

# CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP DISPATCH

## From the Chairman's Desk...

Over the past three years, myself, Cumberland Township Vice Chair Christine Biggins, and Cumberland Township Finance / Treasurer Director, Camie Stouck-Phiel have attended the Destination Gettysburg Annual Meeting of Partners. The evening brings together tourism partners, community leaders, and elected officials from around Adams County, including Cumberland Township, to hear about the number one industry in Adams County, tourism. The event is a great opportunity to network, find out the latest trends in the travel industry, and get insight into the upcoming campaigns that Destination Gettysburg plans to put into effect to attract visitors to the area.

Tourism in Adams County brings in \$736 million of direct spending, with \$76.2 million generated in local, state, and federal taxes. The tourism industry in Adams County supports more than 4,878 tourism jobs with many workers residing in Cumberland Township. A percentage of those tourism dollars goes to Destination Gettysburg to promote Adams County, Cumberland Township, and the surrounding areas. The portion of the money that Destination Gettysburg gets comes from a lodging tax (pillow tax) that was written into state law in 2001. That the County of Adams Tax Office collects the lodging tax (pillow tax) before being distributed to Destination Gettysburg and surrounding municipalities, in Adams County, that have a police force of more than two officers and have existed for more than two years.

Destination Gettysburg uses its portions of the funds to promote tourism. Cumberland Township uses the funds to supplement the cost of our police department, ensuring the high-quality policing that our residents have come to expect.

Visitation and overnight stays in Cumberland Township are something that might be overlooked with Gettysburg Borough and Straban Township in such close proximity. Cumberland Township boasts over 550 hotel rooms, including bed and breakfasts and other overnight stay accommodations. The number of these overnight accommodations directly factors into the percentage of the lodging tax that Cumberland Township receives each year. For the year 2024 Cumberland Township has budgeted an estimated \$135,000 in revenue from the lodging tax. As you can see, tourism not only plays a large economic role in Adams County but also in Cumberland Township.

Shaun Phiel- Chairman, BOS

## 2024 Board of Supervisors

Shaun Phiel  
Christine Biggins  
Jeff Brauning  
Tiffany J.S. Ramsburg  
Warren Sheppard

Your Board of Supervisors  
meets the 4th Tuesday of every month  
at 7:00pm 1370 Fairfield Road



ATTENTION!



The township is updating our email and website security. Our new website domain is <https://cumberlandtwppa.gov>. Please update your bookmarks!



# From the Manager's Desk...

## 275 Years!

We do not get the chance to appreciate 275th anniversaries often, however, Cumberland Township is excited to celebrate its 275th anniversary this October.

Cumberland Township is one of the most historic and traveled municipalities in the Commonwealth. We are the host municipality to the majority of the Gettysburg Battlefield, including the Visitor's Center, Pickett's Charge, Little Round Top, Big Round Top, The Peace Light, and many other historically important areas.

Our Township is accomplishing remarkable things and continues to grow to be the Township where families want to reside. From 1990 to 2020 Cumberland Township's population increased by 30%, from 5,417 residents in 1990 to 7,032 residents in 2020. That growth brings with it the increased need for services within our community.

The Cumberland Township Municipal Building, originally constructed in 1979, has seen various additions and studies over the years. Our most recent focus is on a comprehensive renovation, spurred by considerations ranging from security enhancements and accessibility, to adapting to the challenges the Township faces. The Building Committee continues to work weekly with the entire Cumberland Township staff, putting forth efforts to provide a facility that can accommodate growth far into the future. The Township looks forward to hosting a workshop in the next two months to review what that looks like and the process to get there.

The primary focus of the renovation project centers on bringing Cumberland Township's Police Department up to contemporary standards, with a 75% expansion of their facilities. This includes updated office spaces, interview rooms, a secure evidence room, locker rooms, and ADA-compliant accessibility for all residents. The renovated building will also feature a modernized meeting room, enabling various township and community gatherings. The new secure entrance and additional safety measures will ensure the well-being of both staff and the community. As we embark on this vital journey, Cumberland Township remains committed to transparency and community involvement, keeping residents informed every step of the way. Together, we build a safer and more resilient future for our community.

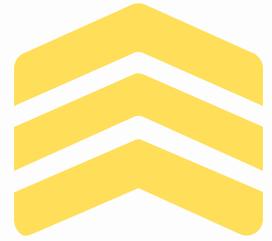
**David Blocher**  
**Township Manager**

Keep up with  
Building updates and  
Township Meetings!  
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# From your Chief of Police...



## CONGRATULATIONS SERGEANT GOODLING!

Congratulations to Officer Joshua Goodling on his well-deserved promotion to the rank of Sergeant within the Cumberland Township Police Department! Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving the community have not gone unnoticed. As you step into this new role, We have no doubt that your leadership skills and exemplary service will continue to inspire those around you. Wishing you all the best as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your career. Your contributions to the department and the community are truly commendable. Keep up the fantastic work, Sergeant Goodling!



**April 27th, 2024 10am-2pm**  
**Carroll Valley Boro Park**

### What type of medications can you submit at collection sites?

Any over the counter, controlled substance or prescription required drugs can be submitted. Tablets, capsules, ointments, creams and liquids will be accepted in its packaging. No need to take medicines out of the original package or container.

### What items will not be accepted at the collection sites?

Sharps and syringes will not be accepted due to safety reasons.

### Anything else?

We will also collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices after the battery is removed from the device.

**Chief Matthew S. Trostel**



Did you know?  
Emergency alerts  
are broadcast  
through the Savvy  
Citizen App! Sign  
up today!

Our next NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT/OPEN  
HOUSE  
August 1, 2024!

*Save the Date*

# From your Maintenance Department...

The Cumberland Township Maintenance Department is ready to Spring into the 2024 maintenance and construction season, there are a lot of big projects planned along with routine items throughout this summer. In the next few weeks, we will be finishing up tree trimming in various areas throughout the Township. This is an ongoing task that we typically conduct in the winter months.

We will be working cooperatively with Gettysburg Boro and with the cooperation of Mother Nature on street sweeping. This usually only takes a few weeks and not only removes debris such as anti-skid, leaves, and dirt from the street where it is noticeable but also helps prevent that debris from ending up in the stormwater collection system.

Also, this season we will be crack-sealing various streets and developments in the Township in preparation for surface treatments this summer. This process helps prevent water from finding its way into the subbase of the road and compromising the paved surface.

Twin Lakes 1 and Lakeview Drive will be finished with paving this season, this will finalize the project that was completed in phases over the last few summers. This project was completed with the help of neighboring municipalities, including Mt. Pleasant, Straban, and Franklin Township along with Gettysburg Boro. These municipalities work cooperatively on projects which add labor, equipment, and knowledge to the project and has proven to be a great benefit to all entities involved.

There is a planned paving project for Twin Lakes 2 and Twin Lakes Dr. This project will mostly be completed by an outsourced contractor. The development was prepared for paving over the last two summers with our crew replacing and updating stormwater pipes and structures. This will be the first time since the mid-90s that any surface treatments have been done to this nearly forty-year-old development.

The Preserves in Cumberland Village, Herrs Ridge Road (between Old Mill Rd. and Fairplay Rd.), and Fairplay Roads are slated to be micro-surfaced this summer as part of a paving preservation plan. This micro-surface product has been utilized by the Township for many years in various developed areas and has been proven to extend the life of our paved surfaces.

Routine tasks will take place throughout the summer including roadside mowing, which typically occurs three times a season depending on how the vegetation grows. Please use caution if you encounter a mower on our roads. Along with this, we will be spraying weeds along the Township right of ways, this includes around signs, guide rails, bridge abutments, and rock swales which helps prevent vegetation around these structures.

You will also see members of the maintenance staff collecting data for mapping various infrastructures in the Township including but not limited to our stormwater collection system, road signs, roadway profiles, and guide rails. This will help us manage projects and mandates such as MS-4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) the federally mandated pollutant reduction program.

There is also a list of stormwater pipes slated to be replaced, shoulder grading, line painting, boom mowing, and sign upgrades just to mention a few. We will post notices for these major projects on the SAVVY Citizen App.

If you have any questions or concerns about our Township roadways feel free to contact me. Have a GREAT SUMMER and BE SAFE!

Chris Walter

Superintendent of Roads



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!

The  
Cumberland  
Township  
Maintenance  
Department



# Do I Need A Permit??

If your are planning to -

Build a new home	Build an accessible ramp	Install a Patio
Build an accessory building/structure	Occupy a roadway	Remodel your home
Build an addition	Install a Fire Suppression System	Roof/Re-roof
Build out a Commercial Space	Build a fence	Install a Solar Power System
Build a deck	Erect a sign	Install a Generator
Demolish a structure	Complete Electrical, HVAC, or Plumbing work	Install a Pool or Hot Tub
Install a driveway	Change Occupancy	Replace your windows/doors
Replace siding/gutters	Improve a parking lot	Complete sewer repairs

...then YES!

Our township is partnered with PMCA - PA Municipal Code Alliance, to spearhead the permitting process. You can visit their office at 1895-B York Road, Gettysburg. Most permit applications can be found on their website - [www.pacodealliance.com](http://www.pacodealliance.com). They can be reached by phone at 717-496-4996 ext 172



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## But Why Do I Need One?

Permits are required for a multitude of reasons, primarily to ensure that construction projects comply with safety standards, zoning regulations, and building codes established by local, state, and federal authorities. These permits serve as a mechanism for oversight, ensuring that structures are constructed safely and in accordance with relevant laws. By obtaining a permit, builders commit to adhering to specific guidelines, which helps prevent hazards such as structural failures or fire risks. Additionally, permits facilitate accountability and legal recourse in case of disputes or issues arising during or after construction. Ultimately, the requirement for permits promotes public safety, protects property values, and fosters responsible development within communities.

# Get Involved!!

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:molong@cumberlandtwppa.gov)

The Citizen Interest form  
can be found in the  
Document Center at  
[www.cumberlandtwppa.gov!](http://www.cumberlandtwppa.gov)



## Available appointments:

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.

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!

## Your CTA Board...

Rich Redding, Chairman  
Tom Shealer, Vice Chairman  
Steve Niebler, Treasurer  
Tracey Barrick, Secretary  
Steve Toddes, Member  
Jim Williams, Member



## What are Capital Improvements? (And why do they cost \$10 a quarter??)

Capital improvements in the context of a municipal wastewater authority refer to significant investments made to enhance or expand the infrastructure and facilities used for treating and managing wastewater. These improvements can include the construction or upgrade of treatment plants, pipelines, pumping stations, and other related structures. Capital improvements are crucial for ensuring the continued functionality, efficiency, and compliance of wastewater systems. They enable the implementation of modern technologies and methods to improve treatment processes, increase capacity to accommodate growing populations, and enhance resilience against environmental challenges. By investing in capital improvements, wastewater authorities can maintain high standards of public health and environmental protection while effectively managing resources and reducing long-term operational costs.

## Capital Improvements Corner

- Route 116 Culvert/Sewer Relocation - Began work March 2024
- Boyds School Road Sewer Extension- Bid review
- South Plant Siphon Replacement- In progress
- South Plant Post Equalization, UV System, & Digester Conversion- Final Plans
- Greenmount Sewer System- Preliminary scope
- Retrofit Old Mill Pump Station- Permit application submitted to PA DEP

Want to know more or get involved? The CTA Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 3:00pm  
1370 Fairfield Road



CTA Tank Truck

**Save checks and time with auto-pay!**

ACH Authorization forms are available  
at [cumberlandtwppa.gov](http://cumberlandtwppa.gov) under the  
Document Center!

# Let's Talk Storm Water!

## Unlocking the Power of Rain Gardens to Improve Water Quality

In our ongoing efforts to enhance stormwater management and meet MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) compliance requirements, we're excited to introduce the concept of rain gardens as a sustainable solution. As we navigate the challenges posed by urban runoff and its impact on water quality, rain gardens emerge as a simple yet powerful tool to mitigate these effects while beautifying our neighborhoods.

### Why Rain Gardens?

Rain gardens are not just patches of greenery; they are natural filtration systems designed to capture, absorb, and treat stormwater runoff. By intercepting and infiltrating rainwater, rain gardens effectively reduce the volume and velocity of runoff, minimizing erosion, and preventing pollutants from reaching our waterways. This is particularly vital for MS4 compliance, as it helps us meet regulatory standards for water quality protection.

### How Do Rain Gardens Work?

Building a rain garden involves strategic planning and design tailored to your landscape. Here's a basic overview of how rain gardens function:

1. **Site Selection:** Identify a suitable location on your property where water naturally accumulates or where runoff from roofs, driveways, or other hard surfaces can be directed.
2. **Design:** Create a shallow depression with gently sloping sides to capture and hold rainwater. Incorporate native plants with deep roots that can withstand both wet and dry conditions, enhancing the garden's ability to absorb and filter water.
3. **Construction:** Dig the designated area to the desired depth, amend the soil as needed for improved drainage, and shape the garden according to your design specifications.
4. **Planting:** Select a diverse mix of native plants, including grasses, shrubs, and perennials, to populate the rain garden. Arrange them according to their water and sunlight requirements, ensuring optimal growth and performance.
5. **Maintenance:** Regular upkeep is essential to keep your rain garden functioning effectively. This includes mulching, weeding, pruning, and monitoring for any signs of erosion or sediment buildup.

### Benefits Beyond Compliance

While rain gardens play a crucial role in achieving MS4 compliance, their benefits extend far beyond regulatory requirements. By incorporating these green infrastructures into our landscapes, we can:

- Improve water quality by removing pollutants and contaminants from runoff.
- Enhance biodiversity by providing habitat and food sources for native wildlife.
- Reduce localized flooding and erosion by managing stormwater onsite.
- Beautify our communities with vibrant, sustainable landscaping features.



Building a rain garden is a tangible way for each of us to contribute to the health and resilience of our environment. Whether you're a homeowner, business owner, or community organization, there are numerous resources available to support your rain garden endeavors.



# The Rural Resource Division of the Adams County Office of Planning & Development

## is pleased to announce the Round 16 Application Cycle for the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program

The Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program Round 16 application cycle will be open Monday, April 1, 2024, through Friday, June 7, 2024. Applications for Round 16 will not be accepted prior to April 1, 2024, or after June 7, 2024! (If mailed, must be postmarked by June 7, 2024.) You may obtain an application at [www.adamscountypa.gov](http://www.adamscountypa.gov) under "Announcements."

Public Informational meetings are being held on Monday, March 25th at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA. If you know of anyone in Adams County who would be interested in preserving their land, please pass this information on to them. For more information, please call our office at 717-337-5859, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### What is an Agricultural Conservation Easement?

Agricultural Conservation Easements restrict and limit the conversion of farmland to nonagricultural use. Easements may be purchased when they are offered voluntarily by the landowner and shall be purchased only in perpetuity.

### How is the Township Involved?

Cumberland Township began earmarking \$30,000 annually to assist with farmland preservation in Cumberland Township in memory of David Waybright, a long time Township Supervisor. The first farm Cumberland Township assisted with preserving was the 71.40 acre Beatrice Waybright farm, located at 837 Mason Dixon Road.

#### Waybright Farm

Total for the Easement \$244,188.00  
Commonwealth: 78% (\$190,466.64)  
County Portion: 10% (\$24,418.80)  
Township Portion: 12% (\$29,302.56)

The second farm the township is assisting with is the Maring Family Farm, located at 2199 Taneytown Road consisting of 93.38 acres.

#### Maring Family Limited Partnership

Total for the Easement \$309,391.29  
Commonwealth: 60% (\$185,635.27)  
County: 30.31% (\$93,776)  
Township 9.69% (\$29,980.02)



Bea Waybright and Shaun Phiel, Chairman of the Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors

# Glass Recycling Center Now Open!



## WHEN?

The first Saturday of each month, from 9am-12pm (with expanded hours coming this summer!)

## WHERE?

230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg

## WHAT?

Only glass bottles and jars will be accepted. Plate glass, mirrors, auto glass, ceramics, and china will not be accepted. Please ensure the bottles and jars are empty, free from hazardous residue, and preferably unbroken for the safety of our volunteers.



Glass Recycling is brought to you by Gettysburg Green Gathering.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/GburgGreenGathering> or [gettysburggreengathering.com](http://gettysburggreengathering.com) for more information!

# E-Cycling 2024



## WHEN?

April 20, 2024 and September 21, 2024 from 8am-10am

## WHERE?

April - 523 North Avenue, East Berlin

September - 230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg

## WHAT?

All electronic devices are accepted with Photo ID and a receipt of your Waste Connections bill



MemoryCare.com is an online platform dedicated to providing valuable resources and information for individuals and families navigating the complexities of memory care. With a focus on Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related conditions, MemoryCare.com offers comprehensive guides, expert insights, and user-friendly tools to empower users in making informed decisions about memory care options. Whether seeking guidance on facilities, treatment approaches, or caregiving strategies, MemoryCare.com serves as a trusted ally, offering support and guidance to those facing the challenges of memory impairment.

To speak with a family advisor, call (833) 394-6619 or go to the website to send an email!



# Inflation Reduction Act Funds Will Support Gettysburg National Military Park Resilient Forest Initiative and Climate Change Impacts

[nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

News Release Date: March 5, 2024

GETTYSBURG, PA – Gettysburg National Military Park (NMP) has been awarded a combined \$429,000 to help combat catastrophic forest loss and study the effects of climate change on inland and river landscapes. Funding for these important projects and studies will be provided through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA became law on August 16, 2022. It provides the National Park Service with a historic opportunity to address critical ecosystem resilience, restoration, and environmental planning needs.

## Catastrophic Forest Loss

In Gettysburg NMP, forests are crucial to the health of ecosystems, the integrity of the cultural landscape, and surrounding local communities. However, forest health monitoring in eastern national parks has shown that park forests are rapidly changing, and don't have enough tree regeneration in the form of seedlings and saplings to replace canopy trees as they fall or die. IRA funds will be used to support the [Resilient Forest Initiative](#) through restoration efforts to sustain native forests for future generations.

This project will restore resilience to forest ecosystems of high ecological and cultural value in Gettysburg NMP, as well as 18 other Northeast national parks. Through strategic invasive plant management and planting of native tree seedlings, park forests will be more resilient to climate change and disturbances, allowing the park to achieve its goal of maintaining the current pattern of field and forest, and ensuring these forests persist for future generations to enjoy.

## Inland and River Landscapes

Gettysburg NMP, along with other inland and river battlefield cultural landscapes, is seeing effects of climate change that are expected to become more severe in the coming decades. Frequent stream flooding, increases in severe storms and their impacts, changing vegetation communities and fire regimes, and rising temperatures are all creating management challenges. At Gettysburg NMP, we will explore a variety of approaches for preserving our unique battlefield cultural landscape, from earthworks and other archeological resources to natural resources like forest and grassland vegetation that contribute to the historical scene. The project will identify strategies that the park will use to ensure that the cultural landscape is protected and continues to represent a focal event of the Civil War.

The project will create a comprehensive spatial database that combines existing cultural resource data (archeology, ethnography, historic structures, and cultural landscapes) and will integrate climate projections to support planning for the protection of fundamental park resources. The IRA is making it possible to immediately apply some of the strategies that will be developed through this project, through the grassland and forest restoration projects that will provide lasting climate resilience to crucial features of the Gettysburg NMP cultural landscape.

"The Inflation Reduction Act funding provided to Gettysburg NMP will help us in the coming years continue to utilize best practices when facing a [range of stressors](#) including [over-abundant white-tailed deer populations](#), spread of invasive plant species, extreme weather events, and changing climate conditions" said Acting Superintendent Kristina Heister. "At worst, these stressors can alter the battlefield landscape through the loss of forests, native plant communities, and associated wildlife. This investment to protect and restore healthy and resilient park lands is fundamental to the cultural landscape, healthy ecosystems, and visitor experience and will benefit people and our local community for generations to come."

A message from your  
SPCA...

Please visit  
[https://www.adamscountyspca.org/  
spay-neuter-services](https://www.adamscountyspca.org/spay-neuter-services) to schedule a  
low-cost spay or neuter today!

# FREE Microchips!

Residents of Adams County  
ONLY



The American Humane Association estimates over **10 MILLION** dogs and cats are lost or stolen every year in the U.S.

The **Adams County SPCA** and **Steve Rice Law** see the importance in keeping animals with their families to avoid them coming into the shelter or ending up with the wrong person.

The **Adams County SPCA** will be hosting our 1st **FREE** Microchip Clinic, including **FREE** chip registration to ensure that if pets go missing, a local Veterinarian's office and/or shelter can scan their microchip and return the pet(s) safely to their family.

This clinic is for residents of Adams County **ONLY** and **ONLY 1 dog per vehicle**. **NO CATS** will be chipped at this clinic. We will hold a cat microchip clinic at a date to be determined later.

Sponsored by:



**Where;**

Oakside Park  
2880 Table Rock Rd  
Biglerville, PA 17307

**When;**

April 21st 2024  
12pm-3pm



Abigail Avery, Director  
Adams County SPCA

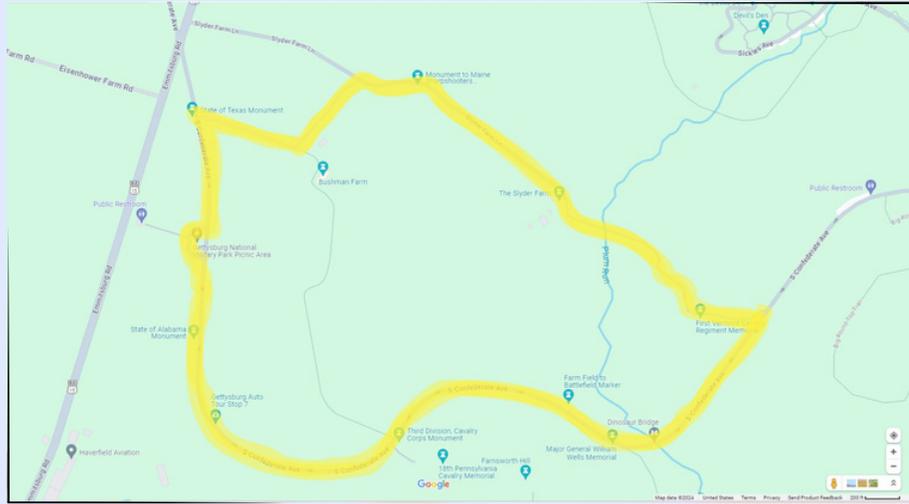
# Township Treasures

## Trail Spotlight- Slyder Farm

Distance- 1.9 Miles/Hilly

Surface-Paved Road and Gravel Trail

This farm was in the direct line of much of the action in the early afternoon of July 2. It was first occupied by soldiers of Union General Daniel E. Sickles' Third Corps. They were quickly driven out by Lieutenant General James Longstreet's Confederate brigades, who advanced through the property on their drive toward the left flank of the Union army.



The John Slyder farm is on the western side of Big Round Top, just down Plum Run from the Devil's Den. John had moved from Maryland and bought the 75 acre farm in 1849. By the 1860's it included a two story stone house, barn, blacksmith and carpenter shops, an orchard of peach and pear trees, thirty acres of timber and eighteen acres of meadow.

On July 2nd Confederate General John B. Hood's Division swept across Slyder's farm in its advance toward the Devil's Den and Little Round Top. The crops and orchards were trampled and destroyed and the farm buildings became a Confederate field hospital, with the family's possessions looted or spoiled.

Source: NPS & [gettysburg.stonesentinels.com](http://gettysburg.stonesentinels.com)

## Dinosaurs?!?

In a fascinating intersection of natural history and the American Civil War, Gettysburg Battlefield boasts two dinosaur fossils that provide a unique glimpse into deep time amidst the site's tumultuous past. Discovered during the battlefield's preservation efforts, these fossils, believed to be from the Late Triassic period, stand as silent witnesses to an era long before the conflict that engulfed the region. While the battlefields tell the story of human conflict, these fossils offer a reminder of the ancient world that once existed beneath the feet of soldiers who fought and fell on this hallowed ground. Their presence serves as a testament to the enduring mysteries and wonders of Earth's history, enriching the visitor's experience with a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness of time and place. Here's how to find them...

Traveling SB on Business Route 15, take a left turn onto South Confederate Avenue. Just past the monument to Major General William Wells you will see a bridge spanning Plum Run. There is parking available at the Wells monument.

On the right side of the bridge, you will see a print from the Anchisauripus.

On the left side of the bridge, you will see a print from the Atreipus.

# Tell me more about that bridge...

Sachs Covered Bridge, located in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, holds a significant place in American history. Constructed in 1854 by David S. Stoner, this picturesque bridge spans over Marsh Creek and served as a crucial transportation link during the Civil War era. The bridge was built in 1854 for \$1544, which would be \$56,690 today! Named after David Sachs, a nearby mill owner, the bridge played a role in the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, witnessing the movement of both Union and Confederate troops. Despite sustaining damage during the battle, Sachs Covered Bridge was later repaired and continued to serve as a vital pathway for local communities. Over the years, it has been meticulously preserved, becoming not just a historic landmark but also a symbol of resilience and endurance, standing as a testament to the enduring spirit of its builders and the turbulent times it has weathered. Today, Sachs Covered Bridge stands as one of the last remaining covered bridges in Adams County, offering a glimpse into the past and reminding visitors of its rich heritage.

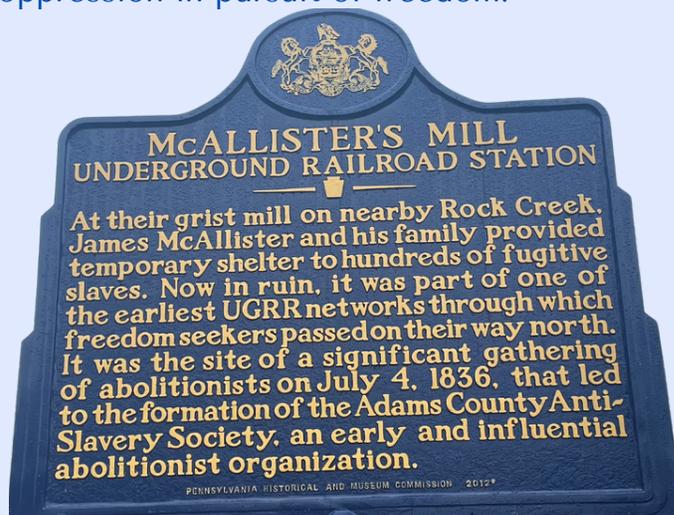


Photo by Mary Voss

Source: Wikipedia

# An important stop on the Underground Railroad

McAllister's Mill stands as a silent sentinel of freedom's struggle, nestled amidst the tranquil beauty of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Once a pivotal stop on the clandestine network of the Underground Railroad, this historic site bears witness to the courage and resilience of those who sought liberation from the shackles of slavery. Concealed within its timeworn walls, now ruins, countless individuals found solace and sanctuary, guided by the compassionate efforts of staunch abolitionist James McAllister, almost 30 years before the battle that tore through this town. Today, McAllister's Mill serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring pursuit of justice and the triumph of the human spirit over adversity, echoing the indomitable legacy of those who dared to defy oppression in pursuit of freedom.



Tours of the site are conducted by HGAC (Historic Gettysburg Adams County). Starting in May, tours meet Saturdays at 11am at the old Mulligan McDuffer's parking lot, near the historical marker. Tours are all-weather and take approximately one hour. A donation of \$5/\$10 students/adults is recommended and helps further the mission of HGAC.

Please see <https://www.hgaonline.org/underground-railroad-site-tours> for more information!

# The Incredible Years Program (IYS) Classroom Dinosaur Curriculum

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Serving Central Pennsylvania



## What is IYS?

The IYS Program teaches parents by offering practical behavioral support for both caregivers and children in two programs: The Basic Parent Program and Classroom Dinosaur Curriculum. Caregivers participate in their program at the same time as the children learn at Dina the Dinosaur School, to best meet everyone's needs and promote growth. IYS builds the caregivers' tool box for promoting children's social and emotional competence at home and school and fosters parent-to-parent support.

- Handling children's misbehavior
- Effective communication skills
- Problem solving
- Emotional regulation skills
- Promoting social skills

- Emotional awareness (naming feelings)
- School success (reading and social readiness)
- Fewer challenging behaviors
- Increased self-esteem, self confidence and positive relationships

## Classroom Dinosaur Curriculum for Children Ages 3-8:

- Doing your best in school
- Understanding feelings
- Problem solving
- Controlling anger with positive coping skills
- How to be friendly, happy and calm
- How to talk with friends

## Upcoming Sessions:

We have rolling enrollment and a new group starts every month. Contact now for more info!

## Program Descriptions

The Basic Parent Program for Parents of Children Ages 3-12:

- Child directed play skills
- Effective limit setting

## The Benefits of IYS

- Stronger social skills for your children (such as taking turns, waiting, asking, sharing, helping and complimenting)
- Self-control strategies and problem solving steps

## To Register:

All families may join the Incredible Years Program including families with both parents, single parents, divorced parents, foster parents, and kinship families.

Call: 717-420-5924

Fax: 717-420-5982

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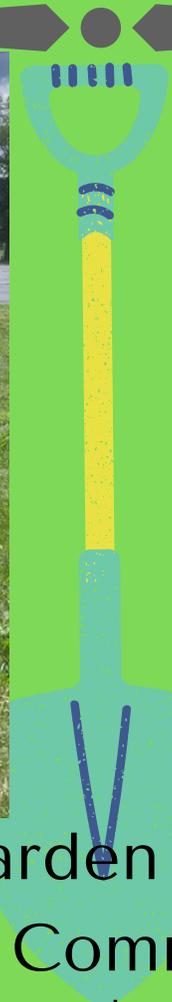
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## Lease Garden Space at The Brethren Community Garden

Would you like to have garden space to grow your own vegetables or flowers this year, but do not have the space? Consider leasing a 20 foot by 20 foot plot (400 square foot plot) from the Gettysburg Church of the Brethren at 1710 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. 15 Plots have been developed for beneficial use. Garden Plots will lease free of charge. Registration is required and now open. Leases will run from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Interested? Questions? Contact [info@gettysburgcob.org](mailto:info@gettysburgcob.org) or call (717) 334-5066 and leave your contact information for a return call with details.

We offer our space to the glory of God  
and our neighbor's good.



# 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!

# EVENTS!

## APRIL

- 1st- AC Ag Land Preservation Applications Open
- 6th- Ken Burns Series- ACHS
- 6th- Glass Recycling Center Open
- 7th- History Underground- ACHS
- 8th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
- 11th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
- 13th- An Evening with the Painting 5-7p- Gburg Foundation
- 15th- GARA Mtg 7pm Charlie Sterner Bldg
- 20th- E-Cycling 523 North Ave East Berlin
- 21st- Free Microchip Clinic 12-3p Oakeside Park
- 26th- Blood Drive Gettysburg Rec Park 12-6p
- 27th- Farmers Market Opens at Rec Park
- 27th- Yoga in the Park Opening Saturday 11-12p Rec Park
- 27th- Rx Drug Take Back 10-2pm Carroll Valley Boro Park
- 30th- BOS Mtg 7p

## MAY

- 4th- Glass Recycling Center Open
- 4th- Civil War Medicine Symposium- Gburg Foundation
- 4th- Girls' Day on the Farm- Gettysburg Goat Yoga
- 9th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
- 13th- CTA Board Mtg 3p
- 18th- Bob Gantz Memorial Golf Tournament- Barlow FD
- 18th & 19th- Fields Of Fury- Daniel Lady Farm
- 20th- GARA Mtg 7pm Charlie Sterner Bldg
- 25th- An Evening with the Painting 5-7p- Gburg Foundation
- 25th- Give it up for Good Sale- United Way/Gburg College
- 27th- Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony
- 28th- BOS Mtg 7p

BOS, CTA, and Planning Commission Board meetings are held at 1370 Fairfield Road

## JUNE

- 1st- Glass Recycling Center Open
- 1st- Gettysburg Pridefest- [gettysburgpride.com](http://gettysburgpride.com)
- 7th- AC Ag Land Preservation Applications Close
- 7th- Annual Race Against Poverty- SCCAP
- 7th- Spangler Farm Opening Weekend- Gburg Foundation
- 10th- CTA Board Mtg 3pm
- 13th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30p
- 14th- Funfest 3-7p- Rec Park/Adams County Library
- 17th- GARA Mtg 7pm Charlie Sterner Bldg
- 25th- BOS Mtg 7p
- 29th- An Evening with the Painting 5-7p- Gburg Foundation

Yoga in the Park takes place every Saturday from 11-12pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park, starting 4/27!



Have a township event you'd like included in our next edition? Email [mvooss@cumberlandtwppa.gov](mailto:mvooss@cumberlandtwppa.gov) with **EVENT** in the subject line. We'd love to help you get the word out!

ACHS- Adams County Historical Society  
625 Biglerville Road  
Tickets available at [www.achs-pa.org](http://www.achs-pa.org)

 Adams County Farmers' Market   
takes place every Saturday, 8am-1pm at the  
Gettysburg Rec Park. Opening Day 4/27!

# Essential Township Contacts

For all your township needs...

## Cumberland Township Municipal Building

717-334-6485  
1370 Fairfield Road  
[www.cumberlandtwppa.gov](http://www.cumberlandtwppa.gov)

For all your sewer needs...

## Cumberland Township Sewer Authority

717-334-6485  
1370 Fairfield 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

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