

Adams County, Pennsylvania

# NEWSLETTER

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## HEALTHY COOKING

### *Adams County Wellness Recipe Contest*

Our Wellness Committee is sponsoring a "Healthy Recipe Contest". Submit your Healthy Recipe to the Human Resources office by Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The recipe can be something from a magazine, cookbook, a family member or a friend. On Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> bring your prepared dish in for the Wellness Committee to judge. Prizes will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Commissioner Qually will prepare the top two

dishes at the Farmers Market on the square on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 4:30PM. Please come out and taste the winning dishes. This is a great opportunity to share with others, have some fun and of course win some great prizes.

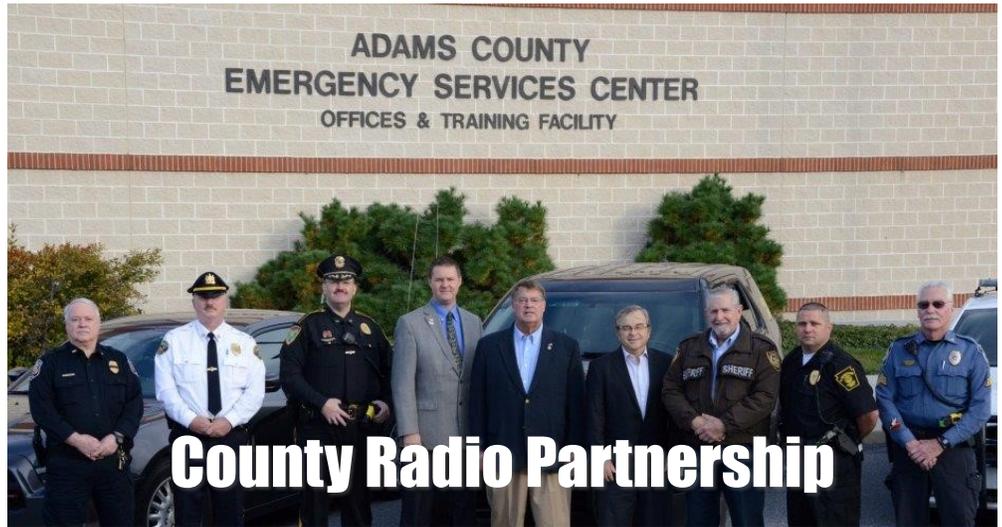
For more wellness opportunities visit the intranet. If you have not registered to the intranet or need help registering call extension 498.



# Human Services BUILDING



The County has planned an auction to sell off the excess office equipment, supplies and remaining inventory at the Human Services Building. The auction is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The auction will be held at the Human Services Building located on 525 Boyds School Road with doors opening at 9:00 a.m. for public inspection. There will also be another public inspection to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All items purchased at this auction must be removed by the following day, July 29, 2016.



At last week's commissioners meeting DES Director John Eline presented a grant request to potentially facilitate a partnership with Franklin and Dauphin Counties. What is happening is DES has been working on this project over a year; talking with Dauphin and Franklin Counties about sharing one Master Control Site versus each County having its own.

This only means that if their systems fail or if ours fails, any one of the counties would continue to function. This does not mean that we are working to establish one regional 9-1-1 center. We are looking at this as a cost saving measure to build 'regional' redundancy of network infrastructure so that we can avoid system failures. This would work with Dauphin and Franklin Counties because they have Motorola Astro P-25 systems like ours, even though they are working on 400-500 MHz frequencies.

In earlier conversations with the Board, we did ask if it would be possible that our counties could eventually share a 9-1-1 center. The answer to that is "yes, this

could happen, but we are many years away from being able to do this. Also we are told this is not likely. There are many logistical challenges to making that happen.

As a good example, in Western Pennsylvania, thirteen counties are currently doing what we're looking at doing with two of our neighboring counties - yet each of these thirteen counties continue to operate separate 9-1-1 centers. Like us, they were looking for ways to collaborate and share infrastructure and costs. This is more of an equipment and maintenance cost sharing measure than a move to consolidate operations.

It should also be pointed out that what the Board approved Wednesday morning was merely putting this project in motion. We still have no guarantee that we will be able to fund the sharing of a Master Control Site between the three counties - although we hope so. This is a very good regionalization move and it makes a lot of financial sense.

# Veterans Affairs Department **UPDATE**

The Adams County Veteran's Affairs office would like to announce that Victor Woerner will be joining the Adams County Veterans Affairs Department on a full time basis starting August 8, 2016. Vic will be transferring from the Security Department. Vic is a Veteran of the United States Navy and a retired Pennsylvania State Police trooper. He brings with him many skills that will enhance the services we provide to our 9,200 Adams County Veterans. His administrative, investigative and interviewing skills from years with the State Police are also attributes that are required in doing claim work for our Veterans to deter-

mine what benefits they may have earned. These skills will also enhance the proficiency necessary to assemble and process the various benefit claims that our VA office submits to the State Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs and the Veteran's Administration.

With Vic's addition, our Veteran's Affairs office will be able to reach out to more Veterans by

way of attending more outside functions that cater to Veterans and to provide more on site presentations to make Veterans and their families more aware of benefits and how to obtain them. This Board has expressed their desire for enhanced veterans outreach since taking office. Vic will be attending the accreditation course in Mechanicsburg, PA in September where he will be certified as a Veteran's Service Officer with the ability to submit claims to the Veterans Administration as well as represent our Veterans in claims appeals. Welcome Aboard Vic.



## *The* **END**

I wanted to thank Gettysburg College for hosting the now annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Gala for the community. Besides having the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors, the evening is chock-full of fun, music and fireworks. Craft beer and wine are now components of the event as well. A special treat this year was Destination's Gettysburg's Norris Flowers conducting the orchestra. Hopefully this young

community tradition continues for a long time!

This past weekend the weather made whatever you were doing very enjoyable – except for pulling weeds. I hoped you enjoyed last weekend - because I believe this weekend your best bet is to stay in the air conditioning or stay in the pool. This is good growing weather, and the corn is

shooting up and I am starting to see some early

peaches at the farmers markets. Adams County's delicious fruit and vegetable bounty will soon be at its peak. It's also hard shell crab season and on Saturday, I will be at one of those crab feasts that this area is famous for.

We are now in those Dog Days of July and its vacation season for a lot of folks. 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.

*Gettysburg Community*  
**4TH OF JULY**  
**Patriotic Pops Concert AND Fireworks**