

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



*Spring is a time to awaken
from our winter slumber and
embrace the beauty of the
world around us.*

Property Ownership Committee Update

Submitted by Committee Chair, Kevin Burd

Please join me in welcoming new Members to the Campmeeting. Please introduce yourselves and share what you love about our community.

- Kelsey and Earle Bane, the new owners of 200 Bell Avenue, and
- Melora and Billy Hartman, the new owners of 311 First Street.

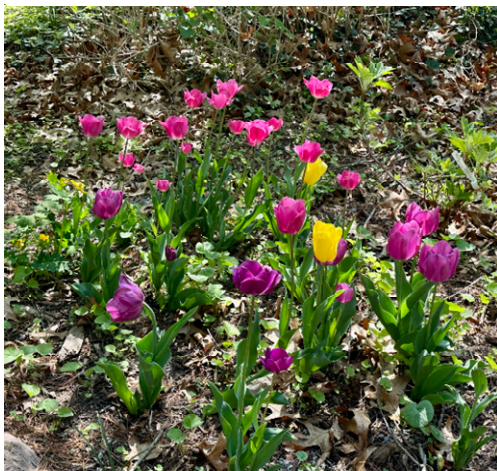
Regarding short-term rental permits, of the 72 short-term rental permits available, as outlined in Rule 20 and the associated policy, 42 permits are currently granted in the community. Short-term rental permit holders are reminded that West Cornwall Township (WCT) has created zoning ordinances regarding short term rental units. It is your responsibility to comply with WCT permit requirements.

As Members of the community—new and old—please contact us at homerentals@mtgretnacampmeeting.org if you have any questions. Help us, help YOU.

Board Elections on the Horizon

Would you like to contribute to our community by serving on the MGCA Board of Managers? If so, please read on. Three Managers will be elected, or re-elected, this summer to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2023.

Our Community Garden, alive with color!



Submitted by Christine Slotznick

If you have a desire to serve, please submit your name, address, photo, and a 75-word or less biography to the MGCA office on or before Tuesday, June 20, 2023, for inclusion in the July newsletter. To be included on the ballot, submit your information by email to Office@MtGretnaCampmeeting.org or by USPS mail to MGCA, P.O. Box 428, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064.

A Membership vote for Board Members will take place via mail-in ballot in July. Ballots will be mailed to the Member address on file on Friday, June 30, 2023. Ballots must be returned, postmarked, no later than Monday, July 24, 2023.

If you'd like more information on what's involved in serving on the Board, please contact the Office.

Out of Office



The Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Office will be closed May 20 through May 26. The office phone and answering machine will not be monitored during this time, but email messages will be reviewed.

Boehm Avenue Beauties



Submitted by Christine Slotznick

Earth Day Clean-Up & Potluck

Thank you to everyone who came out for our annual Earth Day Clean-Up and Potluck event. A total of 35 trees and shrubs were planted in approximately one hour! This would not have been possible without so much assistance from our wonderful Members.



2023 Heritage Festival Schedule

The Community Activities Committee is proud to present the 20th (wow!) Annual Heritage Music Festival. All performances are from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Tabernacle.

Heritage Festival performances are funded by your generous contributions – a \$10 per person donation is greatly appreciated! Your contributions make future years of the Heritage Festival possible.

The Tabernacle is smoke-free; alcohol is strictly prohibited.

June 10 – Olivia Perrin

Returning to the Heritage Festival stage! Olivia is an accomplished singer and actor. Her favorite genre of music is jazz. Olivia has been a theater teacher at Maltz Jupiter Theatre in southeast Florida. She has performed regionally as well as in numerous jazz performance spaces and cabaret venues. Check out Olivia's channel on YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/@oliviaperrin1254>.

June 17 – Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band

New to the Heritage Festival! Hammer Creek is a 5-piece band playing traditional bluegrass and other music genres in a string-band style. Check them out on YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/@hammercreekbluegrassband4409> – and on Facebook.

July 1 – Colebrook Road

A Heritage Festival favorite! The 2020 International Bluegrass Music Awards nominees are returning to the Tabernacle's stage. The band has appeared on the Billboard Music Chart with 2 "Top 10 Hits". Their album, On Time, spent six weeks on the 'Top 10 Hits' Billboard Music Chart in 2019. Another album, On Time, has also earned a spot on Billboard's Top 10 Hits list, too! Learn

more about them at their website,

www.colebrookroad.com.

August 12 – Wolfepack

New to the Heritage Festival! Wolfepack specializes in an eclectic list of classic rock and pop songs. Check them out on Facebook and join us August 12 for a very special evening.

August 19 – Angry Young Band: Billy Joel Tribute

Another Heritage Festival favorite! This is a high-energy, seven-piece band covering the Billy Joel catalog from Cold Spring Harbor through River of Dreams. Their performances mix deep cuts and fan favorites with everyone's favorite chart-topping hits and classic songs. Check them out at <https://angryyoungband.com/> and on Facebook.



Submitted by Joe & Ann Bering

September 10 – The Perseverance Band

New to the Heritage Festival! The Perseverance Band was officially organized in 1857, making it one of the oldest community bands in continuous operation in the nation. In 1861 the entire band enlisted as a group in the Union Army, becoming the 93rd Regimental Band of the Pennsylvania Volunteers. This concert is being performed as a memorial to Dr. Carroll Ditzler, a longtime resident of Mt. Gretna and a lifelong trombonist in the Perseverance Band. Close out the summer season by joining us for an evening of exceptional music!



Birthday Greetings

Campmeeting's own Dorothy Landis Gray celebrated her 101st birthday on April 23.

It's been a few years since Dorothy has been able to visit Campmeeting, but she thinks of us, misses Campmeeting and longs to return to play piano at the Tabernacle before one of the Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts.



Dorothy currently resides in Florida. If you'd like to send a greeting to Dorothy, cards can be sent to:

Dorothy Landis Gray
PO Box 2084
Lutz FL 33548

Dorothy is doing well and enjoyed a special birthday lunch with her daughter Mary Ann and son-in-law Lee, pictured here.





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OF HISTORIC PLACES

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Leaf Collection Procedure

Purpose: To provide guidelines to the Membership for collection of leaves.

Procedure Detail:

1. Members are encouraged to leave leaves on the ground around the trees as much as possible. These leaves degrade to soil over time, providing much needed nutrients for the trees and groundcover to replace eroded soil.
2. Understanding that not all leaves can be left on the ground, the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting (MGCA) will provide the following leaf collection services:
 - a. The MGCA will collect loose leaf piles in the Spring from the second Monday in April until the Monday after Memorial Day and from the 3rd Monday in October until the end of the second weekend in December. Leaves will be collected from all driving streets every other week in rotation according to the published schedule. A current year's map and schedule will be posted on the Campmeeting website, published in the Newsletter, and available from the office upon request. NOTE: Leaf piles and leaf bags must contain leaves, pine needles and pine cones only, **no sticks or other debris**.
 - b. Members are always welcome and encouraged to take their leaves to the storage location behind the garages on the east side of 1st Street. These leaves do not need to be bagged. Members may also bag their leaves in paper bags or compostable bags for collection year-round. These bags will not be provided by the MGCA.

Discretionary Power: Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair

Dates: Adoption: September 06, 2022
Revision: April 11, 2023
Rescission:

MT. GRETNA CAMPMEETING Leaf Removal Streets

2023 Leaf Collection Schedule



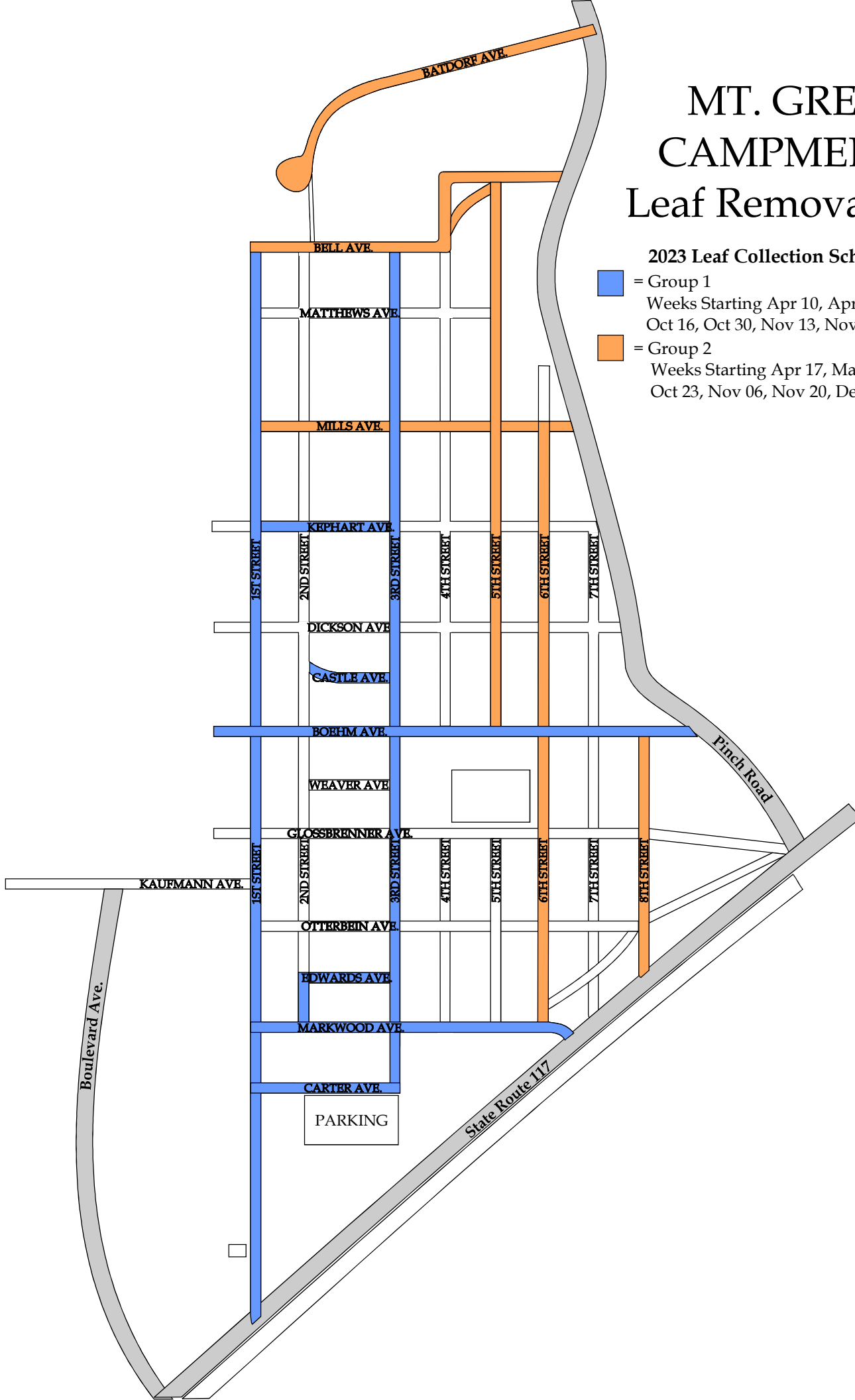
= Group 1

Weeks Starting Apr 10, Apr 24, May 08, May 22, and
Oct 16, Oct 30, Nov 13, Nov 27



= Group 2

Weeks Starting Apr 17, May 01, May 15, May 29, and
Oct 23, Nov 06, Nov 20, Dec 04



Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale



Saturday, May 27
8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The annual Campmeeting Porch Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 27, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Campmeeting cottage owners who would like their address to be included on the porch sale map should email or call the MGCA office **by May 15**. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the MGCA Community Activities Committee.

MGCA Members will receive a copy of the porch sale map via a SendInBlue communication a few days before the sale. The porch sale map will be posted on the MGCA website for easy access. A limited number of paper copies of the map (and the link to the online version) will be available on May 27 at the Community Library, Tabernacle and Post Office.

Matthews Avenue Native Permaculture Berms

Year 2 of 3 Update

By Jay Noble

I have experience restoring stream banks, flood plains, installing stream crossings, and other farm-related runoff issues. I was asked to review stormwater problems in 2021 and subsequently donated my time to the Matthews Avenue project.

The problem has been that water from the north properties of Matthews Avenue would rush down the old alleyway and then flow downhill without interruption. This caused erosion problems and added stress to the water flowing down Mills Avenue.

I evaluated these areas and my goal was to slow the water down and drive it into the ground using native plants. This would help to avoid rushing water along impervious surfaces into waterways when possible. Best case scenario would result in rainwater entering the ground and soaking into the stream while not running across surfaces into streams.

I designed and installed a solution in Fall 2021:

- I installed a sequence of scalloped check dams that slow water down by holding it and driving it into the ground while directing any remaining overflow water into vegetated areas downhill between cottages instead of along walkways. Reports from Members are that the rushing stream of water that used to flow along the long downhill path has substantially decreased.
- It will improve over time as the vegetation matures in the berm area. I planted a succession seed mix of approximately 20 plants. This means that fast-growing plants that establish themselves in the short term are overtaken by slow-growing plants. Some plants grow while some plants do not grow depending on the condition of the site. The mix is engineered to establish only those plants suited to site/soil.
- 2022 Succession 1
 - Cover crop of winter rye died off during the summer. This was intentional by design.
- 2023 Succession 2
 - Native grasses, legumes, and other plants follow the winter rye while slower-growing shrubs take shelter. Thus the reason we ask that this area be free from foot traffic.
- 2024 Succession 3
 - Native shrubs should start to rise to compete with the plants and grasses.

As of today's date, the site appears to be doing fine. But, one never knows what Mother Nature might have in store. I will continue to keep an eye on it.

It was disappointing to see that someone appeared to have cut out two or three mature, decades-old trees along the installation. The goal is to have mature woody shrubs and trees.

Mount Gretna does not have the luxury of new home developments with large water retention areas. Campmeeting should consider an equivalent by using many small retention solutions. I had hoped to do more but have not had the time.

Everything that I installed seems to be doing the job as expected and has helped drive hundreds of gallons of water into the ground where it belongs already. Permaculture requires patience and knowledge.

Jay Noble is the founder and Executive Director of the Mt. Gretna School of Art. MGCA thanks Jay for the time and expertise he has devoted to the Matthews Avenue Project. Members are asked to respect the signs and not enter the permaculture berm area on Matthews Avenue.

Water Tower Replacement Project



Submitted by Ben Slotznick

The foundation and supporting structure has been completed. The contractor is projecting the erection of the tank to take three to four weeks. Afterward, associated piping and electrical components will be installed and tested, the tank will be painted inside and out; the tank will be disinfected and tested by DEP. Then, the tank will be filled and put in service. The contractor assures us that all equipment and materials needed will not be delayed and will not affect the schedule. The project remains on target. We thank you for your water conservation efforts during this time when we are purchasing water from the Mt. Gretna Authority.



Photo submitted by Justin Bates, HRG Engineering



Photo submitted by Ben Slotznick



Photo submitted by Ben Slotznick



Photo submitted by Ben Slotznick

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR
Mustering in of the National Guard of Pennsylvania
Camp Hastings – Mt. Gretna, PA



WHAT: Commemoration of Pennsylvania National Guardsmen rendezvousing in Mt. Gretna to train and muster out for the Spanish-American War-1898

WHERE: Soldiers Field, Hall of Philosophy, Mt. Gretna Historical Society
Mt. Gretna, PA

WHEN: May 6, 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Soldiers Field: *Opening Ceremony, soldiers' camp, maneuvers, and scavenger hunt*

Hall of Philosophy: *Speakers, genealogy, displays, and food*

ALL DAY Living Historians Camp Hastings (rain or shine)

9AM-4PM Scavenger Hunt for Kids and Adults

10AM Opening Ceremony*

11AM-1:00PM Mount Gretna Area Historical Society Museum open

HALL OF PHILOSOPHY

12:30-4:00PM Spanish-American War PA Veterans Genealogy Consult

1:00PM Speaker - *Espionage During the Spanish-American War*

2:30PM Speaker - *War in the Philippines*

Dutch Country Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

Keller's BBQ Food Truck

*Inclement weather, the opening ceremony will be in the Hall of Philosophy.

Upcoming Holidays Impacting TNT Trash Pick-Up

In observance of Memorial Day, trash collection will not take place on Monday, May 29, 2023. Trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Reminders about holidays and trash pick-up will be posted on the Mt. Gretna Neighborhood Association Facebook page and sent to Members via email by the MGCA Office.



Invite Nature into your Environment

Submitted by Carole Miller – MGCA Tree Committee

Spring has arrived and nature is responding. Violets are one of the many plants which are starting to appear in the Campmeeting landscape. As they start to bloom, enjoy their cheerful flowers. Welcome the violets as they are easy to grow, will multiply, and create an excellent ground cover. They play a particularly significant role as the host plant for the Fritillary butterfly.

Welcome butterflies into your garden, provide the host and nectar plants that they need, and you will be rewarded with these beautiful creatures in your landscape.

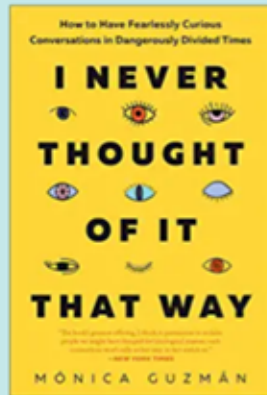
Visit the Campmeeting Community Garden often this spring and summer. (The entrance is just steps away from the intersection of 8th Street and Boehm Avenue.) As the months unfold, more plants and shrubs will be blooming in the Community Garden providing opportunities for you to observe butterflies and all types of pollinators.

[Better Know a Host Plant: Wild Violets – Backyard Butterflies Gardening for Butterflies \(psu.edu\)](#)



One Book, One Community

One Book, One Community For the Mount Gretna Community



Please join us as
we discuss how to have
curious conversations
on difficult topics.

When:

March 13, pages 1-98

April 10, pages 99-196

May 8, features a virtual visit discussion with
author, Monica Guzman as we wrap up with
pages 197-232.

Where: Mount Gretna United Methodist
Church Ebenezer Room

Time: 7pm-8pm

We had a good turnout for the first two discussions. Thank you to those who attended. If you missed the earlier sessions, please join us in May for the final discussion.

The Community Activities & Recreation Committee is excited to continue our "One Book, One Community" book discussion on May 8. We'll be discussing the final portion of *I Never Thought of It That Way* by Mónica Guzmán.

The May discussion will be in person and/or via Zoom (you can choose which attendance format works best for you). Anyone from Mt. Gretna is welcome and we hope that our neighbors will help spread the word and join the discussion.

We're thrilled that author Mónica Guzmán will join the discussion on May 8.

To attend the May discussion virtually, please email the MGCA Office (office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org) **by May 2** to request a Zoom link.

Skate Party Fundraiser

Looking for an evening of family fun, while you support a good cause? Join your neighbors and members of the Mt. Gretna Fire Company for the "First Annual Mt. Gretna '38' Skate". Admission fees at the Mt. Gretna Roller Rink (on Route 117 in Mt. Gretna) on Sunday, May 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., benefit the Fire Company's Rescue Engine Campaign. We look forward to seeing all of you there!!!

Volunteers Wanted!

It's not just your favorite restaurant, Lowe's and Target who are searching for workers—the MTG Fire Company is really in need of some help.

If fighting fires does not interest you, volunteers are also needed to help with administrative tasks, special events, and fundraising. If you have time to help out, give them a call, lend a hand.

You can make a difference in our community by ensuring the ongoing success of the Mt. Gretna Fire Company and the safety of your neighbors.

FIRST ANNUAL MT. GRETNA 38 SKATE
SUNDAY! MAY 7TH 5:00 - 8:00 PM
\$8 ADMISSION
\$5 SKATE OR BLADE RENTAL
ALL ADMISSION BENEFIT THE MT. GRETNA FIRE COMPANY NEW RESCUE CAMPAIGN!
Stay hydrated!

MT. GRETNA FIRE COMPANY
GOAL \$700,000
New Rescue-Engine Campaign
Taking Strides To Keep You Safe!
Thank You for Helping to Meet Our Goal!

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<https://mtgretnafire.com> facebook

On the Horizon – Happening In Our Community – Mark Your Calendars

Due to space limitations, event listings for June, July and August will be limited to those occurring in Campmeeting. For a complete listing of events in the Mt. Gretna community, see the calendar on the Home/Events tab of <https://mtgretna.com/>. A copy of the Chautauqua Summer Program brochure is available at: <https://www.pachautauqua.info/default.php>

May 6 – Commemoration of the PA National Guardsmen rendezvousing in Mt. Gretna in 1898

- Full day of activities including living historians, genealogy consultations and speakers
- See event announcement in this newsletter for more information

May 7 – First Annual Mt. Gretna Skate (Fundraiser for the Fire Department's new Rescue Engine)

- 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mount Gretna Roller Rink, Route 117, Mt. Gretna
- \$8 admission, proceeds will be donated to the MTG Fire Department

May 8 – One Book, One Community Discussion (Final discussion)

- 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mount Gretna United Methodist Church Ebenezer Room
- Author Mónica Guzmán will join the May 8th discussion via Zoom

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 16 – MGCA Board Meeting

- 6:30 p.m., Virtual/In-Person at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

May 26 and May 27 at 7:30 p.m., May 28 at 2 p.m. – Strictly Platonic, a romantic musical comedy – proceeds benefit the Tabernacle restoration

- Performances at the Tabernacle
- Tickets and information at: <https://www.larrymckenna.com/strictly-platonic.html>

May 27 – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at the MTG Fire Hall

- 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

May 27 – Annual Campmeeting Porch Sale

- 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 27 – Opening Day and Book Sale at the Mt. Gretna Community Library

- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

May 29 – Memorial Day

June 2 – Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Bishop Charles Brown Jr.

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 4 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 5 – Book Review, Braiding Sweetgrass, at the Mt. Gretna Community Library

- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 9 – Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Rev. John Frye

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 10 – Heritage Festival, Olivia Perrin, jazz singer

- 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 11 – Bingo at the MTG Fire Hall

- 11:00 a.m. – Doors open; 1:00 p.m. – Games start

June 11 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Jazz Ministers Big Band

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 14 – Organ Recital, Emily Amos

- 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

June 16 – Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Rev. Dr. Nathan Minnich

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 17 – Heritage Festival, Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band, 5-piece bluegrass band

- Traditional bluegrass and other musical genres string-band style
- 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 18 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 19 – Book Review at the Mt. Gretna Community Library

- 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 20 – MGCA Board Meeting

- 6:30 p.m., Virtual/In-Person at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

June 21 – Organ Recital, Aaron Patterson

- 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

June 23 – Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, Rev. Carrie Call, PhD

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 24 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, The Maxwell Project, Music of Earth Wind & Fire

- 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 25 – Bible Festival Summer Program, New Holland Band

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

June 28 – Organ Recital, Daniel Ficarri

- 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church

June 30 – Bible Festival Ecumenical Service, "SEVEN", Messiah University musicians

- 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle

And the last three photographs for our May photo album...



Christmas Fern with its new fiddle heads – Submitted by Carole Miller







Submitted by Kevin Wells



Submitted by Kevin Wells

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