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CCAP Executive Director *Selected*

The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania is an extremely critical tool for Pennsylvania county governments. CCAP Executive Director Doug Hill is recognized both statewide and nationally for leading this organization in a superior manner for the past 35 years. Ten months ago, Doug announced his retirement for December 2019. As the CCAP Region III Board representative, I was part of a very extensive screening and interview process for Doug's successor. I am delighted to announce that Lisa Schaefer will be CCAP's new Executive Director beginning December 1, 2019. There were numerous good applicants. Lisa's selection resulted from the extensive recruitment and interview process, with input from the CCAP full Board, CCAP members, CCAP staff and many others.

Lisa has spent nearly nine years as CCAP's Director of Government Relations and has been instrumental with



helping to lead the organization through numerous issues and enhancements. Lisa understands the Association and the needs of counties, and has proven to have the skills, respect and vision to continue to move counties forward as we work to enhance the lives of residents throughout Pennsylvania. Lisa began working with Doug Hill on September 1 to transition to her new role, and in the interim will have the title Acting Executive Director Appointee. She will fully assume the Executive Director role on December 1, 2019. Doug will serve as Executive Director Emeritus from that time until his official retirement date of December 31.

It has been a pleasure working with Lisa in her previous role as Director of Government Operations. The Adams County Board of Commissioners congratulates Lisa and wishes her the best as CCAP begins a new era of leadership. Best wishes Doug Hill - a job well done!

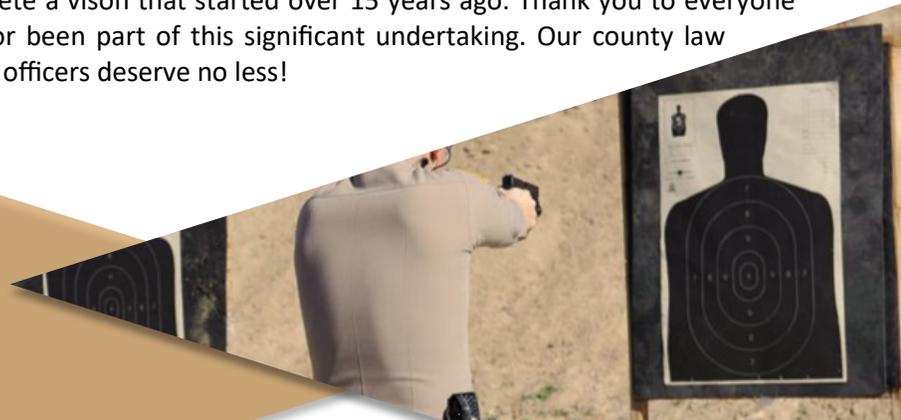
Council of Governments Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The 10TH Anniversary of the Adams County Council of Governments (ACCOG) was a milestone celebrated at the ACCOG August meeting at the Adams County DES Building. The event was part of the regular monthly meeting to recognize those, that over the past ten years, have served as founding members and officers. ACCOG was formed after Cumberland Twp. Chair Barb Underwood went to Franklin County's COG meetings and thought Adams County municipalities could benefit from such a council. With additional help from Bob Gordon, Judy Chambers, Sandi Vazquez and Brad Hunt, ACCOG was formed and the first official meeting was held in August 2009. The Adams County Commissioners assisted by agreeing to host the meetings at the Department of Emergency Services with County Solicitor John Hartzell providing legal advice.

COG's mission is to promote knowledge and collaboration between the county's municipalities and school districts as well as make legislators aware of issues that affect members of the COG organization. One of the organizations most prominent endeavors was the Fire Funding Study, in conjunction with Adams County Volunteer Emergency Services, resulting in many municipalities instituting a fire tax to support their struggling fire departments. The Adams County Commissioners presented a citation to the organization at the August meeting.

Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range

The long-awaited Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range is open with over 20,000 rounds already being fired for training and qualification by county law enforcement officers. Although the range has become a reality due to the generosity and engagement by many officials, organizations, businesses and individuals, with \$175,000 privately raised, the planned structures have yet to be completed awaiting additional funding. Funding has now been received to build a combination pavilion/storage shed and the memorial flag plaza. Also, some lane leveling, re-stoning and re-seeding will be taking place in the next few weeks. These improvements will fulfill an important county need and complete a vision that started over 15 years ago. Thank you to everyone that has contributed or been part of this significant undertaking. Our county law enforcement officers deserve no less!





Staff Fun Night

As part of our Health & Wellness Program, HR is announcing our next HWP event. The last Family Fun Events at the Ski Liberty Tube Park and the Harrisburg Senators Game, were extremely well attended. Our next event is being called Fall Family Fun Night. It will be held at Smithfield Farms in Aspers on Friday, October 18 from 5:30-8:30. Bring your spouse and your children/grandchildren (up to age 18 please) for a fun filled Fall evening of corn mazes (for big and small folks) and other family friendly activities! A bonfire complete with hot dogs, drinks and s'mores will be part of the night as well! So head home after work and grab the family for dinner and fun! Please RSVP to Danette Laughman at dlaughman@adamscounty.us no later than Friday October 4th. Employees, spouses, kids and grandkids costs will be covered by Wellness dollars. There will be an additional cost for any other guests. Smithfield farm is located at 64 Tree Lane, Aspers. Hope to see everyone there!

County Staff Picnic

The fun just doesn't stop in Adams County. The *Thirteenth Annual County Employee Picnic* will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the Ag Center's pavilion. It will be held rain or shine. We got you covered! As tradition from 11-2:30, the Board and the Judges will be dishing out the grub to our amazing staff. Last year we broke the record with 305 attendees. Let's break it again!

The lunch menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, pork B-B-Q, grilled chicken breasts, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls, chips, condiments (cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions), soda and water. Desserts will be provided to satisfy the employee with a sweet tooth. A drawing will be held for gifts so do not forget to add your name in the box! We are including again this year "*BAG THE BOUNTY*". Please bring non-perishable items for donation to needy families within the County. Also, in conjunction with the picnic, and upon approval by your Supervisor, we will be having a Dress Down day. Come on out and enjoy some great picnic food, games, prizes and fellowship. We will also again be serenaded by our own Indiana Bolger from Domestic Relations.

A huge shout out to some of the key players that make this picnic happen like Paula Neiman, Lisa Moreno-Woodward, Barb Walter, Lisa Chilcoat, Danette Laughman, Tom Leedy, Warren Bladen and other staff that supply food and labor.

All Department Directors, or designee, are asked to compile a list of employees in your office, who will be attending the picnic and forward this information to the Commissioner's Office by the end of business today. It is necessary that we have an accurate count because of placing the order for food and supplies. Come on out and enjoy some great picnic food, games, prizes and fellowship!

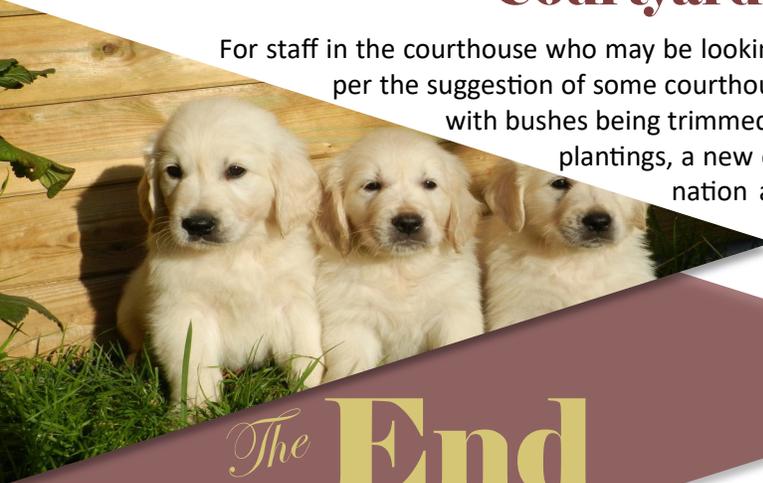


Back Door Improvement

You may have already noticed that the courthouse back door renovation is completed. There is no doubt that environmental controls and security have been significantly enhanced by the project; but there have been numerous comments that the renovation is also aesthetically very pleasing. I agree. A shout out to everyone involved in making this long over-due improvement happen!

Courtyard Improvement

For staff in the courthouse who may be looking for a greener fresh air experience for your break or at lunch, per the suggestion of some courthouse staff, the courtyard at the front entrance is being improved with bushes being trimmed, new mulch, power washing, better landscaping, some colorful plantings, a new composite picnic table that can be easily wiped off and a designation as a Staff Only area. This is a collaborative initiative between interested county staff, security, maintenance and the commissioner's office. The rumor is that you may even notice some colorful flowers there on Monday morning planted by staff volunteers.



The **End**

Well I am a 4-week puppy survivor! Having a much more ingrained memory of my former Golden Retriever Molly as an adult, I admittedly had somewhat forgotten just how much work a puppy can be, how much attention they take and how much mischief they can get into if you don't watch them every second. Despite the puppy challenges, things are going according to plan with the kitchen being Bailey's domain during the day - and at night her portable crate beside me. A good night is when we are up between 5:30-6:30AM; and a not so good night (like last night) is up at 3:00AM and 5:30AM. So far, she has been to Ocean City with me + Ragged Edge/ABC with my son Connor. She also knows her way around the exterior of YWCA. Wherever she goes she is a celebrity. Fortunately my family is pitching in with puppy duty. There is no doubt that Puppy Love is tough love!

It's that time of year when you can capture the best of Adams County produce. Peaches, tomatoes, watermelon and sweet corn are ending and still available but, apples are coming in full tilt. Fall mums are beginning to show up and before you know it, the Apple Harvest Festival will be here. Get your fresh Adams County produce this weekend before it's gone!

The *Adams County Heritage Festival* will take place this Sunday from 12-4 at the Gettysburg Recreation Park. The Adams County Heritage Festival is a celebration of ethnic music, food, and crafts that reflects the multicultural atmosphere of Adams County. The festival also features a Kids Bicycle Parade and a Community Walk on the Biser Trail. Did I mention the food? In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the YWCA. On Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22, The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association will be presenting its second annual *Fall Farm Skirmish and Living History* event at the Historic Daniel Lady Farm on Hanover Road just 1 mile east of Gettysburg. Cost is \$15 for 1 day and \$25 for 2 days. Also, next Saturday & Sunday the public is invited to tour World War II encampments of over 500 living historians portraying Allied and Axis troops at *Eisenhower National Historic Site's World War II Weekend*. Head out to Boyers Nursery beginning now thru October 20 for *Pick- Your- Own Apple Harvest*. Pick and fill your basket during normal business hours with a variety of apples. Don't miss *Guys & Dolls* at the Gettysburg Community Theater through September 22 - if you can get a ticket. Some shows are sold out. Catch a great musical with some amazing Adams County talent while supporting local theater! As part of the *Music Gettysburg* series, tonight at 7:30, Gettysburg's own John Wolfe, organist extraordinaire, comes home for a solo performance on the Mighty Andover Organ at The Lutheran Seminary Chapel. My guess is, parents Kris Rice and John Wolfe, will be proudly sitting in the front row.

It's a great time of year in Adams County! 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!