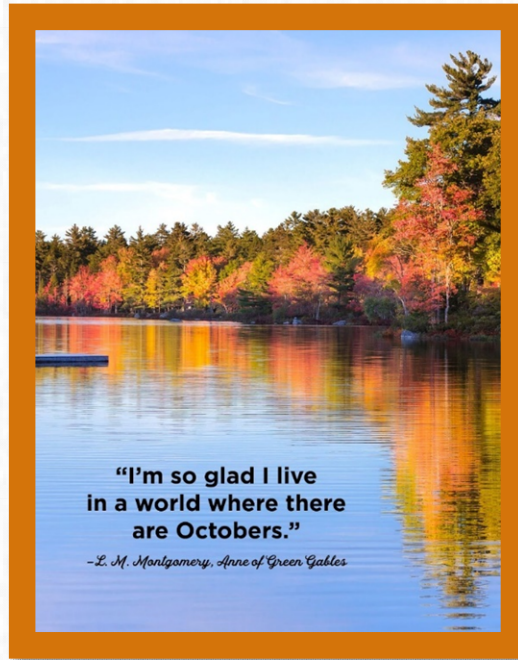


Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



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.

- Nikki and Joe Wolfe, and Amanda Krall, the new owners of 101 Fifth Street;
- Bruce Fisher, the new owner of 306 Markwood Avenue;
- Barbara Martin and Ken Stoltzfus, the new owners of 212 Boehm Avenue; and,
- Lydia and Steve Cochran, the new owners of 505 Mills Avenue.

Regarding short-term rental permits, of the 72 short-term rental permits available, as outlined in Rule 20 and the associated policy, 45 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.

Fall Festival–Saturday, October 14

Join your Gretna neighbors on the Heights' Grounds, Saturday, October 14, from 3 to 6 p.m. for our Fall Festival. Bring your Cash! We will have a kid's craft: make a scarecrow (\$10). We will also have raffle baskets (10 tickets for \$10, 25 tickets for \$25). Registration for the corn hole tournament is from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Games begin at 4 p.m.

Please consider baking for the pie contest. Bring two pies; one to taste/judge and one for the raffle. Pies will be judged in the following categories: best presentation, best seasonal pie, and most unusual pie.

Food and beer will be available for purchase from a food truck and Snitz Creek Brewing. Scott Galbraith will provide the dulcet tones for your listening pleasure. We hope to see you there!



MGCA Open Forum – Saturday, October 7th – 10 a.m. to Noon

Members of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Board of Managers and Committee Chairs will conduct the final Open Forum of 2023 via Zoom on Saturday, October 7 from 10 a.m. until noon.

MGCA Members are encouraged to participate in the Open Forum to express their views or concerns about MGCA and to hear their neighbors' perspectives on issues that are important to them.

All Members should have received an email from MGCA's Office asking them to register for the Open Forum. An email containing the Zoom link to the Open Forum will be sent to all Members who register.

Seeking Committee Members

We're seeking volunteers to serve on MGCA Committees in 2024. Serving on a Committee is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors, serve the community, and use your personal expertise. Members interested in working on one of the Committees listed below are encouraged to contact the Office.

We're looking for Members to join the following Committees:

Archive Committee The Archive Committee develops policies for the collection, organization and preservation of Campmeeting documents and records. The Committee collects, catalogs and ensures the safe storage of these records.

Buildings and Grounds Committee The Buildings and Grounds Committee oversees the improvements and expenditures for the Campmeeting buildings, roads, walks and walkways; the cleaning, lighting, and maintenance of the common areas; the operation, maintenance and extension of the water plant and sewage system; and, the removal of garbage and rubbish. The Committee also reviews building permits and makes recommendations to the Board of Managers regarding their approval.

Communications Committee The Communications Committee creates the MGCA Newsletter and the Camp Connect email messages. Committee members also assist the MGCA Office Manager in proofreading email messages and member mailings.

Community Activities & Recreation Committee The Community Activities Committee organizes events for MGCA Members and the public, including the annual porch sale and community picnic. Every summer, the Community Activities Committee also runs the very successful Heritage Festival. The Heritage Festival could use volunteers to work on set-up, coordinating the bucket brigade, and securing the Tabernacle after performances.



Submitted by Nate Godfrey

Grants & Funding The Grants & Funding Committee identifies prospective donors for major projects within Campmeeting and seeks funding from residents, business partners, private foundations and government entities for these projects. Individuals with interest and/or experience in fundraising, research, persuasive writing and speaking, digital design and outreach are encouraged to join the Committee.

Library Committee The Library Committee is responsible for operation of the Community Library for the benefit of the entire Mt. Gretna community. The Committee seeks volunteers to assist in library staffing from May through September and to work on a variety of projects at the library.

Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee notifies Members of upcoming annual Board of Managers elections and ensures that nominees' names are distributed to Members. The Committee also presents a list of candidate names to the Board of Managers for vacancies occurring at other times of the year.

Property Ownership Committee The Property Ownership Committee meets with new owners prior to settlement to welcome them and orient them to life in Campmeeting. The Committee also has responsibility for meeting with cottage owners applying for rental permits. Committee Members provide prospective landlords with tips for creating a successful rental experience, provide them with the MGCA rental requirements and direct them to contact West Cornwall Township regarding township regulations.

Tree Health & Maintenance The Tree Health & Maintenance Committee evaluates and monitors the condition and health of the Campmeeting tree canopy and individual trees. The Committee also develops and executes a community tree plan, coordinates any required tree health services, advises the Buildings & Grounds Committee with regard to requests for tree removals on Member properties, and maintains the Community Garden.

Meet the Friends of Governor Dick

Most MGCA Members are familiar with the Clarence Schock Memorial Park at Governor Dick, as the entrance to the Park is less than a mile south of Campmeeting off of Pinch Road. The Park has over 1,100 acres with 16 miles of trails, an observation tower and an Environmental Center. The Friends of Governor Dick recently asked MGCA to provide Members with information on their organization and goals.

The Friends of Governor Dick is a Pennsylvania Non-Profit, formed from a diverse group of residents and visitors to the Governor Dick Park who



Submitted by Kevin C. Wells

wish to promote the continued health of the forest. The Friends favors ecological forestry management, which considers more than future timbering options.

All MGCA Members are welcome to become part of The Friends of Governor Dick. They are looking for individuals interested in learning about the environmental issues being created by the continued timber harvesting at Governor Dick, those who can share expertise, and anyone interested in attending future events to support the Park. The Friends created a short “introduction” to their group for MGCA Members that describes the history of the Park, current conditions, their work to advance ecological forest practices, plans for the future and how you can help their efforts. If you’d be interested in learning more about this very worthwhile organization, visit <https://friendsofgovernordick.com/2023/09/meet-friends-of-governor-dick/>.

Leaf Collection Procedure

Information can also be found at: [Leaf Collection Services](#)

It wouldn’t be fall in Mt. Gretna without the leaves! Members are reminded that leaves, pine needles, and pine cones must be separated from sticks, vines and ivy in accordance with the Leaf Collection Policy.

Please review the Leaf Collection Procedure, Leaf Removal Street Map, and the 2023 Leaf Collection Schedule (below). Leaf collection will begin the week of October 16 and will end the week of December 4. Please note that due to the size of our machinery, leaves will not be collected on 5th Street, north of Glossbrenner Avenue.



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Leaf Collection Procedure

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

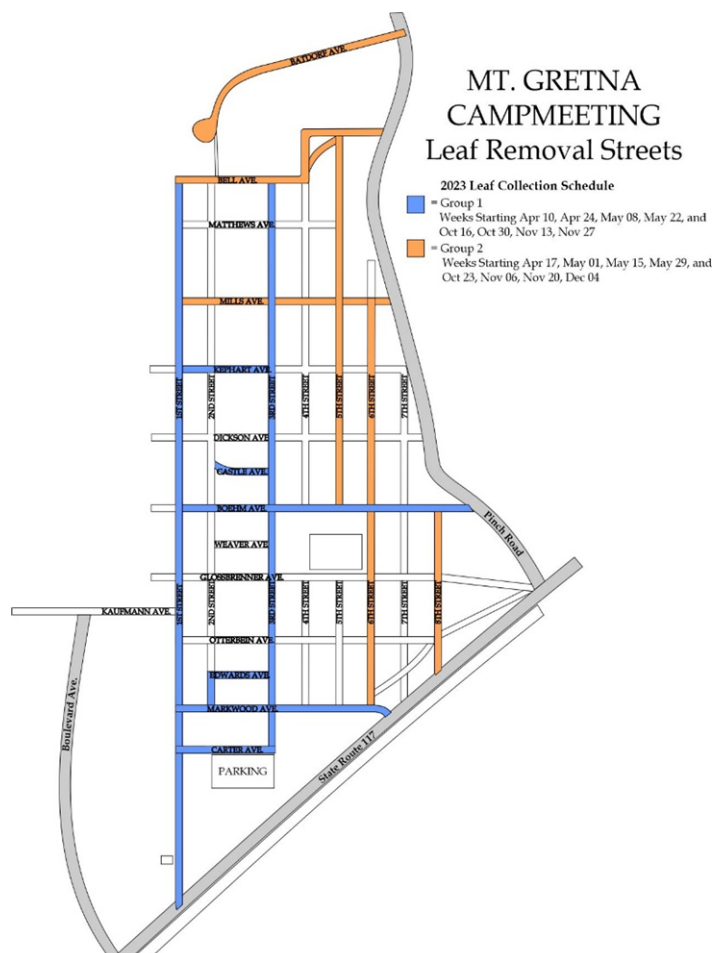
Procedure Detail:

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:

Distribution: Committee, Website Committee: B&G Leaf Collection Procedure 2023.04.11



From Foodie Entrepreneur to Counselor of Hope



Submitted by Andy Berfond

Does this phrase sound familiar to you? “SEEN AROUND CAMPMEETING”. If not, it’s possible that you are not a reader of the Mt. Gretna pages on Facebook. Within our community, there’s a resident who’s committed to “infusing a dose of positivity and enjoyable vibes into social media.” Andy Berfond, a vibrant and creative neighbor in Campmeeting, embarked on a new chapter of life when he and his wife, Ellen, acquired their cottage in June 2022.

Born into the baby boomer generation, Andy embraced an unconventional path. He studied restaurant management in high school, laying the foundation for a lifelong passion for food and creativity. Together with Ellen, he ventured into the restaurant business, owning and operating their establishment for 13 successful years. Their restaurant, located in a historic brownstone building in northern New Jersey, offered a diverse culinary experience, including a speciality in desserts. However, the stock market crash of 1987 brought an end to this chapter, prompting them to close the restaurant and transition to new endeavors.

Andy’s career took a different trajectory when he became a drug and alcohol counselor, dedicating his life to helping individuals struggling with addiction. He spent years battling addiction himself in his youth, but in his adult life, he was determined to assist others in their journey towards recovery.

Beyond his professional life, Andy’s interests include writing, particularly focusing on his love for food. He considered himself a “foodie” and contributed to various food-related platforms on social media. In addition, Andy and Ellen were active members of an organization called The Lancaster Downtowners, part of the nationwide Village to Village movement. This organization aimed to create a supportive community for aging in place, emphasizing socialization, volunteering, and local business support. Andy also writes a monthly foodie column for their monthly newsletter.

While Andy and Ellen retired to Lancaster City rather than residing in Mt. Gretna year-round, they discovered the magic of this picturesque community during vacations. They were drawn to the area’s rich history, which was reflected in both Mt. Gretna and their Lancaster residence, which was once the Hamilton Watch Factory.

As Andy and Ellen approach their 50th anniversary in 2024, they look forward to celebrating the milestone in the serene setting of Mt. Gretna. Andy’s journey through the restaurant industry, counseling, and creativity demonstrated his adaptability and willingness to embrace life’s twists and turns. “I’m happily retired, successfully reinvented.” His story is evidence of the diverse and fulfilling experiences that can be found in the different chapters of life.

No changes to trash pick-up in October

Although October 9 is a federal holiday in the U.S. (it's Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day), it's a business day for our trash collector, TNT Sanitation. Regular trash collection will occur on Monday, October 9.

On the Horizon – What's Happening in Our Community

For a complete listing of events in the Mt. Gretna community, see the calendar on the Home/Events tab of <https://mtgretna.com/>.

KEY/LOCATOR

A – 10 a.m. – noon, via Zoom

B – 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Heights Community Building, 64 Pine Street

C – Doors open at 11 a.m. and games start at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company, Boulevard Avenue

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

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

F – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. throughout Mt. Gretna and Lebanon County

G – 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company

H – Noon – 2 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Fire Company

EVENT LISTING

October 7 – MGCA Open Forum (A)

October 14 – Mt. Gretna Fall Festival (B)

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

October 17 – MGCA Board Meeting (D)

October 27 – Halloween Parade (E)

October 31 – Trick or Treat night in Lebanon County (and Mt. Gretna!) (F)

November 5 – Fall Breakfast Buffet, Mt. Gretna Fire Company Fundraiser (G)

November 11 – Soup Cook Off, Mt. Gretna Fire Company Fundraiser (H)

November 19 – Bingo, Mt. Gretna Fire Company Fundraiser (C)

November 21 – MGCA Board Meeting (D)

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



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