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# Election Office Moves To DES Building

The Adams County Board of Elections and the Adams County Commissioners are pleased to announce that as of Monday, August 7, 2023, the Adams County Elections and Voter Registration Office has officially relocated to its new address: 230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg, PA. This strategic move signifies a significant advancement in our efforts to better serve the community and streamline our election operations. The Adams County ballot drop box will remain conveniently situated inside the main entrance of the Courthouse, next to the security station.

The decision to transition to 230 Greenamyer Lane stems from our commitment to enhance service for Adams County citizens. In recent years, the



The new space provides ample room for our dedicated staff to efficiently fulfill their essential electionrelated responsibilities, ensuring a smooth and seamless voting process for all residents. Notably, the new location offers free public parking, recognizing the importance of accessibility for our community members. This move enables us to offer a more convenient experience to voters visiting the Elections Office for registration, inquiries, or any election-related matters. For questions regarding the election process, please contact Election Director Angie Crouse at 717-337-9832.

## Two Proclamation at Yesterday's Public Meeting

During the Commissioners' public meeting on August 10, the Board endorsed two proclamations. The first proclamation, designating August 10, 2023, as Child Support Enforcement Awareness Month, was presented by the Adams County Domestic Relations Department. Department Director Kelly Carothers and Family Court Judge Simpson acknowledged the attending DR staff for their contributions in ensuring children in our community receive the necessary medical and financial support for their well-being and stability.

National Farmers Market Week, observed from August 6 to 12, aims to raise awareness about the vital role farmers markets play in cultivating healthy communities and fostering prosperity for small businesses. These markets serve as crucial resources for increasing food access among vulnerable populations, often through incentive programs like doubling SNAP benefits. Direct-to-consumer venues, such as farmers markets, not only provide significant revenue streams for countless U.S. farmers but also contribute billions of dollars to local economies, particularly here in Adams County. These markets serve as gateways to other agritourism destinations within and around the County, enriching visitors' experiences and showcasing the richness of Adams County agriculture. Notably, the Gettysburg Rec Park farmers market has become one of the region's most successful markets, evident to anyone passing by on a Saturday morning.

## **Coefficient of Dispersion Update**

As per County Ordinance #3 of 2013, "Annually, on July 1, the Adams County Tax Services Department calculates the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) based on property sales occurring in Adams County between January 1st and December 31st of the previous year." This study's results guide the Board in determining whether to assemble a reassessment task force to evaluate the need for a county-wide reassessment. A COD exceeding 20.0 would trigger the task force. Tax Director Daryl Crum reports that this year's COD stands at 12.94, well within the acceptable range defined by the Inter-

national Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO).

Consequently, a reassessment task force is unnecessary at this time.

# **Commissioners Appoint Auxiliary Tax Assessment Appeal Board**

During the August 10 public meeting, the Board approved Tax Director Daryl Crum's recommendation to appoint the following Auxiliary Tax Assessment Appeal Board: Barbara Underwood - Cumberland Twp, Barbara Walter - Butler Twp, William Arrington - Cumberland Twp, and Lisa Moreno Woodward – Mt Joy Twp. Barbara Walter has been designated as a substitute member of the primary Adams County Board of Assessment Appeals in cases of member absence or recusal.

Gettysburg Brewfest & Trail 5K: Join for a day of running, walking, and enjoying beer or cider on Saturday, August 19, at the Daniel Lady Farm. The Trail 5K begins at 8 AM, followed by the Brewfest gates opening at 2:30 PM. This event, hosted by the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, contributes to the preservation of the historic 200-acre farm on Benners Hill. For more information, visit

www.gettysburgbrewfestandtrail5k.com or www.gbpa.org.

- Much Ado About Nothing: Experience a playful comedy at Gettysburg Community Theater on Friday and Saturday. The show starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the door.
- Closing Weekend at George Spangler Farm & Field Hospital: Explore the farm and field hospital during the closing weekend. Admission, including shuttle, is \$9.75 for adults and \$4.75 for youth. Departure is from the Park Visitor Center.
- Music in The Park: Enjoy a performance by Eric Mintel starting at 6 PM, Gettysburg Rec Park. Admission is
- Majestic Theater Wednesday Summer Classics: On August 16, watch "Destry Rides Again," where Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Stewart tames a wild west town. Tickets are \$8.

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!

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