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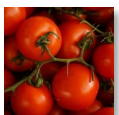
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Adams County Opioid Settlement Fund Program Approved

On August 14, the Board approved the Subrecipient Agreement with Collaborating for Youth for utilization of Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of \$16,000. The funds will be used towards two evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. The Agreement is effective August 21, 2024, through August 21, 2027.

Adams County will receive a total of \$6.4M over 18 years in Opioid Settlement Funding to be utilized for a variety of opioid related programs that meet the settlement criteria. More program approvals are anticipated in upcoming public meetings.



911 Center Enhances Call Delivery System

Last Wednesday, August 21st, the Adams County 911 center transitioned from a decades old legacy call delivery system to a state-of-the-art system. The cutover consisted of two parts: the first phase was to turn up our new Carbyne APEX call handling system within the 911 center. This new system has built in redundancy and failover capabilities as well as allowing the call takers an enhanced platform for dealing with callers. These enhancements include more precise location notifications, the ability to see transcription and translation in real time, and the ability to receive still pictures and real time video from a caller using a mobile phone. This APEX call handling solution is one that we share with Cumberland, Dauphin, and Franklin Counties and we are the first in the Commonwealth to have this advanced solution.

The second part of this cutover was the transition of our call delivery into the center from the old copper phone lines to the new statewide NextGen Core Services (NGCS) ESINet fiber network. This ESINet connects all the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in the state via a modern, high speed fiber network. This allows for more precise call delivery to the correct PSAP via caller location vs the legacy method of delivering the calls using the cell tower location. As 80-plus percent of our 911 calls come into us via mobile phones, this more precise method of call delivery can be a life saver. The ESINet will also allow us to transfer calls to any other PSAP in the Commonwealth WITHOUT any loss of caller or location data.


Congressman Joyce Meets with Adams County Fruit Growers

On Thursday afternoon the commissioners had the opportunity to meet with Congressman John Joyce and local fruit growers at Hollabaugh Bros. Farm. A major topic of the roundtable was Federal regulations relating to farm wages. Mandated farm worker wages are the largest cost and concern of farmers. Also, various Federal regulations make it difficult for American farmers to compete with products coming in from other countries. For Adams County fruit growers, their ability to take fresh fruit to processors has greatly diminished causing product price and sales issues. Congressman Joyce stands firmly with the proposed Farm Bill that in brief provides mandatory funding and programs for rural farmers. He is advocating for the Farm Bill to be passed when Congress goes back into session. This was a very beneficial meeting that allowed fruit growers and their legislators to have an informal information exchange. Representative Torren Ecker was also in attendance.

Adams County Local Food Resources Guide

Some of you may be familiar with the “*Adams County Local Foods Resource Guide*”. This 50+ page booklet highlighted Adams County farms and markets selling products that were locally grown or produced. The Guide, along with the “Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens” listing, has been compiled and published by the Adams County Food Policy Council every two years, since 2010. Challenges to keep printed publications current became more difficult in recent years, as the number of resources in the County expanded.

To maintain up-to-date information in a concise format, the Food Policy Council has transitioned the Guide into a Local Food Resources handout. The Council is also pleased to announce that two interactive web apps have been developed: *Local Food Resources* and *Food Assistance Locations*, which are hosted and maintained by the County Planning Office. A Spanish version of “Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens” is also now available. The new formats should help carry out the Council’s vision that “all residents of Adams County have access to a safe, nutritious, affordable, and adequate food supply within a sustainable system that promotes the local economy”. To learn more about the Council, download the brochures, or view the listings and apps, visit the Food Policy Council’s website: <https://www.adamsfoodpolicy.org/local-foods-guide>. The applications may also be accessed through the GIS Hub on the County’s home page: <https://gis-hub-adamsgis.hub.arcgis.com/>.



Two Community Festivals Recognized at Commissioners Meeting

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The Adams County Board of Commissioners have proclamations to be approved at the September 4TH meeting for two significant community events that celebrate our diversity and culture. The *Adams County Heritage Festival* will celebrate its 33rd consecutive year at the Gettysburg Recreation Park on Sunday September 15TH. The event promotes equality, understanding and respect among all Adams County residents regardless of racial or ethnic backgrounds.

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15, celebrates the culture and traditions of US residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. The US Hispanic population is estimated at 60 million, making people of Hispanic origin the largest ethnic population.

Children & Youth Services Needs Budget Presentation

Adams County Children & Youth Service plays a vital and critical role in the welfare of our community. That role is greater than most can comprehend protecting and advocating for the welfare of our children. Although it does come with job satisfaction, it is no doubt a difficult job that can be emotionally draining and is not for everyone. The CYS budget is also a large line item in the county budget. Only the Adams Adult Correctional Facility budget line item at \$15M is higher. CYS current 2024 budget is \$9M. Fortunately, approximately 60% of CYS expenses are reimbursed by the State.

Adams County Children & Youth recently presented the Needs Based Plan and Budget (NBPB) for the 2025-26 Fiscal Years in a public hearing on August 21, 2024. Every year, counties are required to develop and submit a plan and budget to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families. Children and Youth in collaboration with the Department of Probation Services and partnering with providers to ensure that there are services in our community designed to keep children and youth in their own homes, prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and help overcome problems that result in dependency and delinquency. The priority is to keep families together, preserve their relationship, engage extended family and community supports whenever it is safe and appropriate.

This NBPB outlines the range of services the county plans to provide, and the budget requirements needed to do so. The county agency is the sole civil agency responsible for receiving and investigating reports of child abuse, helps families with services to support and effectuate child safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes. A county's NBPB is the roadmap for how the county will meet the needs of the children, youth, and families that they serve.

There is no greater purpose than to protect children and youth from abuse and neglect. With the use of in-home services for dependent and delinquent children and youth, the agency is ensuring that children are cared for, safe and have better tomorrows as they will soon become the future adults and leaders of Adams County. We are thankful for the hard work and planning that goes into the NBPB each year and is done years in advance- through hard work, careful planning and dedicated staff that love what they do and ensure the planning is carried out in the very best way possible.

Needs Based Plan & Budget

Thank You and Best Wishes

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Adams County Staff Picnic Friday September 27

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- **Cinema Under The Stars: PSYCHO.** On the lawn at the Seminary Ridge Music Pavilion. Saturday, 8PM. Free!

- **Adams County Farmers Market – Tomato Festival.** Everything tomato with many different varieties featured this Saturday morning. Gettysburg Rec Park from 8-1.

- **Revolutionary War On-Site Encampment & Programs.** Saturday with a variety of free programs from 10-3. Adams County Historical Society, 625 Biglerville Road. www.achs-pa.org

- **Chill On The Hill Labor Day Celebration.** Hauser Event Center. This Sunday. Live music, Latin fusion, Penn State Ice Cream. Wine, beer, sangria and other drinks available. www.hauserhill.com

- **Final One Hundred Night Of Taps.** Monday, September 2. Soldiers National Cemetery. Program 5:30-7:00. Taps at 7:00. Presented by Lincoln Fellowship. Free!

- **Two Composers Linked Over Time: Mozart & Tchaikovsky.** Sunday, September 8. 4PM. Seminary Chapel. Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra. Free to the public.

- **HGAC Underground Railroad Tour.** Saturday, August 31, 11:00. Leave from historical marker at south-end of former Mulligan McDuffer on Baltimore Pike. Just show up for this enlightening ½ mile walk in the woods to McAllister Mill. Suggested donation of \$5 & \$10.

- **First Friday Gettysburg.** Friday, September 6TH. Special events and discounts. Look for participating First Friday flags.

- **All-You-Can-Eat Crabs & Chicken.** Greenmount Fire Company. Saturday, September 14, 6-9. Crabs and chicken + many sides and beverages. Tickets \$50. 717-778-5377

- **Biglerville Fire Company Community Day.** Saturday, August 31, 2-5. Station is open to public. Fire safety and education programs.

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!