

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



Property Ownership Committee Update

Submitted by Committee Chair, Kevin Burd

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

- **Joe & Alexa Lento, the new owners of 204 4th Street.**
- **Jim & Rachel Ehrman, the new owners of 206 Markwood Avenue.**

Board of Managers Election and October 18 Annual Meeting

Four current members of the MGCA Board of Managers, Miles Bojanic, Joe Lamont, Marcielayne Lloyd, and Jeff Minnich, have agreed to continue to serve on the MGCA Board of Managers when their terms expire in December 2024. Four positions are available and no other MGCA Voting Members expressed interest in running for election by the September 1, 2024, deadline. Therefore, in accordance with Article VI, Section 5c of the MGCA Bylaws, the election of these Members to three-year terms beginning January 2025 will be by acclamation at the Annual Meeting on October 19. Mail-in ballots will not be mailed to each Voting Member and nomination for a position on the Board may not be made at the Annual Meeting.

The biographies of Miles, Joe, Marcielayne and Jeff may be viewed by [clicking this link](#).

The Mount Gretna Campmeeting Association Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m. in the Mt. Gretna Community Fire Department Social Hall. Participation via Zoom for Members

who cannot attend in person will be arranged if required connectivity is available at the Social Hall. Confirmation of the election will be emailed to Voting Members following the Annual Meeting.

A “dessert social” will be held in the Fire Department Social Hall immediately following the meeting. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share if they are interested in participating in the dessert social.

The MGCA thanks Miles, Joe, Marcie and Jeff for their commitment to our community.



For the Love of Gretna

Sept. 5th

5pm until 8pm

Mount Gretna Tennis Pavilion



Parking in public lots or along Route 17

Nate-ture's Superintendent: How You Can Help Us Keep Campmeeting in Top Shape

Thank you to all the MGCA Members who've passed along thanks and compliments on the condition of our grounds. We're trying our best to make Campmeeting both safe and visually appealing to our residents and visitors. To that end, here are few ways you can help us achieve our goal:

- If you see work that's needed, or a place within the MGCA's common grounds that needs our (the B&G Committee's) attention, please let the Office know. It's hard for our small crew to spot everything that "needs to be done" – we certainly want to address your safety concerns and we'll do our best to prioritize "aesthetic" requests. We're open to hearing about everything from asphalt repairs to requests for more flowers...
- We appreciate Members taking their organic debris (leaves, sticks, etc.) down to the maintenance area for disposal. But a few Members are putting their debris in the wrong piles, causing extra work to move and separate it into the correct area. Please take care and "dump the debris" in the right pile.
- Potted plants and planters are not picked up as part of Mt Gretna Campmeeting's services.
- Non-functioning street lights are a real safety issue, especially as we head into the fall and winter months when darkness falls earlier and earlier each day. If you notice a street light that is not working, please report it to the Office (with the location and pole number).



Submitted by Andy Berfond



Submitted by Submitted by Leesbaum Musick

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- Please remember that the MGCA dumpster located at the north end of First Street (near Rt. 117), is for disposal of household trash only. Furniture, building materials, electronics, appliances, and half-filled paint cans, etc. shouldn't be put into the dumpster.

Members with non-household trash items for disposal should contact our trash collector TNT Sanitation at 717-866-2322 to determine if a bulk item pickup (at additional cost to the Member) would be possible. Members may also contact the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority at 717-867-5790 or <https://www.goglra.org/> to gain an understanding of their services.

That's it for this month. Thanks again for your support!

Chris and Tom
present

A Community Singalong

Monday, September 9th 🎵 7:30 pm

As the hustle and bustle of the summer days draw to a close and the calm of autumn settles in; join your friends and neighbors in welcoming the new season with song.

Our community singalong is the perfect way to reflect on a summer well-spent and embrace the quiet beauty of fall.

Regardless of your singing abilities, all are welcome to come enjoy the melodies!

Larry's Place, 110 Brown Ave 📍 RSVP to Chris, eck2eck3@aol.com 🎶 BOYB



Save the Date

The Benefits of Our Community Garden & Scavenger Hunt

Please join us 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.

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



Submitted by Marcie Lloyd

September Heritage Festival

Concert Series

Just because the end of summer is near, it's not the end of Saturday night entertainment in the Tabernacle! We have two fabulous Heritage Festival concerts coming up this month:

On Saturday, September 14, the **Hammer Creek Bluegrass Band** will return to the Tabernacle stage. Hammer Creek, a 5-piece band playing traditional bluegrass and other genres in a string-band style, will provide an evening of energetic Bluegrass excellence. Your toes will be tapping and your hands clapping before the evening is over.

On Saturday, September 21, we're very pleased to bring back a Heritage Festival all-time favorite, **Colebrook Road**, to close the season. This will be a not-to-



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miss evening starring a 2020 International Bluegrass Music Association Momentum Band Award Finalist. Colebrook Road has been a bluegrass force for 15 years and they are getting so popular this may be your last chance to see them at the Tabernacle. Learn more about them at their website www.colebrookroad.com.

Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Tabernacle.

Lastly, we regret to inform you that the concert scheduled for Saturday, September 7, featuring Wolfepack, has been canceled due to the illness of a member of the band. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and support.



Submitted by Kevin Wells

Water Service Line Reminder

Just in case it "slipped your mind", back in early June the MGCA Office sent each cottage owner a letter asking help in gathering information on the "Water Service Line" (WSL) that feeds potable water from the main waterline in the street and delivers it to the Member's cottage. Every cottage in Campmeeting has a WSL. *Unfortunately, many of our Members did not reply to the letter.*

The Environmental Protection Agency requires MGCA fill out an EPA inventory form identifying what the WSL pipe material (including the shutoff valve) is for **each** cottage. The purpose is to identify pipes that may leach lead into our drinking water. This EPA inventory includes all public and private community water systems in the U.S. and must be completed by October 16, 2024.

We need a response from each cottage to comply with the EPA requirements. **Please reply by the end of September.** In case you misplaced the letter (tickets to the Art Show were included in the same envelope), please contact the MGCA Office (717-964-3040 or Office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org) to obtain a copy of the information. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

A decorative border of autumn leaves and flowers surrounds the text. The leaves are in various shades of red, orange, and yellow, while the flowers are bright yellow. The background is a light beige color with a subtle pattern of small dots.

JOIN US FOR A
**Dessert
Social**

**19
October**

**After Annual Meeting
Mount Gretna Fire Hall**

**Please bring a dessert to
share with others. Plates and
utensils will be provided.**

Water Tower Dedication

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5 p.m., there will be a dedication of the Campmeeting Water Tower. Kerry Royer, of the Mt. Gretna Arts Council and Director of the Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show, has invited the Lebanon County Commissioners and others who have donated their time and energy to the water tower project to attend the dedication. All Members of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association are also invited. We hope you can join us in celebrating this milestone in Campmeeting history.

Flame Awareness

As evenings grow cooler, and thoughts turn to convivial evenings around a fire pit, it is important to be mindful of the danger of open flames in the Campmeeting area.

Using charcoal or gas grills, as well as any other open-flame cooking devices, is prohibited on combustible covered porches. Fire rings, fire pits (permanent or portable), and deck/patio heaters are permitted, but they should not be operated on porches for safety reasons. It is important to ensure that all of these devices are equipped with a properly fitting spark screen cover over the open flame.



Submitted by Pat Wilmsen

Before setting up a fire pit, take a moment to survey your surroundings. Ensure there are no trees or foliage nearby that could catch fire from sparks. Remember, fire safety is everyone's responsibility.

For further details, please consult Rule 2 in Campmeeting's Rules and Regulations available at <https://mtgretnacampmeeting.com/Files/OfficialPublications/RulesandRegs2024.02.pdf>. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all.

The Activities Committee Invites All Pet Owners

Pet Blessing

with Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Associate Pastor Marilyn Nolte

Saturday, October 12
2:00 P.M. at the Tabernacle

ALL PETS MUST BE ON LEASHES OR IN CRATES - IF YOUR PET IS NOT SOCIAL, DOES NOT DO WELL WITH OTHERS, PASTOR WILL BLESS FROM YOUR CAR

Porches of Mount Gretna

A PHOTO JOURNAL



SHANNON FRETZ + KERRY ROYER

Porches of Mount Gretna

A Photo Journal

In case you missed it...a unique photo journal was published earlier this year by Shannon Fretz and Kerry Royer. The book captures the quintessential beauty of Mt. Gretna...our porches.

The idea for the “Porches of Mount Gretna” photo journal was born out of long walks during the Covid-19 pandemic. Fine art photographer Shannon Fretz proposed the idea to writer Kerry Royer. Together the two Mount Gretna residents created the book over four years.

Shannon has a gifted eye for highlighting designs that make our community unique. Evocative prose tells the story of porch culture and the history that creates this special part of Mount Gretna. It’s essentially a love letter to the town. Campmeeting is featured prominently throughout the book.

More than 70 porches appear in the full color 96 pages. Part of the proceeds benefit Gretna Music and the Mount Gretna Area Historical Society. Books are available at the MG Mercantile and the Porch & Pantry. Watch for pop up events throughout the fall. For more information, contact rsfretz@verizon.net.

Happening in our Community

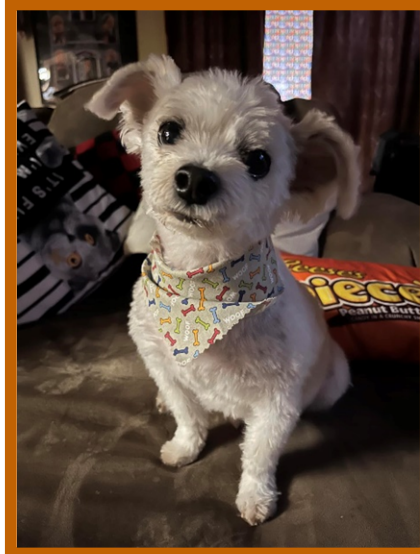
Members are reminded that a new comprehensive community calendar has been created by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council. The calendar can be accessed at <https://www.mtgretna.org/home>.

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 September photo album...



Submitted by Andy Berfond



Submitted by Kevin C Wells



Submitted by Marcie Lloyd



Submitted by Leeshaun Musick

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Click on Subscribe

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