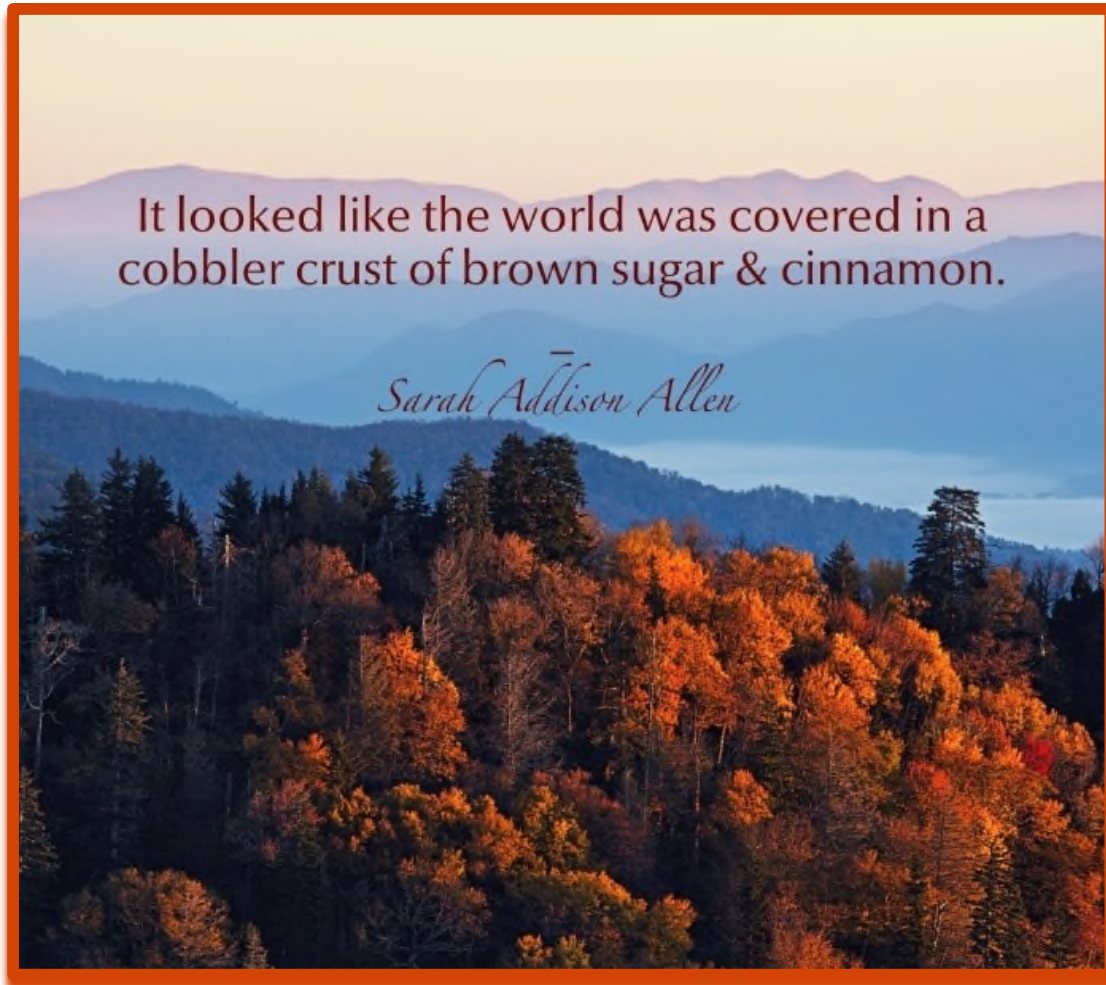


Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



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.

- **Eric Tobias, the new owner of 306 Sixth Street.**
- **Jack and Karen Gaughan, the new owners of 103 First 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.

Thank You for a Wonderful 2024 Heritage Festival Concert Season

Submitted by Community Activities & Recreation Co-Chair, Kevin C. Wells

As the summer draws to a close, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Heritage Festival concert season. Thanks to your support, we had another remarkable season, filled with music and community spirit.

This year, I expanded our traditional concert schedule by hosting performers on select Fridays along with the traditional Saturday nights, providing even more opportunities for our community to enjoy live performances. Our lineup was robust and diverse, reflecting the very heart of the Heritage Festival's mission to celebrate and showcase local talent.

The planning for the 2025 season is already underway. I am working diligently to bring you an even more exciting array of artists and genres that will continue to celebrate the spirit of the Heritage Festival. I look forward to welcoming you back next summer for another season of memorable performances.

A very special thank you goes out to our incredible Heritage Festival volunteers: John & Pat Brosious and the Bucket Brigaders, Yasmin Brown, Kevin Burd, Nate Godfrey, Melora Hartman, Bill & Joy Linton, Vincie McMullen, Ben & Christine Slotznick, and Dermot Somers. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and passion for the Heritage Festival were instrumental in making this season a success. I deeply appreciate your tireless efforts and commitment to the festival.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our audience members, donors, and everyone who participated in this year's season. Your presence and support are what make the Heritage Festival such a special event for our community.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in Summer 2025 for another unforgettable season of memorable music.



Submitted by Kevin Burd

2024 Annual Meeting and October MGCA Board of Managers Meeting – October 19

All MGCA Members are invited to the Mount Gretna Campmeeting Association's combined Annual Meeting and October Board of Managers Meeting to be held Saturday, October 19, at 10 a.m. in the Mount 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.

Four current Members of the MGCA Board of Managers, Miles Bojanic, Joe Lamont, Marcielayne Lloyd, and Jeff Minnich had expressed interest in running for reelection by the September 1, 2024, deadline. No other Members expressed interest in running for a position on the Board. 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. 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 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

Leaf Collection Procedure

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

It wouldn't be autumn in Mt. Gretna without the leaves! Members are reminded that leaves, pine needles, and pine cones must be separated from sticks, in accordance with the Leaf Collection Procedure. **Any piles containing mulch, stones, sticks, etc., will not be collected.**

Please review the Leaf Collection Procedure, Leaf Removal Street Map, and the 2024 Leaf Collection Schedule (below). Leaf collection will begin the week of October 21 and will end the week of December 9.



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Leaf Collection Procedure

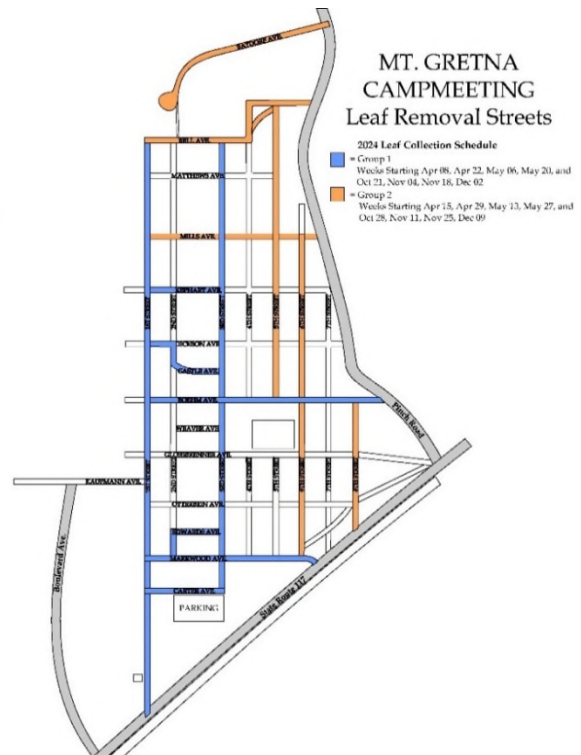
Purpose: To provide guidelines to the Membership for collection of leaves.

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 that are placed on the street from the second Monday in April through the weekend after Memorial Day and piles placed on the street from the 3rd Monday in October until the end of the second weekend in December. Leaves will be collected from the indicated 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 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 may not be bagged, must be placed in the designated leaf stall, and may not contain anything but leaves, pine needles, and pine cones.

Discretionary Power: Buildings & Grounds Committee Chair

Dates: Adoption: September 06, 2022
Revision: September 30, 2024
Rescission:



A decorative border of autumn leaves and flowers surrounds the text. The leaves are in various shades of yellow, orange, and red, 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.**

Finial Rededication

Ted Martin

For nearly the entire 130-year lifespan of The Tabernacle, it has been crowned by an elegant topper known as a “finial”. In architecture, a finial is described as “a small decorative device, employed to emphasize the apex of a dome, spire, tower, roof, or gable or any of various distinctive ornaments at the top, end, or corner of a building or structure.” Our Tabernacle finial went into place sometime in the late 19th or early 20th century, but the history of metal finials can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians and Greeks, who adorned their buildings and rooftops with intricate ironwork.

In short, topping our Tabernacle with a finial puts us in good architectural company, and it has watched over the Campmeeting for decades now. While there was a short period when the finial mysteriously disappeared from its perch during an earlier roof replacement, it has long ago been returned and it continues to sit as a quiet sentinel who has seen it all.

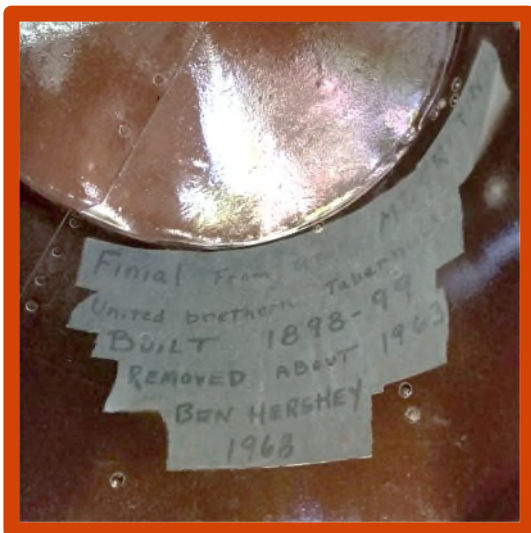
Unfortunately, there are no records of who designed and constructed our finial. Made completely of tin and soldered together piece by piece, it was most likely hand-crafted and carefully put together in the same manner one would have constructed a barrel. And it was well-made, easily surviving being buffeted by decades of wind and rain and snow and baked by the sun. When it was removed in the Spring to make way for the roof replacement work, it was discovered that overall, the finial was in pretty good shape. Clearly, we owe a great debt to those craftsmen who took such care to build the finial nearly a century and a half ago. We don’t know their names, but we can certainly admire their remarkable handiwork.

Fast forward to the present day, and a refurbished finial is about to be rededicated on the Tabernacle roof after the Annual Meeting and Dessert Social on October 19 at 1 p.m. Refurbished thanks to a Campmeeting neighbor whose company performed CAD drawings of the piece for posterity, repainted the finial through high tech soda blasting, and applied a coating of ultraviolet protection that will keep it safe and colorful for decades to come. All as a very generous donation. Couple this generosity with that of the many people who donated to replace the roof earlier this year, including funding from the West Cornwall Township Board of Supervisors, and you have all the makings of the best ending to a wonderfully successful fundraising campaign and community effort.

As we enter the quiet of the winter and soon mark the conclusion of 2024, now is the perfect time to bring all the threads of the roof replacement campaign together and celebrate. Please mark your calendars and plan to join in the rededication of the newly refurbished Tabernacle finial at 1 p.m. after the Annual Meeting on October 19, at the Tabernacle. We’ll meet at The Tabernacle on the corner of 3rd Street and Glossbrenner Avenue for a brief ceremony during which we will celebrate our ability to work together as neighbors and friends, and show our abiding love and respect for the Campmeeting, our Tabernacle, and our history.



Submitted by Ted Martin



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Give Us Your Thoughts

As autumn begins, the MGCA Board of Managers has started planning future events and projects. The Board would like your opinion on potential events, projects, and other issues.

To solicit your opinion, a survey was sent to all Members via “SurveyMonkey” on September 20, 2024. The Board asks that you complete the survey at your earliest convenience; the survey will close on October 7, 2024. If you did not receive the survey, please check your email’s spam folder. If you still cannot locate the survey, please contact the MGCA Office at 717-964-3040 or office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org.

Thank you for your time; we value your input!



Submitted by Marcie Lloyd

A Vision for Preservation

A Presentation from the Tree Committee



Submitted by Mary Dougherty

On Saturday, September 14, the Tree Committee hosted a presentation in the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle on the importance of our local ecosystem.

After a brief presentation on the history of the Community Garden and other pocket parks and gardens in the Campmeeting, Ryan Fretz, local naturalist, was invited to discuss the local ecosystem.

As part of his presentation, Ryan stressed that planting native plants in our gardens is a much-needed element to supporting their overall health. White Oaks are a perfect example of such a beneficial plant. Ryan urged Members to remove invasive plant species and work with nature to provide nourishing food for the birds and insects.

The full presentation was filmed and can be seen on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/cf8YG7RybVA>.

What’s the Big Stink?

Have you ever wondered what happens to wastewater after it leaves the Campmeeting? Bill Care, Director of Public Works for the Borough of Mount Gretna, will be opening the Mount Gretna Authority’s sewer treatment plant for a tour Thursday, October 17, at 9 a.m.

Specific details will be coming in a future Camp Connect email.



Save the Date—Saturday, November 2—4 to 7 p.m.

What happens when you have an Oktoberfest in November? Oktemberfest!
Join your neighbors to celebrate this family friendly event.
More details to come...



Oktemberfest

Let's raise a glass and celebrate life
in an atmosphere of togetherness full of joy.



Family Friendly | Polka Music | Games
Bratwurts | Sauerkraut | Pretzels

Bring your favorite German beverage & food to share
Suggested \$5 Donation/Person | RSVP to Office



October Trash & Recycling Pick-Up

Although October 14 is a federal holiday in the U.S. (Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day), it is a business day for our trash collector, TNT Sanitation. **Regular trash and recycling collection will occur on Monday, October 14.**

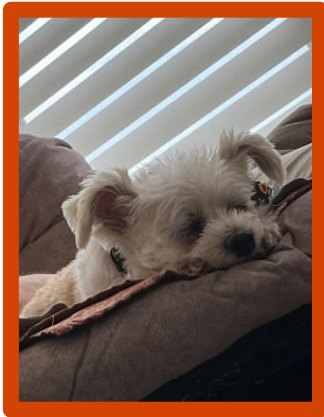


Happening in our Community

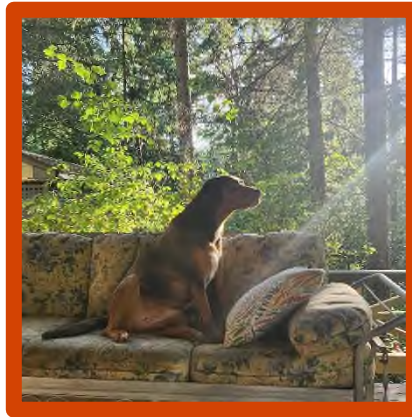
Members are reminded that a new comprehensive community calendar has been created by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council. The calendar can be accessed at <https://www.mtgretna.org/home>.

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.

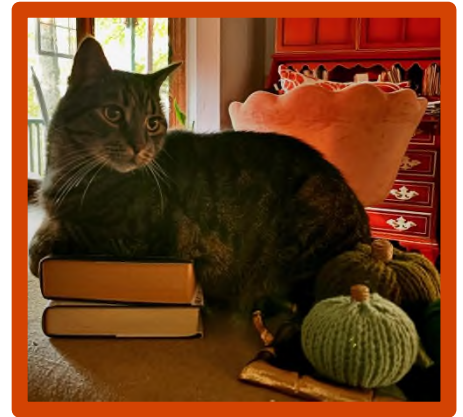
And the final photographs for our October photo album...



Submitted by Kevin C Wells



Submitted by David Tyndall



Submitted by Mary Dougherty



Submitted by Jo Ellen Litz



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