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Mercy House To Re-Open

At last Wednesday's commissioner meeting, the Board signed an agreement with TNH Sober Living LLC, more commonly known as The Nicholas House, to serve as the program administrator at the former Sisters of Mercy home on West High Street. The organization has experience and a track record of success at locations in York & Lancaster Counties. They have been in business since 2016. The RASE Project, the original program administrators, notified Adams County in December they were ending service due to fiscal, staffing, and medical provider issues.

The downstairs of Mercy House will continue to offer walk-in services while the upstairs will be male residential. THN expressed at the meeting they hope to be in operation by the end of May. Both the Board and the community are excited to have this facility fully functioning again to fulfill this critical service!



ADAMS COUNTY
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BEYOND THE BATTLE

ACHS “Beyond the Battle”

The Adams County Board of Commissioners realized in the early stage of fundraising that the new Adams County Historical Society Museum “*Beyond The Battle*” would be an important addition to our community on many different levels. Thus, the Board stepped forward with a \$1M contribution from Pillow Tax proceeds. What was to be a \$5M capital campaign turned into an amazing \$12M capital campaign due to the generosity of so many organizations and individuals. Grand opening weekend was April 14-16, with the Commissioners proudly attending the ribbon cutting program.

The museum has 12 chronological gallery’s that span three centuries of community history. The highlight is stepping inside a replica of a Gettysburg West Middle Street house that has special effects, and experiencing what that family might have experienced as the Confederate forces pushed the Federals back through the streets of Gettysburg to Cemetery Ridge. Besides preserving county records and artifacts, it is a place where Adams County students can learn about all Adams County history! Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$14 for seniors, \$10 Youth, \$13 Adams County residents and complimentary for Adams County students.

Glass Recycling Coming to Adams County

Adams County will soon have a drop-off location for glass recycling. At the April 19th Commissioners meeting an agreement was approved between Adams County and the Adams County Foundation that will result in county-wide glass re-cycling service. The Adams County Community Foundation provided funding through its Adams County Fund for the Environment with grants, including \$10,000 for Adams County officials to create a drop-off location.

The funding will be used to create a concrete pad and containment area. At this time the County is focused on the drop-off location being strategically located at the Department of Emergency Services complex beside the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex. Pending approval of all permits, the County hopes to have the drop-off operational sometime this summer. There will be scheduled drop-off times which will be manned by volunteer groups such as Gettysburg Green Gathering. Although glass re-cycling is an important environmental initiative, finding haulers to take the glass has been a major issue. In Adams County glass now ends up in landfills. Two vendors have expressed an interest in picking up the glass for free and having it recycled into new glass. We will keep you updated when the program goes live along with drop-off details.

PA Broadband Funding Announcement

On Monday, April 10, the Adams County Commissioners attended the formal announcement of Broadband Funding to Pennsylvania. The event was hosted by the Adams County Economic Alliance with U.S. Senator Robert Casey being the keynote speaker. Pennsylvania is due to receive \$200 million to enhance broad-





band. Funding is intended to bring enhanced broadband to rural areas. Of 67 Pennsylvania counties, 48 of them are rural, including Adams County. Casey also reported that Pennsylvania is expected to receive at least \$1 Billion more to expand affordable high-speed internet from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Last year in partnership with Franklin County, Design Nine was selected to complete a broadband feasibility study in both counties. Their findings will be presented at an upcoming commissioners meeting. It is well established that effective broadband is critical to economic development, education, and quality of life in both Adams County and today's world!

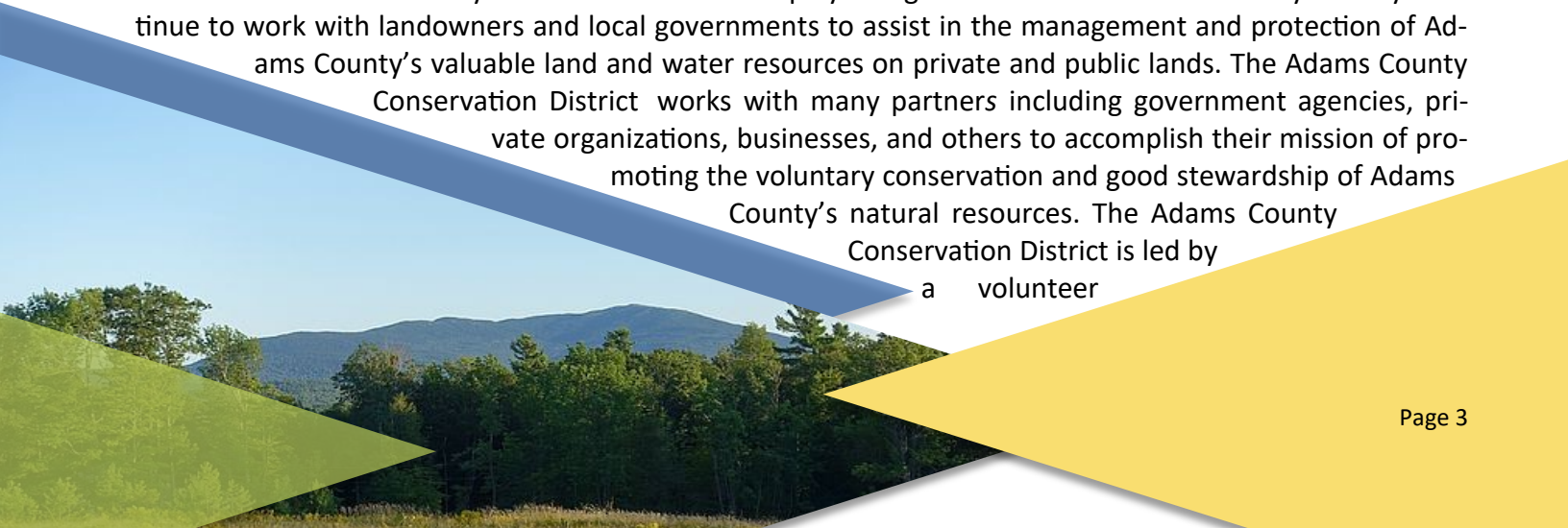
Farmers Market Opens at New Location

The Adams County Farmers Market will be launching the 2023 Farmers Market season this Saturday, April 29 from 8:00-1:00 at a brand-new location: the Gettysburg Rec Park. The Gettysburg Rec Park is located at 545 Long Lane and has many features that market customers will find attractive, such as an abundance of free parking, shady areas to sit, newly refinished restrooms, as well as a fitness trail, a dog park, and playground equipment for children.

The Adams County Farmers Market will be welcoming many new and returning vendors in 2023, and also has a host of special events scheduled throughout the season. County employees are encouraged to visit the market and spend their "Wellness Bucks," which are redeemable at the Adams County Farmers Market for fresh fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats, and farm fresh eggs. The Wellness Bucks program underscores an important partnership between the County and the farmers market and demonstrates the County's support of local agriculture. Go to www.acfarmersmarkets.org to learn more about the Adams County Farmers Market.

Conservation District Week/Brian Sneeringer Recognized

At the Wednesday, April 19 Commissioners meeting, the Board recognized April 23-29 as *Conservation District Week*. The Adams County Conservation District = plays a significant role in our community as they continue to work with landowners and local governments to assist in the management and protection of Adams County's valuable land and water resources on private and public lands. The Adams County Conservation District works with many partners including government agencies, private organizations, businesses, and others to accomplish their mission of promoting the voluntary conservation and good stewardship of Adams County's natural resources. The Adams County Conservation District is led by a volunteer



board of directors that are appointed by the Adams County Commissioners with farmers, public members, and a member of county government. They work with the Adams County Commissioners and community to identify local conservation needs and determines priorities for implementing programs, projects, and activities.

The Board was also privileged to recognize Brian Sneeringer, of the Adams County Conservation District, as the recipient of the 2022 National Association of Conservation Districts Distinguished Service Award. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) recognized winners of its national service awards at NACD's 77th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on February 14, 2023. NACD is a nonprofit organization that represents nearly 3,000 conservation districts across the United States and territories. The sole 2022 NACD Distinguished Service Award was presented to Brian at the annual meeting. This award is given to an individual within the association, a conservation district, or a state association that has made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of our nation's natural resources. As the Agricultural Supervisor for ACCD, Brian continues to be a mentor and is looked to as the expert for many conservation practices. He leads by example demonstrating, day in and day out, how to get conservation on the ground. Congratulations Brian!



The End

- *Spring Into Wine Dinner*, Adams County Winery, Saturday 5-7. Four course dinner with wine pairings. Price \$75. Must be 21.
- *Line Dancing at Thirsty Farmer*, Saturday, 5:30-8:30. Bring your dancing shoes and learn how to dance. \$10 per person.
- *Frank 'n Bob Live at Reid's Winery & Cider House*. Saturday from 7-10. There is no cover charge.
- *The Gettysburg College Sunderman Conservatory Opera Workshop* presents an end of semester opera production this evening at the Majestic Theater. Price \$5.00 for Adults and Students Free.
- *Ticket To the Past – Unforgettable Journeys*. This is a virtual reality experience at The Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station. Saturday 10-5. Adults \$9.95 and Youth \$7.95.
- *Mother's Day Workshop*. Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Market. Make a sign or tray for mom. Saturday 10-1.
- *Adams County Farmers Market Opening Day*. New Location at Gettysburg Rec Park. Saturday 8-1.
- *Civil War Historical Impressions*, Children of Gettysburg 1863 451 Baltimore Street. 2nd Corps Field Hospital April 29 & 30.
- *Debris of the Battle Presentation*. Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum. From canteens and belt buckles to bullets and artillery shells, authentic objects found around Gettysburg form the backbone of this complimentary program. The event is free and open to the public. *April 29 1pm-2pm Adams County Historical Society*
- *Gettysburg Festival of Races*. Aspire Hotel & Suites. Race Fitness Expo, Saturday, 1-7. Races on Sunday include Marathon, ½ Marathon and Family Friendly 5K.
- *Gettysburg Children's Choir*. Free concert at the Lutheran Seminary. Sunday at 4PM.
- *Caught In the Crossfire*. Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum. Eyewitness accounts and rare artifacts to give insight into what life was like for local civilians during the battle. Sunday 1PM.
- Today the newly renovated *Saviorhood Food Hall* at the old Pike Restaurant opens to the public. It's a new concept for this area with a lot of food and beverage choices with a great vibe. Hours are 7 days a week 11-9. Bring your credit or debit card as it is cashless!

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!