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Hurricane Ida Wrap-Up

Wednesday's storm dumped over 7 inches of rain in some parts of Adams County. As a result, the County's 911 Center experienced a surge in activity receiving 392 calls for service. Flash flooding occurred across the county, resulting in several water rescues. Approximately 30 McSherrystown Residents were forced to evacuate their homes due to rising waters. Fortunately, the Adams County Department of Emergency Services (DES) was prepared to meet the challenge. Additional Telecommunicators were on duty, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated, and the Emergency Management staff, with the help of the Red Cross, established a shelter for those displaced. A big "thank you" goes out to the Delone Catholic High School for graciously allowing DES to use their facility as a shelter. A shout out to all Adams County Emergency Responders.



Staff Picnic September 24th

The 14TH Annual Adams County Staff Picnic will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021 at the Ag Center's pavilion, rain, or shine. The picnic will be held during the hours of 11:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. This time should cover the lunch hour that is provided to county employees and allow time for the employees who work second and third shifts to attend. In conjunction with the picnic, and upon approval by your Supervisor, we will be having a dress down day. This year there will be some changes due to the COVID dynamic.

1. Masks will be required when inside the building with food being served.
2. There will be outside eating only under the pavilion or scattered picnic tables.

We need to be aware of appropriate social distancing.

The lunch menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, pork B-B-Q, grilled chicken breasts, potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls, snacks, condiments (cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions), soda and water. Desserts will be provided to satisfy the employee with a sweet tooth. A drawing will be held for gifts - so do not forget to add your name in the box. We are again supporting "BAG THE BOUNTY". Please bring non-perishable items for donation to needy families within the County.

All Department Directors, or designee, are asked to compile a list of employees in your office, who will be attending the picnic and forward this information to the Commissioner's Office on or before September 10, 2021. It is necessary that we have an accurate count by this date because of placing the order for food and supplies.

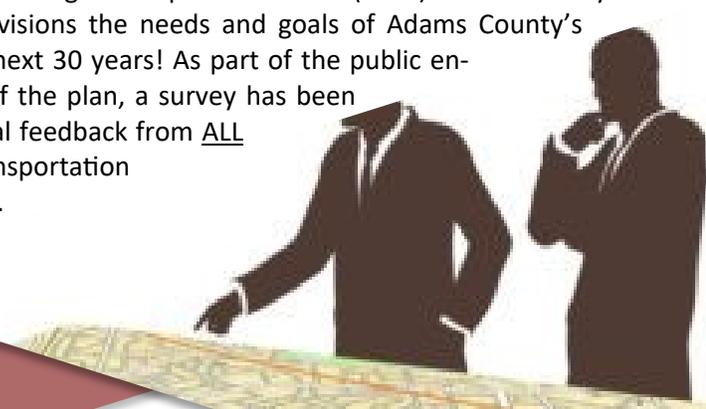
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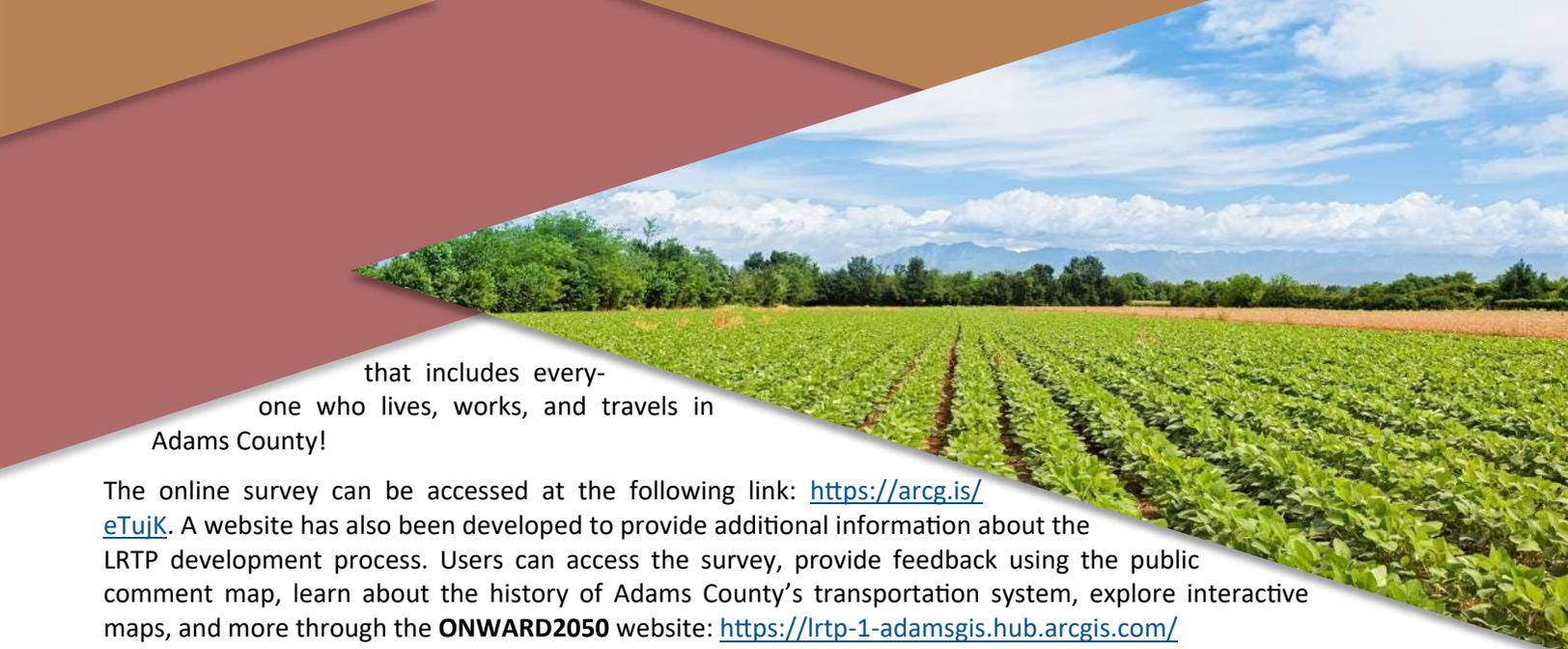
Counties are the experts in administering elections. The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania continues to urge prompt action by the General Assembly to prioritize a few simple changes to the law that will help counties continue to meet their goal of delivering fair, free elections for Pennsylvania 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.

Long-Range Transportation Plan Seeks Input

The Adams County Transportation Planning Organization and the Adams County Office of Planning and Development are currently updating Adams County's Long- Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This federally mandated plan, titled **ONWARD2050**, envisions the needs and goals of Adams County's transportation system over the next 30 years! As part of the public engagement component of the plan, a survey has been developed to gather vital feedback from ALL users of the transportation system...





that includes everyone who lives, works, and travels in Adams County!

The online survey can be accessed at the following link: <https://arcg.is/eTujk>. A website has also been developed to provide additional information about the LRTP development process. Users can access the survey, provide feedback using the public comment map, learn about the history of Adams County's transportation system, explore interactive maps, and more through the **ONWARD2050** website: <https://lrtp-1-adamsgis.hub.arcgis.com/>

Your feedback matters! The survey will likely run through September, although a definite closing date has not yet been determined. Please let Adams County Planning know if you have any questions or would like any additional information. Contact them at 717-337-9824.

Preserving Adams County Farmland

Ellen Dayhoff sent the Commissioners the link below to a short video clip created by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture featuring Adams County farmers John Hess and Dave Wenk - promoting farmland preservation. It is very well done and incorporates stunning views of Adams County.

You may not know that Pennsylvania is a national leader in Farmland Preservation with over 600,000 acres preserved. Adams County has 23,245 acres preserved in the program. The video was shown at an annual meeting in Berks County with Adams County's own native son, Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, delivering remarks for the occasion. Ellen and her team are very proud of our program and all the landowners who have participated in the preservation program. For more program information you may contact Ellen Dayhoff at 717-337-9824 Ext. 3010.

https://pacast.com/download?f=18774_AGRIFarmlandPreservationLongFormMASTER.mp4

Maintenance On County Complex Water Tower

At the last Commissioner's Meeting the water tower painting contract was awarded to Corrosion Control Corporation, a New Jersey corporation with registered offices in Pennsylvania. As the result of a duly advertised public bidding process, eight (8) proposals were received and carefully reviewed by the County and C.S. Davidson, the County's engineering firm. Corrosion Control was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, offering the County both the lowest cost and over 50 years of experience.

The scope of the project will include surface preparation and painting of the interior above the water line and exterior of the County's 400,000-gallon water tank located in Straban Township near the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex & Department of Emergency Services. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by late fall of 2021, with a total cost to the County of \$71,175.00.

Warden & Assistant Warden Receive Certification

A shout out to Warden Katy Hileman & Deputy Warden Larry Snyder, who both received the Certified Corrections Executive (CCE) Certificate after taking and passing the exam that took place during the National Corrections Conference in Nashville this summer. The Board loudly applauds their initiative in taking this opportunity for professional growth and enhancement of our corrections facility!



The End

The Gettysburg Foundation has announced two family friendly history opportunities. *Family Day at the beautifully restored George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital* is this Saturday from 10AM-3PM. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with living historians all day while visiting the site. Over 1,900 wounded Federal & Confederate soldiers were treated at the 11TH Corps Spangler Farm Field Hospital which has been beautifully restored. Free shuttle tickets are required and available at the National Park Service Visitors Center. The Gettysburg Foundation has also transformed the Rupp House on Baltimore Street into a child friendly learning center, utilizing hands on interactive activities, to tell the story of 6 youngsters growing up in Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863. Their *Grand Opening – Children of Gettysburg*, is this Saturday, September 4th at 10:00AM. Hours of operation will be daily 10AM-7PM until November 26 when hours are reduced. Children under 12 with ticketed adult are free. For tickets go online at www.GettysburgFoundation.org or call 877-874-2478. Tickets also can be obtained at the Rupp House or at the NPS Visitor Center ticket counter.

Speaking of family friendly historical events, the 159TH *Antietam/Sharpsburg Civil War Reenactment & Living History* takes place September 18TH & 19TH at the historic Daniel Lady Farm just 1 mile east of Gettysburg on Hanover Road. The event features battles, military camps, a living history tent with programs all day, sutlers and a living history village. Proceeds support preservation of this beautifully rested civil war site. Go to www.gbpa.org for tickets and information.

Closing ceremonies for *One Hundred Nights of Taps* takes place on September 11th so don't miss, for one last time, this year the opportunity to experience and take part in a moving experience in the Soldiers National Cemetery. Taps occur each evening at 7PM. This evening is *Pour Tour Shuttle – Beer Friday* with destinations including Roy-Pitz Brewing, Thirsty Farmer, and Battlefield Brew Works. Leave from 778 Baltimore Street at 5PM and cost is \$35. Call 717-334-6296. The *Gettysburg Heritage Center Museum* will come to life with riveting first person accounts of the battle from townspeople. The upcoming event dates are September 4, 18 & October 2, 23. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 children 6-12. Call the Heritage Center 717-334-6245.

Escape From Seminary Ridge is a historical escape room housed in attic of historic Schmucker Hall on the seminary campus. It is open on numerous dates between June 19TH – December 18TH. Participants are recommended to be at least 12 years old. Times and days of operation may vary depending on museum events. Contact 717-339-1300 or email info@seminaryridgemuseum.org

Steel Magnolias takes the stage at Gettysburg Community Theater on September 10,11,12,17,18,19. The historical, real-life, and constitutional testing experience of a white man and black women, getting married in Virginia during the 1950's, is portrayed in *Loving*, on stage at GCT the weekends of February 11& 20, 2022.

Twice winners of Scotland's Traditional Music Live Act of the Year Award, *Skerryvore* goes on stage at The Majestic September 29 at 7:230. Skerryvore creates a unique fusion of folk, rock and pop that represents all the different personalities and upbringing of the band members who each hail from different regions of Scotland and with blues, folk and country influences. Skerryvore tickets are \$46 / \$40 / \$35.

The peaches, watermelon, tomatoes, and sweet corn are delicious right now. In the past week, I have hit Boyers, McDannels's, Hollabaugh's and Sandoes – no kidding! Don't forget that the Adams County Farmers Market is held from 8AM-1PM each Saturday at 108 N. Stratton Street behind the Transit Station. My next-door neighbors raspberry bushes over-hang my property boundary and are like a mini buffet every day. When I am mowing, I normally make a couple stops in that area. My 4-year-old granddaughter flagged me down Tuesday for advice on the best raspberries to pick for her Nan – because they make her Nan happy – and Nan being happy also makes me happy! With peaches and corn soon fading, and apples coming on strong, make Adams County produce a tasty and healthy staple of your diet while supporting our Adams County farming community.

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.