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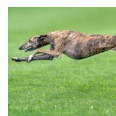
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April is National County Government Month

Counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, well-being, and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways. Counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, and foster economic opportunities. Many residents do not realize that Adams County has 30 Departments that include Courts, Prison, Department of Emergency Services, District Attorney, Public Defender, CYD, Probation, Domestic Relations, Planning and many other departments that include 530 staff. Pennsylvania County Government provides a multitude of essential services to our residents. The Board would like to recognize and thank all of our Adams County staff members and elected officials for helping to make Adams County the great place to live and work that it is!



Pennsylvania Invests To Protect Farms

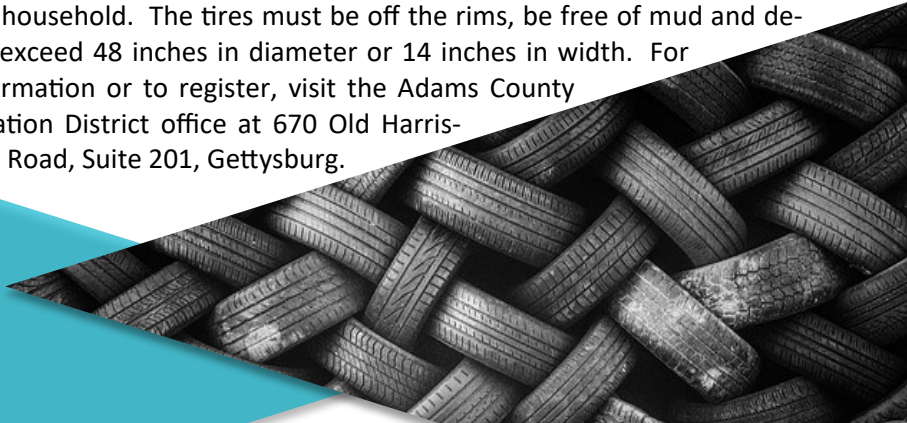
Recently, Pennsylvania protected 3,528 more acres on 40 farms in 19 counties from future development, investing more than \$9.7 million in state, and county dollars in preserving prime farmland for tomorrow. The investment also leverages \$735,170 that will go toward preserving farms on waitlists in six counties. These approvals bring Pennsylvania's total to 6,044 farms and 611,620 acres of farmland that will be forever protected from commercial, industrial, or residential development. The 40 newly preserved farms are located in **Adams**, Berks, Bradford, Butler, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Erie, Franklin, Greene, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Monroe, Northampton, Snyder, Tioga, and York counties. "Protecting prime farmland is public policy that works, and a priority we all agree on," Agriculture Secretary and Adams County native Russell Redding said. "It's a long-lasting, highly effective partnership among state, federal, county, and local governments and the farm families who are committed to feeding future generations. Together, we are protecting Pennsylvania's priceless resources and sustaining our economy."

By selling their land's development rights, landowners preserve their farms, protecting the land from future residential, commercial, or industrial development. Farm families often sell their land at below market value to ensure that it will remain farmland. Pennsylvania partners with county and sometimes local governments and non-profits to purchase the development rights, ensuring a strong future for farming and food security. Pennsylvania has a long-standing partnership with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, the first of its kind, which has invested more than \$16 million to date to implement measures on farms that will improve water and soil quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Notable farms preserved recently include The Hanover Shoe Farm #28, a 213.60-acre internationally recognized horse farm in Conewago Township, Adams County. It is the first of several Hanover Shoe Farms that will be preserved over the next year in partnership with NRCS. According to a recent study by the Adams County Office of Planning and Development, the annual economic impact of the equine industry in the Adams County is \$49 million. In 2019, horses bred at Hanover Shoe Farms produced more earnings for jockeys than any other horse farms in the world.

Farms recently protected in Adams County during this initiative include Hanover Shoe Farm (213-acre horse farm), Wayne H. Mummert Farm (111-acre crop farm), and Doyle Waybright Farm (124-acre crop farm), which was a 100% easement donation to the County! The total investment from the state was \$601,738 and from the county \$220,442.

Conservation District Tire Recycling Even

On May 21st, the Adams County Conservation District will be hosting a Tire Recycling Event at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center from 8am-1pm. Advanced registration and payment are required by Monday, May 2nd. This program is only available to Adams County residents and no commercial businesses may participate. The cost to recycle the tires is \$3 per tire. Payment is non-refundable by check only. A maximum of 20 tires may be recycled per household. The tires must be off the rims, be free of mud and debris, and must not exceed 48 inches in diameter or 14 inches in width. For more information or to register, visit the Adams County Conservation District office at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 201, Gettysburg.





April 24th-30th Crime Victims' Rights Week

The term victim is more than just a label. Victims have legal standing and protections through the crime victims' rights act passed in Pennsylvania. The Adams County Victim Witness Assistance Program ensures that those rights are enforced in criminal cases proceeding through the criminal justice system here in Adams County.

In addition, Adams County is very fortunate to have remarkable Community partners working to assist victims. Safe Home provides support and services to victims of Domestic Violence. Adams County Sexual Assault Services provide support and resources to adult sexual assault victims. The Adams County Children's Advocacy Center specializes in all cases of abuse for child victims, assisting the child, and their families. Although we are grateful for the work of these advocates all year-long, they deserve special recognition.

It is also fitting that we recognize long-term Victim/Witness Director Cindy Keeney for her exemplary role advocating for victims of crime in Adams County. Cindy will be retiring in May and leaves behind a legacy of success and achievement in both departmental and organizational responsibilities. Wishing you the best Cindy!

Adult Correctional Complex Hiring Event

The Adams County Adult Correctional Complex (ACACC) will be holding a Job Fair on Saturday, May 14 from 10am-4pm. The starting wage for Corrections Officer is \$20.85 per hour and includes paid training, uniforms, generous medical/dental/vision, and a defined pension plan. This event will provide the opportunity for interested persons to meet staff and be more familiar with the facility. Interviews will be available as requested. The ACACC is located at 45 Major Bell Lane off Granite Station Road east of Gettysburg. Call 717-339-1926 for more details.

Information Technology

The Information Technology Department recently migrated all County owned buildings to a new fiber connectivity service on 4/15. This service allows all County, Court, and Elected offices' technologies to communicate across the enterprise network. In the months to come, each buildings core router will be replaced to improve connectivity speed, performance, and reliability. This core network improvement will act as the backbone to support the current and future technologies that will be added in the years to come.

Franklin Township Polling Location Change

During the April 19th Commissioners Meeting, a change of polling place was approved for Franklin Township #1 and #2. The Polling place will move from Jesus Is Lord Ministries back to the familiar Cashtown Fire Department where it had been located for many years. We would like to thank Jesus Is Lord Ministries for their community spirit in accommodating the polling place for the past two



years and thank the Cashtown Fire Department for the future accommodation. The Cashtown Fire Department is located at 1111 Old Route 30, in the middle of Cashtown.



The End

Have you noticed that one weekend each year our community seems to have a lot of greyhounds? If you are a member of the general public, you will see these beautiful animals and their owners around town during the four-day annual fundraising convention this weekend. Thanks to the dedication of countless volunteers, *Greyhounds in Gettysburg* has become the largest greyhound reunion in the country with more than 1,000 sight-hounds and their people arriving from all over the globe.

Please welcome them and enjoy their company while they are here!

This Saturday & Sunday the historic Daniel Lady Farm hosts the 160TH *Battle of Shiloh*. Enjoy this all-day family event! Smell the gunpowder in the air, hear the clashing of cavalry swords and the rebel yell during the daily battles, talk to the Civil War Living Historians and take a tour of the historic house and barn that were used as Confederate staging areas and a field hospital during the battle of Gettysburg! There is a great weekend weather forecast with temperatures in the high 70's for an outdoor event. Go to www.gbpa.org for tickets and information. Gates open each day at 9AM.

Looking for live music every Thursday and Friday? Join your friends at historic *Mansion House 1757* in Fairfield this spring for live music every Thursday from 6pm - 8:30pm. Depending on the weather, live music will either be inside the historical inn or out in the garden & will feature local artists and a variety of genres and covers. The artist schedule is posted through June. This is the perfect combination of great music, food, spirits and a beautiful historic venue. Also, Jacks Hard Cider Tap Room has *Friday Night Live* music every Friday evening. For you Guinness, Magners, Jamison, Shepherd's Pie and Bangers & Mash folks - *June Star is back live* at Garryowen, Saturday evening from 10PM – 1AM.

Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 230 will hold *an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner* Saturday, April 30, at the Greenmount Fire Company from 4pm-6pm. Meal includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, desserts and drink. \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids. The Barlow Volunteer Fire Company will hold a drive-thru barbeque chicken dinner this Saturday, April 23rd from 12 noon until sold out. Platters are \$11 and include ½ chicken, baked beans, applesauce and roll.

Saturday should be a great day for *Kite Day at Hamiltonban Township Park*, Bullfrog Road, Fairfield. The kite event is from 10am-2pm. Bring a kite, build kite or use one the park commission will have available. Also get tips and view a demonstration from professional kite flyer at 2pm. Sounds like fun!

No matter what you do, get out there and experience all the historic, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!