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Adams County Staff Picnic Today

Today promises to be a beautiful day for welcoming back the Adams County Staff Picnic at the Ag Center. Approximately 260 staff members have signed up for the picnic. Although the serving line will be inside the downstairs meeting room, dining and all other activities will be outside, and we request appropriate distancing. Food will be served from 11:30am-2pm. Takeout is available. We have several staff members who play a key role in making this event possible and they have our sincere gratitude. Please take a moment to thank them. Several commissioners and members of the judiciary will be serving you a large variety of delicious food. Enjoy!!



Adams County Operations Update

The wearing of masks continues to be required in County facilities. The Courthouse and County offices remain open for business with the following operational exceptions: The Sheriff's office requires appointments for License to Carry Permits and fingerprinting, the Prothonotary's office requires appointments for passports, the District Attorney's office requires appointments, public viewing of Court proceedings is still via virtual viewing at the Human Services Building by contacting the Court Administrator at 717-337-9846 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing, and the Prison and 2nd floor of the Department of Emergency Services are closed to the public.

Counties Continue to Request Election Legislation

With the November election looming, election legislation is a priority for Pennsylvania Counties. Counties are the experts in administering elections. The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania continues to urge prompt action by the General Assembly to prioritize a few simple changes to the law that will help counties continue to meet their goal of delivering fair, free elections for Pennsylvania citizens. Specifically, counties are calling for expanded pre-canvassing and moving the mail-in ballot application deadline back. With any additional changes, counties will also need sufficient resources to support both one-time and ongoing operational needs, and sufficient time for new requirements to be successfully administered and applied, including, for instance, time to acquire equipment and train election staff and poll workers as counties also balance their existing elections obligations.

Permanent Change of 3 Polling Places

Please note the following changes to polling sites effective with the November 2nd General Election. These changes will be permanent in order to decrease the amount of traffic in two of our senior centers. A special thank you to Irishtown Fire Company for offering their facility.

- Oxford #1 Polling Site to the Irishtown Fire Hall
- Straban #1 Polling Site to the Adams County Department of Emergency Services Building
- Straban #2 Polling Site to the Adams County Department of Emergency Services Building


The upcoming Municipal Election will be held on 11/2/21 and polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Please note that October 18, 2021, is the last day to register before the 11/2/21 election. To register to vote go to www.votespa.com and apply on-line or print a paper application and mail it to the Adams County Elections office at 117 Baltimore Street Gettysburg PA 17325 ([Voter Registration Application](#)) You may also register in person at the elections office at 117 Baltimore Street Gettysburg PA or call 717-337-9832 for assistance.



Hanover Shoe Farms To Be Preserved

Recognizing and honoring our County's historic and agricultural roots are essential to preserving Adams County's heritage for future generations. That mission was strengthened last Monday evening, when Conewago Township Supervisors, following up on a request by Adams County Planning & Development, for them to participate in some of the Hanover Shoe Farm easements, voted \$400,000 to cover at least 90% of (2) Hanover Shoe Farm easements. A shout out to our Adams County Planning Rural Resources and the Conewago Township Supervisors for their dedication and vision to this cause.

Commissioner Office Appointments



Deputy Clerk Lisa Moreno-Woodward was appointed to the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Board (CPTA) for a 5-year term effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026. Commissioner Jim Martin was re-appointed to the Adams County Housing Authority Board for a 3-year term effective through August 2024. Thank you, Lisa & Jim, for your willingness to serve on these boards for the benefit of our community!

The **End**

Gettysburg's 54th Annual Spring/Fall Outdoor Antique Show is tomorrow. Over 75 vendors will have their wares on display from 7am – 4pm. Also, this Saturday and Sunday, the Fairfield community comes together for their 40th Annual Fairfield Pippinfest. Named for the historic pippin apple, one of the first varieties brought to the colonies, this old-fashioned street fair delights from 9am-4pm each day. Pippinfest includes a quilt show, community yard sales, food, crafts, and musical entertainment. Visit pippinfest.com for more information.

Parking is free around town and will also be available at the Fairfield High School for a \$5 donation.

The 57TH National Apple Harvest Festival returns from a 1-year hiatus on October 2-3 & 9-10 at the South Mountain Fairground in Arendtsville. This event is a regional crowd pleaser in the Mid-Atlantic and offers the best produce, food, beverages, crafts and music that the Adams County has to offer. Proceeds from the event organized by the Upper Adams Jaycees significantly benefit our community. One day admission is \$10 with a 2-day admission price of \$17. A personal tip is to get there early to avoid some of the heavy traffic and crowds + don't miss the pit beef and chicken corn soup! Go to www.appleharvest.com to learn more!

The September 10 performance by the Scottish Band Skerryvore was rescheduled to next Wednesday, September 29 – so now you won't have to miss it! If you have ever been to Scotland or Ireland you know the music is unique and lively. The band members all hail from different regions of Scotland and create a unique fusion of Scottish folk, rock, and pop. Tickets are \$36-46 at www.gettysburgmajestic.org

This is great time of year in Adams County. No matter what you do get out there and experience all the historic, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!