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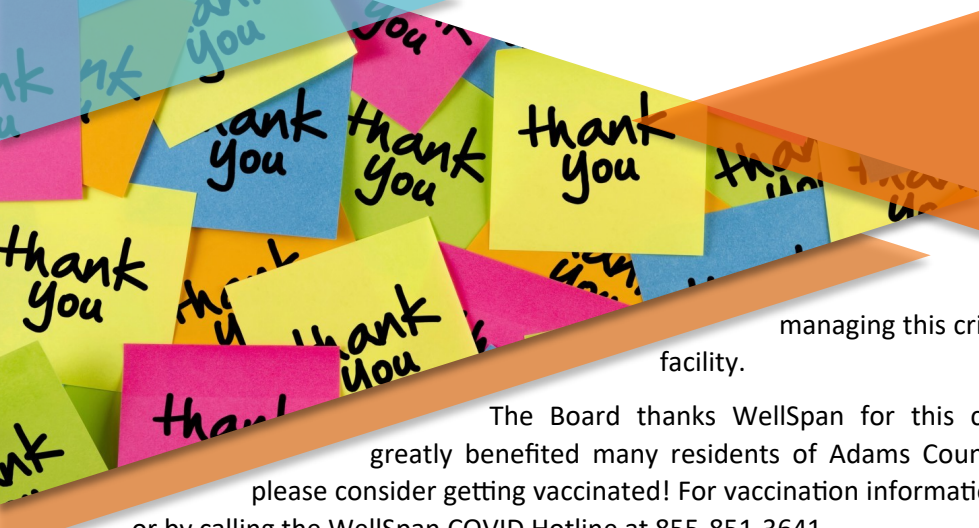
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## ***Community Vaccination Center Closing Tomorrow***

With the demand for vaccinations greatly decreasing, the Community Vaccination Center at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services will be closing on Saturday, June 26, 2021. Vaccinations will still be available at the Gettysburg Hospital, other WellSpan locations, and at other vaccination participants.

The Board would again like to applaud the collaboration between Adams County and WellSpan to make the Adams County Community Vaccination Center timely, efficient, and convenient. We have heard nothing but positive comments regarding the venue and the service provided. Special recognition goes out to DES Director Warren Bladen, Adams County Manager Steve Nevada, Solicitor Molly Mudd, the Adams County Security Department, the Adams County Sheriff's Office, and Building/Maintenance for their key roles in facilitating and



managing this critical community facility.

The Board thanks WellSpan for this community partnership that greatly benefited many residents of Adams County! If you haven't been vaccinated - please consider getting vaccinated! For vaccination information contact WellSpan at [www.mywellspan.org](http://www.mywellspan.org) or by calling the WellSpan COVID Hotline at 855-851-3641.

## Most Adams County Facilities Open

Until recently, to enter county facilities an appointment was required along with a temperature scan and mask. This policy has changed. Following CDC protocol, applicable to both staff and public, persons that have been vaccinated are not required to wear a mask. Persons that have not been vaccinated are still required to wear a mask. Temperature checks for public and staff have ceased. Signage indicates this policy to visitors entering the building.

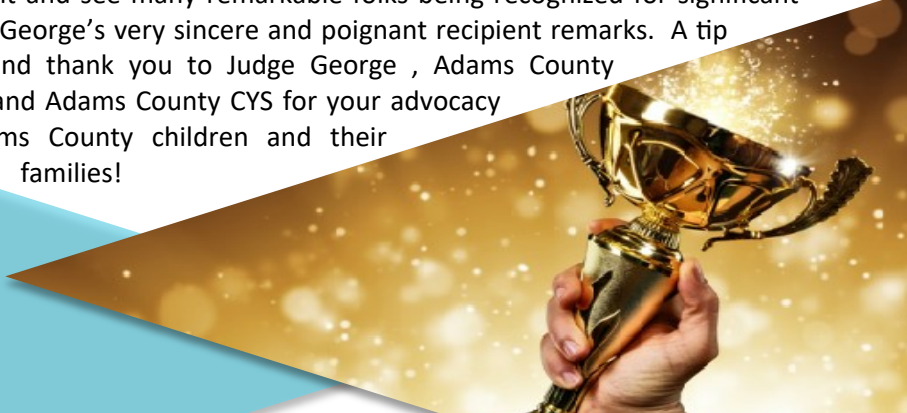
Appointments are no longer required to visit county offices - with the exceptions being the District Attorney and the Sheriff's Office. Public viewing of court proceedings is still limited to virtual viewing at the Human Services Building by contacting the Court Administrator at 717-337-9846 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

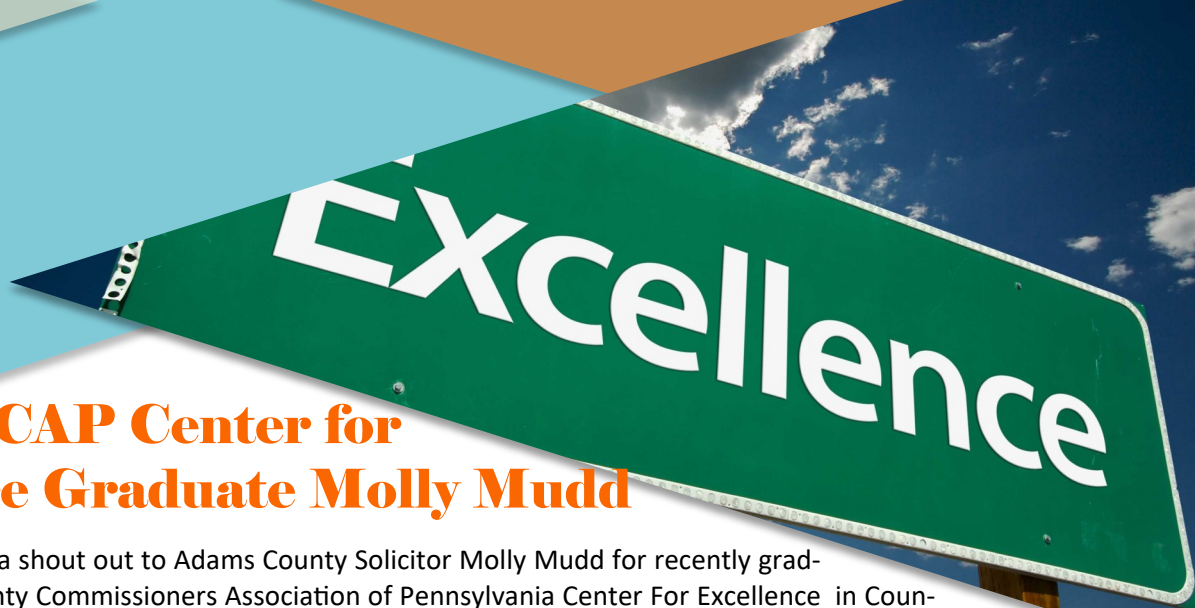
## Adams County Permanency Advocate Award

The Adams County Board of Commissioners & the Adams County Courts are proud to recognize Adams County President Judge Michael George for receiving the *Permanency Advocate Award* during the 2021 PA Permanency Conference.

Judge George was nominated for the award by Adams County Children & Youth Services Director Sarah Finkey. In the nomination submission, Sarah mentioned that in 2016 Judge George made the decision to move from primarily doing criminal court hearings to being the sole Juvenile Court Judge in Adams County because of his deep appreciation for what CYC does. He has used his experience to guide his decision making and champions child welfare whenever he can. The Judge takes time to talk with each child/ youth, has real conversations, knows their likes and hobbies and he always ensures that families are receiving the services that they need. Judge George visits with the CYC staff, meets with the Agency and administration, and is involved in improving practices in any way he can. He is always available and responsive whenever CYC has a need, and he meets at least monthly with CYC staff to discuss family engagement practices- something he strongly believes is an essential component of Child Welfare. Director Finkey said that Judge George holds us accountable with strength, wisdom, and grace. The Director concluded her nomination by saying that a team is strong because of each of their members, and we have a fantastic team member and leader in President Judge George. We are a better county because he is part of it, and children are safe, strong and have bright futures and permanency because he is part of the team.

I was privileged attend the event and see many remarkable folks being recognized for significant deeds and hear Judge George's very sincere and poignant recipient remarks. A tip of the hat and thank you to Judge George , Adams County Courts, and Adams County CYC for your advocacy of Adams County children and their families!





## CCAP Center for Excellence Graduate Molly Mudd

Congratulations and a shout out to Adams County Solicitor Molly Mudd for recently graduating from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Center For Excellence in County Leadership (CEL), a premier professional development program for county officials.

CEL training focuses on fostering individual growth through interactive and high-level classroom training aimed at improving participants communication, management, and leadership skills. CEL includes intense classes in styles of leadership, managerial versatility, interpersonal dynamics, crisis communication, media management, daily communication problem solving, decision making, and other areas.

Adams County now has three senior staff with CEL distinction. County Manager Steve Nevada and County Commissioner Jim Martin are also CEL graduates. Thank you to Molly, Steve, and Jim for your efforts in enhancing leadership skills which result in better management and governance for Adams County.

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## Election Reform Progress

As things continue to remain fluid for election reform legislation in Harrisburg, it is worth taking a moment to update you on the latest legislative activities.

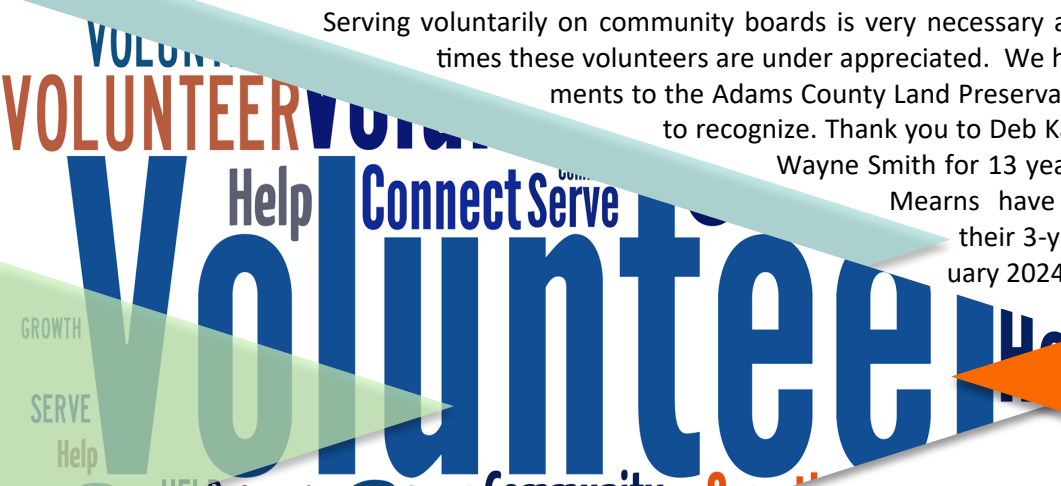
Yesterday, the state House of Representatives discussed proposed amendments to the 150-page HB 1300, and finally passed it. HB 1300 now goes to the Senate. HB1300 has a lot of moving parts, and several components that are politically controversial, thus increasing the odds it will not come out of both legislative bodies – and if it does will be vetoed by the Governor.

Meanwhile, in the Senate, State Government Committee chair Dave Argall (Schuylkill) introduced SB 784 yesterday, a bill that did just two things – allowed counties seven days for pre-canvassing and moved the mail-in ballot application deadline back to 15 days prior to an election. Pennsylvania counties wholeheartedly support this measure as it focuses specifically on counties’ top two priorities. While this political football continues to bounce, Pennsylvania counties remain steadfast in their non-partisan support for these two initiatives.

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## Service On Volunteer County Boards Appreciated

Serving voluntarily on community boards is very necessary and can be very rewarding; but sometimes these volunteers are under appreciated. We have two resignations and two appointments to the Adams County Land Preservation Board whom the Board would like to recognize. Thank you to Deb Kammerer for 22 years of service and to Wayne Smith for 13 years of service. George Weikert and Ben Mearns have been appointed to complete their 3-year terms through January 2024.



Upon recommendation from the Adams County Library Board of Trustees, the Adams County Board of Commissioners has appointed the following to the Adams County Board of Directors: Heidi Gillis, Kara Boehne-Miele, Genevieve Felty, Ray Schwartz, Rukhsana Rahman.

We thank all these volunteers for their valuable service to our community!

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## Capital Improvement Policy Approved

At the Commissioners Public Meeting on June 16, 2021 the Board passed the 10-year capital improvement plan. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Policy provides the framework and procedures for the development, approval, and publication of the Adams County ten-year plan for Capital Improvements. It is a ten-year rolling plan identifying capital projects to be funded during the planning period. The CIP identifies each proposed capital project to be undertaken, the year the project is to begin, the amount of funds



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Summer has finally arrived, and we are hopefully putting COVID in our rear-view mirror. *Adams County Farmers markets* are bursting with pick your own strawberries and cherries in our county orchards - and more fresh produce like corn, melons, tomatoes, peaches, and apples are on the way. *The Majestic Theater, Totem Pole Playhouse* and *Gettysburg Community Theater* have turned the lights back on - so please help them get back on their feet while enjoying some great entertainment. America's premier. Some friends and I are taking our lawn chairs going to Totem Pole Saturday evening. *The Civil War Relic and Collectors Show* is at the Allstar Event Complex this weekend from 9am -2pm. Take home a piece of history! Entry fee \$10. There will be a *158TH Anniversary Civil War Reenactment/Living History* at the historic Daniel Lady Farm on July 3 & 4. Bring the family to this historic location to make those dusty old history books come alive. *Bike Week* is back from July 8-11 with a large turnout expected. Most events with a ton of bands at Allstar each day.

There will be two *July 4<sup>th</sup> community celebrations* at the Gettysburg Rec Park & Carroll Valley Community Park, with food trucks, music, and fireworks. Come early for dinner and desserts, enjoy the music, and finish the evening with a great fireworks display. Parking at the Rec Park is \$5. Beside dinner grub - we hear both events will have ice cream trucks!

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.