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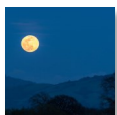
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**WEATHER  
ALERT**

***First 2025  
Weather Closure/Delay***

It didn't take long for President Judge Campbell to take the plunge into our first weather decision of 2025 on Monday. When I called him at 5:20AM, he answered on the first ring! My first call after Judge Campbell is to IT to post the status at the top of the County website. Hats off to Phil Walter for also answering on the first ring! Your best source to see the status of the County, usually, by 5:30AM, is the County website. We haven't had severe winters recently but we sure are defying that pattern at the moment!

# APPLYING FOR GRANT

## 2025 At Home Grant Application Period Open

At Wednesday's public meeting, the Commissioners held a public hearing for the *2025 At Home Grant Program*. Any government or non-profit agency with an eligible project can apply to the Adams County Office of Planning & Development. The applications must be received by January 31<sup>st</sup>. We do know that one application is from Luminest Community Development to construct 40 affordable housing units north of Gettysburg.

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### Adams County Live Incident Status Website Going Live

We have been asked what happened to the Live Incident Status at Adams County Emergency Services. Well after being down for updates and re-configuration, the system is back up and running. The Adams County Department of Emergency Services (ACDES) has re-activated the *Live Incident Status* webpage. Now, the public can access general information about incidents occurring in Adams County through their home computer or mobile device. The webpage will provide the general location of the incident, the nature of the incident, and the units assigned to the incident. It is important to note that some incidents will not post on the webpage due to confidentiality issues. The webpage can be found at: <https://incidents.adamscountypa.gov/>.

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### Adams County Conservation District Annual Meeting

The Conservation District's Annual Planning Meeting was held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to provide highlights for each of their major programs and to start discussions around topics where they were looking for local direction. County Conservation Districts were purposely set up by state law to be guided locally and to work on the local conservation needs.

Those that attended the meeting included the Conservation District Board and Associate Directors, County Commissioners and County Manager, three PA General Assembly members, Adams County Planning Office, Natural Resource Conservation Service, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and the Adams County Farm Bureau. These groups gather annually to help guide the Adams County Conservation District in the right direction for the community.

Some of the major topics were related to the Erosion & Sedimentation Control Program, Agricultural Best Management Practices and funding, Dirt Gravel Low Volumes Roads Program, farm inspections, stream restorations, tree planting program, and other outreach programs. The Conservation District staff's highlights demonstrated another very productive 2024, and they look forward to seeing all the good work in 2025.

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### 109th Pennsylvania Farm Show

It is always a pleasure to attend the Pennsylvania Farm Show. It not only provides an opportunity to see the progress of Pennsylvania Agriculture, but you also have the opportunity to interact with officials from throughout the Commonwealth at Public Officials Day. On Wednesday, it was a pleasure to see all the participation, products and displays from Adams County. The PA Farm Show is the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country. Admission is a \$15 parking fee.

This year's theme was *Powering Pennsylvania*



(with ag). The show offers visitors a tiny slice of the industry that employs nearly half a million people and contributes \$132.5 billion to Pennsylvania's economy every year. Among a variety of speakers for the public official's event was Governor Josh Shapiro and Adams County's own Secretary of Agriculture, Russel Redding. It was nice to chat with Secretary Redding before the program convened. This is a great family event, but I will give you a valuable tip – go early because by late morning it can get very crowded! Got there at 830 and no crowd or lines. We left after the program at 2:00 and all the milk shake lines were 30 deep!

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## Standard Mileage Rate Increase For 2025

At Thursday's Commissioners public meeting the Board approved a recommendation from County Administrator, Steve Nevada., to increase the mileage rate to .70 per mile per the Internal Revenue Service 2025 guidelines.

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## "America 250" Important Community Steering Committee Mtg

The steering commission for Adams County's commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, to bring residents and business owners across the county up to date on local plans as well as inviting members of the community to get involved.

The community meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 3 p.m. at the Adams County Historical Society, 625 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg. There is no cost to attend the meeting, but registration is requested by Jan. 13. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Carl Whitehill at Destination Gettysburg. An additional feature is that the Adams County Historical Society is inviting meeting attendees to tour the "Gettysburg Beyond the Battle" museum free of charge beginning at 2 p.m.



The End

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- **Dancing With The Local Stars.** Majestic Theater. This evening at 7PM.
  - **Roads To Gettysburg Program.** Explores why the battle happened at Gettysburg. Adams County Historical Society. Historian Tim Smith. Saturday 11:00. Free.
  - **Winter Lecture Series: Buckeyes At Gettysburg.** Sunday. GNMP Visitor Center. 1:30.
  - **Music Gettysburg: "Gettysburg College Baroque Ensemble."** Sunday 4PM. Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary. Free with donations accepted.
  - **Wolf Moon Hike.** Strawberry Hill. Monday. 6:30. Hike is guided. Wear comfortable shoes and outdoor attire. [www.strawberryhill.org](http://www.strawberryhill.org)
  - **Music Gettysburg. "Essence of Joy."** Saturday, January 18. 4PM. Free.

**Best wishes for a healthy, happy, prosperous, and blessed 2025! 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!**