

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



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2024 Heritage Festival Preview – Our 21st Season!

Since we only have a few more weeks of winter to endure (or enjoy, depending on your point of view), the Community Activities Committee wanted to give Members a “taste of summer” by providing our 2024 Heritage Festival schedule. Mark your calendars now, you won’t want to miss any of these terrific performances. All performances are in the Tabernacle and begin at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 8 -- Common Vine

Common Vine is a 4-piece acoustic cover band bringing back to life the most popular hits from the last 6 decades. They have a little something for everyone. And with tight 4-part harmonies, an emphasis on technical musicality, engaging dynamics, they create a musical energy that is sure to keep you excited for what’s next. They love leaving listeners with infectious tunes stuck in their heads, and a smile on their faces as they enjoy the great camaraderie between our souls that comes with well-executed music.

Saturday, June 15 -- Harrisburg Mandolin Ensemble

Eclectic quintet playing a wide array of tunes and songs drawing from jazz, swing, bluegrass, old-time, folk and world music.

Saturday, June 22 -- Bluestone

“Rock Solid” bluegrass since 1993—while they are firmly grounded in traditional bluegrass, Bluestone’s repertoire includes gospel, country, blues, swing and folk influences.

Saturday, June 29 -- Serene Green

Serene Green is a traditional bluegrass band, originating from Pennsylvania. Serene Green's desire is to honor the traditional side of bluegrass demonstrated by the pioneers of the genre, while also showcasing its original compositions and uniqueness. Since the band's inception in 2017, Serene Green has played in three countries and in over twenty states, performed at countless festivals and venues alongside many nationally and internationally touring acts, and released three studio albums.



Submitted by Leesbaun Musick

Friday, July 5 -- Basil & Gene

Basil & Gene are a Bluegrass and American Roots music duo whose repertoire includes bluegrass standards, popular favorites and songs that hold deep personal meaning to them and their audience. First playing together in college at Denison University, Basil & Gene have played across the country and work hard to curate a musical performance that is sure to leave you inspired.

Saturday, July 6 -- The Perseverance Band

Lebanon’s oldest community band, founded in 1857, presenting patriotic and popular music as well as a wide range of band music on this holiday weekend.

Friday, July 26 -- Perrin & Steinway

Perrin & Steinway is a jazz piano/vocal duo. They will be performing with a full quartet, offering a repertoire that includes American standards with original arrangements, as well as showcasing their original music. Their performance promises a blend of classic jazz tunes with fresh interpretations.

Saturday, August 17 -- The Youngers

From Indie “blues rock” to country rock, the Youngers will present a wide variety of foot-tapping good music.

Friday, August 30 --Galbraith, Briody & Friends

Galbraith, Briody & Friends will present a mix of “jazzy pop” that will entertain and delight. They have appeared at the Timbers and The Hideaway.

Saturday, September 7 -- Wolfepack

Local artists playing an eclectic list of classic rock and pop songs.

Saturday, September 14 -- Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band

A 5-piece band playing traditional bluegrass and other musical genres in a string-band style.

Saturday, September 21 -- Colebrook Road

A huge Tabernacle favorite with Billboard Top 10 hits, Colebrook Road will present their unique bluegrass tunes at this final concert of the 21st season.

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

Bylaws

In 2023, the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers recognized that it had been several years since a comprehensive review of the MGCA By-Laws occurred. Therefore, in order to conduct a full review and guarantee compliance with PA Nonprofit Law, an attorney was retained who specializes in nonprofit organizations and their bylaws.

The link to the proposed Bylaws on the MGCA website is [here](#) and we encourage you to review this draft document.

This timeline outlines the steps the Board intends to take to approve an updated, compliant version of the Bylaws that govern our Community.



Submitted by Mary Dougherty

- March 1, 2024 -- Newsletter article about Bylaws revision
- March 1, 2024 -- Proposed Bylaws revision posted to MGCA website
- March 1, 2024 -- Electronic comment period opens
- March 6, 2024 -- Camp Connect email about Bylaws revision
- March 15, 2024 -- Bylaws included in the Board Meeting packet
- March 18, 2024 -- Bylaws and related electronic comments reviewed in Board Working Session
- March 19, 2024 -- A “first reading” presentation of the proposed new Bylaws will occur during the March Board of Managers Meeting. Open comment period during the Board of Managers Meeting
- April 1, 2024 -- Publish this timeline in the April Newsletter
- April 15, 2024 -- Bylaws and related electronic comments reviewed in the Board Working Session
- April 16, 2024 -- A “second reading” of the proposed Bylaws (with potential revision) will occur during the April Board of Managers Meeting. Open comment period during the Board of Managers Meeting
- May 1, 2024 -- Publish this timeline in the May Newsletter
- May 17, 2024 -- Electronic comment period closes
- May 20, 2024 -- Bylaws and related electronic comments reviewed in Board Working Session
- May 21, 2024 -- Third reading of the Bylaws (with potential revision) and vote to accept during the May Board of Managers Meeting
- June 1, 2024 -- If applicable, Newsletter article about the revised Bylaws and effective date for the revised Bylaws

To ensure full transparency, please note that when we refer to a "reading" during meetings, it does not imply a verbal recitation of all changes to the Bylaws. Instead, it signifies that the document is publicly accessible for your review on the MGCA website.

Your engagement and feedback are crucial, so please take advantage of the open comment periods to contribute to the shaping of our community's governance.

Community Calendar–Extra, Extra, Read All About It!!!

Instead of presenting our monthly calendar of events, “On the Horizon”, in this and future editions of MGCA’s Newsletter, we are pleased to direct our Members to Mt. Gretna’s new Community Calendar. The calendar, located at <https://www.mtgretna.org/home>, contains a comprehensive listing of events in all of Mt. Gretna. Members can choose to “subscribe” to the Community Calendar and events will be copied to their personal computer, iPhone, Google, Outlook or other electronic calendar. Subscribers can also choose to have the events updated on their personal calendars as changes and additions are made to the Community Calendar.

The transition from “On The Horizon” to the “Community Calendar” ensures our Members have up-to-date information on events. It also eliminates unnecessary work by Campmeeting volunteers who will no longer need to type events into the Newsletter format that are easily available on the Community Calendar.

We hope you will enjoy using the Community Calendar, which was created and is supported by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council.



Submitted by Mary Dougherty



Submitted by Marcie Lloyd

Campmeeting Rental Opportunities

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 \$50, and there is a \$25 security deposit. Please be advised, rental is for the pavilion only. The surrounding park area, playground and restrooms remain available to the public. Additional rental opportunities that exist for Members include Tabernacle rental, garage/shed rental (1st Street), parking space rental (Boehm Avenue), and large parking space rental (1st Street behind the garages). At this time, the raised planting beds on Bell Avenue are not available for rent. Contact the MCGA Office at office@campmeeting.org for additional details or to request a rental application.



It's Finally Here!

After months of anticipation, Monday, February 19, at exactly 5:13 p.m., the new rescue engine arrived at the Mt. Gretna Community Volunteer Fire Company.

The new rescue engine will be a vital resource for the Fire Company that has provided 24/7 fire protection and medical emergency services to Campmeeting, and the greater Mt. Gretna community, since 1978.

Unfortunately, the Fire Company's capital campaign to pay for the rescue engine is short of its \$700,000 goal.

To date, the campaign has raised \$625,000. The Fire Company hopes to receive that final \$75,000 in donations this month so they can reach their goal.

The Fire Company will be making a "Wall of Fame" listing donors who have contributed \$500 or more to the campaign on a plaque that will be permanently displayed at the Mt. Gretna Fire Station. The cutoff to have your name on the "Wall of Fame" is April 1, 2024. You can make a donation in your name, in memory of, or in honor of a loved one or friend.

This month, please make a contribution to the campaign. If you've done so already, think about another gift to help push the campaign over its goal. Just scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone, or send your check directly to MGCVFC, P.O. Box 177, Mount Gretna, PA 17064. Please note Rescue Engine Fund in the memo portion of your check. If you have questions, contact the Fire Company at MGCVFC78@gmail.com.



501-C-3 Non Profit

A reminder from the Mt. Gretna Community Volunteer Fire Company

Before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 9, move your clocks forward one hour to daylight saving time and replace your smoke detector batteries. If you do not have a smoke detector install one!

Smoke Detectors Save Lives!

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



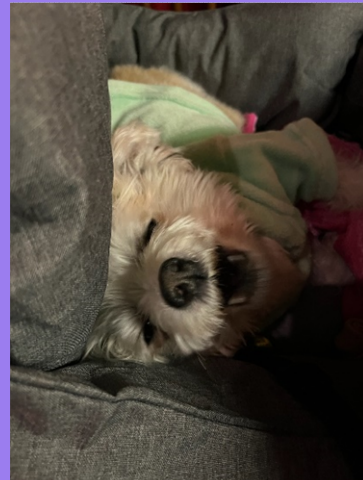
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Winston yearning for springtime.

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