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Gettysburg Station Settlement Complete

Finally, after 15 years, the downtown development site now known as *Gettysburg Station*, and formerly known as the *Reddi Project*, went to settlement on July 14 for \$1M to experienced developer Tim Harrison. The sale ends a decades long hiatus of this property, and hopefully sets up the site for appropriate economic revitalization.

There has always been a desire for a mix of business, commercial and residential on this parcel one block from the center of Gettysburg. The site proved difficult for developers due to its 2.4-acre size, building restrictions in the historic downtown and a desired mix of use. The Adams Economic Alliance, Gettysburg Borough and the County have collaborated to overcome many obstacles to make



this project move forward.

After many previous starts and stops, this result was one of many primary goals of this Board of Commissioners when we took office in 2012. Nine years later that goal has been achieved. The County lending no-interest funding to the Economic Alliance was a method of partnering to make sure the project stayed on course. That money will be re-paid to the County. The entities will now turn their attention to ensuring the revitalization is the best it can be for the community - within the confines of sensible business practice.

Bet Wishes Chief Tipstaff Bob Powell

On July 1, Court & County staff gathered in the Jury Assembly Room to recognize Adams County Chief Tipstaff Bob Powell for his dedicated 18 years of service to the residents of Adams County. It was observed by several presenters that Bob always exemplified professionalism, respect, dignity and a calm demeanor with both staff and clients of the Court. Tipstaffs are normally the clients first contact upon arriving at Court making that demeanor important. Bob's presence will be missed, and we thank him for his dedicated service. Bob has left big shoes to be filled. We wish Bob and Mary Catherine retirement health & happiness!

Adams County Staff Picnic is Back!

After a 1-year hiatus because of COVID, the 14TH Annual Adams County Staff Picnic is back. It will be held at the Ag Center Pavilion on Friday, September 24th. It will follow the same format as previous years with lots of good food, activities, prizes, and good fellowship. The picnic begins at 11:00a.m. allowing staff to attend in shifts if necessary. As usual, the Commissioners and Judges will be on hand to serve you! More details will follow. Thank you to the folks for their dedication to make this picnic happen!

37-Year Adams County Planning Commission Service

The Adams County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize Victor Frank for serving on the Adams County Planning Commission Board for 37 years (no this is not a typo). Victor was Vice-Chairman for 35 of those years. His dedication and loyalty to this task exemplifies true public serve. Thomas Streiff has been appointed by the Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Victor Frank through December 31, 2022.



South Mountain Fair

The 99TH Annual South Mountain Fair will be held from Tuesday, July 27 – Saturday, July 31. This historic fair opens at 4PM T,W,Th,F and 1PM on Saturday. On Tuesday children ages 5-13 are invited to 4-H Day at the Fair. Registration begins at 8:30a.m. for activities and tours + ice cream. The 4-H event is free. I can remember when I was in grade school the fair always coincided with the beginning of school. Each county student got a free ticket - of course their parents had to take them? The highlight was looking at the animals and sitting on the brand-new farm equipment on display. For more information contact Penn State Extension Adams County at 717-334-6271. Admission is \$7 and young children are free. The South Mountain Fair is a time-honored family activity highlighting the best of Adams County. See you at the Fair!



The **End**

On Wednesday evening, Kathy and I took advantage of ***The Majestic Theater Classic Movie Night*** and enjoyed a musical comic classic. It was a great deal for \$7 and attended by a large crowd in the iconic main theater. No doubt folks were happy to be at the movies munching some popcorn and enjoying an evening out. Check out The Majestic for upcoming classic movie nights. Also, don't forget The Totem Pole is back in action with in-theater productions and The Gettysburg Community Theater is back live. They all really need our support!

For a unique experience join the Gettysburg Foundation for a special evening program on Civil War nurses Friday, July 23, 2021, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the historic barn at the George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital. Living historians Dawn and Linda will take guests on a journey through ***The Healing: Conversations Between Nurses North and South***. Ticket holders will view the Civil War through the eyes of nurses, an often overlooked and critical role in the care of the wounded. *The Healing* conversations present authentic stories of both nurses and soldiers and their profound, emotional struggles in a performance of dialogues between a Union nurse and a Confederate nurse. Founded from considerable research, the portrayal is based on the journals and diaries of nurses who tended to the wounded of both North and South. The nurses' insights are depicted to enrich guests' understanding of the times and circumstances in which they served. The program offers guests a connection to the past and provides a perspective that healing was not confined to the patients alone. This 90-minute special program is limited to an audience of 40 attendees. The cost of the program is \$20. Go to GettysburgFoundation.org for advance online tickets or call Guest Relations at 877-874-2478. Ticket holders for this program may drive directly to the property and park on-site. The gates will open at 5:30p.m. for ticket holders to explore original buildings from the battle and the grounds of the 80-acre historic site. The program will begin promptly at 6p.m.

100 Nights of Taps. Join visitors and local residents in honoring those who have served our nation with the famous 24-note call and taps ceremony each evening in the historic Soldiers National Cemetery. At 7p.m. each evening Buglers from across the nation will be sounding "Taps" for the ceremony. They are professionals, veterans, teachers, students, reenactors, and other talented individuals who assist in the "Taps" ceremony at military funerals. This year 100 Nights of Taps will extend to September 11th and will include a special closing commemoration of the 20th Anniversary.

Our **Adams County agriculture bounty** is plentiful and is in its prime. Goodbye to those delicious strawberries and cherries - and hello to peaches, corn, tomatoes, and other delectable produce. Patronize your local farmers or produce market to experience that farm to table quality and support Adams County Agriculture!

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!