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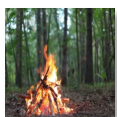


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No Reassessment

Per County Ordinance #3 of 2013, on an annual basis as of July 1, the Adams County Tax Services Department must calculate the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) based upon sales which occurred in Adams County between January 1st and December 31st of the previous year to determine whether to engage a reassessment task force. Tax Services Director Daryl Crum has reported last year's COD is calculated at 12.57, which is well within the acceptable range as stated by the International Association of Assessing Officers. Thus, no reassessment is mandated by ordinance or necessary! Yea!!



DES Communication

The need and the importance of effective communication between Adams County Department of Emergency Services dispatchers and Pennsylvania State Police is critical to expeditious and accurate dispatch of calls. At the June 11 public meeting the Board approved an agreement with Brightspeed Broadband to provide a Ringdown phone line between the Adams County Department of Emergency Services and the PSP Gettysburg Station which should enhance operations.

County Bridge Repair Necessary

Many are not aware Adams County owns and maintains 40 vehicular bridges and 2 pedestrian bridges. Monitoring and maintenance of these structures is an on-going and expensive task.

At the Wednesday, July 9 commissioners meeting, approval was given to make temporary repairs to Bridge # 108 which spans Bermudian Creek between Huntington and Tyrone townships. The plan of action provides the County will patch the pothole with asphalt temporarily until a concrete repair can be made this summer.

The bid period for routine maintenance and repair of the 40 Adams County bridges recently closed on June 25. There were 5 bids received, ranging from a low of \$644,873 to a high of \$1,071,750. Moving forward the bids will be reviewed by Adams County Bridge Engineer for appropriateness and the successful bid will be approved at a future Board meeting.

Human Services Building Solar Ribbon Cutting

On Wednesday, July 23RD, the Board will cut the ribbon for the solar panel install on the Adams County Human Services Building roof on Boyd's School Road. There is no doubt that solar in Adams County is a very divisive subject. It is the Board's position there is a perfect place for solar panels that should not be controversial and does not impact our agricultural lands. By using industrial roofs, brown fields and terrain that is not suitable for agriculture, productive farmland is not impacted. The solar array on HSB reinforces this balance.

It has been quite a journey to throw the switch on the roof mounted solar array at the Adams County Human Services Building. A deserved shout out to Solicitor Molly Mudd and Adams County Administrator Steve Nevada for their commitment and perseverance in making this Board initiative become reality!

Adams County United Way Back To School Drive

United Way of Adams County is presently conducting its annual *Back To School Supply Drive*. The collection of supplies will continue until July 26. Adams County staff can deposit school supplies at three locations. Those locations are the HR Department at the Courthouse, the Human Services Building at Children and Youth, and at the Adams County Adult Correctional complex. Supplies that are needed are crayon packs, rulers, spiral bound notebooks, erasers, number two pencils, and markers just to name a few items. Backpacks for all age groups are also a big hit. Please deliver your items by July 26 and help struggling families begin the coming school year with a positive start. This is a small gesture that will reap big rewards!

Conewago Stream Project Restoration Zeigler Mill Road

Public, private, and non-profit partnerships coming together in unison is most times idealistic. But in the case of stream access and stabilization of a beautiful parcel of the Conewago that is also a popular trout habit, the word “partnerships” is personified. Yesterday the Board had an opportunity to visit the site to meet with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission and see the restoration work in progress.

The parcel was formerly owned by Knouse Foods. Knouse displayed admirable community stewardship in recognizing the need to preserve this important resource and approached Adams County Planning regarding buying and preserving. From there the rest is history - with Adams County Planning, Adams County Conservation District, Land Conservancy of Adams County, Adams County Trout Unlimited, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Adams County Board of Commissioners, Representatives Moul/Ecker, Senator Mastriano, plus several local businesses that donated equipment, time, and materials – all made this restoration a reality.

There is now a convenient parking area off Zeigler Mill Road with several paths that you can follow back to and along the stream. If you are a trout fisherman there is a good chance you already know about this spot. Although things look a bit rough now during the stabilization process, if you are someone who simply wants to enjoy the outdoors by walking or sitting beside a beautiful stream, check it out as just one more wonderful and beautiful place to visit in Adams County!



The **End**

- **National Apple Museum Music On The Porch.** Peter Wile & Gena Lanette perform live at 7PM at the National Apple Museum this evening in Biglerville. Food available on site. Free admission.
- **Gettysburg Bike Week.** July 10th-13th. The Barn Resort. Concerts, live entertainment, vendor village. Free shuttle between Eisenhower Hotel and Barn Resort. Admission fee.
- **Gettysburg Foundation Monthly Campfire Program.** This evening 7PM. George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital. Different aspects of the battle and the American Civil War discussed by Licensed Battlefield Guide.
- **York Springs Lions Club Food Truck.** Peters Orchard. Friday 12-5, Saturday & Sunday 10-5.
- **NPS Campfire Program.** McMillan Woods Amphitheater, West Confederate Avenue. Tonight's 8:30 presentation topic General Wlodzimierz Krzyzanowski “we fought like lions.”
- **70TH Annual Blueberry Festival.** Hollabaugh Bros. Saturday 12-4. Live music, samples of blueberry products, blueberry milkshakes and desserts, kids story time, yard games + pick your own blueberries and guided wagon rides.
- **NPS Battle Walk – Myths, Martyrs & Memory Of Little Roundtop.** Saturday 10:00 – 12:00. Meet at the intersection of Wheatfield & Sedgwick Ave.
- **Snack Town Street Fair.** Downtown Hanover. Saturday 8-4. Festival features artists, authors, craft and food vendors, live music, and kids' entertainment. Go to snacktownstreetfair.com to see schedule.
- **Healthy Adams County 3-Mile Hike.** Long Pine Run Reservoir, Beaver Trailhead. Right at Caledonia State Park and then left on Milesburn Road. Rated an easy to moderate hike. **Gettysburg Walking Club.** Tuesday, July 15, 10AM. Caledonia State Park. Meet at parking lot closest to restrooms. Bring your own picnic lunch. 717-528-7646,
- **Oakside Community Park Gospel Series.** Sunday, July 13, 6:30-8:30. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain will be held at Centenary Global Methodist Church. Free offering accepted.
- **York Springs Fire Company Carnival.** July 23-26. Dining Hall open Thursday & Friday. Musical entertainment and fireworks Friday night.

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!