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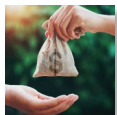
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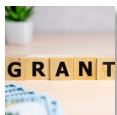
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ARE YOU
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Election Deadline And Court Decision

A reminder that the deadline to register to vote is October 21, and that the application for Mail-In Ballots must be submitted by October 29TH. All Mail-In Ballots must be received in person or by mail at the Election Office by 8PM on Election Day!

On other voter matters, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, on Saturday, October 5, said that *"This Court will neither impose nor countenance substantial alterations to existing laws and procedures during the pendency of an ongoing election."* In essence, the Supreme Court has indicated it will not take up any further election-related litigation prior to the November 5 election – however, in its order the Court did leave the door open to deal with cases pending before the appellate courts, including the Washington County and Butler County cases noted below.



Community Foundation Giving Spree

The Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree is important for our Adams County non-profits. This now traditional day of giving is Thursday, November 7. Donors can support over 115 non-profits by mailing their gift directly to the community foundation before November 7, drop off curbside at one of 5 locations around the county from 1-5 that day, or participate on-line at ACCFGivingSpree.org on November 7. For a Donor Guide and information on in-person non-profit information events for donors, visit ACCFGivingSpree.org.

Land Conservancy Adams County Road Rally

The Land Conservancy of Adams County is celebrating preserving over **13,250 acres** of land in Adams County. Preserving our woodlands, farmlands, water sources, and vistas does not come without a cost. One of the organizations largest fundraisers is just around the corner on Saturday October 19. The themed rally will take you on 50 miles of beautiful Adams County countryside, with 4 stops, and a dinner celebration at the end. The deadline for registration is today so call 717-334-2828 or go to www.preserveadams.org

Oak Lawn Fall Cleanup

Calling all civic minded volunteers to the Volunteer Fall Cleanup at Oak Lawn Cemetery. Volunteers have played a significant role in maintaining the Cemetery while the Cemetery awaits the appropriate conditions for a non-profit board to take over the reins. After years of very public malfeasance and turmoil, the County took over ownership to preserve the Cemetery and the final resting place of thousands of Adams County residents - including a Veterans section. The cleanup will take place on Sunday, October 20, between 11-3. Lunch will be provided. Bring your gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, nippers, trimmers, push mowers and roll up your sleeves for your community. Besides a sense of community spirit, you will meet some outstanding community servants! For more information contact Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Shultz at sleepyhollowghost-walks.com or call her at 717-357-9684

Adams County Staff Picnic A Success

Despite the rain, good food and comradery prevailed at the Adams County Staff Picnic held last month at the AG Center. Besides eating and socializing, the "Bag the Bounty" theme garnered 459 pounds of donated non-perishable food for Adams Countians with food needs. A shout out to county staff for their contributions. This event would not happen without several key staff providing leadership and elbow grease for the staff picnic. You are very much appreciated for making this event anticipated and successful every year. Also, thank you to the Commissioners & Judges who put their aprons on to serve you!

Community Development Block Grant Approvals

The Board of Commissioners approved the following Community Development Block Grant applications at the October 2nd public meeting. Although these grants are cumbersome and time consuming to review and administrate, they are important because they are dedicated to improving infrastructure within our Adams County municipalities:

- On behalf of Gettysburg Borough, the Cooperation Agreement between Adams County, and the Borough of Gettysburg for Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG Allocation in the amount of \$129,094.00 for streetscape improvements and ADA complaint sidewalks on North Washington Street.
- On behalf of Littlestown Borough, the Cooperation Agreement between Adams County, and the Borough of Littlestown for Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG Allocation in the amount of \$103,226.00 for ADA compliant sidewalks.
- Fiscal Year 2022 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement between Adams County and Hoffman Homes, Inc. in the amount of \$163,339.00 for their safety fencing project.
- Subrecipient Agreements between Adams County and Biglerville Borough and Authority for Fiscal Year 2020 in the amount of \$228,423.00; Fiscal Year 2022 in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of

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\$263,477.00 for their multi-year water line replacement project.

We also approved the following 2024 Adams County Parks & Recreation Program Projects:

- Abbottstown Borough - \$12,110.24 – 9-hole disc golf course to an existing walking trail
- Oxford Township - \$25,000.00 – Pavilion
- Hamiltonban Community Park - \$5,807.00 – installation of water foundation, materials, etc.

Best Wishes John Warner

For 35 years, whenever an Adams County office needed something done, carried, or delivered, Maintenance Worker John Warner was the man to go to. He was a fixture in the hallways of Adams County. John was the guy who carried in the ballot boxes to a secure room on election evening twice a year. That equals 70 elections! We thank John for his 35 years of service to Adams County and wish him the best in retirement!

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- **4-H Benefit Auction:** This annual event takes place Friday, November 1 at Redding Auction Service. Doors open at 5:00 – 10:30. It is the 4-H biggest fundraiser of the year and pays members annual fee as well as scholarships. Beside bidders, Adams County 4-H is always looking for bidding items from local individuals and businesses. Bid on antiques, handcrafted items, and gift certificates during the live and silent auction. For more information contact Trudy Gladhill, Penn State Extension at 717-334-1131. Get out there and try and outbid Commissioner Martin.
- **Fairfield Historical Society “Cresap’s War” Program:** Thursday, October 17, 7PM at Village Hall. Kevin Bream shares stories of the 80-year dispute and conflict over the PA/MD border and how it was finally resolved. The program is free and light refreshments will be served.
- **Greenmount Fire Company Kids Halloween Party:** Saturday, October 26, 5-8PM. Games, activities, fire truck and hayrides, pizza, hot dogs, snacks and beverages provided. For more information call 717-549-1473
- **National Apple Harvest Festival.** If you missed it last weekend, don’t miss it this last weekend. The weather forecast is great, and the ground should be dry. This is an iconic regional Fall event that benefits Oakside Community Park and our Adams County Community. Saturday 8-6 & Sunday 8-5. Come early or mid-afternoon to avoid the crowd.
- **BAM Percussion: The Blue Barrel Show:** The art of comedy and percussion combined by the BAM Characters. Majestic Theater, Saturday 3PM. Tickets \$24-\$39.
- **Adams County Farm Market – Trick or Treat Trail:** Gettysburg Rec Park, Saturday, 8-1. The event is free to kids and families. Get into the spirit of the spooky season.
- **Fall Family Day At The Spangler Farm:** Saturday. George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital. Open 10-3. Parking on site. Family friendly programming, activities, living history, civil war encampments, civil war medicine and Spangler family experiences. Free and open to public. gettysburgfoundation.org
- **The Eisenhower’s At Gettysburg:** Saturday at 11. Explore the life and legacy of Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower through a host of rare Eisenhower images and artifacts from the ACHS collection.
- **Adams County Day – NPS Visitor Center:** This Monday on Columbus Day, per an on-going tradition, Adams County residents, with proof of residency receive free admission to the NPS Visitor Center Museum, New Birth of Freedom, and Cyclorama Painting. The Park Visitor Center is open from 8-5.

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.