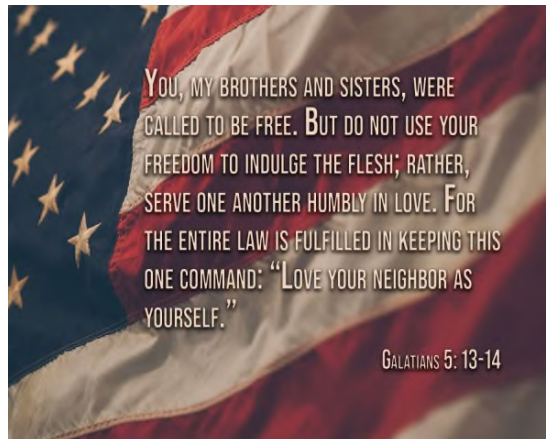


Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



Annual Meeting & Community Picnic

Please plan on attending the MGCA Annual Meeting, Open Forum and Community Picnic on Saturday, July 29, 2023. We are working to have a hybrid meeting and forum (in person and virtually), beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a Community Picnic (potluck luncheon) starting at 1 p.m. Details will be sent later this month via a Camp Connect (email). Members should notify the Office if they do not receive an email with information on how to register for the meeting via Zoom by July 15.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to help with the Community Picnic, please contact Marcie Lloyd or Kevin Wells via the Campmeeting Office email or phone.

Water Tower Replacement Project Update

The tank is assembled and in place on the supporting structure; however, the subcontractor for the painting of the tank was over a week late. The good news—painting began in June on the inside of the tank, the project has been escalated, and the painting firm has committed to work as expeditiously as possible. However, we do not have a firm completion date as the painting can only be done on dry days. We are fortunate to finally be getting some rain, but the rainy days affect the completion of the painting.

Beyond that, all the piping and electrical components are on schedule. DEP was notified of our plan to put the tank into service and has committed to expedite the review and permitting necessary for us to safely use the water from the tank.

The final stage is the cleanup work and removal of the stone drive and other associated tasks. It is possible work could extend beyond July 15. The Board recently approved an exception for the work to go into Quiet Season, and if work must occur during this time, all Members will be notified.

We thank you for your continued water conservation efforts during this period when we are purchasing water from the Mt. Gretna Authority.

Annual Election & Mail-In Ballot

Esther Mefferd. Nominations Committee Chair

Don't forget to mail in your ballot. We appreciate your vote of support and affirmation for the candidates.

A mail-in ballot and stamped, pre-addressed return envelope will be mailed to all Members on July 1. Please read and follow all instructions included with your ballot. Completed ballots must be postmarked no later than July 27, and in the MGCA Post Office Box by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27. Ballots will be counted on July 28. Election results will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting, posted on community boards, and emailed to the Membership.

Three candidates are running for the available positions for the three-year term starting in January 2024. Information on all the candidates is included below, posted on community bulletin boards, and included with your ballot. Ballots also include space to vote for write-in candidate(s) not listed on the ballot.

Board Candidates for Election (2024-2026 term)

In the May Newsletter Members were asked to submit interest for three open board seats beginning in 2024. We asked, and you answered.

Three candidates submitted bios and are listed below alphabetically:

Ann Bering – 305 Eighth Street

I would like to join the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Board to honor old traditions, build new traditions, and work to help Campmeeting flourish. As a child, I lived in Campmeeting 'year-round,' and as an adult now realize that not everyone is blessed with that unique experience. Since my husband Joe and I purchased my childhood home in 2012, I have attended Board Meetings and participated in Tree Committee activities such as watering/planting, making decisions/plans.

Kevin Burd – 201 Sixth Street (incumbent)

I have served on the Board of Managers since 2018 and seek your vote to continue. I am the Treasurer for MGCA. Additionally, I serve on the Executive, Finance, Property Ownership, Communications, and Ad Hoc Water Tower Committees. I bring my experience in non-profit leadership, as well as servant leadership to this Board. I am committed to preserving our community for generations to come. I thank you for your vote and your confidence in me.

Ted Martin – 202 Third Street (incumbent)

A nearly two-decade-long cottage owner seeks another term on the Board of Managers. Committed to building consensus, listening, and communicating. Skilled in fundraising. Able to be direct when necessary and to voice even the unpopular point of view. Will continue exercising candor, honesty, creativity, and goodwill to meet the challenges ahead. Passionate about history, tradition, finding solutions, and striving to keep the Campmeeting attractive, appealing, relevant, financially healthy, and unique. Always working for the community.

Election Board Volunteers Requested

As we prepare for our upcoming election, we are in need of dedicated volunteers to serve on the MGCA Election Board as inspectors (vote counters). This vital role ensures the integrity and transparency of the voting process. We would greatly appreciate the help of three members as vote counters: two individuals to serve as counters and one as an alternate. These volunteers will ensure a smooth and efficient vote tabulation.

If you are available July 28th and interested in contributing to our community's democratic process, we encourage you to volunteer for this important task. To express your desire to serve as an inspector or if you have any questions, please reach out to the MGCA Office at Office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org.

For your reference, the Election Board is detailed in the MGCA Charter & By-Laws, Article VII: Committees of the Board, Section 13. Election Board (page 22).

MGCA Charter & By-Laws Revised

Revisions were made to the MGCA Charter & By-Laws. After two public readings, the Board approved those revisions at their June 20th meeting. Revisions included:

- Article VI: Management – Board of Managers, Section 21. Rules of Order (page 16).
- Article XVIII: Amendment of By-Laws (page 28).

To view the revision, download the revised copy of the By-Laws (June 2023 edition) from the MGCA website <https://mtgretnacampmeeting.com/regulations.shtml>. The previous version was dated August 2013.

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.

Noel Garman, the new owner of 411 Second Street, and

Kristin and Francis Herman, the new owners of 205 Glossbrenner Avenue.

Regarding short-term rental permits, of the 72 short-term rental permits available, as outlined in Rule 20 and the associated policy, 47 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.

“Mapping” our Water

In the coming months, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA) will be creating a map of all Campmeeting water shut-off valves. The map is critical to meeting upcoming Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requirements regarding water distribution and sewer line systems.

If you know where the “curb” stop or exterior water shut-off valve is located for your property, please clear leaves and debris from around it, take a picture of its location, and send the picture and location description in an email to the MGCA office (Office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org). This information will be passed along to PRWA for their use when they create the map for Campmeeting. PRWA will be able to work more efficiently and Campmeeting’s costs will be reduced if Members are able to identify the exterior shut-off valve for their property.

Preparing for the Quiet Season: A Friendly Reminder of What Lies Ahead

Just a gentle reminder to all Members that Quiet Season begins on July 15. Rule 17(b) states:

Out of respect for residents and the summer programs held in the Tabernacle, special noise abatement rules are in effect July 15 through and including August 31. This is commonly referred to as “Quiet Season.” High decibel power tools, such as saws and leaf blowers, and manual work, such as framing and roofing, are prohibited. Moderate noise created by indoor work is acceptable. Painting and landscaping are permitted. During the Quiet Season, permitted work must be confined to the hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. An exception shall be made for the Superintendent of Grounds.

With the approval of the Board of Managers, emergency repairs to buildings or service lines are permitted during designated Quiet Season. MGCA Members must contact the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association office to request emergency approvals.

Quiet Season Exceptions

At the June 20, 2023, Board of Managers Meeting, the Board approved two exceptions to the “Quiet Season” regulations described in Rule 17(b) of our By-Laws.

The two exceptions are as follows:

While we hope for completion as soon as possible, the MGCA water tower replacement project and Pump House roof replacement has been approved to go into the Quiet Season.

And

The Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church expects the exterior work of their elevator project to be complete before Quiet Season. However, the interior work may necessitate very occasional outside noise. The MGUMC has been given a noise exception to Quiet Season only when necessary for work related to the elevator installation project.

Saturday Nights in the Tabernacle—July 2023

The 2023 Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Heritage Festival

Momentum is building for a fabulous 20th! Heritage Festival season. We had two successful events in June and look forward to a spectacular performance on July 1st. Join us for an evening you won't forget!

July 1 – Colebrook Road

A Heritage Festival favorite! The 2020 International Bluegrass Music Awards nominees are returning to the Tabernacle's stage. The band has appeared on the Billboard Music Chart with 2 "Top 10 Hits". Their album, *On Time*, spent six weeks on the Top 10 Hits' Billboard Music Chart in 2019. Another album, *On Time*, has also earned a spot on Billboard's Top 10 Hits list, too! Learn more about them at their website www.colebrookroad.com.



All Heritage Festival performances are held in the Tabernacle beginning at 7:30 p.m. and are funded by your generous contributions - a \$10 per person donation is greatly appreciated!

Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts

The entertainment continues on Saturday evenings in July thanks to Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts. The concerts offer a wonderful way to spend a summer evening, with a combination of popular music, often some audience participation, and occasionally, a little humor!

Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle. There is no admission fee, but there is a

"pay-what-you-want" collection during the mid-show intermission. Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts is a non-profit organization.



The concert series began in June, but July performances include:

- July 8**—The Music of ABBA
- July 15**—60's Party Anthems & Make-Out Songs
- July 22**—Greatest Movie Songs of All Time
- July 29**—Top 20 Female Singers of All Time

Literary Delights: Unveiling the July Book Reviews - A Feast for the Bibliophile's Imagination

As the radiant days of summer embrace us, our minds seek solace in the captivating tales that transport us to new worlds. We invite you to immerse yourself in the worlds created by these talented authors:

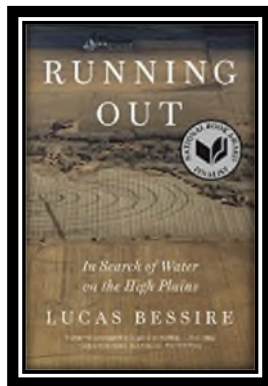
- July 3 - 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Mt. Gretna Community Library
The Librarian of Burned Books: A Novel - by Brianna Labuskes

In "The Librarian of Burned Books," Brianna Labuskes weaves a gripping tale that entwines the enigmatic realm of libraries with a chilling mystery. As pages turn, readers are transported into a labyrinth of suspense and intrigue, where a librarian's life takes an unexpected turn.



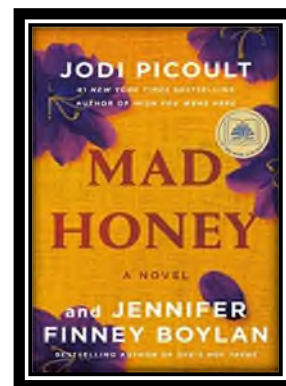
- July 17 - 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Mt. Gretna Community Library
Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains - by Lucas Bessire

"Running Out" invites readers to ponder the delicate balance between human needs and the sustainability of our planet, weaving a narrative that sparks urgent conversations about our shared responsibility in safeguarding Earth's precious resources.



- July 31 - 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Mt. Gretna Community Library
Mad Honey: A Novel - by Jodi Picoult

In this gripping tale, Picoult unveils a world where love and danger intertwine in unexpected ways. With her trademark storytelling prowess, she explores the intricate web of relationships, secrets, and the depths of human emotions.



On August 7, be sure to join us for a review of Heather Cox Richardson's How the South Won the Civil War: Oligarch, Democracy, and the Continuing Fight for the Soul of America.

Upcoming Holidays Impacting TNT Trash Pick-Up



TNT Sanitation will be conducting curbside trash pickup as scheduled on Monday, July 3. Reminders about holidays and trash pick-up will be posted on the Mt. Gretna Neighborhood Association Facebook page and sent to Members via email by the MGCA Office.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Postcard History of Old Mt. Gretna

On Friday, July 7, at 10 a.m., join us for a unique opportunity to see Mt. Gretna as you've never seen it before. Sue Hostetter, President of the Mt. Gretna Area Historical Society, will present a "picture postcard" program to take us back in time.

Based on the postcard collections of Morris Greiner and Karl Gettle, we'll learn about Robert Coleman and his railroad which led to the creation of Mount Gretna, the National Guard soldiers who conducted maneuvers on Soldiers Field, amusements parks and hotels, Lake Conewago, the Farmers' Exposition, the Bible Festival, and the Chautauqua Movement.

The program will be at the Hall of Philosophy in Chautauqua and donations will benefit the Historical Society.

On the Horizon – Happening In Our Community – Mark Your Calendars

Mark Your Calendars—due to space limitations, event listings for July and August will be limited to those occurring in Campmeeting. 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 ----7:30 p.m. at the Tabernacle

B ----7 p.m. at the Tabernacle

C ----7 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Community Library

D ----11 a.m. at the Mt. Gretna Fire Hall

E ----6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church, Ebenezer Room (and virtually)

F-----10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting and Open Forum at the Tabernacle (and virtually); 1 p.m. Community Picnic at Heritage Park

EVENT LISTING





- July 1 – Heritage Festival, Colebrook Road, award winning blue-grass music (A)
- July 2 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Silver, Wood, and Ivory (B)
- July 3 – Book Review, The Librarian of Burned Books (C)
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 8 – Mt. Gretna Fire Company Community Picnic (D)
- July 8 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, The Music of ABBA (A)
- July 9 – Bible Festival Summer Program, National Christian Choir (B)
- July 15 – The “Quiet Season” begins through August 31 (Rule 17b.)
- July 15 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, 60’s Party Anthems & Make-Out Songs (A)
- July 16 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Rizzetta’s Tones (B)
- July 17 – Book Review, Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains (C)
- July 18 – MGCA Board Meeting (E)
- July 22 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, Greatest Movie Songs of All Time (A)
- July 23 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Reverend Alan Robinson (B)
- July 29 – MGCA Annual Meeting, Open Forum & Community Picnic – potluck luncheon (F)
- July 29 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, The Sassy Lassies, Top 20 Female Singers of All Time (A)
- July 30 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Choir Festival (B)
- July 31 – Book Review, Mad Honey: A Novel (C)
- August 2 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Hymn Sing—Celebration Hymnal (B)
- August 5 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Handbell Festival (B)
- August 6 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Lancaster British Brass Band (B)
- August 7 – Book Review, How the South Won the Civil War (C)
- August 9 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Victory Express Ministries (B)
- August 12 – Heritage Festival, Wolfepack Concert (A)
- August 13 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Bob Kettering, Preacher (B)
- August 15 – MGCA Board Meeting (E)
- August 19 – Heritage Festival, Angry Young Band: The Billy Joel Tribute (A)
- August 20 – Bible Festival Summer Program, Susquehanna Chorale (B)
- August 26 – Mt. Gretna Summer Concerts, The Greatest Hits of Broadway (A)
- August 27 – Bible Festival Summer Program, QuintEssentially Brass (B)
- August 31 – The final day of the “Quiet Season” (Rule 17b.)

And the photograph for our July photo album...



Submitted by Kevin C. Wells

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