and Gettysburg College, the day-long event served students from all six Adams County public school districts, two private schools and Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12.

"Our schools are doing a great job of teaching the fundamentals of education, and the career fair is one of the many ways our business community is adding to that foundation," said Carrie Stuart, the foundation's executive director. "The career fair helps students chart their path from high school to career with sound advice from seasoned professionals. Giving students these experiences beyond the walls of the classroom helps create an environment where our students, businesses and communities thrive."

Students selected three careers of their choosing, from about 60 offerings, to learn about during workshops led by local business leaders. Career speakers explained the classes students might need in high school, what degrees are needed and the avenues to follow for further training or schooling. The speakers also helped the students understand what it is like to perform a job on a daily basis. For many students, this was their only chance to speak to someone who works in their field of interest.

The top careers chosen by students this year were law enforcement, medical, military, food prep/culinary arts, teaching and early childhood education, and automotive technician/mechanic.

The non-profit Adams County Economic Education Foundation bridges the gap between the business and education communities to prepare students for higher education and the workforce. More than 35,000 students in Adams County have benefited since 1991.



Business & Education Summit Brings Educators, Business Community Together

The Adams County Economic Education Foundation recently partnered with the chamber to co-host the second annual Business Education Summit. All six of Adams County's public school district superintendents and various educators and business leaders were in attendance.

Following presentations by Dr. Russell Greenholt, superintendent of Conewago Valley School District, on changing trends in the education systems around the world, and Kevin Perky, executive director of South Central PA Works, on education and labor trends in the region, business leaders and district officials broke into small groups. Each group identified potential areas that needed attention, or issues where better communication and cooperation is needed.

The small group discussions allowed educators to hear what other districts are doing to address student needs with respect to career preparation. Additionally, business leaders were better able to understand how they can help in the education process.

Several ideas were presented for consideration during the large group discussion, including:

- Better and increased summer job opportunities for students. This is a time where employers can

take the time to identify workplace expectations and mentor youth, thus setting the stage for their future work ethic.

- Creating videos or commercials of various industries so students can better understand what jobs are available to them and parents can understand how things like technology advancements have changed the work environment.

The chamber's Business & Industry Team, along with attendees of the summit will work together over the coming months to vet these and other suggestions and prioritize activities for the coming year. If you are interested in supporting this workforce development initiative, please contact Carrie Stuart at carries@gettysburg-chamber.org or 717.334.8151 for more information.



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In the Community



The Gettysburg Children's choir performed during the chamber's annual Holiday Jackpot Raffle in December. Accepting a donation from chamber members on behalf of the choir is Jane Jones, managing director (center), from Carl Frantz, raffle chair, and Carrie Stuart, chamber president.



Chamber members donated \$472 to South Central Community Action Programs and Survivors Inc. on behalf of Adams County's business community during the most recent County Connections Breakfast at St. Francis Xavier School. Pictured (l-r) are Terri Hamrick, president and CEO of Survivors Inc., Megan Shreve, SCCAP executive director, Carrie Stuart, chamber president, and Duane Kanagy, chamber board chair.



The chamber helped Thrivent Financial celebrate their move to 1400 Proline Place, Suite 100, Gettysburg, with a ribbon cutting and open house March 11. Pictured left to right are: Steve Niebler, David Schairer, Sonja Brown, Joseph Lohuis, Bill Arentz, Jim Dunlop, Mark Cropp, Carrie Stuart, Gary Rappoldt, Shawn Abma, Gina Gallimore, Mark Monroe and Joy Noel.



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Committee Updates

Awards

The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for Member Appreciation Month Awards: Small Business Person, Environmental Stewardship and Educator of the Year. Nominations are also being accepted for 2016 Business Awards: Young Business Leader, Minority Business, Family Owned Business and Best Small Place to Work in Adams County. See details below.

Board of Directors

The board approved the budget for the 2016 Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival. The Gettysburg Ghost Exchange was approved as a new member, bringing the total chamber membership to 534. The board discussed the Gigabit Revolution, where Adams County has the opportunity to join a major "digital highway" by showing the need for high capacity internet for area businesses.

Business & Industry

Following the committee's second annual Business & Education Summit on Feb. 23, the committee felt there was very positive momentum. To capitalize on this momentum, the committee would like to hold the summit twice annually, once in the fall and again in the spring. See page 9 for details.

Environmental

The environmental Committee invited Bicky Redman, Adams County Office of Planning and Development, and Jim Staub, Adams Rescue Mission, to discuss recycling challenges in Adams County. Electronics recycling continues to be an issue, but new proposed legislation may help restore the program. Glass continues to bring low prices and is not currently accepted at the mission.

Taste of the Town

Taste of the Town is Sunday, April 3, from 2-5 p.m. at the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center. Tickets are expected to be sold out. Committee members have secured more than 20 vendors, live music and finalized the Top Local Celebrity Chef Competition. There are also plans to raise funds during the event for the Adams County Food Pantry, part of South Central Community Action Programs, to renovate existing space into a large shoppable pantry for the families it serves.

Wine Festival

Tickets to the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival go on sale April 1. The committee is seeking approximately 300 volunteers to help during the event, Sept. 10-11. Staff is registering food and specialty vendors and working with Gettysburg Rocks to secure bands.



Member Appreciation Month Awards

Presented Tuesday, May 10, 7 a.m.
Hanover Country Club, Abbottstown

SMALL BUSINESS PERSON

A business man or woman who best represents the principles of the chamber in business success, personal achievement and community service. Successful nominations show business history and growth, evidence of business innovation, challenges overcome and community involvement. The business must be a chamber member to be eligible for the award.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

An area business, industry or organization that has implemented programs or projects that have had a positive environmental impact on Adams County. Nominations should demonstrate how innovative projects have improved the environment.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

An educator who inspires the love of learning in students of all backgrounds, works with various business and community agencies and plays an active role in the community. Nominees must work in an Adams County educational system and have been involved in education for at least three years.

ALL NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 8.

For a nomination form, visit gettysburg-chamber.org and click on "News & Programs" then "Nomination Forms" and "Business Awards" or call 717.334.8151.

2016 Business Awards

Presented Wednesday, May 25, 5-7 p.m.
Adams Electric Pavilion, Gettysburg

All business award winners must be a chamber member, be in business for at least three years, be innovative with product, service or business/organization and show contribution to the community. Nominees should also show evidence of business success, use of creative business methods and potential for long term business success and growth.

YOUNG BUSINESS LEADER

A business man or woman under the age of 39 who is a majority owner and operator or bears principle responsibility for operating a business.

MINORITY BUSINESS

A minority business leader (African-American, Hispanic, Latino, women, etc.) who advocates for minority small business interests.

FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS

An area business that has been passed from one generation to the next and has been in business for at least 15 years. Nominees should show efforts to strengthen Adams County's family owned businesses.

BEST SMALL PLACE TO WORK IN ADAMS COUNTY

Business with one to 30 employees that demonstrate leadership within their field while maintaining employees who feel valued, part of a team and have pride in what they do.

Community Partners

Freedom Transit Begins Summer Schedule May 1

Freedom Transit is gearing up to begin its 8th Summer Season on Sunday, May 1, with its new schedule. The seasonal schedule will run until Dec. 3.

During the summer season, the Lincoln (Red) and Gray Line buses and trolleys will end service at 10 p.m. The Gold Line, the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center parking circulator, operates Friday-Sunday beginning May 27 and daily during the week of July 4. The Gold Line also runs during Remembrance Day Events: Nov. 18-20. The Blue Line hours remain the same.

Make plans to take a ride on the trolley this summer. Rides are only \$1 each and Senior Citizens age 65 or older ride FREE with a valid Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ID card.

For more information, visit ridethetrolley.com or call 1.800.632.9063.

Main Street Gettysburg Restructures

Two new directors were elected to the Main Street Gettysburg Board of Directors at their Feb. 24 meeting. Peter Monahan, owner of Federal Pointe Inn, and Wendy Allen, owner of Lincoln Into Art were elected to a three-year term.

"The MSG Board realized that in order to achieve the 10-Year Economic Strategy Plan, adopted in 2015, the organization needed to recruit more representatives from the business communities committed to investing both in the borough projects and the MSG organization and to restructure the board," said Emmett Patterson, chair of Main Street Gettysburg and local business owner.

The restructuring includes a Governing Board and a new Community Advisory Committee, as well as groups that represent the four major areas for economic growth: Steinwehr Avenue, Baltimore Street Chambersburg/York and Carlisle streets, including Lincoln Square. The responsibilities of the Governing Board of Directors will be the traditional role to determine the mission of the organization, establish management policies and procedures, assure that adequate human resources and financial resources are available, and actively monitor the organization's financial, personnel and programmatic performance.

The Community Advisory Committee will be an economic development advisory group that meets a minimum of three times a year, and provides a community-wide venue to discuss economic topics. The make-up of the committee will include a wide range of business and organizational leaders, including the chamber, that are looking to work collaboratively and will focus on sharing information and initiating new ideas to improve the economic health of Gettysburg. The purpose and agenda of this group will be to update the community representatives about the MSG projects and programs, and likewise to seek updates from the community about their own initiatives that impact the economic health of the community.



YWCA to Operate Outdoor Pools at Gettysburg Swim & Tennis

This summer, the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County will operate the two outdoor pools at Gettysburg Swim & Tennis (the former Gettysburg Country Club). The pools will be open daily from noon until 8 p.m., May 28 through Sept. 5. Individual and family memberships are available for purchase now at the YWCA service desk, 909 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg. Current YWCA rec pass members receive a discount on outdoor pool memberships (discount determined by length of YWCA membership), and all full-price pool memberships include a four-month YWCA rec pass (valid May 15-Sept. 15). For all the details and fee information, visit ywcagettysburg.org/outdoor-pool or call 717.334.9171.

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

GARMA Holds Upcoming Events

April is National Volunteer Month. Volunteers are the lifeblood of many non-profit organizations, and the Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants' Association (GARMA) is no exception. Everyone from the board president to the committee members are volunteers. Most volunteers are representatives of the member businesses, however interested individuals and students are welcome to become involved in building a better economic environment around Gettysburg via GARMA and its Ad Hoc Committees. Events like our First Friday - Gettysburg Style are planned by such Ad Hoc Committees.

The return of warmer weather and baseball season will inspire participating GARMA members to plan a "Ready for Spring" themed event in April. They'll have events, extra hospitality, special sales, surprises and ballpark snacks all evening long.

For information on future First Friday - Gettysburg Style plans, visit gettysburgretailmerchants.com and click on the First Friday tab for the most current information available. Look for member ads, promotions and coupons on the special First Friday - Gettysburg Style page the of *Gettysburg Times* the Thursday prior to the first Friday of the month.

Save the dates of Saturday, May 21, and Saturday, Sept. 24, for the semi-annual Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show. Scores of antique dealers will be showing their wares on the four streets of Gettysburg radiating from Lincoln Square. Contact Show Manager John Angstadt at gettysburgantiqueshow@comcast.net or 717.253.5750 for details on how you can benefit from exhibiting at these unique antique shows.



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