

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



Spring Edition 2019



Letter from the President

In nearly 20 years of cottage ownership, I've come to think of the Campmeeting as a place where things always remain perfect. Where days roll by peacefully and singularly and ideally. Where we all know each other as neighbors and friends and work hard to share the joy of just being in a beautiful place. That is the vision that I always want to hold close. Hopefully for all of you, there's a perfect vision in your head too. Campmeeting is the type of place that inspires perfect visions.

However, my time on the Board of Managers has sometimes tested that perfect vision, showing me firsthand that this destination requires a combination of near constant care combined with a fierce determination to navigate growth and maintenance carefully through a confusing and perilous world. The good news is that the community has successfully passed through complicated times before. The bad news is that complicated times always lurk just beyond the horizon and right now, complications are coming at us at a remarkable rate.

Over the past several months, many of you have watched or participated in the discussion about rental regulations. It was the first issue we chose to address in 2019. It has been a discussion characterized by earnest, tough, sincere, thoughtful, emotional, at times mean and derisive, words and letters that have upped the temperature of debate and made all of us a little uncomfortable. It is only the hardest of choices that lead us into the most difficult of conversations. They make our blood boil and they are the essence of change. And what I am asking all of us to consider is the hardest thing of all—to disagree without being disagreeable.

In the coming months the Board of Managers will be making critical decisions on

rentals, water, trash collection and serious infrastructure repairs. We will have more heated and passionate debates and I'm certain there will be raised voices and tempers. Please remember that our passion stems from a place we all love. A place that binds us together. A place we care about deeply.

What I am asking all of us to do in this moment of change is react with patience and calm, and most importantly, pay close attention to our words. Even in today's overly verbalized world, words still matter and they can lift-up as much as they can tear-down. People can claim that words do not count, but every one of us has experience with the corrosive power of ill-chosen comments. We all—myself included—can do better.

Simply put, now is the time for all of us to buck the worldwide trend of divisiveness and harsh rhetoric and prove, once again, that we are a community who can find solutions together. Welcome Spring and welcome back to the Campmeeting.

Ted Martin
President, MGCA Board of Managers

Nominations Sought for Board of Managers

Would you like to serve on the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Board of Managers? Nominations for election to the Board of Managers are now open and all Members are eligible. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting and Picnic on Saturday, July 27, 2019. The three-year board term will begin on January 1, 2020.

For consideration, please submit your name along with a short bio; indicate your desire to serve on the board. Please submit your interest by June 12, 2019 to office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org, or mail to the

MGCA office at P.O. Box 428, Mt. Gretna, Pa. 17064. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting prior to the election. 11 members serve on the board of managers, including a representative from the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Association Board of Trustees.

This year three Board members will be elected. If you are interested in serving on the Board, you are encouraged to attend the Board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. Meetings are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level Fellowship Hall.

Esther Mefferd
Chair, Nominations Committee



Mt. Gretna's Coolest Groundhog's Prediction Holds True

Spring is finally here and we have Campmeeting's own local celebrity, Mt. Gretna Grady, to thank for his prediction.

Mt. Gretna Grady, Campmeeting's groundhog prognosticator, made his appearance on February 2, 2019 at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. This 2nd annual event was organized by Campmeeting residents Valerie and Fred Swarr and serves as a fundraiser for the volunteer fire company.

Grady emerged from his winter's nap, stretched and saw his shadow declaring that winter would remain for six more weeks. Numerous residents, friends, and family were on hand for the festivities and to encourage "Grady" from his slumber. His prediction: "There is a shadow I can clearly see. There is no doubt, that

shadow is me. So back in my lodge I will flee, 'cuz six more weeks of winter it will be!"

The Mt. Gretna Fire Company thanks the community for their support at this event, as well as other successful winter fundraising events including Pasta Night and Bingo. Please, mark your calendars and join us next year. Additional fire company events are also listed in the newsletter publication.

Trash/Recycling Removal -Addressing Campmeeting's Infrastructure

Let's talk trash. Trash removal, that is. Trash removal is one of several services funded by your annual General Assessment fee. When determining how best to provide this service, the Board of Managers (BoM) must consider available funds and all anticipated Campmeeting projects. The trash removal contract with our current vendor has been extended through June to provide time to evaluate our options for the future.

The Building and Grounds (B&G) Committee volunteers have been "talking trash" for some time, and after months of review and information-gathering introduced their preliminary findings at the February BoM meeting. The BoM wants to be clear: They intend to involve the Membership in any decision to move forward with the current trash removal contract and/or any new agreements.

But first, let's take a step back... The current vendor is contracted for weekly curbside trash pick-up, bi-weekly curbside recycling pick-up, as well as weekly disposal from the two dumpsters that were placed at First Street and Fifth Street/Bell Avenue in September 2018. With regard to the cost, it should be added that trash pick-up rates are based on the overall tonnage within one year. Then, that cost-per-ton is spread throughout the 12-months. The current provider has extended our contract through June 2019, giving the BoM time to make an informed decision with Member input.

Campmeeting is a unique community. It is not easy for large trucks/equipment to access.

Many of our streets are narrow, paved walking paths. For this reason, trash removal is time consuming and labor-intensive. Municipalities throughout the country are seeing trash companies scaling back. Simply put, the business of “talking trash” is not what it used to be. Issues related to exporting trash have also halted recycling capabilities. Because of this, the Campmeeting must look closely at current methods and assess if the community can change. Again, the discussion remains open at this time.

Several questions must be answered. Money may be saved, but with what impact on service? What is the bottom line for the current budget? What is the balance of reserve-funds? Infrastructure issues must be addressed in 2019; what are those anticipated costs? Finally, will any cost savings be divided among the Members of the community or used to pay for other Campmeeting infrastructure projects?

The B&G Committee contacted numerous refuse providers in the area. Three vendors responded to the request. Three scenarios were offered. Of note, not all vendors responded to each scenario. The scenarios are as follows:

Scenario #1 – Continue with the current model of curbside, weekly pick-up (trash, bi-weekly recyclables)

Scenario #2 – Curbside, weekly pick-up (trash, bi-weekly recyclables) drivable streets only, plus dumpsters.

Scenario #3 – Dumpsters-only trash and recycling disposal for all Members (dumpsters emptied weekly)

For any dumpster option, reasonable accommodations would be arranged by the Campmeeting office and/or grounds crew for any Member requesting a “reasonable accommodation.” Any associated information would be kept confidential. Upon request, MGCA would make reasonable accommodations with respect to physical or mental disabilities. Permanent dumpsters would be placed in an easily accessible location. Side-opening models

would be chosen. Color, housing and landscaping would be selected/added in keeping with the community’s landscape.

Scenario #1 – The “Current Option”

Includes weekly, curbside trash pick-up at 240 cottages, one apartment and 27 garages/sheds, as well as bi-weekly pick-up of recyclables. The contract includes pick-up of up to four (4) bags or cans (approximately 35-gallons) per household. Current vendor (Vendor A) quoted \$43,380/year. Another vendor (Vendor B) quoted \$56,640/year.

Scenario #2 – “Blended Pick-Up”

Quotes were received for this blended option of pick-up on drivable streets only, with dumpsters added to accommodate all Members. Proposals for this option included: \$32,412/year (Vendor A) and \$50,976/year (Vendor B). From the current option, this scenario could offer an approximate savings of \$10,000 per year for the community.

Scenario #3 – “Dumpsters-Only”

Quotes were received for this option of having dumpsters for trash and recycling available to all Members. Proposals for this option included: \$3,000/year (Vendor A), \$14,160/year (Vendor B) and \$3,804/year (Vendor C). From the current option, this scenario could offer an approximate savings of \$40,000 per year for the community.

The B&G Committee and the Board of Managers understand that some scenarios propose significant change to current practice and we continue to gather information on our options. We also recognize that it is our responsibility to make the best use of your Assessment dollars, which must be spent on a number of community services and functions. Therefore, we want the community to be part of the discussion. This is one of several strategic projects that the Board of Managers will tackle this year. Please keep an eye on future newsletters, announcements and meeting

minutes in order to stay up-to-date with the conversation.

Earth Day Community Clean-Up

Saturday, April 20, 2019 Campmeeting residents are invited to take part in a community clean-up day. This event is to commemorate Earth Day, observed on April 22nd and the second annual community clean-up event.



Members can meet at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. Please bring rakes and gloves with you. At noon, Cheyney Property Management will be provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns and drinks for this event. Feel free to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. We hope to see you; this will give you an opportunity to meet the Cheyney grounds crew.

Raised Bed Gardens Available for MGCA Members

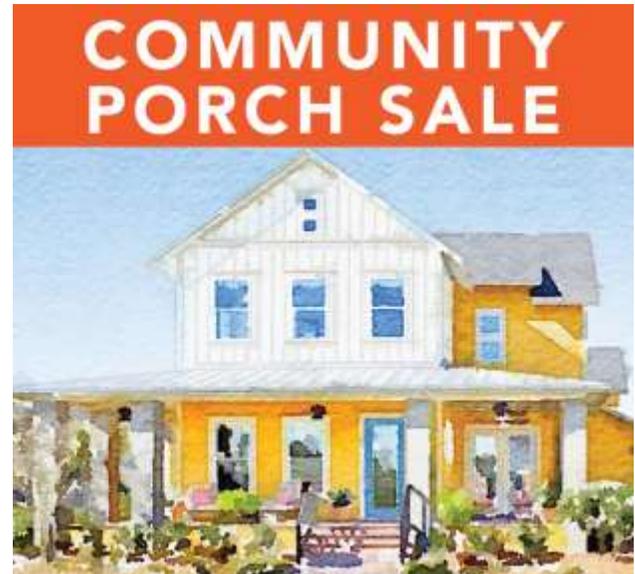
The Campmeeting has several raised beds for lease on a first-come, first-served basis from April through October. The raised beds, are located near the pump house at the corner of Bell Avenue and Fifth Street. Water is also available.

Interested gardeners must complete an application and pay an annual fee of \$30, plus a security deposit of \$30. The security deposit will be returned at the end of the season if the gardener is no longer interested in leasing the raised bed. Security deposits are forfeited if rules are not followed.

Those rules include:

- Removal of trash such as plastic pots, string etc.
- Removal of weeds and unwanted plants from the garden area to the street for pick up.
- Not planting large, tall plants that will interfere with other gardeners' sun.
- Not planting unlawful or illegal plants.

The application can be found under Facilities, Gardens, on the Campmeeting website. Contact office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org for availability.



Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale – an MGCA Sponsored Event

A sure sign that summer is just around the corner, the Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale is scheduled on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Each year the Community Activities Committee produces a map of the Campmeeting highlighting the porches participating in this event.

Though not a requirement for the sale, if you'd like your address added to the map, please email ttjnk@me.com no later than May 11, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the same email address. This is a public, community event. All MGCA Members and their guests are invited to attend. Come, walk the streets of Campmeeting . . . there are treasures to be found!



Annual MGCA Membership Meeting, Election and Community Picnic

Save the date . . . noon, July 27, 2019. The MGCA Board of Managers and the Community Activities Committee reminds all Campmeeting Association Members to attend the Annual Meeting and Picnic. In addition to the Annual Meeting, members will have the opportunity to vote for the open seats for the Board of Managers for the 2020-2022 term.

The Board of Managers meeting will begin promptly at noon, followed by elections and the Member picnic. Hotdogs and Sauerkraut, cold drinks and paper products are provided. Members are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. This event is held rain or shine at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company Social Hall. Mark your calendars. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mt. Gretna Area Historical Society – Community Events

Watch the website for upcoming events, here are a few highlights:

March 24, 2019 – 2 p.m.

“Spanish American War Event.” Did you know that Camp Hastings, Mt. Gretna National Guard Encampment, was the initial training camp for 10,800 Pennsylvania troops who served in the Spanish American War? Save the date for this event to learn about the importance of Mt. Gretna and troop involvement in the Spanish-American War. Jim MacAteer, former National President of the Sons of the Spanish American War will present. This event will be held at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company Social Hall.

April 7, 2019 – 2 p.m.

“So you think you know Mt. Gretna” team trivia. Held at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company Social Hall, doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the event will conclude at 4 p.m. Donations appreciated, prizes awarded and light refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot in advance by contacting info@mtgretnahistory.org.

July 5, 2019 – 7 p.m.

“Our Pennsylvania Dutch U.S. Presidents.” Join local historian Jean-Paul Benowitz for coffee and conversation about Pennsylvania’s Dutch U.S. Presidents—all are welcome. This event will be held at the Mt. Gretna Hall of Philosophy.

Consider becoming a member of the Mt. Gretna Area Historical Society or a volunteer. Visit the Historical Society Memorial Day through Labor Day on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., or by appointment. Looking for a unique Mt. Gretna gift? Feel free to browse the online store at mtgretnahistory.org/shop.

Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church – Community Events



Upcoming community events include:

April 11, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Dyeing Night. Campmeeting residents are invited to attend this community event in the church Fellowship Hall (lower level in church). Eggs, supplies and light refreshments will be provided.

April 13, 2019 – 11 a.m.

Humptieth Annual Mt. Gretna Easter Egg Hunt at the Chautauqua Playground and Jigger Shop area. Prizes will be awarded for five age groups; a rain date is set for April 20, 2019. All children are welcome.

May 25, 2019 – to be announced

Don't forget to stop by the church during the Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale—there will be treasures and treats available for purchase.

Additional events include: Mt. Gretna Nursery School is offered weekday mornings for three-year-olds and four-year-olds from September through May. The youth ministry meets on Sundays from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the lower level Fellowship Hall of the church. Summer Bible School, Wet 'n Wacky Wednesdays take place during the summer for children in pre-school through sixth grade.

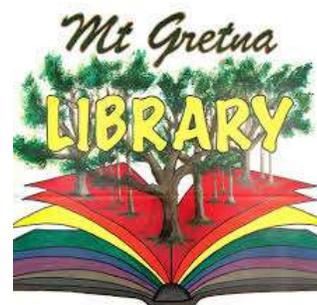
Worship services are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings and are open

to the public. For additional information about any church events, contact:
www.mtgretnachurch.org.



“Ted-Time” – Office Hours for the President of the MGCA

MGCA President holds “office hours” from 10 a.m. until noon on the first Saturday of each month. In the off-season, he can be found at the Mt. Gretna Pizzeria. However, from June through August his office moves to the Mt. Gretna Community Library. From time to time, other board members will join Ted—but there’s always room for more!



Mount Gretna Community Library

Library News

We're back! Even though the Library is closed, our committee of volunteers has been busy planning summer activities. We open for the season on Saturday, May 25 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The 2019 schedule brings back Book Reviews, First Fridays and our daily, summer hours. We will be having Children's Events—watch our Facebook page for details in the coming weeks, or check the library bulletin board for more information.

Our Little Library has been quite active, thanks to our generous community of readers

donating time and books to keep it going during winter months. Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers for all of their time, book donations and support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you this summer. If you wish to volunteer for summer hours at the library, contact Joan Sherman at 717-991-1781 or jmsherman01@comcast.net. Or, email Library@MtGretnaCampmeeting.org.

Summer Schedule, Special Events & Hours of Operation

Saturday, May 25, 2019 - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
Welcome ... come and join us for Opening Day!
2019 Summer Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 9 a.m. until Noon

Tuesday and Thursday - 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Saturday - 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Sunday - 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation

Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

Beginning May 24, 2019 through August 31, 2019

First Friday's at the Library

June, July and August ... join us at the library beginning at 5:30 p.m.

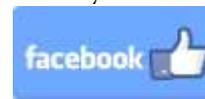


Monday Evening Book Reviews - 7 p.m.

- Jun 10 *The Source of Self-Regard*, by Toni Morrison. Discussion led by Yasmin Brown.
- Jun 17 *The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas are Setting Up a Generation for Failure*, by Lukainoff and Haidt. Discussion led by Susan Wood.
- Jun 24 *The Observatory*, by Richard Powers. Discussion led by Mike Sherman.
- Jul 1 *The Vaccine Race*, by Meredith Wadman. Discussion led by Margaret Hopkins.
- Jul 8 *The Fire Next Time*, by James Baldwin. Discussion led by Nadeen Van Tuyle.

- Jul 14 *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama. Discussion led by Elaine and John Feather.
- Jul 22 *Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy*, by Cathy O'Neill. Discussion led by Kristi Donahue and Bob Rader.
- Jul 29 *American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment*, by Shane Bauer. Discussion led by Margaret Hopkins.

For additional events and real-time information, like us on Facebook: Mount Gretna Community Library.



2019 Heritage Festival, an MGCA-Sponsored event series - Music under the Trees

The Community Activities Committee volunteers are proud to present the 18th Annual Heritage Music Festival. This family-friendly music festival is located at the Campmeeting Tabernacle. All performances are from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., rain or shine. There is no price for admission; all donations are welcomed with a \$10 donation appreciated. Come out and support local musicians. Information will be posted to the MGCA website, as well as the MTG Summer Calendar and www.mtgretna.com. The Tabernacle and Campmeeting grounds are smoke-free; alcohol is strictly prohibited in these public areas.

The music series event listing is as follows:

June 1, 2019 – T.N.T. Live

Taylor & Taylor—a fresh, new acoustic pop duo from Harrisburg, PA. Enjoy family-friendly covers and original music. Follow them on Instagram @tntmusicofficial.

June 8, 2019 – Teen Town

Teen Town is a powerhouse jazz fusion trio led by Downbeat award-winning bassist Gabriel Severn (14), with Logan Bedard (16) on drums and Connor Rohrer (18) on keys. Teen Town is taking audiences by storm with their fresh approach to fusion, their undeniable chemistry, and their exceptional talent and energy. Their name pays homage to one of the great jazz fusion tunes of the '70s, but their music spans multiple decades and genres, from originals to Average White Band to Weather Report to Chick Corea. Despite their ages, the three have an extraordinary amount of experience, with over 1000 performances between them.

June 15, 2019 – Celtic Martins

Featuring award winning instrumentalists and dancers, the Celtic Martins from southeastern Pennsylvania have been entertaining audiences for well over a decade with their high-energy, fiddle driven Celtic music and Irish dance. Their creative upbeat arrangements based on original and centuries-old traditional Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton, French Canadian, and Americana tunes, are joyful and infectious, leaving listeners with both a sense of satisfaction and a desire for more. Their shows also feature Irish step dancing by the Martin sisters, always a crowd favorite. The Celtic Martins is truly a family band.

July 6, 2019 – Colebrook Road

Winners of the 2016 D.C. Bluegrass Union's Mid Atlantic Bluegrass band contest in Washington D.C., winners of the 2015 Podunk Bluegrass Festival band contest in Hebron, CT, winners of the 2014 Watermelon Park Fest band contest in Berryville, VA, and winners of the 2011 Pickin' In The Panhandle Bluegrass Festival

band contest in Martinsburg, WV, Colebrook Road has become a standout string band, a bluegrass powerhouse made up of five individuals whose sum is more than the total of their talents. From modest beginnings as a four-piece band, Colebrook Road now plays as a five-piece ensemble and has become a familiar name throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. With award-winning band members from an array of backgrounds, the songs performed are almost exclusively original compositions with varying themes. The band writes intricate and dynamic arrangements filled with both vocal and instrumental harmony that creates an interestingly modern, complex, and varied sound while still adhering to the larger bluegrass genre.

August 10, 2019 – The Youngers

Hailing from southeastern Pennsylvania, The Youngers were founded in 1999 by Todd Notobartolo (vocals, guitar, lap steel, and mandolin) and Randy Krater (vocals, electric and upright bass). Joining them are bandmates Matt Thren (guitar) and Bruce Kissinger (drums). 2016's Picture of You is the third full-length release by the band, following 2005's Output and 2008's critically-acclaimed Heritage. The Youngers are no strangers to big festival stages, having performed at Delfest in Cumberland, MD and Musikfest in Bethlehem, PA, the nation's largest non-gated free live music festival. They have also shared stages with legends like the late Levon Helm at his famed "Midnight Ramble" and opened for Marty Stuart, Lee Rocker, David Allen Coe, and Wayne Hancock. Their music has been featured on NPR, Sirius Radio, and Cowboy Jack Clement's Radio Show and the band has garnered glowing reviews by Vintage Guitar Magazine and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

2019 Bible Festival, a Tabernacle Association-Sponsored event series – Christian Spiritual Renewal in a Unique Victorian Setting

Ecumenical Worship Services

Fridays in June at 7 p.m. at the Tabernacle

The 6th season for The Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Ecumenical Program begins on Friday, June 7th at 7 p.m. “God Works” is the theme for this year’s Friday evening programs. The First Baptist Church of Lancaster and the Lititz Evangelical Free Church represent two new denominations participating in the series.

The question has been asked, “Why should I attend another service during the week?” We have found that each denomination brings a unique presentation and challenges us to examine our own beliefs, as we try to understand their approach to religion. A new style and format can create a renewed interest which heightens our awareness and stimulates our thoughts. Worshipping in a different format other than that of our usual weekly service may be exciting and serve to refresh our relationship to our God.

Participating in worship in the outdoor setting of the Tabernacle, gathering with different communities of faith, and attending services at a different time may stimulate our thoughts and invigorate our faith. Please join us.

- Jun 7 **“God Works in Us His Character.”**
Rev. Lumi Nichols, First Baptist Church, Lancaster, PA.
- Jun 14 **“God Works in the Storms of Life.”**
Sr. Pastor Tony Hunt, Lancaster Evangelical Free Church, Lititz, PA.
- Jun 21 **“God Works with Our Hands.”** Pastor Gretchen Lerien, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon, PA.
- Jun 28 **“God Works in the Dark.”** Rev. John oVerman, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Enola, PA.

Evening Worship Services & Concerts

- Programs start at 7p.m. at the Tabernacle
- Jun 16 Mt. Gretna’s own Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet will praise God with their original jazz song stylings.

- Jun 23 Amy Yovanovich is a well-known and accomplished Christian singer who will bring an inspiring evening of music.
- Jun 30 New Holland Band returns with a patriotic and spiritual concert, directed by Dr. Kenneth Laudermilch.
- Jul 7 Piercing Word is presenting a new 2019 drama titled, “One Story.” They have been bringing the bible to life since 2007.
- Jul 14 Men in Harmony will present a concert titled, “Our God is . . .”
- Jul 21 Ron Susek, an evangelist, will preach and his wife, Diane, will lead us in worship through music.
- Jul 28 The Massed Choir. Mary MacDonald of Knoxville, TN returns to direct 175 voices in a joyous Sunday evening concert.
- Jul 31 Brothers in Grace is a premier local quartet that is known for quality, inspirational spiritual music.
- Aug 3 A Festival of Handbells will ring to praise the glory of God, under the direction of Michael Joy.
- Aug 4 The National Christian Choir returns for their fourth presentation of superb Christian music. Hear them Sundays at 3 p.m. on 94.5 FM – WDAC.
- Aug 7 The Hymns of Charles Wesley is led by Rev. Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer. Charles Wesley has accepted our invitation to attend.
- Aug 11 Pastor David Kieffer, of Lancaster’s Westminster Presbyterian Church will lead the worship service, assisted by the choir.
- Aug 18 The Susquehanna Chorale, a premier choral group in the nation, directed by Linda Teford, makes its traditional late summer appearance.
- Aug 25 The QuintEssentially Brass quintet with their engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances end another season.

Morning Worship Services

10 a.m. at the Tabernacle

Services are led by the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church, Rev. Michael Remel, Pastor. Communion is offered on the first Sundays.

Aug 11 Dave Stahl & the Sacred Orchestra will lead the worship service.



Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts

Larry McKenna's Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts return to the Tabernacle. This family-friendly concert series is located at the Campmeeting Tabernacle. All performances are from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., rain or shine. There is no price for admission; concerts are "pay-what-you-want." This concert series is sponsored by Your Financial Community of PA, Inc. Additional information will be posted to the MGCA website, as well as the MTG Summer Calendar and www.mtgretna.com. The Tabernacle and Campmeeting grounds are smoke-free; alcohol is strictly prohibited in these public areas.

The concert series event listing includes:

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Crooners: From Nat King Cole to Michael Bubl . Andy Boettcher, Tim Russell, Darryl Thompson, Charis Duke and the band, "The Heat."

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Double Treble: Two Belting Blondes from New York City. Jenna Pastuszek, Ashley Sweetman, Gina Giachero and the Double Treble Band.

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Parrothead Party: The Music of Jimmy Buffett.

Larry McKenna, Rachel Dalton, Nora Fitzgerald, Abby Mosconi, Dennis Matthews and the band, "The Heat." Put on your Hawaiian shirt and join us!

Saturday, July 13, 2019

The Devil Came Down to Gretna. Vocalist and fiddler extraordinaire Jessika Brust brings her own band to the Tabernacle featuring a wide range of music with something for everyone. Also featuring Abby Mosconi and Maria Panvini.

Saturday, July 20, 2019

The Music of James Taylor & Carly Simon. Andy Boettcher, Lauryn Obozian, Olivia Perrin, Jessika Brust, Larry McKenna and the band, "The Heat."

Saturday, July 27, 2019

One Fine Night: The Music of Carole King. Abby Mosconi, Ansley Livingston, Jessika Brust, Jen Buono and the band, "The Heat."

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Burt Bacharach Songbook. Rachel Hendrickson, Nerissa Wolfson, Kendyll Young, Jessika Brust and the band, "The Heat."

Saturday, August 24, 2019

Broadway's Greatest Hits: A New Revue. Andy Boettcher, Jessika Brust, Maria Panvini, Darryl Thompson, Gina Giachero and the band, "The Heat."

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Divas through the Decades with the Girls of Summer. Rachel Hendrickson, Kate Nice, Maria Panvini, Jessika Brust, Larry McKenna and the band, "The Heat."

Quoits in Campmeeting

Each season, an impromptu group of anywhere from six to ten of your friends and neighbors throughout Mt. Gretna gather 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.



Mount Gretna Fire Department

Interested in volunteering at the Fire Department? If you'd like to volunteer at fund raising events, contact Karen Lynch. Interested in being a volunteer firefighter—contact the station at 717-964-3511. Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information and events, and mark your calendars.

Upcoming Community Events

All events are open to the public; Campmeeting Members and guests are invited to attend.

April R&K Sub Sale

Orders accepted until April 15th. Subs available at the Fire Hall for pick-up on April 25th from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Subs are \$6, pretzel sandwiches are \$5. Call the Fire Company at 717-964-3511 and leave a message to place your order.

April 27, 2019 – 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

3rd Annual Cottage Crafters Spring Show with refreshments available for purchase.

May 11, 2019 – Noon until 3 p.m.

Spring Block Shoot

May 25, 2019 – 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

September 21, 2019 – 4 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Pig Roast. \$20 all-you-can-eat food and drinks.

October 20, 2019 – 1 p.m.

Bingo. Doors open at 11 a.m.

October 25, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Parade forms at the Jigger Shop.

November 3, 2019 – 8 a.m. until Noon

Annual Fall Breakfast Buffet (donation).

November 9, 2019 – Noon until 2 p.m.

Annual Soup Cook-Off. “Chefs” must register for this event.

November 30, 2019 – 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Fall Cottage Crafters Holiday Show with refreshments available for purchase.

December 14, 2019 – 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Cookies with SANTA and Santa Shop.



First Fridays Continue in Mt. Gretna

For up-to-date information, follow Mt. Gretna First Fridays on Facebook. First Friday event locations will pop-up as the season opens in June. Many locations throughout the community will offer art, activities, music and food. The evenings kick-off at 5:30 p.m. Event sites include La Cigale Gallery, Mt. Gretna Community Library, Porch & Pantry, Timers Restaurant and more. Look for additional information in the Mt. Gretna Summer Calendar and our Community partners' websites and social media.



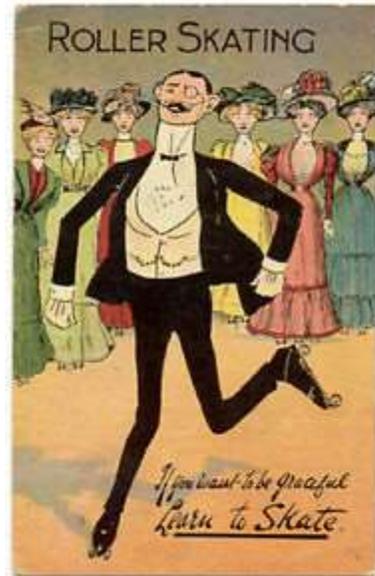
Tour de Gretna Bike Race Honors Stacey Pennington Memorial

The annual Tour de Gretna Bike Race will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019. This year the race will also be known as “The Stacey Pennington Memorial Race.” A portion of funds raised will be donated to the Friends of Stacey Memorial Fund. The fund is a memorial to Stacey Pennington whose spirit lives on throughout the Mt. Gretna community.

On race day, please be patient with potential traffic delays, as well as the bicyclists who will be sharing the roads with you.

There are two races scheduled in the day. The first at 9 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m. The race route takes riders from Soldier’s Field (the race staging area) to Colebrook, then onto Mine Road, crossing Butler Road onto Old Mine Road, and then connecting to route 117 returning to Mt. Gretna. Races will vary in length from 30 to 60 miles; the race loop is 10 miles. All races will be finished by 4 p.m. There will be police and auxiliary police presence on the entire course directing traffic that day.

An awards ceremony for the race is scheduled on the deck of the Hide-A-Way Restaurant with live music from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Questions? Anyone wishing to donate to the Stacey Pennington Memorial Fund, or anyone who has a business that would like to help sponsor the race, contact Ed Neidigh at 717-419-9191. For more information: www.tourdegretna.com.

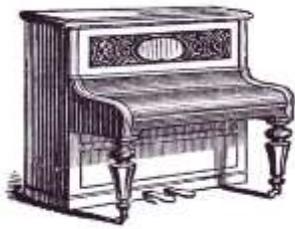


Mt. Gretna Roller Rink – Upcoming Events

The Mt. Gretna Roller Rink is open for family fun. Sundays enjoy public skating to pop music from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays enjoy Family Night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. while skating to ‘80s music. Fridays enjoy public skating to pop music from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturdays are open for public skating from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. (pop music), then return at 7:30 p.m. for a little nostalgia while skating to live organ music (only a few weeks remain to the season) until 10:30 p.m.

Don’t forget to like and follow the Mt. Gretna Roller Rink Facebook page. Come, join in the fun. Some hours and events are seasonal, so click on www.mtgretnarollerrink.com for more information.

Board of Trustees, Mt. Gretna Tabernacle Association



If you know of an individual or organization who could use the Tabernacle's piano, and is capable of moving it—please contact a member of the Board of Trustees (listing on back page). Last season, the Board of Trustees purchased a new keyboard for the Tabernacle. The piano has historical significance and was made in Lebanon County. It is still in working condition. Previous plans were made for a donation to the Lebanon County Historical Society, though storage issues stymied this plan.



From the Tool Shed

It's been a crazy winter and our crew is desperately looking forward to warmer weather. We are excited to get things ready for spring and summer activities. Also, we would like to pass on a few things that we have encountered in the short time we've been working in the Campmeeting. Some of these items may make clean-up easier for you—they all will make our time in the Campmeeting more productive and

efficient. And this means more cost savings to you.

Keeping leaves and sticks separated are crucial. West Cornwall Township staff are contracted to remove leaves at our dump site and have instructed us that no sticks may be in the leaf compost piles for their composting operations. So please help us to be efficient by making piles for only leaves and pine needles. For those residents on Batdorf Avenue, make separate piles for grass clippings. All other "green waste" including branches, sticks, pinecones, root-balls from potted plants, etc. need to be in a separate pile. When in doubt, please ask. Plastic containers and other trash should not be added to "green waste" piles. For the consideration of our staff—please do not put dog waste in these piles as our work is mostly done by hand. As far as clean-up operations, we also ask Members to place piles on streets in-view so they can be easily removed. We plan on picking up leaves and sticks along the roads on a bi-weekly basis, or as directed by the Building

and Grounds
Committee.



A bit of trivia about the Campmeeting's tree canopy: The Eastern Hemlock is Pennsylvania's state tree. It was named by the state in 1931. There were a number of reasons it was selected as the tree of Pennsylvania. One of them being because the tree is so prolific throughout the state and because it contributes to the beautiful scenic views all year round. The Hemlock was also called the most "picturesque and beautiful" of all evergreen trees. Prior to the hemlock becoming the state tree of Pennsylvania, it was one of the most frequently used by early settlers.

See you out there!

Doug Cheyney
Cheyney Property Management

From the Office of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting

Welcome new Members!

Allison Barthold - 602 2nd Street

John Barton - 511 2nd Street

Beverly Hickey & Mary Lou Gurskey - 105 6th
Street

David & Janelle Kuligowski - 204 5th Street

Mt. Gretna School of Arts - 411 5th Street

Leeshaun Musick - 307 2nd Street

Hal & Barb Myers - 701 2nd Street



Annual Assessments

Just a reminder, annual Assessments are due to the Campmeeting office by June 30. In order to receive the discount, fees must be received no later than March 30th. Questions? Contact the Campmeeting office.

Volunteers Needed

Community members are invited to volunteer on committees of the MGCA Board of Managers. Choose your area of expertise. Meet your neighbors and make new friendships while making the Campmeeting a desirable place to live. A full committee roster is located within this newsletter. Contact the office (717-964-3040) for more information—or to volunteer.

Mark your Calendars

The MGCA Board of Managers meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. MGCA Members are always welcome to attend. The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in

the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. Again, all Members are invited to attend.

Be Respectful of Quiet Hours

Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. Monday through Saturday and all day on Sunday year round—please no leaf blowers!

Rules & Regulations

In an ongoing effort to enforce Campmeeting Rules, in the first quarter of 2019 (January-March):

No warnings were issued for Rules violations; and,

No fines were issued for Rules violations.

Campmeeting Rental Opportunities

Plan ahead for the summer season . . . the Heritage Park pavilion 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. Additional rental opportunities exist for Members including: Tabernacle rental, garage/shed rental (First Street), parking space rental (Boehm Ave.), large parking space rental (First Street, behind garages) and raised planting bed rental (Bell Avenue). Contact office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org for additional details, or to request a rental applications.

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 your 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, 15mph speed limits, and one-way streets are for your safety...please follow these simple rules.

Building Permits Required for Exterior Renovations

Campmeeting members should be advised that a Building Permit Application is required for exterior renovations. Examples include:

- Construction or renovation work which alters the external boundaries of an existing structure;
- Installation of a driveway, parking area, or hardscaping of impervious material;
- Remodeling of a porch or deck;
- Relocation, upgrade, or addition to household waste and/or water lines;
- New chimney construction or reconstruction of existing chimney;
- Foundation improvement;
- Relocation and/or upgrade to electrical, water, sewer or HVAC systems;
- Installation of fences, patios or landscape.

Before starting any of the above 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) agent for 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.

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and the year through which they serve

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