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Adams County Welcomes **New Solicitor**

On Monday, a new but very familiar face moved into the Solicitor's Office on the 1st floor. Assistant Solicitor Molly Mudd assumed the position of Adams County Solicitor when former Solicitor John Hartzell accepted a position with the State of Pennsylvania as a Senior Attorney.

With more than four years as Adams County Assistant Solicitor under her belt, Molly is well-known to staff and already has an understanding of many aspects of county law and issues, which should serve her well. Molly will have a lot on her plate during the initial transition so please bear that in mind in your interaction with the Solicitor's Office. I know that all staff joins the Board in wishing Molly the best in her new role!



Strawberry Hill Preservation

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve, just outside Fairfield, is an extremely valuable environmental classroom for Adams County. Last week Strawberry Hill officially transferred 560 acres of land to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The transfer has been in the works for many years. While assuring this green space is protected for perpetuity, it is not expected to have any impact on visitors' experience to the area for hiking and other programs.

Strawberry Hill will still operate as an educational facility with classrooms, pavilion, pond and streams. The nature preserve is a popular location for student field trips. The transfer now presents new adjoining access for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts to Michaux State Forest, an 85,000-acre tract of land in Adams, Cumberland and Franklin counties. Strawberry Hill will continue to host events such as Summer Adventure Camp, PA Master Naturalist, the Twisted Turkey Trail Tussle race in November and the Mount Hope Maple Madness every winter. For more information, visit www.strawberryhill.org.

Adams County To Enhance Email Security

The Information Technology Department is in the process of testing out a new security feature specific to County users receiving emails from outside the County email system. It includes a simple yellow banner that will begin to show up every time you receive an email that is not from a @adamscounty.us email address. This simple banner (shown below) is used as a reminder that the email you received is from someone outside of the County. The banner will show up whether the email received is safe or malicious- It is NOT a virus checker. A follow up email will be sent out on Monday, 9/17 with more information. The test pilot will begin on Tuesday, 9/18

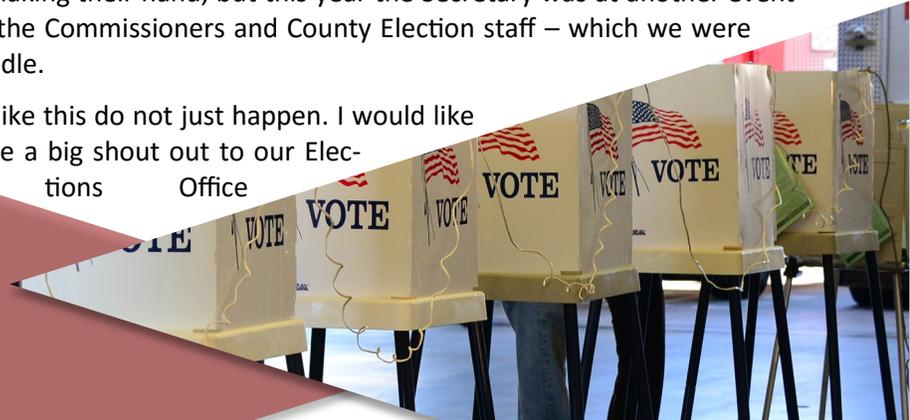
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Voter Hall of Fame

It is hard to believe that yesterday was our 4th Voter Hall of Fame event since taking office. Every two years our Elections Office organizes a recognition event for residents that have voted in 50 or more consecutive November elections. What an accomplishment! As Commissioners, the Adams County Voter Hall of Fame event is certainly is one of our favorite events. The program had been held years ago - but had gone into a bit of a hiatus until it was revived in 2012 at the beginning of our first term. Our first Voter Hall of Fame in 2012 honored over 100 residents as we had some catching up to do, and yesterday's event honored 34 very appreciative residents.

At past events, the Pennsylvania Secretary of State has been available to be part of the ceremony handing each recipient their citation and shaking their hand; but this year the Secretary was at another event and the role was left to the Commissioners and County Election staff – which we were honored to handle.

Events like this do not just happen. I would like to give a big shout out to our Elections Office



Team of Director Monica Dutko, Assistant Director Angie Crouse and Norma Carbaugh. It should be noted that the Department of State and the Secretary has always been extremely complimentary of our elections department for their high performance and their working relationship with the Department of State. The Commissioners all took part in this recognition and we look forward to many more Voter Hall of Fame events!

LCAC Road Rally Takes Off Saturday October 20

On Saturday October 20th, the Land Conservancy of Adams County's 20th Annual Fall Classic Road Rally leaves the starting line for a meandering scenic drive through Adams County. This year's theme is *Super Stops For Super Heroes* and features many of the best stops from the past twenty years. The route highlights vistas and scenic roads that showcase our beautiful county. The event is one of the primary fundraisers for the organization combining a great time with a great cause. The rally concludes with a finish line social with food and beverages.

To enter a team, be a sponsor, to ride along as a supporter or to make a contribution please contact the Land Conservancy of Adams County, 670 Old Harrisburg Road at 717-334-2828.

Annual Adams County Staff Picnic Next Friday

Be there or be square – employees. Don't miss the 12th Annual Adams County Staff Picnic on Friday, September 28th at the Ag Center. There will be lots of fun with games and good food. The lunch menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, pork B-B-Q, grilled chicken breasts, potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls, chips, condiments (cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions), soda and water. Delicious desserts as usual will be provided by the administrative staff. A drawing will be held for gifts so don't forget to add your name in the box!

Don't forget that this year we are again incorporating **"BAG The BOUNTY"** with the staff picnic. Please bring non-perishable items for donation to needy families within the County. Our tradition of available Commissioners and Judges serving you lunch will be a feature again this year. This year I am sure there is some disappointment that Commissioner Qually and I are not getting in the dunk tank again - but we are working the serving line. The picnic provides a great opportunity for fun, food and comradery while supporting worthy causes. We request all departments to RSVP to Paula by September 14 (that's today). Hope to see you out at the Ag Center Friday, September 28.



The **End**

If it ever stops raining I am sure that many of us will be firing up our lawnmowers this weekend to make hay. Speaking of yardwork, it was sad yesterday cutting off my now dead Black Eyed Susan's. That is a sure sign that summer is coming to an end.

Consider heading to your favorite local produce stand to get the last of those delicious Adams County peaches, sweet corn and watermelon before they disappear. I keep stocking up knowing the end is very close.

In this TGIF I mentioned Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve. I am sure a lot of Adams County residents have never been there. This Fall would be a perfect time to explore this wonderful preserve by just sitting along the stream, or going for a leisurely walk or more lengthily hike on their paths bordering Michaux State Forest.

No matter what you do get out there and experience all the Historical, Recreational, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!