

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



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.

- Julie and Justin Webb, the new owners of 502 Sixth Street, and
- Nikki and Joe Wolfe, and Amanda Krall, the new owners of 101 Fifth Street.

Regarding short-term rental permits, of the 72 short-term rental permits available, as outlined in Rule 20 and the associated policy, 44 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



Submitted by Andy Berfond



Submitted by Julie Herman

Sunday, September 10—the 20th Season of the Heritage Festival Comes to a Close

Sunday, September 10 – The Perseverance Band

We are fortunate to welcome the Perseverance Band to the Tabernacle stage at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 10, 2023, for a memorial concert to honor the life of Dr. Carroll Ditzler.

Dr. Carroll Ditzler was a longtime resident of Mt. Gretna and a lifelong trombonist in the Perseverance Band. This concert is a tribute from the band to him and attendees' generous contributions during the intermission will ensure that concerts like this will continue at the Heritage Festival. The festival celebrates its 20th year providing music under the trees.

You won't want to miss this final performance of the season.

The Perseverance Band is not just any concert band; they are a true symbol of resilience and dedication. Playing popular songs, marches, overtures, and a wide range of band music, they have been captivating audiences since their formation in 1857. That's over 165 years of musical excellence, making it one of the oldest community bands in continuous operation in the nation! The history of the Perseverance Band is nothing short of remarkable. During the Civil War, the entire band enlisted in the Northern army and became known as the 93rd Regiment Band from Lebanon, PA. Their music uplifted spirits and provided solace in challenging times.

Ever since then, the talented local musicians of Lebanon and surrounding areas have carried the torch and worked tirelessly to keep the Perseverance Band alive and thriving.





Submitted by Andy Berfond

Preserve the “Green” Above Us

Just a gentle reminder that Rule 16 of MGCA’s Rules and Regulations prohibits Members from removing trees within our community without approval by the MGCA Board of Managers. Trees provide unique beauty and add to the value of Campmeeting property. If you notice a tree on or near your property that appears to be dying, contact the MGCA Office.

Prior to removing any tree, MGCA Members must submit a Tree Removal Application Form for approval by the Board of Managers. Members must submit a tree evaluation from a certified arborist or a certified forester with the tree removal permit application if the tree shows any signs of life. An evaluation by a certified arborist or certified forester will not be necessary for a dead tree as determined by the MGCA Tree Committee Chair or their designee.

Members should review the entirety of Rule 16 of the MGCA Rules and Regulations ([RulesandRegs2023.04.pdf](#)) prior to undertaking any tree removal project. There are significant financial penalties for removing trees within Campmeeting without approval.

The Tree Removal Application Form may be found on the MGCA website under By-Laws, Rules, & Policies.

Know Your Property Lines

MGCA Community Members are reminded of the importance of knowing their property lines and respecting their neighbor’s property. While the Board of Managers steers away from involvement in Member-to-Member issues, we understand this importance. Know your property lines and be considerate of any potential encroachment of your neighbor’s property as well as MGCA-owned property. Similarly, be aware of the MGCA’s Easement Policy ([Policy.Easement.pdf](#)).

It is important to remember that each cottage within our community has boundaries that should be respected at all times. Our community thrives on a spirit of camaraderie and goodwill. Engaging in any activity on someone else's property without their consent can inadvertently breed discord and discomfort among neighbors.

Beyond community norms, crossing property lines can lead to legal conflicts. It is crucial to avoid actions that might unintentionally result in disputes and disagreements among neighbors. Before engaging in any activity that might extend beyond your property boundaries, always seek permission from your neighbors. A quick conversation can go a long way.



Submitted by Michelle Shay



Submitted by Andy Berfond

Curbside Trash Pick-up Date Change

Due to the Labor Day holiday, TNT Sanitation will be conducting curbside trash and recycling pickup on Tuesday, September 5.

Cutting Back on the “Green” – English Ivy



It makes our trees look so green, adds a certain “quaintness” to our neighborhoods, and trees covered in ivy bring a cozy feeling to our walking paths. **But the reality is, English Ivy is very hazardous and invasive to our trees!**

Ivy siphons resources from our trees and compromises their health. If left unchecked, English Ivy can weaken our trees to the point they are susceptible to insect pests, diseases and breakage. Most of us in Campmeeting are familiar with how much damage can be caused by falling branches during storms.

If a tree on or near your property has English Ivy growing on it, instead of pulling down ivy and potentially damaging the bark, **sever all of the ivy stems growing up the tree at the tree’s base.** Once severed, the ivy stems on the tree will die. Let them wither and allow the stems and anchoring roots to decay. You can leave the dead ivy attached to the tree; it won’t harm the trunk and the dead leaves will eventually fall.

For an in-depth look at the issues caused by English Ivy, please see [Will Ivy Harm My Trees](#).



Submitted by Andy Berfond

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

For a complete listing of events in the Mt. Gretna community, see the calendar on the Home/Events tab of mtgretna.com. Contact Gretna Theatre (www.gretnatheatre.org) and Gretna Music (gretnamusic.org) for ticket information for the performances listed below.

KEY/LOCATOR

A – 7:30 p.m. at the Playhouse

B – 7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle

C – 3:00 p.m. at the Playhouse

D – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Soldiers Field, Timber Road

E – 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Hideaway, Boulevard Avenue

F – 6:30 p.m. in the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church, Ebenezer Room (and virtually)

G – Numerous performance times, Outdoors in Chautauqua

H – 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company, Boulevard Avenue

I – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom

J – Games start at 1 p.m., doors open at 11 a.m. at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company, Boulevard Avenue

K – 6:30 p.m. Parade forms at the Jigger Shop

EVENT LISTING

September 1 – Gretna Theatre, The Summer Club (A)

September 2 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, The Music of Motown (B)

September 3 – Gretna Music, Wister Quartet with Pianist Marcantonio Barone (C)

September 9 – Mt. Gretna Fire Company Car Show (D)

September 10 – Gretna Music, The Sebastians (C)

September 10 – Heritage Festival, The Perseverance Band, Memorial Concert in Honor of Dr. Carroll Ditzler (B)

September 11 – Wing Night, Mt. Gretna Fire Company Fundraiser (E)

September 19 – MGCA Board Meeting (F)

September 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 – Gretna Theatre, “Nevermore” (G)

September 30 – Pig Roast, Mt. Gretna Fire Company Fundraiser (H)

October 7 – MGCA Open Forum (I)

October 15 – Bingo, Mt. Gretna Fire Company Fundraiser (J)

October 17 – MGCA Board Meeting (F)

October 27 – Halloween Parade (K)

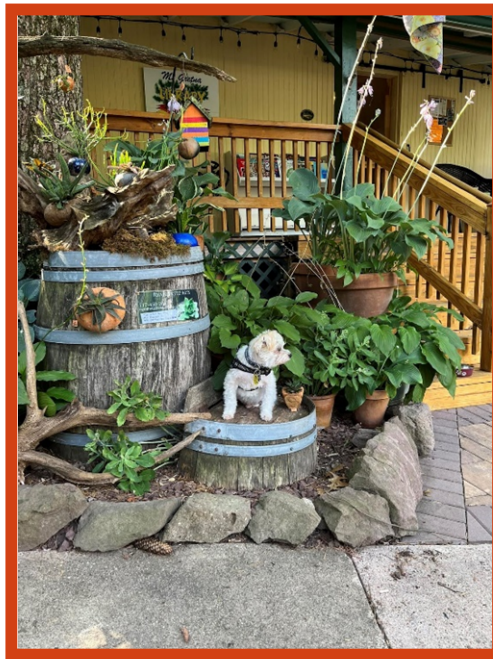
And the final photographs for our September photo album...



Submitted by Pat Wilmsen



Submitted by Kenton Erb



Submitted by Kevin C. Wells

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