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Petition To Increase Straban Twp. Polling Sites From Two To Four

There are currently two voting districts in Straban Township, both voting at Adams County Department of Emergency Services. At Wednesday's public meeting, the Adams County Commissioners, sitting as the Adams County Board of Elections, approved petitioning the Court to realign the election districts in Straban Township to create 4 voting districts. The Board has determined this increase necessary due to the number of electors in Straban Township with on-going residential development. Approval of this petition request will reduce the volume of voters in each district and better promote convenience and efficiency for residents and poll workers.

The number of registered voters in each proposed district would be 948 District 1, 1,009 District 2, 1,223 District 3, 1,160 District 4. Straban Township voters will be notified of their poll location prior to the November 3, General Election.

Legislation Advances Amending Sunshine Act Ruling

As well as a big deal to residents for transparency, the Sunshine Act is a big deal to County and Municipal Governments in process and staff time. On February 4, the House Local Government Committee advanced [House Bill 2146](#), introduced by Representative Robert Freeman (D-Northampton), now awaits further consideration on the House floor. House Bill 2146 stems from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s interpretation of amendments to the Sunshine Act enacted in 2021. In that decision, the Court determined that school boards and other governing bodies are permitted to add action items to a publicly posted meeting agenda by a simple majority vote during the meeting.

In response, HB 2146 would reverse that interpretation by requiring local governments to schedule and publicly advertise a separate meeting if an unexpected matter arises after an agenda has been published, eliminating the current 24-hour notice. Local governments routinely encounter important issues that emerge after meeting agendas are finalized. While these matters are often not emergencies, they are frequently time-sensitive and could be addressed appropriately during the scheduled meeting. Despite best efforts to plan ahead, it is not always possible to anticipate every issue that may require governing body action. Without the ability to amend an agenda during a public meeting, local governments would face delayed decision-making, increased administrative burdens, and the need to convene additional special meetings at taxpayer expense, potentially limiting their ability to respond promptly to immediate community needs.

AG Land Preservation Board Appointments

At the February 4th public meeting Chairman Craig Yingling, Sidney Kuhn, Vice-Chair Dave Wenk, and Doyle Waybright were re-appointed to a 3-year term on the Adams County AG Land Preservation Board. Ellen Dayhoff was appointed Treasurer and LeighAnn Abraham Secretary, and Mark Clowney Asst, Secretary. Thank you to these residents and staff who recognize the importance of this Board and offer their service and expertise!



105 Acre AG Conservation Easement Approved

The Adams County Board of Commissioners approved the Agreement for the Sale and Purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Daniel R. Trimmer. This Agreement provides for the sale and purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on approximately 105.07 acres owned by Mr. Trimmer in Hamilton Township, Adams County, at a total easement purchase price of \$312,057.90, with incidental costs in the amount of \$9,030.88. The Commonwealth will be paying for the entirety of the easement price and will reimburse the County the full amount of the incidental costs, so there is no cost to the County.

Penn State Extension Food Preservation Workshop

Penn State Extension will offer in-person food preservation workshop March 11, 2026, from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the Adams County Penn State Extension office. Instructors will present research-backed information to help dispel food preservation myths, point out unsafe practices, and offer practical tips to ensure a positive experience when preserving food at home whether by canning, drying or freezing. The public is encouraged to attend. The 2-hour workshop requires a \$15 pre-registration fee. Contact Sarah Davis, Food Safety Educator, email spd5944@psu.edu

HazMat Agreement With York County



HazMat is not a big deal until you need it – and then it becomes a really big deal! At Wednesday's public meeting, the Board voted to sign the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Fiscal Year 2025 Hazardous Material Response Fund Grant Agreement C950005414, between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and Adams County. This Agreement provides for a state-funded grant award of \$13,570.00, to be used to pay for the County's contract with the York County Hazardous Materials Team and to pay for a portion of the salary of the County's Haz Mat Coordinator/Emergency Planner. The period of performance for this Agreement is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. No County match is required.

Well Done Donna Cassatt

A fair jury trial by your peers is one of the keystone planks of our democracy. We really don't give it much thought until that slip arrives in the mailbox notifying that you have been selected for jury duty. The administration that goes into that process from the initial notification in the mail - until the time you have completed your service, and been given the stipend, takes a lot of management. Deputy Court Administrator Donna Cassatt was recognized at the February 4th public meeting for filling that role admirably with 32-years of service to Adams County residents. Donna received a well-deserved standing ovation from those attending. Best wishes and thank you Donna Cassatt!

*Well Done
Donna!*

The End!

- Land Conservancy of Adams County Annual Dinner Meeting:** The LCAC Annual Dinner Meeting will be held at the Adams County Historical Society, Thursday, March 12, at 6PM. This event celebrates the vision, work, accomplishments, and pride of preserving our heritage, water quality, ag land and viewsapes of Adams County. Newly enrolled participants in the program are recognized at the meeting. As a Board Member of the ACLC, I ask that if you are a member of ACLC, I thank you very much for your support! If you are not a member, I ask that you consider becoming a member and supporting this significant community initiative.
- Adams County Fruit Growers Annual Banquet:** Thursday, March 5, at Hickory Bridge Farm. The Outstanding Fruit Grower will be honored. It's always a pleasure to attend this event and mingle with Adams County Fruit Growers!
- We The People, The Musical:** Gettysburg Community Theaters production that features an all-senior cast on stage February & March with a musical inspired by the Preamble to the Constitution. Features songs and sketches that explore American experiences, values and traditions. We The People, The Musical runs now through March 8. Tickets \$20. 717-334-2629. info@gettysburgcommunitytheater.org.



We the People the musical

- Hollabaugh Brothers Book Swap:** Join Hollabaugh Brothers Market for their inaugural Book Swap event this Saturday from 12-5. Bring books for the Little Lending Library and take a book home. The Bee Room will be set up with lots of books on display. Feel free to drop off books prior to the event.
- The Love Story of Jack Skelly & Jenny Wade:** Join historian Tim Smith as he attempts to sort fact from fiction and analyze the true circumstances of the love story of Jack & Jennie. This Saturday 11AM at the ACHS. Members free and non-members \$10.
- A National Shrine:** The History Of Gettysburg National Cemetery: GNMP Winter Lecture Series. Lectures at 1:30PM in the GNMP Visitor Center weekends through March 8. Free seating is first come first serve with tickets available the day of the event. This weekend join Ranger Dan Vermilya to explore the history and meaning of Gettysburg National Cemetery.

- **St Francis Lenten Fish Fry:** It's that time of year for the popular St Francis Friday Night Fish Fry from now through March 27. A variety of food options are available for adults, seniors and children. At the Xavier Center on Table Rock Road from 5-7 each Friday.
- **St Joseph The Worker Potpie Dinner:** Both baked and slippery potpie available. This Sunday from 7AM – 1PM with take-out only, at the Parish Center on Hanover Street in Bonneauville. Please bring your own non-glass container.
- **York Springs Lions Community Breakfast:** All you can eat breakfast, this Saturday from 7-10:30 at the York Springs Fire Hall. Bring a canned good for the food bank to get \$1 off admission. Adults \$12 & Children \$5.

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!