

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



Summer Edition 2018



Letter from the President of the Board of Managers

submitted by Ted Martin

It's always hard to believe that July 4th marks almost the midpoint of any year, but it does. Time marches on and we must keep up. Since January, your Board of Managers has been working hard to meet challenges, find opportunities and make choices that will preserve, maintain and improve the Campmeeting that we all love. You will be pleased to know that the Board has risen to each occasion.

First off, we've listened to you. In our first public session back in February we invited the community in to hear about our strategic plan and ask questions. In that public meeting we also reviewed the community survey taken early in 2018 and we discussed the attitudes and concerns that you all identified. We talked about the issues you felt needed to be addressed. Our second public session in June was an overview of "the Rules" of the Campmeeting, and it provided ample time for explanations, conversations and points of view about how we govern our community. Each session was well-attended, with over 40 participants both times.

I also have unofficial office hours on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon where I and usually a board member or two make ourselves available to any community member who wants to talk. Starting in July, office hours will be held in the Community Library. Also, this month, the Board will be trying something new. Our monthly meeting will be outside and be a walking tour of the grounds. Hopefully it gives us new perspective and brings us closer to the challenges and work we all need to see.

As spring arrived the Board led an afternoon-

long clean-up on Earth Day in April. Neighbors and friends cleaned the parks, swept, sorted and piled leaves and sticks and other winter debris for easy removal. We are also well into the process of hiring a new Superintendent to fill Ed Neidigh's shoes once he retires. There's also a new relationship between the Board of Managers and The Tabernacle Association Board, and the two organizations are talking and cooperating like never before.

This year we have begun to tackle the important issues around our infrastructure too. Throughout the spring under our feet, weakened



QUIET SEASON:

July 15 – August 31

Community members, renters and guests—quiet hours are observed all day long throughout the Campmeeting during the "Quiet Season." This is in effect from July 15 through August 31. Summer programming continues, so please be respectful of your neighbors.

"High decibel power tools, such as saws and leaf blowers, and manual work, such as framing and roofing, are prohibited. Moderate noise created by indoor work is acceptable. Painting and landscaping is permitted" (MGCA Rules & Regulations, Rule #17).

During the remainder of the year, Quiet Hours are in effect from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. daily, and all day on Sunday.

parts of our sewer system were repaired and replaced. This was a vital project, and we were able to do it because the leadership of past boards had enough foresight to start putting money aside to cover just such expensive projects. We also took special care to inform you of the work all with an eye to keep you aware and to make sure disruption was kept to a minimum.

We're working closely with an arborist to look at our tree canopy and determine its health. Our goal is to understand the steps we'll need to take to care for the trees that make our community so unique. You'll notice some sick and dead trees have been taken down this spring and hopefully you'll also see that more than a few saplings have taken their places.

Finally, it's time for the Annual Meeting on July 28 (Noon at the MTG Fire Hall) and I encourage everyone to attend. Not only will it be a good time with friends and neighbors to relax and simply have a great meal, but there will be short presentations too on some of the challenges the Board and the Community will be facing in the coming months. In closing, I wish everyone a great season and a wonderful summer. Mt. Gretna truly comes alive during these warm months and for a time there's more activity happening than we can handle. But through all that activity, I ask you to stop and simply take-in the beauty and grace that is part of this community now and always. Never forget that you live in a very special place.

Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show Ticket Pick-Up

The Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show is once again providing two tickets per MGCA Member as a thank you for our community support of the art show. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the Annual Meeting & Community Picnic on July 28 at the Mt. Gretna Fire Hall.

If you are unable to attend the picnic, tickets can also be picked up at 201 Sixth Street (Lazy Dog Cottage, corner of Sixth & Otterbein Streets) at the following times:

- July 29th (Sunday) from 10 a.m. until noon



- July 30th (Monday) from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- August 3rd (Friday) from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- August 5th (Sunday) from 10 a.m. until noon

On August 6th, tickets that have not been picked up will be mailed to Association Members at the address they have on file with the office as their permanent address. If you want tickets mailed to an alternate or summer address, you must let the office know by Friday, August 5th.

If you would like additional Art Show tickets, they can be purchased at the event for \$12. Or, go to <http://www.mtgretnaarts.com/store.php> to purchase advance tickets for \$10, or \$18 for a two-day pass. The Art Show is scheduled August 18th from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and August 19th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Volunteer positions may still be available as well; if you would like to volunteer, please call the Art Show office at (717) 964-3270.

MGCA Annual Meeting & Community Picnic



The MGCA Annual Meeting, Community Picnic and Election of the Board of Managers will be held on July 28th at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company Social Hall. The Annual Meeting & Election begins at Noon. Members will vote for four positions to serve on the Board of Managers; terms begin January 2019. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

The picnic follows the meeting at approximately 1 p.m. Pork barbeque, hotdogs and cold drinks, as well as paper products will be provided for the picnic. Please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share. Then, join the

Community at 7 p.m. for the final Heritage Festival concert of the season. Corty Byron's Clearwater Revival—promising a flashback to the '60s.

Election of the Board of Managers,

July 28

submitted by Esther Mefferd, Nominations Committee Chair

Elections to fill four (4) seats on the Board of Managers will take place during the Annual Meeting of the Campmeeting membership on July 28, 2018. Individuals serve for a three-year term (2019-2021) beginning in January 2019.

Three Board Members who are seeking reelection include:

- Larry Bowman—Larry was appointed to the MGCA Board of Managers in 2018 to fill an open term. Larry is President of the Tabernacle Association. He also serves on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- Lisa Carr—Lisa joined the MGCA Board of Managers in 2016. Lisa is Chairman of the Ad Hoc Library Committee. She also serves on the Property Ownership and Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee.
- Sally Marisic—Sally is the current Treasurer for the MGCA Board of Managers. Sally was elected in 2010. Sally is Chairman of the Finance Committee. She also serves on the Executive Committee, Communications Committee, Tabernacle Association, Ad Hoc Policy Committee, Ad Hoc Library Committee and Ad Hoc Superintendent Search Committee.

Additionally, Barb Myers is seeking election to the MGCA Board of Managers. Barb has experience in commercial real estate, property management and construction management which began in Southern California, spanned over 30 years and included work with private and public corporations as well as state and federal governments.

After moving back to Pennsylvania she was hired by Rite Aid as a Real Estate Administrator responsible for over \$40 million in annual

surplus property rent for nationwide subleased property. Later, she left the private sector to work for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs at Ft. Indiantown Gap as a Procurement and Contracting Manager, Construction, performing state and federal procurement and contracting activities, including facilitating government construction bids.

While at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Barb accepted a position as a contractor for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PARNG). In this role she combined her real estate, property and construction background, inspecting PARNG facilities statewide to determine their condition and functionality. She also managed a database that validated and justified Army military construction projects submitted to Congress for approval.

Currently, Barb and her husband split their time between Hershey and the Campmeeting, but plan to be here full-time in the future. She cares about the overall preservation and improvement of this community and would like to contribute by serving on the Board of Managers.

George Resh is not seeking reelection. George was elected in 2006 and we thank him for his years of service to our community.

Questions? Contact the Nominations Committee Chairman, Esther Mefferd at vicar2@comcast.net or 717-964-3123.



The Campmeeting Movement

Join Campmeeting Member, Linda Campbell at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 13th for her presentation titled, "Campmeeting Chronicles: An Overview of the Campmeeting Movement in the United States and Mount Gretna." This presentation is part of the "Friday Night Summer Programs" in Chautauqua. For more information, go to www.mtgretna.com.

Tabernacle Association Update— submitted by Larry Bowman, Tabernacle Association President

The installation of the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle's new sound system, which replaced and upgraded a system that had been in use at the Tabernacle for several decades, is now complete. The new sound system, which was purchased from and installed by Shenk Audio Design of Myerstown, has already been utilized for a number of programs, ceremonies and concerts and has drawn strong positive reviews for its improved technology, ease of use and the quality and range of its sound coverage within the Tabernacle.

The purchase of the new system was made possible through a grant from the William Drendall Endowment Fund at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church and from funding provided by the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Association, Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association and the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival.

Quoits in Campmeeting

Join us for Quoits each Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Since late May, an impromptu group of anywhere from six to ten of your friends and neighbors from throughout Mt. Gretna has been gathering each Saturday at the Rt. 117 quoit beds across from the miniature golf course for some friendly quoit competition. Quoits, which is a game similar to horseshoes, requires no prior experience, and both newcomers and more experienced quoit throwers are welcomed.

Quoits were a popular activity in the Campmeeting in the early decades of the twentieth century through World War II and were "thrown" or "pitched" in quoit bed areas in a number of locations throughout the Campmeeting. They were a popular activity for both participants and spectators. The set of quoit beds located along Rt. 117 are the only ones remaining today in the Campmeeting.

To be added to the e-mail list for reminders about the Saturday morning quoit gatherings,

contact Campmeeting resident Larry Bowman at bowmanL322@comcast.net or at (717) 964-3803.

Community Activities—submitted by *Tammy Travitz, Community Activities Chair*

The following is an updated list of Summer Activities. All activities are posted to the MGCA website calendar, as well as www.mtgreta.com

First Saturdays—"Unofficial Office Hours"

Join Ted Martin, President of the MGCA Board of Managers at the Community Library from 10 a.m. until noon on the First Saturday of each month. This is a time for Association Members to ask questions and address concerns about the Community. From time to time, Ted will be joined by other board members—please consider stopping by . . .

Heritage Festival—organized by the volunteer efforts of Ed & Cindy Neidigh

This family-friendly concert series is presented by the MGCA and held at the Tabernacle. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of ticket prices, a love offering is taken:

- July 4, 2018 ***Special time from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.*** Music by Ronnie Brandon & Iron Lion; a Virginia-based Reggae band—*feel the love!*
- July 7, 2018 music by Vinegar Street Constituency; a Lancaster-based Americana band described as encompassing elements of super-charged blue grass, early Sun Records-era rock 'n roll, swing, vaudeville, outlaw country and ragtime.
- July 14, 2018 music by Fireside Collective; an Asheville, North Carolina-based Bluegrass ("Newgrass") band.
- July 21, 2018 music by Andy Mowatt's Steely Jam; a Lancaster-based Progressive Funk band.
- July 28, 2018 music by Corty Byron's Clearwater Revival; Flashbacks from the '60's

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival ~ Tabernacle

Worship Concerts, programs start at 7 p.m.

- July 8, 2018—Michael Faircloth, touring pianist with the National Christian Choir, returns with selections from his best-selling CDs.
- July 15, 2018—Irish Blessing, the acclaimed York, PA based family band, intensely carries on the purist forms of traditional Irish music and dance.
- July 22, 2018—Rev. Myrtle McCall, pastor at the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church will preach and Dan Dorty will provide music.
- July 29, 2018—Massed Choir Concert: more than 175 voices accompanied by an orchestra. Directed by Heather Sorenson of Dallas, TX and Howard Helvey of Cincinnati, OH
- August 4, 2018—A Festival of Handbell Choirs will ring music to the Praise and Glory of God.
- August 5, 2018—The Lancaster British Brass Band, renowned for their majestic repertoire, returns to capture the imagination and feed the soul.
- August 8, 2018—Hymn Sing: “Hymns of Fanny Crosby” (who will be present for an interview), led by the Revs. Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer.
- August 12, 2018—Rev. Beau Eckert, Pastor with John Frye and the musicians of Calvary Church, Lancaster will lead us in the worship of Jesus Christ.
- August 19, 2018—Susquehanna Chorale founded in 1981 by artistic director Linda Tedford, has emerged as one of the outstanding choral ensembles in the United States.
- August 26, 2018—QuintEssentially Brass combining musical artistry with infectious personality, again closes the summer season for 25 years.

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival ~ Tabernacle **Morning Services, Sundays at 10 a.m. during July & August**

Services are led by the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church, Rev. Michael Remel, pastor. Communion is observed on the First Sunday of both months and is open to all.

- August 12, 2018—Dave Stahl & the Sacred Orchestra will lead the worship

Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts

This family-friendly concert series is organized by MGCA member, Larry McKenna and supported by Your Financial Community. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle. In lieu of ticket prices, a love offering is taken. The schedule includes:

- July 13, 2018—the music of Leslie Gore
- July 20, 2018—the music of Carole King
- August 18, 2018—the Girls of summer, part one
- August 25, 2018—Broadway’s greatest hits
- September 2, 2018—the Girls of summer, part two

2018 Mt. Gretna Children/Young Families Series

This Chautauqua-sponsored event series is open to the Mt. Gretna Community. It is recommended that children ages 10 and younger be accompanied by a parent, guardian or assigned adult.

- July 12, 19 & 26; August 2, 9, 16—“Yoga for Kids” led by Pat Steely, Stacey’s Place Gazebo, open to grades 1 and above, 10 a.m. (no charge)
- July 3, 2018—“Kid’s Movie Night,” Hall of Philosophy, 6 p.m.
- July 6, 2018—“TED-X,” especially for teens, Hall of Philosophy, 7 p.m.
- July 10, 2018—“Fairy Garden Craft,” led by Karen Beall, intergenerational activity, first of two weeks (\$10 per house, pre-register by July 3rd at 717-964-1830), Hall of Philosophy, 6 p.m.
- July 17, 2018—“Fairy Garden Craft”, led by Karen Beall, intergenerational activity, second of two weeks (\$10 per house, pre-register by July 3rd at 717-964-1830), Hall of Philosophy, 6 p.m.

- July 24, 2018—"Rain Stick Art Project," led by Jackie Zimmerman, Hall of Philosophy, 6 p.m.
- July 28, 2018—"Stories and Treats," Stacey's Place Gazebo, 6 p.m.
- July 31, 2018—"Finding Fiona at the Historical Society," MTG Historical Society, 10 a.m.
- August 7, 2018—"Kids Art Project," led by a MTG Four Pillars Artist, Hall of Philosophy, 6 p.m.
- August 11, 2018—"Stories and Munchies," Stacey's Place Gazebo, 6 p.m.
- August 14, 2018—"Family Fitness Fun," led by Janice Balmer, Hall of Philosophy, 6 p.m.



Mt. Gretna Community Library Book Reviews—discussions begin at 7 p.m.

- July 2, 2018—"Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations" by Amy Chua; reviewer/discussion leader: Margaret Hopkins
- July 9, 2018—"Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century" by Jessica Bruder; reviewer/discussion leader: Cheryl Dellasega
- July 16, 2018—"The Doomsday Machine: Confessions of a Nuclear War Planner" by Daniel Ellsberg; reviewers/discussion leaders: John and Elaine Feather
- July 23, 2018—"The Refugees" by Viet Thanh Nguyen; reviewer/discussion leader: Claire de Boer
- July 30, 2018—"The Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagone; reviewer/discussion leader: Susan Hostetter

- August 6, 2018—"Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism and Progress" by Steven Pinker; reviewer/discussion leader: Ted Martin

Follow the "Mount Gretna Community Library" on Facebook for additional summer events and information.



Mount Gretna Fire Department ~ Station 38

For more information, go to www.mtgretnafire.com, or Like and Follow the Mt. Gretna Fire Company's Facebook Page

- *Looking for Volunteers!*
The Fire Company is looking for volunteers to weed/water the flower beds and garden at the station. There's also an ongoing project power washing, repairing and sealing the picnic benches in the grove. If interested, send a FB message.
- *Ongoing Quilt Raffle*
Tickets \$2 per chance, three for \$5
Available at all fire department events; drawing held on December 8, 2018
- *Reflective House Number Signs*—make sure that emergency personnel can find you quickly. **IMPORTANT:** If you live on a numbered street, include your number on the sign. See attached application/form.

FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome! New Association Members

- Melanie & Brian Boehmer, 207 5th Street
- Mike & Aimee Schmitt, 205 7th Street
- Robert Carney & Jamie Seilhamer, 201 2nd Street
- Lyle & Jean Miller, 615 3rd Street
- Crystal Mills & Brad Kenyon, 508 5th Street
- Matthew & Patti Linnane, 507 1st Street
- Dave Lloyd & Marcie Weber, 403 1st Street
- Harold & Barb Myers, 511 2nd Street

All new members are expected to meet with a representative of the Property Ownership committee prior to settlement whereby Property Transfer form(s) are signed.

Be respectful of Quiet Hours

- Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday
- Quiet hours are all day on Sunday, please no leaf blowers!
- Summer Quiet Hours are all day beginning July 15th through August 31st

Pavilion Rental at Heritage Park

The renovated pavilion at Heritage Park is available for rental on a first-come, first-served basis. The pavilion is available from April through October. The rental fee is \$25 along with a \$25 security deposit. Be advised, rental is for the pavilion-only. The surrounding park area, playground and rest rooms remain available to the public. Contact office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org for additional details, or to request a rental application.

Update your Association Membership contact information

If you've changed your phone number, mailing address, email address or any other contact information, please notify the Campmeeting office. Email communication is preferred.

For you convenience and safety

- "Mutt Mitt" stations are located throughout the Campmeeting . . . please be courteous of neighbors by cleaning up after your dogs.
- No smoking signs are placed throughout the Campmeeting . . . please refrain from smoking on public Campmeeting grounds, streets and pathways. Smoking is not only a health concern, but a fire safety issue.
- Stop signs, 15 mph speed limits and one-way streets are for your safety . . . please follow these simple rules.

You're Invited

- The Board of Managers meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist

Church. Association Members are welcome to attend.

- The Buildings & Grounds Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. Association Members are welcome to attend.

National Register Plaques

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Historic Register plaques are available for purchase for \$125. They are seven-inch by five-inch oval plaques with reverse etching, two countersunk holes and come with color matched wood screws. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, please contact office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org. These are available in a limited supply.

Be in the "know"

Campmeeting events are posted to the website calendar, located under the "News & Events" tab at www.mtgretnacampmeeting.org. Most events were also submitted to the Summer Calendar publication organized by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council; that publication will be available in time for the summer season. Campmeeting events are also be posted to the Mt. Gretna community website www.mtgretna.com.

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED FOR EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS

Campmeeting members should be advised that a Building Permit Application is required for exterior renovations. Before starting any projects, members must submit a MGCA building permit application to the MGCA Board of Managers for review and approval, a process delineated in the most recent Rules & Regulations (R&R) handbook. In addition to the MGCA building permit request and approval, a separate building permit may be required by the Lebanon County Planning Department (LCPD) and/or West Cornwall Township (WCT). Additional information is available in the "MGCA Building Permit Information" document that is posted to the MGCA website.

The Board of Managers recommends that before starting any renovations to their property,

Campmeeting members discuss the project with a member of the Buildings & Grounds (B&G)

Committee.

COMMITTEE ROSTER

Are you interested in volunteering? Contact office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org or speak with any MGCA Board/Committee member.

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Margaret Hopkins—
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Lisa Carr

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Ad Hoc Archive

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The Board of Managers and the year through which they serve

President, Ted Martin (2020)
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REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

Make sure that emergency personnel can find you quickly.

The Mount Gretna Fire Company is offering double sided house number signs to be placed in highly visible area in front of your cottage/home.

The signs measure 12" x 3", white numbers on green background and are available, vertical or horizontal, printed on heavy aluminum with holes punched for installation. See example on reverse.

ORDER FROM:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number to be printed on sign: _____

Please circle your choice:

Vertical Sign

Horizontal Sign

Cost: \$15.00 per sign

Make check payable to: Mount Gretna Fire Company
P O Box 177
Mount Gretna, PA 17064

