

# CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP

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# DISPATCH



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# Building Renovation Progress

25%

## Cumberland Township Building Renovation Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Thursday, June 19 the hard work, determination and cooperation of so many was on full display as Cumberland Township celebrated with an official groundbreaking ceremony at 1370 Fairfield Road. The groundbreaking ceremony was the culmination of decades of planning and foresight for a building remodel that will serve Cumberland Township for decades to come when completed. The event was attended by Cumberland Township Board Members, Cumberland Township staff, public officials, building partners and residents, all who played a key role in this building project.

**Chairman Shaun Phiel**  
**Board of Supervisors**



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Laying a strong foundation

**Your Board of Supervisors**  
**meets the 4th Tuesday of every month**  
**at 7:00pm 730 Chambersburg Road**



Photo courtesy of Gettysburg Times

Thank you to our local elected officials!



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Supervisors and Staff



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Building Committee

# From the Chairman's Desk...

## 2025 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, township finance director/treasurer, Camie Stouck-Phiel, township secretary, Michele Long, and township road superintendent, Chris Walter. The conference brought municipal officials from across the commonwealth together in one location. The 2025 conference hosted more than 4,000 township officials. Over the four-day period over 100 municipal workshops were given. The workshops ranged from administration, public works, public safety, planning and zoning, and many more. In addition to the daily workshops, a general session was held daily for all attendees. The general session featured keynote speakers, state representatives, and state senators. These sessions created a great opportunity to gain inspiration from the speakers and to ask questions to those that work in Harrisburg at the state level of government. In addition to the workshops and general sessions, nearly 300 exhibitors shared their products and services daily with all attendees. It made for easy face-to-face meetings with many of the companies and businesses that aid in running good municipal government, including many partners of Cumberland Township.

Each year at the PSATS conference, municipal organizations are asked to put together prize baskets that represent the businesses and industries they live in. These prize baskets are randomly given away to participants at the conference as a way of promoting what different areas have to offer. For the past two years I have been able to put together a fabulous basket with the help of local business, through the Adams County Association of Township Organizations! The 2025 basket consisted of overnight stays at Best Western Gettysburg and Quality Inn Gettysburg, a private Adams County Winery wine tour, a Barn Resort gift card, a Dobbin House gift card, a Mason Dixon Distillery gift card and canned cocktails, a Mr. G's gift card, a Mister Eds fudge sample box, Gettysburg Bus Tour tickets, Ghostly Image tickets and a gift card to Lincoln Links. In total the basket had a value of \$950. This fabulous basket was very well received at the PSATS Conference. A huge thank you goes out to all that donated items this year! I look forward to putting the basket together next year with the help of all of these great businesses.

I look forward to attending the 2026 PSATS Conference, with the Cumberland Township staff, to expand my knowledge of municipal government to continue to make Cumberland Township one of the best municipalities to live in now and in the future!

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**Chairman Shaun Phiel**  
**Board of Supervisors**



# From the Manager's Desk...

As America prepares to celebrate its 250th Anniversary in 2026, Cumberland Township will also be celebrating a milestone of its own, its 275th Anniversary. Historians and records indicate that Thomas Hossack was appointed as the first Cumberland Township Tax Collector on December 5, 1749. The renovation of the original building, built in 1979, with a small Police Department expansion in 1994, has served residents for over four decades. This renovation, when completed, will serve for decades to come.

Cumberland Township is an ideal location that surrounds the Gettysburg Borough on three sides. In addition, for those that may not know, almost one-fifth of Cumberland Township, or 3,785 acres, is comprised of the National Park Service where the Battle of Gettysburg primarily took place. Cumberland Township was also home to the former Five Star General and 34th President of the United States Dwight David Eisenhower and his family. Today Cumberland Township has approximately 2,400 housing units with a population exceeding 7,000 residents that call Cumberland Township home.

This project was made possible by \$2 million in grant funds from the Pennsylvania Office of the Budget's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, and \$100,000 in grant funds from the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Statewide Local Share Account. These funds were received due to the tireless efforts of our local elected officials, Sen. Doug Mastriano and Rep. Dan Moul, who advocated for the project on Cumberland Township's behalf. We are incredibly thankful for their continued support of our township and our residents.



Rendering of addition on signpost



Lonely ladder in the PD during demo





# From the Manager's Desk...Continued...



Back of Conference room, former bathrooms



Front entrance



Conference room

The site was officially turned over to ECI Construction April 1, 2025, with the demolition work starting that week. Two months into the project, much of the demolition work has been completed. The site work started in May for the small areas of additional space that include the new police patrol room, break room, and carport for police and township vehicles. The projected completion date of the renovation work is projected for the end of March 2026. The township will then take a 30-to-60-day systematic process of moving back into the building, while continuing to serve the residents of the township with as minimal impact as possible.

American Battlefield Trust's approval to operate from the former Gettysburg Country Club building has provided an extreme cost savings during the renovation period. Moving from 1370 Fairfield Road to our temporary location at 730 Chambersburg Road brought challenges to normal operations. The staff and elected officials have been tremendously helpful in exploring options and finding solutions to make sure the township continues to operate efficiently.

Thank you to everyone and our neighbors, for helping and working with the township during this exciting time.

**David Blocher**  
**Township Manager**

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



# From your Maintenance Department...

This summer the Cumberland Township Maintenance Crew has a busy schedule on the books with both contracted and in-house projects.

We will start the project season off with a surface treatment to Old Mill Road and Country Club Lane. We will be applying a Cape Seal which is a two-part process utilizing seal coating and a micro-surface finish. In addition, we will be seal coating and fog sealing the following roads; Red Rock, Blackhorse Tavern, Plank, and Willoughby Run. Prior to the seal coat we will be re-grading the shoulders on these roads which allows water to run to the side ditches and flow more efficiently off the road surface.



Maintenance hard at work



Photos Courtesy of Chris Walter

A section of Herrs Ridge Road from Chambersburg Road to Old Mill Road has been prepped with new stormwater pipes and base repair and will be resurfaced with warm mix asphalt and a fiber additive. This will look like a conventional paving project. The fiber is added at the asphalt plant which will help strengthen the material and help prevent stress and fatigue from high traffic volumes.



Photos Courtesy of Chris Walter

In addition to these projects, we will be preparing for future projects in various areas of the Township. These include replacing and upgrading storm sewer piping and base repairs in areas that may have been damaged from winter weather or excessive heavy traffic. Upgrading various traffic signs is also on the list for the summer/fall projects. This is being done to help upgrade reflectivity and allow the motoring public to navigate around our roadways.

We will also continue to map our stormwater infrastructure, this process allows us to track our inventory and create a maintenance schedule for cleaning, replacements, and upgrades. You may see the guys traversing throughout your development locating, inspecting, and documenting the infrastructure system with GIS survey equipment.

Roadside mowing is a big part of our summer maintenance work. Mowing not only makes the roads look nice but also improves visibility along the roads and intersections and helps keep vegetation from encroaching on the facilities within the right-of-way. As you encounter our mowing crew, please use caution and give the operator enough space to work safely before navigating around the equipment.

These summer projects are completed with help from our Maintenance Staff along with our multi-municipal group which includes Gettysburg Borough, Mount Pleasant, Straban and Franklin Townships.

As always, have a safe and enjoyable Summer Season!

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!



**Chris Walter**  
**Superintendent of Roads**



# From your Chief of Police...

National Night Out  
August 5!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Logan!!



What is your job title and how long have you worked for the Police Department?

- ★ Intern! I just finished my last year at Lebanon Valley College, where I studied criminal justice. I am now interning here at the Cumberland Township Police Department, and I couldn't be more thrilled about this experience!

What initially attracted you to this township and local government?

- ★ What initially attracted me to Cumberland Township was how close it was to home. Ultimately, I aspire to become a police officer in the future for Cumberland, and having the opportunity to intern with this department has been incredible.

Can you describe your role and what you enjoy most about it?

- ★ I help out with many things throughout the office, whether that would be organizing officers' daily logs, case closings, running patrol cars to the shops, or helping in the evidence room. All of these tasks will end up teaching me many life lessons. What I enjoy most about my position is working with the officers and personally getting to know them.

What is one accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

- ★ One of the accomplishments that I am particularly proud of is graduating from college as a student athlete. I graduated from Lebanon Valley College and played four years of varsity baseball at the college level.



Logan, ready to help!



# From your Chief of Police...Continued...

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Logan!! 

How do you like to spend your free time?

★ Hunt, fish, golf, and of course, play baseball!

What's one thing you're looking forward to in the next year, either personally or professionally?

The main thing I am looking forward to is eventually working here at the Police  
★ Department. I look forward to learning more about police work and am definitely  
looking forward to building relationships with the officers here.

Cumberland Township Police  
Department cordially invites you to our  
National Night Out celebration!!



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The Wellflight helicopter will be stopping by, along with all  
sorts of rigs and apparatus from our local first responders...  
even the Smokehouse Trailer!

We will have food trucks, giveaways, and activities for the  
kids! See the next page for more details!



Did you know? Emergency  
alerts are broadcast  
through the Savvy Citizen App!  
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Chief Matthew S. Trostel



# CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP NATIONAL NIGHT OUT & OPEN HOUSE



TOUCH-A-TRUCK... INCLUDING----

THE WELLFLIGHT  
HELICOPTER!

ESCAPE THE SMOKEHOUSE TRAILER!

MEET LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING HARD FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!

GET TO KNOW YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

AUGUST 5, 2025

4-7PM



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# Stormwater vs. Sanitary Sewer: What's the Difference?

At first glance, it might seem like all the water that leaves our streets, sinks, and tubs ends up in the same place. But in reality, most communities—including ours—have two very different systems working together below ground: the stormwater system and the sanitary sewer system. Understanding the difference between them can help prevent backups, pollution, and costly damage—especially during heavy rain events.

The sanitary sewer system is designed to carry wastewater away from homes, schools, and businesses. This includes everything that goes down your drains, toilets, washing machines, and dishwashers. The water travels through a network of underground pipes to the township's treatment facility, where it is cleaned and safely discharged back into the environment.

Because this system handles waste, it is carefully monitored and regulated. It's not meant to handle large volumes of rainwater, when it does, the system can become overwhelmed, leading to sewer backups into homes or overflows into local waterways.



The stormwater system, on the other hand, is built to manage rain and snowmelt. Water flows off rooftops, roads, and sidewalks into storm drains, which lead directly to streams, creeks, or other natural bodies of water—without treatment. That's why it's so important to keep pollutants like oil, trash, fertilizers, and yard waste out of storm drains. What goes in there flows directly into our shared environment.

During heavy storms, this system helps prevent flooding, but if it gets blocked or overwhelmed, water can pool in streets or basements.



Inflow and infiltration—when stormwater finds its way into the sanitary sewer system through cracks, sump pumps, or illegal connections—can overwhelm treatment plants and lead to increased costs for everyone. Meanwhile, cross-connections between the two systems can damage infrastructure and create environmental hazards.

As a community, we can help by:

- Avoiding connections between sump pumps or downspouts and the sanitary sewer.
- Keeping storm drains clear of debris.
- Properly disposing of oil, chemicals, fertilizers, and trash—not dumping them in the street.

By knowing the difference between these two essential systems and doing our part, we can protect public health, reduce costs, and preserve the environment, rain or shine! The CTA board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month!





# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Mary!!



What is your job title and how long have you worked for the Authority?

★ Office Assistant, going on 3 years!

Describe your role and tell us what you enjoy most about it!

★ I split my time between the Authority and the Township, so every day is different! For the Authority, I handle billing and customer service. For the Township, I create and edit the newsletter every quarter, I plan the National Night Out/Open House event, take care of admin for the MS4 program, handle outgoing communications via the Savvy Citizen app and our website, and interface with residents daily to help connect you with township resources and services. I'm always happy to help out wherever I am needed!

What is a one project or accomplishment you are particularly proud of?

★ The Cumberland Township Dispatch! It is a labor of love I created entirely from scratch. I care deeply about outreach and transparency in local government, and every newsletter I publish is a chance to open that line of communication and keep our folks in the loop. Shout out to my awesome co-workers in the Authority and Maintenance department who always help keep me loaded up with photos from around the township that I get to share with you all!

How do you like to spend your free time? What are some of your hobbies?

★ I am a huge river rat!! As soon as spring hits you will find me in my kayak or shredder, ripping through rapids with a huge smile on my face! I've also been teaching group fitness classes at most of the local gyms between here and Hanover for the last 16 years. I know I've tortured a few of you out there reading this!! :)

What's one thing you're looking forward to in the next year, either personally or professionally?

★ Gauleyfest in September!

Mary, ripping it up on the lower Yough!!





Thank you



Chris Walter  
Superintendent of Roads  
25 Years



Shawn Kessel  
CTA Plant Superintendent  
25 Years





# Let's Talk Storm Water!

In recent years, residents of Cumberland Township and greater Adams County have witnessed a noticeable shift in weather patterns—especially in the form of more intense and frequent rainstorms. As climate change accelerates, it brings with it new challenges for managing stormwater, particularly through our MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program.

While stormwater might seem like a routine part of our infrastructure, the way we manage it is directly tied to flood prevention, water quality, and public safety. And as the climate changes, so must our approach.

Over the past decade, Adams County has experienced several "100-year storms"—events that used to be rare, but are now occurring every few years. For example:

- July 2018: A sudden storm dropped over 6 inches of rain in just a few hours, flooding parts of Route 116 and causing washouts near Marsh Creek.
- September 2021 (remnants of Hurricane Ida): Brought flash flooding and overwhelmed stormwater infrastructure throughout Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Borough.
- Ongoing issues: Chronic ponding on local roads, eroded roadside ditches, and sediment buildup in creeks like Willoughby Run and Rock Creek.



July 2018 historic flooding courtesy of WGAL 8



September 2021 - Remnants of Ida courtesy of WGAL 8

These events stress our local MS4 systems, which were originally designed for older rainfall data that didn't anticipate such extreme precipitation.



# Let's Talk Storm Water!

To address these challenges, Cumberland Township and neighboring municipalities are working on proactive solutions. Here's what's being done—and what more we can do:

## 1. Improved Infrastructure Projects

Recent culvert replacements and drainage improvements have increased capacity and reduced flooding risks during major storms. However, many older pipes and basins are undersized by today's standards.

## 2. Green Infrastructure Initiatives

Cumberland Township is encouraging the use of permeable surfaces in new developments and offering guidance to residents on how to reduce runoff with rain gardens, native plantings, and rain barrels.

Additionally, collaboration with the Adams County Conservation District has supported streambank stabilization projects that improve natural water flow and reduce erosion.

## 3. Updated Planning Tools

The township's engineers use updated rainfall data and climate models when reviewing development plans and stormwater permits. This ensures new systems are built to withstand the storms of today—not just those of the past.

## 4. Community Engagement

Through our stormwater education program, we're sharing best practices for homeowners to help manage runoff from their own properties—especially in neighborhoods near sensitive waterways like Rock Creek, Willoughby Run, Marsh Creek,



We all play a role in adapting to climate change. Here's how you can help:

- Use a rain barrel to capture and reuse stormwater from your roof
- Plant native vegetation to increase water absorption
- Avoid dumping anything into storm drains—they lead directly to our creeks and streams
- Report stormwater concerns to the township so they can be addressed quickly

Climate change isn't a future threat—it's happening now. Cumberland Township remains committed to protecting our environment and infrastructure by modernizing our MS4 system and working collaboratively with residents and developers.

Together, we can build a more resilient community, protect our waterways, and prepare for whatever storms may come.



# Participate in a Water Study through Penn State

The Water, Health, and Nutrition Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University is conducting a study on experiences and trust around water in Pennsylvania. The purpose of this study is to better understand how the social and physical environment affects how people perceive the safety of their water and the trust they have in their water supply, as well as how this affects different aspects of their life, like nutritional behaviors and health outcomes.

The study is asking questions about where people get their water, what affects the decision to use a specific water source, and how different environmental conditions affect experiences around water. The researchers are especially interested in people who use private water sources like private wells and roadside springs or those who live in Philadelphia.

The survey will take between 30 minutes and an hour to complete. Researchers will provide a \$25 Amazon gift card for those who choose to participate in this study. Information gained through this study could be used to improve education activities in the area.

You are eligible to participate in the study if you meet the following criteria: (1) your household uses municipal, well, or roadside springs for household water use and consumption; (2) you are over 18 years of age; (3) you are knowledgeable about your household's water situation; and (4) you are comfortable conversing in English. Register and schedule a zoom interview using the QR code below.



Adams County PA Veterans Affairs assists local veterans in obtaining applicable benefits and services, as well as honoring their sacrifices through community events and graveside observances.

If you would like more information or need assistance, please contact our office at (717) 337-9835 or reach out to one of our Veterans

Service Officers by email:

Stan Clark – [sclark@adamscountypa.gov](mailto:sclark@adamscountypa.gov)

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[mmeehan@adamscountypa.gov](mailto:mmeehan@adamscountypa.gov)



## Plant a Tree for AC

The Gettysburg Green Gathering "Plant a Tree for Adams County" is accepting tax-deductible donations of \$300 to sponsor a Memoriam or Honorary Tree Planting in Adams County. Honor or Memoriam trees include a plaque that is placed by the sponsored tree available.

Visit  
[www.gettysburggreengathering.com/plant-a-tree-for-adams-county/](http://www.gettysburggreengathering.com/plant-a-tree-for-adams-county/) for more information and the donation form!





# 162nd Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg



Gettysburg National Military Park will commemorate the 162nd anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg from Tuesday, July 1 through Thursday, July 3, 2025, with a series of special ranger-led programs, immersive battlefield walks, family activities, and evening presentations by renowned historians. All programs are free and open to the public.

“The anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg is a time for reflection, education, and connection,” said Kristina Heister, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park. “This year’s schedule offers diverse opportunities for visitors of all ages to explore this pivotal moment in American history on the ground where it happened.”

## Featured Programs

**Daily Ranger-Guided Walks and Talks** will take place across the battlefield, including programs at Little Round Top, Devil’s Den, the Gettysburg National Cemetery, and the fields of Pickett’s Charge. These shorter programs highlight key events and decisions that helped shape the course of the Civil War.

**Battle Walks**—These intensive two-to-three-hour explorations of significant engagements will allow visitors to follow in the footsteps of Union and Confederate soldiers. Topics include the stand of Robinson’s Division on Oak Ridge, the advance of the Irish Brigade through the Wheatfield, the desperate fighting at Culp’s Hill, and more.

**Family-Friendly Activities**—Held each morning with hands-on history experiences and creative programs such as “Build It, Paint It, Mold It” invites children to recreate key sites using art materials while learning about the lives of 19th century civilians and soldiers.

**Sacred Trust Talks**—Held nightly at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, feature expert historians as they share new perspectives on the battle’s events and legacy. These programs are presented in partnership with the Gettysburg Foundation. Free tickets are required and can be reserved at: [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org).

Visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring plenty of water, especially when participating in battle walks. Program meeting locations vary; a full schedule and parking guidance can be found at [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).




# 162nd Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg


## A Local's Survival Guide


Each summer, Gettysburg comes alive with history as thousands of visitors flock to the area for the annual Battle of Gettysburg reenactment. This year marks the 162nd anniversary of the pivotal Civil War battle, and the reenactment promises to be one of the most riveting yet, featuring living history camps, cavalry demonstrations, battlefield scenarios, and educational exhibits. For locals, the event brings a unique opportunity to witness history in action—right in our own backyard.

While the reenactment is a treasured tradition, it also brings an influx of traffic and tourism. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead. Expect increased activity on local roads, especially around the Baltimore Pike, Emmitsburg Road, and in and around Gettysburg National Military Park. If you're heading into town, consider biking or walking when possible, or use alternate routes to avoid congestion. Parking may be limited, so allow extra time and check for temporary road closures or event detours on the County or Township websites.

### Tips and Tricks to Make the Most of it

 Off the Beaten Path - Check out restaurants on the outskirts of town or lesser-known monuments and trails.


 Stock Up - Get your shopping done and tank filled before the influx of tourists begin to arrive.


 Make it Scenic - Plan your detours in advance, and take the scenic route! We live in a beautiful place!


 Stay Informed - Download Savvy Citizen to stay on top of traffic and weather for the area.





### Main Areas to Avoid (or Approach with Caution)

 Baltimore Street & Steinwehr Ave - These central arteries into town become heavily congested with pedestrian and bus traffic.

 Little Round Top, Devil's Den, and the High Water Mark - These iconic sites usually have the largest crowds.

 Emmitsburg & Taneytown Roads - These roads are major access points for most of the battlefield.

 Hanover Road - The Daniel Lady farm is the site of the main reenactment, traffic will back up here, watch the hills.

 Lincoln Square - Traffic is sure to be hosed, avoid unless you are walking through!



Storm at High Water Mark courtesy of NPS



# Township Treasures



Tucked along the walking trail of Gettysburg Rec Park is a hidden gem that brings literacy, wellness, and family fun together in a unique and engaging way: the Adams County Library's StoryWalk! This imaginative outdoor activity places pages of a children's picture book along the path, allowing families to enjoy a story one page at a time while they stroll through the park. It's a perfect blend of reading and recreation that encourages both physical activity and early literacy development.

The StoryWalk is updated each month with a new book, giving families a reason to return again and again. With vibrant pages nestled among the trees and greenery, children are encouraged to explore, ask questions, and read aloud. The initiative supports the Library's mission to connect people to opportunities for growth and discovery—and it aligns beautifully with the park's purpose of providing a healthy, welcoming space for all ages.

Located just a short walk from the park's playground and pavilions, the StoryWalk adds an enriching layer to one of Cumberland Township's most beloved recreational areas. Whether you're a frequent park visitor or discovering this experience for the first time, the StoryWalk is a delightful reminder that learning can happen anywhere—especially when it's part of an afternoon in the great outdoors. Check out [adamslibrary.org](http://adamslibrary.org) to see which titles are featured each month!

**Fireworks in the Park!**

**Enjoy Six Whiskey  
Revival and a variety of  
food and beverage  
vendors for a Fourth of  
July celebration with all  
your neighbors!**

**Festivities start at 4!**

**Parking is \$5!**



The Storywalk!

Photos by Mary Voss







# A Message from the Eisenhower Society

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Society invites you to like Ike! The Society has been around for over 55 years. In 1969, seven months after General Eisenhower passed away, local businessman Henry Scharf invited 20 Eisenhower friends and associates for lunch on October 14<sup>th</sup>, Ike's birthday. The purpose was to remember their friend. Before lunch was over, the group decided to form the Dwight D. Eisenhower Society as a nonprofit organization and commemorate Eisenhower each year on his birthday. Fifty-five years later we still remember and commemorate Eisenhower.

Our mission is to educate others about Eisenhower's legacy of leadership as five-star general and 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. With our modest endowment we give grants to organizations who help educate others about Eisenhower's leadership. We present special events such as our "At Ease with the Eisenhower Society" summer event on July 19 and our annual Eisenhower birthday commemoration in October. We also present educational programs such as last year's D-Day + 80 Symposium.

**To learn more about the Eisenhower Society visit our website: [dwightdeishowersociety.org](http://dwightdeishowersociety.org).**

On Saturday, July 19th you are welcome to attend "At Ease with the Eisenhower Society" to learn more about our group. It will be held this year at the World War II American Experience Museum, 845 Crooked Creek Road, Gettysburg. Our theme is Ike, Mamie and World War II. Enjoy food, fun, entertainment, World War II programs and trivia. Come dressed in your best World War II attire, or come in comfortable clothing, your option. Visit the museum exhibits, look inside a tank, stroll the grounds to look at period vehicles, attend a park ranger program entitled, "Ike and Monty: Two Proud Generals" or just chat with friends. Play trivia with your tablemates, win door prizes or listen to 1940s music and maybe dance a little.

The Ragged Edge Coffee House of Gettysburg will cater for our dinner with their delicious Angus beef sliders, chicken in Ike's barbecue sauce, baked beans, fresh garden salad, potato salad, iced tea, lemonade and Mamie's apple pie. Please let us know if you want a vegetarian entrée. There will be a favor for each attendee. Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine as well.



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Savvy Citizen!

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Registration begins at 4 p.m. on July 19<sup>th</sup> or a little earlier if you want to spend more time in the museum. Prices are \$45.00 a person or \$270.00 for a reserved table of six. The last opportunity to purchase tickets is Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Visit our website to purchase tickets: [dwightdeisenhowersociety.org](http://dwightdeisenhowersociety.org).

If you have questions, please call the Society at 717-398-2349 or email [info@dwightdeisenhowersociety.org](mailto:info@dwightdeisenhowersociety.org). We hope to see you on July 19<sup>th</sup>!

PS-Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11 for our annual Eisenhower Society commemoration and wreath laying at the Eisenhower at Gettysburg statue at Gettysburg College at 12 noon. At 1 p.m. join us for lunch at the Dobbin House. Our guest speaker is Dr. Brian Black from Penn State, Altoona. He will speak on “Ike’s Road Trip” about Eisenhower’s trip with the Army’s 1919 Convoy across the United States and how it paved the way for our travel today. You may purchase a copy of his book and get it signed at the luncheon as well. Look for luncheon tickets on sale after Labor Day.



Photo Courtesy of Eisenhower Society

Wreath laying at Gettysburg College

Carol Hegeman  
Executive Director  
Dwight D. Eisenhower Society  
717-398-2349





# Community Bulletin Board

## HEAD START SERVICES FOR CHILDREN HEAD START SERVICIOS PARA NIÑOS



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



## How Get Outdoors Works

There are fifteen "markers" – wooden posts with a unique etching attached – that are hidden in local and state parks in Adams County. Visit your local library to register for the **Get Outdoors** program, and you'll receive a guidebook, called a **Sketchbook**, and a rubbing sheet that you can use to record your discoveries. In the **Sketchbook**, you'll find directions to follow that will help you locate each marker.

When you find the marker, you'll see the etching with a 4-digit code. You can use your rubbing sheet and rub over the sheet with a crayon or pencil to reveal that marker's artwork and code, **but make sure you remember the 4-digit code** by taking a picture or writing it down. You can enter the code online using the **Beanstack** app to receive credit for that hike. See the **Rewards and Prizes** page in the **Sketchbook** or on the website to find out about entries for the grand prize drawing and to receive a participation prize. All hikes must be recorded **no later than Saturday, August 17** to receive a participation prize and earn entries into the grand prize drawing.



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Color Our World! at  
Your Library

You can also **Color Our World!** this summer by visiting any **Adams County Libraries**, reading books about different colors, places to see color, and things that use color! **Adams County Libraries** are offering rewards for readers – log your minutes and **GO Adams!** markers in the **Beanstack** app to make them count and earn amazing prizes. And there are hundreds of free library programs planned just for you!

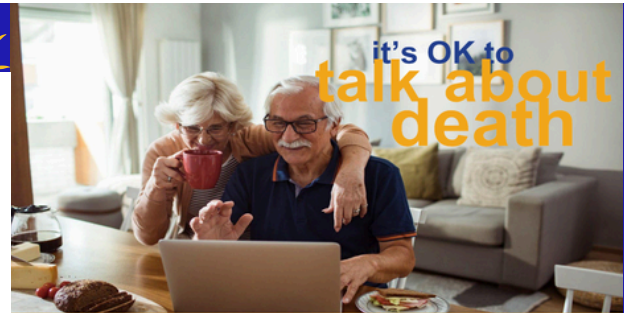
Visit [www.goadams.org](http://www.goadams.org) for more information and to download a copy of the **2025 Sketchbook** and other materials!

Ask to join the Facebook page by searching "Get Outdoors (GO) Adams."

Contact your nearest library location:

**Adams County Library System**  
717-334-5716  
**Carroll Valley Library**  
717-642-6009  
**Harbaugh-Thomas Library**  
717-677-6257

**Littlestown Library**  
717-359-0446  
**New Oxford Area Library**  
717-624-2182  
**Jean Barnett Trone Memorial Library of East Berlin**  
717-259-9000



## Virtual Death Café

Held the Third Thursday of these months in 2025  
January 16, April 17, July 17 & October 16

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bring your dinner or a snack and join the Advance Care Planning Coalitions of South-Central PA for open, constructive, life-affirming conversations about living, dying and end-of-life questions. The conversation environment is friendly, non-judgmental, and respectful – held in the comfort of your own home or office.

A **Death Café** is a group-directed conversation when people, often strangers, gather to talk about the topic of death ... with no set agenda, objectives, or themes. **Death Cafés are FREE. They are open and respectful of people of all communities and belief systems. Sound morbid? Not at all as the conversation is very life affirming.**

To REGISTER:

Contact Roberta Geidner at (410) 207-8829 or [RGAConsultingServices@outlook.com](mailto:RGAConsultingServices@outlook.com). A video link will be sent to individuals after registration is completed.

For more information or if you have questions, feel free to call or email Roberta.



This event is being presented by Aging Inspired Advance Care Planning Coalition, Got Wishes? Advance Care Planning Coalition, Healthy Adams County End-of-Life Committee, and Your Life Your Wishes Advance Care Planning Task Force of York. The Coalitions promote the conversations and completion of documents needed for Advance Care Planning for people of all ages. Advance Care Planning provides a way to communicate your wishes for end-of-life treatment based on your goals and values.

## Concientización sobre la manutención de los hijos COMUNIDAD Evento Connections

VIERNES, 1 DE AGOSTO DE 2025  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Fecha de lluvia: viernes 8 de agosto de 2025.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con nuestra oficina al 717-337-9084.

Edificio de Servicios Humanos del Condado de Adams  
525 Boyds School Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

En el césped a la izquierda del edificio

Celebrando a los niños y

Aumentar la conciencia de la comunidad



## Child Support Awareness Community Connections Event

Friday, August 1, 2025  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Rain date: Friday, August 8, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 717-337-9084.

Adams County Human Services Building

525 Boyds School Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

On the lawn left of the building

Celebrating Children &  
Raising Community Awareness





# 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.



*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](mailto:mvoss@cumberlandtwppa.gov) with NEWSLETTER in the subject line. We appreciate you!

# Get Involved!!

## Available appointments:

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](mailto:mlong@cumberlandtwppa.gov)



The Citizen Interest form can  
be found in the Document  
Center at

[www.cumberlandtwppa.gov](http://www.cumberlandtwppa.gov)

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

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!



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



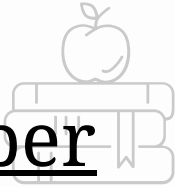
# EVENTS!



## July

- 4th- Happy Independence Day!
- 5th- Glass Recycling Center Open
- 10th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
- 10-13th- Gettysburg Bike Week
- 12th- Battle Walk Program 10a-12p (GNMP)
- 14th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
- 17th- Death Cafe 6-8p (HAC)
- 19th- At Ease w/The Eisenhower Society 4p WWII Museum
- 19th- Homesteading & Sustainability Expo (Market)
- 20th- Coffee w/a Historian 9-10a (GF)
- 21st- GARA Mtg 7p Charlie Sterner Bldg
- 22nd- Writers Workshop 5-6p (ACL)
- 23rd- Little Roundtop Hike 11-12p (GNMP)
- 24th- Devils Den Hike 10-10:45a (GNMP)
- 29th- BOS Mtg 7p

## September



- 2nd- GASD Board Meeting 7p
- 6th- Glass Recycling Center Open
- 8th- Story time Campfire 6:30-7p (GF)
- 8th- CTA Board Mtg 3pm
- 10th- Baby Bookworms 10-10:30a (ACL)
- 11th- True Crime Book Club 6:30-7:30p (ACL)
- 14th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
- 15th- GARA Mtg 7p Charlie Sterner Bldg
- 20th- E-Cycling 8a-10a 730 Chambersburg Rd
- 23rd- BOS Mtg 7p
- 24th- Wellspan Cancer Survivorship Series
- 27th- An Evening w/the Painting 5-7p (GF)

**BOS, CTA, and Planning  
Commission meetings are  
held at  
730 Chambersburg Road**

## August



- 1st- Community Connections Event 10-1p (HAC)
- 2nd- Glass Recycling Center Open
- 5th- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT! 4-7p**
- 8th- Preschool Storytime 10:30a (ACL)
- 9th- An Evening w/the Painting 5-7p (GF)
- 11th- Story time Campfire 6:30-7p (GF)
- 11th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
- 14th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
- 18th- GARA Mtg 7p Charlie Sterner Bldg
- 18th- GASD Board Meeting 7p
- 24th- An Evening w/the Painting 5-7p (GF)
- 25th- Fun with Chess! 6-7:45p (ACL)
- 26th- WellSpan Cancer Survivorship Series
- 26th- BOS Mtg 7p
- 30th- Night at the Museum, 1863 (GHC)

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Adams County Historical Society (ACHS) event information can be found at [www.achs-pa.org](http://www.achs-pa.org)

Gettysburg National Military Park (GNMP) event information can be found at [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)

Healthy Adams (HAC) event information can be found at [healthyadamscounty.org](http://healthyadamscounty.org)

Gettysburg Foundation (GF) event information can be found at [gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org)

Gettysburg Heritage Center (GHC) event information can be found at [gettysburgmuseum.com](http://gettysburgmuseum.com)



Download Savvy Citizen and stay on top of fun events happening in and around our beautiful township!

# Essential Township Contacts

For all your township needs...

## Cumberland Township Municipal Building

717-334-6485  
730 Chambersburg Road  
[www.cumberlandtwppa.gov](http://www.cumberlandtwppa.gov)

For all your sewer needs...

## Cumberland Township Sewer Authority

717-334-6485  
730 Chambersburg Road  
Emergency line- 717-253-0122  
[www.cumberlandtwppa.gov](http://www.cumberlandtwppa.gov)

For all your garbage and  
curbside recycling needs...

## Waste Connections

717-709-1700  
3747 White Church Rd, Chambersburg  
[www.wasteconnections.com](http://www.wasteconnections.com)

For all your large item recycling  
needs...

## Adams Rescue Mission

717-334-7502  
2515 York Road  
[adamsrescuemission@yahoo.com](mailto:adamsrescuemission@yahoo.com)  
[www.adamsrescuemission.org](http://www.adamsrescuemission.org)

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

## PMCA

717-495-4995 ext. 172  
1895B York Road  
[www.pacodealliance.com](http://www.pacodealliance.com)

For all your water needs...

## Gettysburg Municipal Authority

717-334-6738  
601 E Middle Street PO Box 3307  
[www.gettysburgma.com](http://www.gettysburgma.com)

For all your electricity needs...  
**Adams Electric Co-Op**

1-800-726-2324  
1338 Biglerville Road  
[www.adamsec.coop](http://www.adamsec.coop)

## Met-Ed

1-800-545-7741  
261 S Franklin Street  
[www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)

Adams County Department  
of Emergency Services  
**NON-EMERGENCY**  
number

**717-334-8101**