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## *Adams County “Free Tree” Program*

Once again, Adams County landowners demonstrated their dedication to the conservation of our natural resources and will be planting nearly 10,000 native trees and shrubs this spring through the free tree program offered by Adams County Conservation District, Watershed Alliance of Adams County (WAAC), and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This partnership was able to fill 337 landowner orders with the trees that they had available this spring, and now WAAC is looking for volunteers to help distribute the 337 orders from the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center - 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg.

If you are interested in assisting WAAC with the tree distribution on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> between 8am-noon, please email [spencer@adamscounty.us](mailto:spencer@adamscounty.us). For those that didn't get to order trees this spring, the free tree program will be offered again this fall and will be announced on the County's website.



## **Primary Election Date & Mail-In Ballots Set**

Recently, the State Supreme Court issued two orders related to the election. The one order provides the final reapportionment plan for state House and Senate seats as filed by the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission, is in fact the final plan and should be used in all General Assembly elections until the next census. Representative Moul’s district remained the same and Representative Ecker’s District shifted slightly in Cumberland County.

The second order sets the election calendar for seats in the General Assembly and the state party committees, with the Primary Election date remaining May 17. Mail-in ballots which have been a legislative/judicial ping pong ball will remain by Supreme Court order.

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## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

We are so proud of our Team in Adams County that collaborates to recognize and prevent Child Abuse & Neglect. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout our nation. During April, you may see people wearing a looped blue ribbon in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The blue ribbons began with a grandmother in Norfolk, VA as a reminder of the bruises her grandchild suffered that ultimately caused his death. We continue to wear them today as a reminder that it continues to be a national health crisis that continues to be addressed daily across the country, Pennsylvania and here in Adams County.

Child Abuse awareness is a community effort. When our community works as a team, the children and families are better off, and we can prevent abuse from happening. Child abuse and neglect is a problem that is too big for any one non-profit organization, government office, or law enforcement agency to solve. Everyone has a role to play in preventing child abuse and everyone can do something to help. If parents, neighbors, faith-based organizations, businesses, medical professionals – the entire community – work together, child abuse can be prevented. When we realize that we are all connected, we begin to see solutions and make commitments to help.

In 2021, 1,343 referrals were made to Adams County Children and Youth Services with concerns of child abuse or neglect and 3,374 calls came in regarding these and other cases. Reports of abuse are received seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Members of our Adams County Children and Youth Services (CYS) team are working tirelessly and harder than ever to ensure that every child in our community is safe. CYS staff are a ray of hope to these children and ensure that they have the best chance at safety, permanency, and well-being. Families continue to face stressors brought on or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we know they will have to grapple with the collateral consequences of the coronavirus – loss of employment, housing, food security and so much more – as our community recovers. In these times of extreme stress and uncertainty, we cannot ignore the risk of children experiencing abuse and neglect. When you see something, please say something, and report it to Childline at (800)932-0313.

We are also privileged to live and work in a county where the members of our multidisciplinary team (CYS, Law Enforcement, Children’s Advocacy Center, District Attorney’s Office, Victim Witness, and Medical Personnel) are so dedicated to working incredibly hard to keep these children safe. In Adams County we are working among heroes every day that dedicate their lives to ensure every child knows their worth and they can have a healthy and safe future.







## **Thaddeus Stevens Statue Dedication Next Saturday**

On Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00PM, a statue will be dedicated in front of the historic Adams County Courthouse for a local attorney who first rose to greatness in Adams County, before becoming a national figure in the U.S. Congress. Thaddeus Stevens would impact our nation's history for championing equal rights and public education. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, that will include music and historic speakers, as part of a 3-day Thaddeus Stevens event sponsored by the Thaddeus Stevens Society.

Living in Gettysburg from 1816 to 1842, Stevens was not only an outstanding lawyer and contributing citizen, but went on to greater fame as the savior of public education in Pennsylvania, and as the primary framer of the extremely important 14th Amendment to the Constitution. During his residence in Adams County, he played a large role in establishing the water company, library system, bank, newspaper, railroad, iron mills and establishing/retaining Gettysburg College.

A professional video about the statue and Stevens will be presented at a free public showing the night of the dedication at The Majestic Theater. Please make inquiries or contributions to the Thaddeus Stevens Society, PO Box 3484, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or see the complete schedule of events at - [www.thaddeusstevenssociety.com](http://www.thaddeusstevenssociety.com)

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## **Shrivers Corner Rd Bridge Closed for Replacement**

The \$1.3 million replacement of a key Adams County bridge will result in 4 months of detours for motorists. The bridge replacement project on Route 394, (Shrivers Corner Road) will begin March 22, according to PennDOT. The bridge spans an unnamed tributary to Rock Creek on the east side of the intersection with Goldenville Road in Straban Township near the SPCA.

The project, which is being completed by Dillsburg-based Lobar Site Development, includes replacing the bridge, minor work on the approach to the bridge, guide rail updates and other miscellaneous construction according to PennDOT. If you are trying to get over to U.S. 15 or the Hunterstown Diner from the west, make sure you re-route!

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## **Tri-County Broadband “Request for Proposals” Approved**

There is no doubt that sufficient broadband capability becomes more essential every day in our personal lives, for business, education, and economic development. The pandemic has further magnified that need. As a result, both the State & Federal Government have recently made significant pools of money available through dedicated grants and American Recovery Act funding. To enhance our position in applying for and obtaining such funding we are collaborating with Franklin and Cumberland Counties.

At Wednesday's Public Commissioners Meeting the Board approved a Multi-County Broadband Feasibility Study for Proposals, to be received through the PennBid digital platform, beginning April 6,

2022, at 10:00 a.m. and closing May 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

The Board also approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between Adams, Cumberland, and Franklin Counties, whereby each Party to the Agreement agrees to pay for one-third (1/3rd) of the cost to contract with a Broadband Consultant for the purposes of the Multi-County Broadband Feasibility Study.

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## MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) Coming to County

You better get used to the term MFA if you work for Adams County. The Adams County Information Technology Department will soon begin implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA) on all County controlled user accounts.

The purpose of this effort is to improve system access security by introducing an additional authentication step when logging into County systems. It will also allow the County to maintain cybersecurity insurance. The focus of this rollout will include requiring MFA to log into traditional PC's, Laptops, and Tablets that are owned and managed by the County. Instead of only requiring a username and password to gain access to your computer, an additional step will be required to log in. This will be achieved through a cell phone app (primary method) or a USB key (secondary option).

Many of us have already been using MFA in our personal lives when we are asked to receive a security number, on our phone or by email, that gets entered to continue retrieving sensitive information such as financial or medical. IT will be setting up two Teams Meetings that will provide opportunities for all departments to hear further details about MFA and also include a Q&A session.



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March is Women's History month! The Gettysburg Licensed Town Guides are celebrating this event by providing walking tours each weekend in March. That means you have only one more opportunity on March 26 at 11:00 a.m. Join them for a one-hour special tour discussing some of the *heroics of these special women during the Battle of Gettysburg*. See their website at [gbltg.com](http://gbltg.com) or call them to reserve your tour today! Cost is \$15.

The historic *Mansion House 1757* in Fairfield is offering live music every Thursday evening. Sit in the dining room, at the bar, or out on the porch and listen to the tunes while you enjoy fine food and beverages. For dinner reservations call 717-642-5410.

You better take advantage of the *St Francis Lenten Fish Fry* this evening or next Friday before its history for this year. Dinner is from 5-7 at St Francis Center on Table Rock Road.

This Saturday York Springs Lions & Fire Company will be holding their last *York Springs Community Breakfast* for the year at the York Springs Fire Hall. The Breakfast is all-you-can-eat from 6:30-10:30 a.m.

Tomorrow is *Clean-up Day* at the historic Daniel Lady Farm on Hanover Road. The workday is scheduled from 10-4. Volunteers are needed to do an array of tasks around the farm. Lunch will be provided by the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association. You can check it out on the Daniel Lady Farm Facebook page.

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!