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Community Vaccination Center

The Adams County Community Vaccination Center (CVC) on the 1st level of the Adams County 911 Center has been prepared and **once COVID-19 vaccine supply is available** will be opened to administer vaccinations by *appointment only* through My Wellspan www.wellspan.org. The Community Vaccination Center is a collaboration between Wellspan and Adams County government in an effort to maximize vaccinations in a suitable and convenient setting. Wellspan will be supplying the appointment portal, the vaccine, staff, and registration. Adams County is supplying the venue, maintenance, traffic control and security.

Vaccinations at the CVC will be by appointment only. There will be no walk-in service. Appointments can be made on My Wellspan www.wellspan.org or by calling the Wellspan Covid – 19 Hotline at 855-851-3641. Clients will park, enter the building by the front entrance, register, be directed to a vaccination line, receive the vaccine, rest for 15 minutes to ensure there is no negative reaction, and exit by the north side door. It is anticipated that the Adams County CVC will



operate for several months at that location. Wellspan vaccine supply is dictated by the State providing it to them.

It is obvious that obtaining vaccine appointments has been a frustrating experience for many of our residents. We all have friends and family awaiting vaccination and are hopeful that placing this county owned facility in operation as soon as vaccine is available will make the process more available and convenient for Adams County residents.

Free Vaccination Transportation Available

Our community transportation entity rabbittransit, has partnered with area organizations to offer free shared ride transportation service to any community member who needs transportation to and from their scheduled COVID-19 vaccination appointment. As the COVID vaccine continues to become more available, and the Community Vaccination Center is prepared to open at the county 911 Center, rabbittransit is ensuring that transportation is not a barrier in getting vaccinated and is ready to assist the community with transportation to reach vaccine appointments.

Advance reservations for rides are required. When scheduling a shared ride trip to a vaccination site, riders must have a confirmed COVID-19 vaccine appointment at the location they are requesting transportation. Residents will need to call rabbittransit no later than noon the business day prior to their appointment. Transit staff will assist individuals through the reservation process.

If you are in need of transportation to a COVID vaccination site, contact the rabbittransit Call Center at 1-800-632-9063 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00AM and 5:00PM.

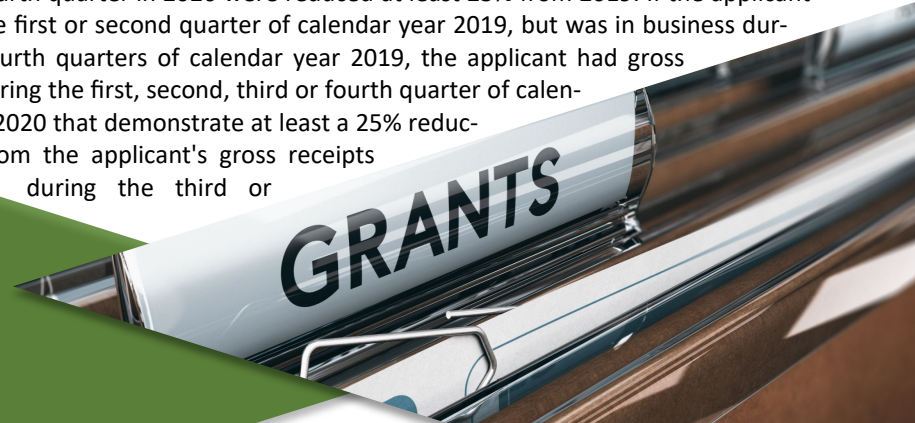
Casting of Lots

Casting Of Lots to determine ballot position on the May 18th Primary Ballot will begin at 10:00 am on Wednesday March 17, 2021 in the Historic Courtroom, 117 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 17325. For the purpose of the casting of lots, any candidate may appear in person or by proxy appointed in writing. The Adams County Board of Elections shall cast lots for any candidate who fails to appear. If you prefer you may access the meeting via WebEx, by dialing 1-415-655-0001, Meeting number is 132-798-3497#.

CHIRP Hospitality Program Grants

You may have heard about Governor Wolf's announcement establishing \$145 million in financial aid for Pennsylvania's hospitality industry. The Adams County Economic Development Corporation will be administering and offering this much-needed grant program to Adams County's hospitality industry. Adams County's portion of the funding is \$1.16 million. The program is called the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). CHIRP will open to applications from Adams County's eligible hospitality businesses on Monday, March 15.

The purpose of the grant is to reimburse eligible applicants for reduction of revenues. Eligible applicants with NAICS code beginning with 721 or 722 on your corporate tax return. To be eligible for the grant the applicant must demonstrate that gross receipts for the first, second, third and fourth quarter in 2020 were reduced at least 25% from 2019. If the applicant was not in business during the first or second quarter of calendar year 2019, but was in business during the third and fourth quarters of calendar year 2019, the applicant had gross receipts during the first, second, third or fourth quarter of calendar year 2020 that demonstrate at least a 25% reduction from the applicant's gross receipts during the third or





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fourth quarter of calendar year 2019. The applicant must employ less than 300, has a maximum tangible net worth of not more than \$15 million, and was in operation on February 15, 2020 and remains in operation and does not intend to permanently cease operations within one year of the date of application. The minimum grant award is \$5000, and the maximum award is \$50,000. CHIRP's on-line portal will open on March 15.

For further information contact the Adams County Economic Alliance <https://adamsalliance.org/chirp/>

Mercy Recovery House Open House

The *Mercy House Ribbon Cutting & Open House* will be held on May 14, 2021 from 12:00-4:00. The ribbon cutting and program will begin at 12:00. The facility will be open for touring following the program until 4:00. The 1st floor will be a community walk-in center. The 2nd floor will provide residential accommodations for seven male residents enrolled in the treatment program and working full-time day jobs. Weekend and evening participation in treatment and counseling programs are required to be a resident.

This once deteriorating and vacant county owned property, formerly a part of St Francis Xavier, that was historically occupied by The Sisters of Mercy, was completely renovated, in a large part through \$1.2M in grant funding and generous donations from the community. The renovations include an elevator which will serve that venue and could later serve the former St Francis Xavier School Building if appropriate. Mercy House will be administered by the RASE Project, who successfully administer similar programs in Lancaster, Harrisburg & York. Adams County will receive rental reimbursement by terms of a lease between the RASE Project and Adams County. The ribbon cutting for this facility will mark a significant step for our community in acknowledging and addressing addiction recovery!

Adams County Historical Society Groundbreaking

An important milestone for Adams County history was achieved on Sunday with the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Adams County Historical Society complex overlooking Barlow's Knoll on the Biglerville Road. The former Adams County Prison site was donated to the ACHS from Adams County several decades ago. Adams County recently contributed \$1M in Pillow Tax funds toward the \$5.5M project. We are happy to report that the ACHS Capital Campaign is rapidly approaching the Building Campaign goal of \$5.5M.

The new headquarters will enable the ACHS to preserve, catalog, store, display and interpret Adams County History. There will be a focus on student education - especially geared toward Adams County Youth. The building will have an events center on the 2nd floor that will increase events space for the community while creating additional revenue opportunities for the society. Construction of the first building to alleviate current storage limitations is expected to commence this spring and be completed by early fall.

It is hoped the remainder of the project will be completed in 2022. To participate in the Capital Campaign, contact the Adams County Historical Society, PO Box 4325, Gettysburg, PA 17325 PH: 717-334-4273, <https://www.achs-pa.org/join-us/donate.html>

Emergency Rental / Utility Relief

Adams County has applied for and received \$6,774,933 in Rental Assistance funds from the Federal Government through the State. The Commonwealth

of Pennsylvania received \$569,807,659.70 in total through section 501 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020). The Rental and Utility Assistance Grant Program component of Act 1 of 2021, signed into law by Governor Wolf on February 5, 2021, gives the Department of Human Services (DHS) the authority to establish programmatic and eligibility guidelines for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). ERAP monies are for use in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021. ERAP will provide families and individuals financial assistance for rent including: rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utility and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing incurred due directly or indirectly to COVID-19, and housing stability services to eligible households. Counties will have until December 31, 2021 to utilize their allocations. Adams County has appointed South Central Community Action Agency (SCCAP) as the administrator of the funds. Applications are being received as guidelines and policies at the state level are still being established and revised. Go to www.sccap.org for information and to download ERAP forms. The forms can be picked up or dropped off at SCCAP offices on Stratton Street in Gettysburg and South Main Street in Chambersburg.

Land Conservancy Annual Dinner

Hats off to the *Land Conservancy of Adams County* for hosting their Annual Dinner Meeting virtually last evening. The organizers did a great job of updating the membership and honoring the 4 families that have participated in conservation easements in 2020. LCAC has protected over 11, 900 acres of farmland, meadows, streams, forests and historic plots in Adams County. A special shout out to President Dave Salisbury for his remarks and leadership, Director Sarah Kipp introducing each 2020 conservation easement, emcee (that's really cool) Matt Sheads, and the man of many sunglasses and persona's, our own Trivia Master Mark Clowney, and all the folks who spent a lot of time and effort in organizing this different virtual affair. Great job! A special thank you and best wishes to Marti Shaw who is retiring from the staff with over 20 years of dedicated service to LCAC. We look forward to the Summer Picnic in August at Hickory Bridge Farm and the upcoming Art Auction and Annual Road Rally. We can't wait to reconvene in person at future events and the Annual Dinner next March!



The End

For all of us suffering from both COVID & Cabin Fever, this weeks' weather has proven to be a fabulous tonic. March weather can certainly be extreme, and a blizzard could still show up – but we will certainly take this great stretch of weather. The past few days have already got me thinking about all the yard work and cleanup coming up - while keeping my eyes open for signs of spring. Yesterday I was snipping last year's hydrangeas blooms and cutting ornamental grasses.

I know that recently snow, ice, and mud being replaced with grass has made life easier for both humans and dogs, and especially for humans that have dogs. My Golden Retriever Bailey is a topic of this section occasionally, especially when I got her as a puppy in August 2019. She will be 2 years old in June. I believe you dog lovers will enjoy this 1-minute video that my son Connor made of Bailey from puppyhood until now. If you need a smile to get those brain endorphins and dopamine flowing – just watch this video and open link [Fluffy Friends](#)

If you are always on the look-out like me for good grub - there are two Friday's remaining for the St. Francis Xavier Curbside Lenten Fish Fry at Xavier Center on Table Rock Road. You can order a fish dinner or fish sandwich with sides. Order at the curb or call in dinners will be available for curbside pickup between 4:45 and 6:30pm. The Heidlersburg Fire Company will host their traditional roast beef and fried oyster carry-out dinner on Saturday, March 20th from 3-6PM. We can't wait to get back into the dining hall!

With only a limited number of events on the calendar this year, the historic Daniel Lady Farm has announced 5 outdoor Living History Events this year. Spring kick-off will be April 24th & 25th for the 160th Anniversary Battle of Manassas (Bull Run), followed by the 158th Anniversary Battle of Gettysburg on July 3 & 4. Military Field Days will be held May 29 & 30 with history and interpretative opportunities from the Revolutionary War to modern day military. On September 18 & 19th the 159th Anniversary Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam) will be observed. The events will conclude this year with World War II Weekend on October 23rd & 24th. All the events include all day living history programs, displays, camps and skirmishes. For admission and information for these all-day family events go to www.danielladyfarm.com or call 717-778-7760. All proceeds go the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association to preserve and maintain this historic site - just 1 mile east of Gettysburg on Rt 116E.

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!