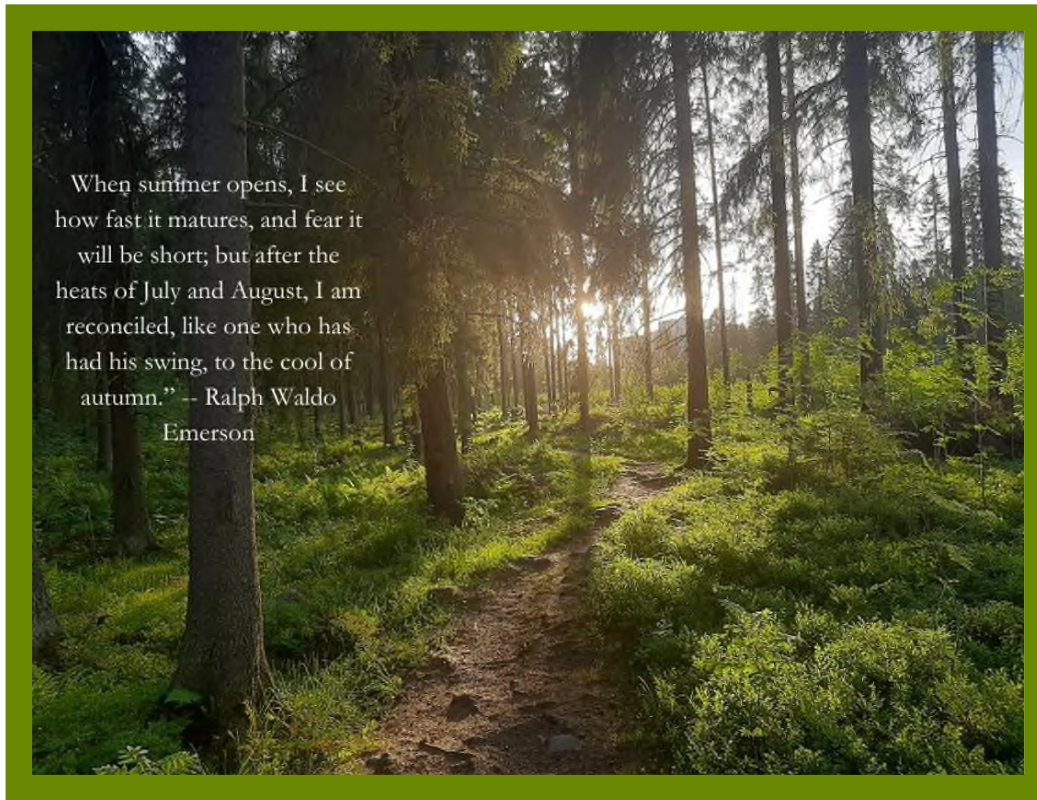


Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



When summer opens, I see
how fast it matures, and fear it
will be short; but after the
heats of July and August, I am
reconciled, like one who has
had his swing, to the cool of
autumn." – Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Property Ownership Committee Update

Submitted by Committee Chair, Kevin Burd

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

- Caroline Barnhart, the new owner of 203 Sixth 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 cottagerentals@mtgretnacampmeeting.org if you have any questions.

Help us help **YOU**.

Charter Revisions

At the June Board of Managers meeting, minor revisions to the 2009 Charter were proposed. The 2nd Reading was held at the July Board of Managers meeting, and the final reading and vote to adopt the changes is scheduled for the August Board meeting.

Below is a link to the MGCA website page with the draft outlining the proposed revisions.

<https://mtgretnacampmeeting.com/regulations.shtml#proposedlawrulepol>

A Message from The Nominating Committee

Esther Mefferd, Chair

Are you interested in contributing to our community by serving on the MGCA Board of Managers? If so, we invite you to consider this opportunity.

This fall, four Managers will be elected or reelected to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2025. If you wish to serve, please submit your name, address, photo, and a brief biography (75 words or less) to the MGCA office by 9 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024. Submissions can be sent via email to Office@MtGretnaCampmeeting.org or by USPS mail to MGCA, P.O. Box 428, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064. This information will be included in the September Newsletter.

For all members: A vote for Board Members will take place via mail-in ballot in October. A ballot will be mailed to the address on file for each Voting Member on Friday, September 20, 2024, and must be returned by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024.

Thank you for your commitment to our community



21st ANNUAL
2024 HERITAGE FESTIVAL
PAY-WHAT-YOU-WANT
FAMILY FRIENDLY –
SMOKE & ALCOHOL FREE

ALL START TIMES ARE
7:30 P.M.

SAT., AUGUST 17 – THE YOUNGERS
FRI., AUGUST 30 – GALBRAITH,
BRIODY & FRIENDS
SAT., SEPTEMBER 7 – WOLFEPACK
SAT., SEPTEMBER 14 – HAMMER
CREEK BLUEGRASS BAND
SAT., SEPTEMBER 21 – COLEBROOK
ROAD

FREE PARKING AT THE
KAUFMANN LOT (GRAVEL LOT
ADJACENT TO THE MT. GREтна
FIRE COMPANY, ALONG ROUTE
117, AND IN THE MT. GREтна
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PARKING LOT)

For more info:
OFFICE@MTGRETNACAMPMEETING.ORG

Voting Member Designation

On July 10, all Members were sent an email requesting they designate a “Voting Member” for their property. Thanks to all the Members who have submitted this information to the MGCA Office.

If you haven’t responded yet, we’d appreciate it if you could do so by August 9; this information is needed to prepare for the upcoming Board of Managers election. We especially need this information from Members whose cottages are owned by an entity (trust, LLC, etc.) or in instances where more than one individual’s name is on the deed. Please contact the MGCA Office (717-964-3040) if you can’t locate the email or have any questions.

August Heritage Festival Concert Series

Don’t forget there are two fabulous Heritage Festival concerts coming up this month:

On Saturday, August 17, we’ll welcome The Youngers to Campmeeting. This group will bring us everything from indie blues to sunny rock, Tom Petty vibes, and twangy country rock, all with a foot-tapping drive, and a touch of in-your-face attitude.

On Friday, August 30, Galbraith, Briody & Friends will blend guitar rock, horns, and diverse genres for your enjoyment. The group was established in Mt. Gretna and has been entertaining our community since 1986.

Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Tabernacle. We hope to see you there!

A Message from Kerry Royer
Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show Director



We are excited to share some exciting news as part of our “Year of the Arts” celebrations. A beautiful piece of art created by Mt. Gretna resident, Kathy Lindert, will be installed on a 10x20 foot section of the Mt. Gretna Water Tower, situated between the ladder and the pipe.

The Water Tower Project is a collaborative effort, fueled by the creativity and support of the community. Funding has been secured from the Lebanon County Commissioners, the Art Show Fundraiser, and an additional funding source that is currently being pursued. This financial backing will ensure the success of this vibrant addition to our local landscape.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 1, weather permitting, as this magnificent artwork is installed. The installation will kick off at 8 a.m., with a bucket truck positioned next to the tower to facilitate the process. We invite you to join us and witness this exciting transformation in real-time. Feel free to stop by and watch as the artwork takes shape, adding a splash of creativity and color to our community. Partners at Horst Signs are confident they will complete the installation before noon.

Thank you all for your unwavering support of the "Year of the Arts!" Together, we are making Mount Gretna a hub of artistic expression and community spirit.

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE FOR REFERENCE



MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL
2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE

Mt. Gretna Tabernacle
LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

July 7 Sunday 3 pm – Phredd Ukulele One Man Band • Children’s Program
Come early for a “Community Arts Party”

July 7 Sunday 7 pm – Amy Yovanovich & Brenten Megee

July 14 Sunday 7 pm – Dr. Chris Walker • Westminster Presby. Church

July 21 Sunday 7 pm – Knotwork Band • Celtic Folk Music

July 28 Sunday 7 pm – Choir Festival • Craig Courtney directing

July 31 Wednesday 7 pm – Hymn Sing from the Celebration Hymnal

Aug. 3 Saturday 7 pm – Handbell Festival • Dr. Shawn Gingrich directing

Aug. 4 Sunday 7 pm – Daniel Dorty • Pianist & Organist

Aug. 7 Wednesday 7 pm – Summit Hill Bluegrass Band

Aug. 11 Sunday 7 pm – Dr. Peter W. Teague • Lancaster Bible College

Aug. 18 Sunday 7 pm – The Susquehanna Chorale • Linda Tedford directing

Aug. 25 Sunday 7 pm – QuintEssentially Brass

ALL PROGRAMS HELD IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE
www.MtGretnaTabernacle.org  visit us on Facebook

2024 LEBANON VALLEY YEAR OF THE ARTS

Save the Date!

The Benefits of Our Community Garden & Scavenger Hunt

Please join the Tree Committee at the Tabernacle on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a special presentation presented by the Tree Committee, and featuring Ryan Fretz, on how our community garden benefits everyone. This event is open to everyone. Come learn about the positive impacts of our garden and how you can get involved.

Following the presentation, the event will transition to the Community Garden for a children's scavenger hunt.





For the Love of Gretna

celebrating our beautiful natural surroundings

August 8th

5pm until 8pm

Mount Gretna Tennis Pavilion

Lebanon Valley
Craft Brewery
beer for sale

Annual
Meeting
6:30pm

Live music by
Scott Galbraith

Yard games,
photo Booth,
nature table for kids,
sidewalk chalk, bubble machine,
canoeing

Please bring a
side dish to share
(hotdogs provided)

Parking in public lots or along Route 117

Best Practices for Watering Plants

From the Tree Committee

Effective watering is more than just a routine task; it's essential for the health of your plants and for conserving water. Here are some professional guidelines to ensure your plants thrive:

- **Avoid Overwatering and Underwatering:** Overwatering can lead to fungal growth, while underwatering results in shallow root systems. Striking the right balance is key.
- **Optimal Timing:** Water early in the morning, between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. During this time, sunlight is weakest, the ground is coolest, and foliage has ample time to dry before nightfall.
- **Direct Watering:** Focus the water at the soil level, ensuring the entire root area is thoroughly soaked. Roots often spread as wide as the plant and can extend a foot or two deep. Use watering wands, drip irrigation, or soaker hoses to target the root zone directly.
- **Gradual Soaking:** If the soil surface is dry, start slowly and gradually build up to a thorough soak. This prevents water from puddling or running off and ensures better absorption.
- **Even Distribution:** Watering at only one root point can lead to one-sided root growth and poorer nutrient absorption. Always water around the plant to cover the entire irrigation area evenly.



Submitted by Jim Schlenker



Submitted by Sally Marisic

- **Conserve Water:** Rain barrels are an excellent way to collect and reuse water for your garden.
- **Watering Frequency:** One to two watering sessions per week are usually sufficient. It's better to water less frequently but deeply rather than providing a little water often.
- **Avoid Evening Watering:** Do not water in the evening when the soil is warm and wet foliage can attract insects, fungus, and disease.
- **Avoid Overhead Watering:** Sprinklers and other overhead watering systems are less efficient and can result in significant water loss due to evaporation.

By following these best practices, you can ensure your plants remain healthy and vibrant while conserving water effectively.

Underground cable

Just a reminder: Underground Cable Lines

To ensure the safety and organization of our underground utilities, we ask your assistance in mapping out any underground cable lines that have been installed by our residents. We know that Comcast has installed underground cable lines to provide internet service to at least one cottage in Campmeeting.

How Can You Help?

If you, or you know a previous owner, installed an underground cable for internet or any other utility service at your cottage, we ask you to notify the MGCA Office. Having a comprehensive map of such installations will not only help us keep our records up-to-date but also aid in future development and maintenance projects.

Why Is This Important?

Accurate mapping of underground cable lines is crucial for a number of reasons:

- Knowing the location of underground cables will prevent any accidental damage during excavation or construction work.
- With a clear map of underground utilities, we can better plan for future infrastructure projects, avoiding potential conflicts or disruptions.
- In the event of an emergency, having detailed information about underground cables will help emergency responders act swiftly and efficiently.

Together, we can create a comprehensive and up-to-date infrastructure map that will benefit all residents of Campmeeting.

MGCA Office Hours

In case you missed it, earlier this year the MGCA Office moved into office space located on the second floor of the building housing Mt. Gretna Pizza and Gretna Computer Consulting (the building at the corner of Timber Road and Route 117). Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. through noon and by appointment; the phone number remains the same, 717-964-3040.

Members who wish to drop something off / pick something up, may access the Office via the stairs on the east side of the building. There is a mailbox at the bottom of the stairs for Members to drop anything off outside of office hours. Office Manager Debby Erb is in the office *most* weekday mornings, but planned absences and vacations are listed on the MGCA website under the Calendar of Events.



*Vincie always brings baked treats to the summer book review at the Library!
Submitted by Marcie Lloyd*



Upcoming Holidays Impacting TNT Trash Pick-Up



Although there are no changes to trash pick-up in August, we wanted to give Members advance notice that in observance of Labor Day, trash collection will ***not*** take place on Monday, September 2, 2024. **Trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.** Reminders about holidays and trash pick-up will be posted on the Calendar of Events on the MGCA website: <https://mtgretnacampmeeting.com>.

Happening in our Community

Members are reminded that a new comprehensive community calendar has been created by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council. The calendar can be accessed at <https://www.mtgretna.org/home>.

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.

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



Submitted by Kevin C. Wells



Submitted by Andy Berfond



Submitted by Kevin Burd

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