

# Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



## **Heritage Park: A Community Treasure**

Nestled within the scenic landscape of the Campmeeting, Heritage Park is a reflection of our community's rich history and enduring spirit. Located along Rt. 117, with entry from the parking lot off 1st Street, this park holds a special place in our hearts.

At Heritage Park, families and friends come together to create lasting memories. The playground, meticulously maintained by the Campmeeting, welcomes children from neighboring communities to explore and play. Adjacent to the playground, restrooms are available year-round during daylight hours for your convenience.

For those seeking a picturesque spot for outdoor gatherings, Heritage Park offers more than just play. Take advantage of the charcoal grill and picnic tables for a picnic experience surrounded by nature's beauty.

Looking to host a special event? Consider renting the pavilion. Our calendar of current rentals is accessible on the "News and Events" page on the MGCA website.

Questions about pavilion rentals? Don't hesitate to reach out to the office for assistance. Rental applications are conveniently available for submission via email or postal service.

# Annual Porch Sale

The annual Campmeeting Porch Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 25, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Campmeeting cottage owners who would like their address to be included on the porch sale map should email or call the MGCA office by May 13. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the MGCA Community Activities Committee.

MGCA Members will receive a copy of the porch sale map via a Camp Connect communication a few days before the sale. The porch sale map will be posted on the MGCA website for easy access. A map will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Library and at the Tabernacle. Please do not remove the map from the boards.



## Support the Arts in Mt. Gretna

The mission of the Mount Gretna Arts Council is to preserve, promote, support, and develop the artistic culture of the unique Mount Gretna community.

How does Arts Council directly benefit you?

- Printing of the annual Mt. Gretna Calendar book which features works from local artists each year on the cover
- Maintaining [www.mtgretna.org](http://www.mtgretna.org) which keeps the most up to date and comprehensive list of community events
- Organizing the Summer Kickoff

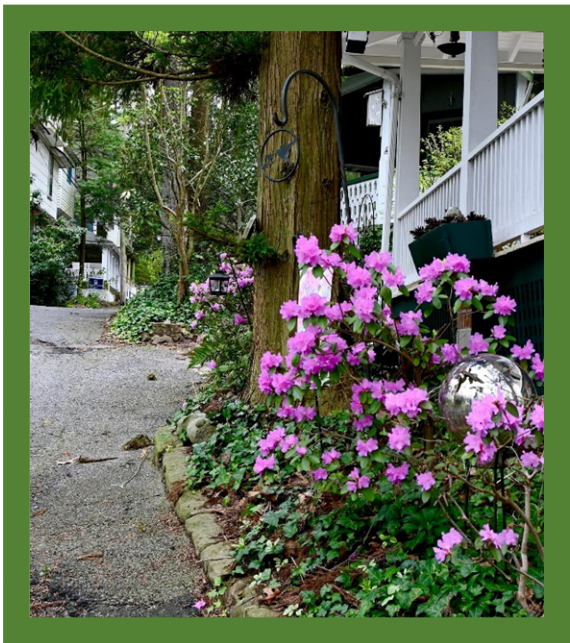
Mt. Gretna Arts Council is run 100% by volunteers.

Help us support local organizations and artists which helps strengthen the cultural life of Mt. Gretna! One of the major reasons we are such a unique and loved community is because of our vibrant arts scene. Please support us!

**Save the Date!**  
**Summer Kickoff**  
**Saturday, May 25**  
**3:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Hall of Philosophy**

- Stop by for info about Mt. Gretna organizations and their summer plans
- Stay for entertainment, food, and drink
- Socialize with neighbors, meet new people
- Pick up a 2024 calendar of events book
- Bid on the 2024 original cover art on calendar book and other auction items
- Find out how to get involved with the Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show and other organizations

Look for more details on website after May 1st.



Submitted by Joyce Rubl

## 2024 MT. GRETTA COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOURS BEGINNING SATURDAY, MAY 25

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

**10:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M.**

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

**6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**10:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:00 P.M.**







# 2024 HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**PAY-WHAT-YOU-WANT**

**FAMILY FRIENDLY & SMOKE/ALCOHOL FREE**

**ALL START TIMES ARE 7:30 P.M.**

**SAT., JUNE 8 - COMMON UINE**

**SAT., JUNE 15 - HARRISBURG MANDOLIN  
ENSEMBLE**

**SAT, JUNE 22 - BLUESTONE**

**SAT., JUNE 29 - SERENE GREEN**

**FRI., JULY 5 - BASIL & GENE**

**SAT., JULY 6 - THE PERSEVERANCE BAND**

**FRI., JULY 26 - PERRIN & STEINWAY**

**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**

**AT THE TABERNACLE  
(203 3RD STREET, MT. GRETN, PA)**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
OFFICE@MTGRETNACAMPMEETING.ORG**

**PARKING AT THE KAUFMANN LOT (GRAVEL LOT ADJACENT TO THE MT. GRETN, FIRE COMPANY), ALONG ROUTE 117, AND IN THE MT. GRETN, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT (WHEN NOT IN USE BY THE CHURCH)**



# Dumpster Rules Reminder

## From the MGCA Building & Grounds Committee



*Submitted by Kevin Burd*

The MGCA dumpsters are a popular option for trash disposal. The vast majority of community members use them properly, but reminders are a good thing.

- MGCA dumpsters are for use by MGCA Members, guests, and tenants for disposal of regular, Campmeeting **household waste** only.
  - **Household Waste must be bagged** (maximum 35-gallon bags), and **all waste must be placed inside the dumpsters, not beside them!**
  - **Dumpster truck operators will not pick up items left beside the dumpsters.** Placing items in the vicinity of the dumpsters (rather than in them) is considered “illegal littering on private property”.
  - **Construction materials are NOT household waste** and are considered “illegal dumping” and subject to fines and/or prosecution. Members must make arrangements to have construction and spring/garage cleanout type items disposed of.
- Disposal of cardboard is permitted **if boxes are broken down and flattened** and placed **inside** the dumpsters.

Items **prohibited for disposal** in dumpsters include, but are not limited to: **construction/demolition waste**, yard/garden waste, medical waste, **carpet**, flooring, **furniture**, **appliances**, electronics, batteries, oils, antifreeze, paints, solvents, propane tanks, and any flammable or hazardous materials.

Members who need to dispose of large items must make arrangements with the trash hauler and must pay an additional fee directly to the trash hauler. Contact TNT Sanitation at 717-866-2322, or [www.tntsanitation.com](http://www.tntsanitation.com).

If everyone abides by the rules the dumpster area will remain clean and safe and dumpster capacity will be sufficient for the intended purpose. For questions about curbside trash pick-up, recycling or dumpster-usage, please email [office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org](mailto:office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org) or call 717-964-3040.

## Artwork Sale at Campmeeting Porch Sale

Discover the beauty of Mt. Gretna through framed artwork by local artists. The Mt. Gretna Area Historical Society is thrilled to announce that they will be selling a selection of framed Mt. Gretna-themed artwork during the Campmeeting annual porch sale on Saturday, May 25. These items will be on display for purchase at 610 4th Street in Campmeeting. All proceeds from the sale will directly support Mt. Gretna Area Historical Society, helping to preserve and celebrate the rich heritage of our community.



*Submitted by Kevin Wells*



## Native Plants in the Community Garden

### By Carole Miller on behalf of the Tree Committee

May is a glorious month for plants as they begin their yearly cycle of growth, the perennials in our Community Garden are emerging and getting taller each day.

Creating an ecologically friendly landscape is particularly important. Our landscape is part of a broader landscape mosaic. By incorporating native plants in the Community Garden, we will have a positive impact on nature and the environment, minimize water usage, and fertilizer. Native perennials of various heights, sizes, and colors will attract and support birds, pollinators, and other living things by providing food and habitat.

A diverse variety of plant material is in the Community Garden. Each year more varieties are added for our residents to enjoy by observing their growth and the species that are attracted to the different plants.

The following link - [Pennsylvania Native Plants for the Perennial Garden \(psu.edu\)](https://psu.edu) - provides valuable information on Pennsylvania Native Plants.

## Enriching Campmeeting Parks with Meaningful Fixtures

The Campmeeting Memorial Program includes a variety of fixtures that enhance our community parks - picnic tables, 3-seater benches, 2-seater benches, and Adirondack chairs in select areas within the Campmeeting.

Over time, some of the benches and picnic tables in our parks have experienced wear and tear, diminishing their functionality and appeal. Additionally, factors like location and maintenance issues have led to some fixtures being underutilized or in poor condition.

To address this, our Buildings & Grounds team is working to replace these items strategically, focusing on both durability and usability. As part of a trial effort, we're introducing Adirondack chairs to Memorial Park and Dogwood Park, as they offer enhanced comfort for extended sitting periods.

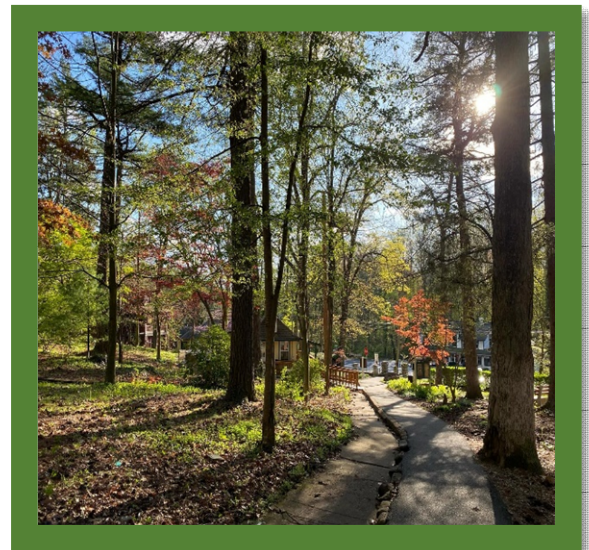
While placement location cannot be guaranteed, community members interested in sponsoring a purchase will have the opportunity to have a memorial plaque affixed to the fixture. This sponsorship allows individuals to have input on the preferred location for the fixture, though final placement decisions will be made with community needs in mind.

The current prices for the available items, including the cost of a memorial plaque:

- Memorial Bench, 3-seater (72" long) - \$650
- Memorial Bench, 2-seater (48" long) - \$500
- Memorial Chair, Adirondack Style - \$170

Please note that while picnic tables are not currently included in the "Memorial" category due to longevity concerns, they are still being considered for replacement and strategic placement.

If you're interested in contributing to this community enhancement effort or have any questions, please reach out to the MGCA office.



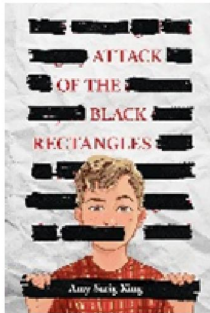
*Submitted by YasminBrown*



# Mt. Gretna Community Library

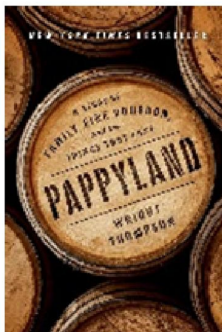
## 2024 Summer Book Reviews

### Mondays 7-8 PM



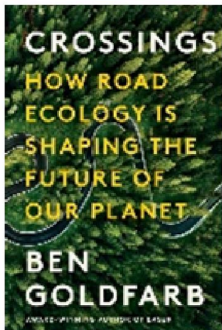
**June 3**  
*Attack of the Black Rectangles*  
 By Amy Sarig King

Leader: Marcie Lloyd



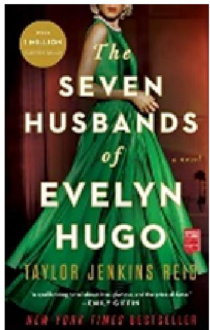
**June 10**  
*Pappyland*  
 By Wright Thompson

Leader: Tim Nieman



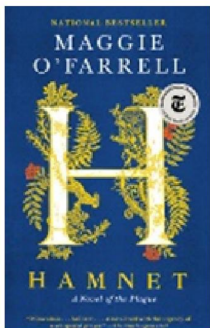
**June 17**  
*Crossings: How Road Ecology is Shaping the Future of Our Planet*  
 By Ben Goldfarb

Leader: Margaret Hopkins



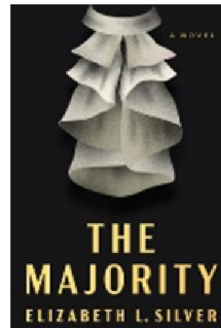
**June 24**  
*The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*  
 By Taylor Jenkins Reid

Leader: Marcie Lloyd



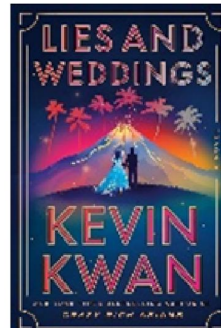
**July 1**  
*Hamnet*  
 By Maggie O'Farrell

Leader: Elaine Feather



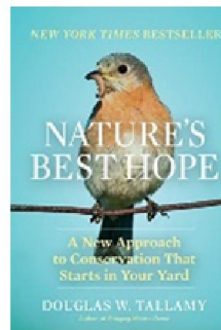
**July 8**  
*The Majority*  
 By Elizabeth Silver

Leader: Marcie Lloyd



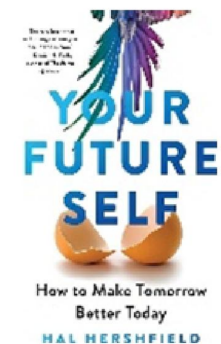
**July 15**  
*Lies and Weddings*  
 By Kevin Kwan

Leader: Kevin Wells



**July 22**  
*Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*  
 By Douglas Tallamy

Leader: Margaret Hopkins



**July 29**  
*Your Future Self: How to Make Tomorrow Better Today*  
 By Hal Hershfield

Leader: Yasmine Brown



## Flame Awareness

With spring in full bloom, the air is filled not only with the fragrance of flowers and trees but also with the enticing aroma of hamburgers sizzling on grills and marshmallows toasting over fire pits. As we eagerly anticipate spending time outdoors, it is important to remember to be mindful of open flames in the Campmeeting area.

Please note that charcoal or gas grills, along with any other open-flame cooking devices, are prohibited from use on combustible covered porches. However, while fire rings, fire pits (permanent or portable), and deck/patio heaters are permitted, it's important to ensure that these devices have a properly fitting spark screen cover over the open flame. Additionally, they should not be operated on porches for safety reasons.

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.

## Special Meeting on Proposed Charter & Bylaws Revisions - May 21, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Members of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association will be held on May 21st, 2024, for the purpose of voting on the proposed revisions to the Charter & Bylaws. This is the only business that will be discussed at the Special Meeting.

The Board conducted the first reading of the proposed changes to the MGCA Charter & Bylaws at its regular March meeting.

A second reading of the revised Charter & Bylaws occurred at the regular Board Meeting on April 16.

In accordance with the current "Charter & By-Laws" of the Mount Gretna Campmeeting Association, a vote of the Membership to accept the proposed changes will be held at a Special Meeting:

1. **Date and Time:** May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The Special Meeting will be held before the regular monthly Board Meeting.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum, or 10% of the Membership households, must be present.
3. **Passing Vote:** Two-thirds of the Members present at the Special Meeting must vote in favor of the changes to the Charter & Bylaws for the motion to pass. (Reminder: One vote per household, or where multiple properties are owned by the same group of owners there is one vote per household group.)
4. **Place of Meeting:** The Special Meeting will be held via Zoom only.
5. **Zoom Registration Deadline:** All Members wishing to attend the Special Meeting must register for the meeting by May 21st at 6 a.m. The link to register for the Special Meeting is below. One registration per voting household will be approved.
6. **Method of Vote:** Voting procedures will be shared with Members in the coming weeks.

A reminder of this Special Meeting will be sent to the Membership on a biweekly basis through May.

## Upcoming Holidays Impacting TNT Trash Pick-Up

In observance of Memorial Day, trash and recycling collection will ***not*** take place on Monday, May 27, 2024. **Trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.** 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.



## What You Need to Know About Spring Leaf and Stick Collection

Regular leaf collection will resume later this month, continue until early June, then start again in the fall. Spring collection will be similar to collection procedures executed in the fall, and more details will be communicated soon.

Collection of sticks and other “green waste,” (sticks, branches, pine cones, root balls from potted plants, etc.) resumed in April but will continue periodically throughout the summer months.

- Leaf piles may contain leaves, pine cones and pine needles ONLY!
- Sticks and green waste MUST be placed in a separate pile—not in the leaf pile!
- Both piles must be free of pet waste and foreign objects.
- Piles that do not meet these requirements will NOT be collected.

## Transformation of Eisenberg Park

In the heart of Campmeeting, nestled between Dickson Ave and Castle Avenue, lies Eisenberg Park, a serene oasis. Its lush vegetation and vibrant atmosphere owe much to the tireless efforts of Peggy Lichty, whose dedication has transformed this park. Her attention to detail and creativity have infused the park with new life, creating an inviting space where families can gather and neighbors can forge lasting bonds.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Peggy Lichty for her exemplary dedication and hard work as we reflect on the beauty and vitality of Eisenberg Park. Thank you, Peggy, for all that you do to make our community a better place to live, play, and thrive.



## Limited Edition 50th Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show



### Commemorative Banner

In celebration of the 50th Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show and the “Year of the Arts”, the organization is selling commemorative banners. This decorative double-sided pole banner measures 23.75” x 51” with double pockets.

Order your banner at: <https://mtgretnaarts.com/shop/50th-annual-mt-gretna-art-show-banner/>

Banners can be picked up in the Borough Office or at the Memorial Day Summer Kickoff (Path Party) on Saturday, May 25th, from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M., at the Hall of Philosophy.

## Nature’s Unsung Helper

### By Unknown

Many may label me as a mere weed, but in truth, I stand as a companion, ready to lend a helping hand. My blossoms mark the earliest feast for insects emerging from hibernation, distinguishing me from most other flora with my abundant pollen and nectar. Generosity flows through me, freely offering these vital resources.

When you encounter me, consider that I am the sole inhabitant eager to thrive in that particular patch of earth. It may be due to compacted or hardened soil, yearning to break it apart with my roots. Perhaps the

soil lacks calcium. But do not be afraid - my withering leaves shall replenish it. Or maybe acidity prevails, yet I shall rectify even this if given the chance.

I reside here because your soil seeks my aid. Permit my growth without interference, and when equilibrium is restored, I shall gracefully fade away, fulfilling my pledge.



Should you attempt premature removal, heed this: I return doubly resilient. My progress reveals the stage of my assistance; flattened leaves signal a journey yet to unfold, while upright foliage indicates substantial progress.

I signal the onset of spring, eager to announce its arrival alongside the warmth of summer. By day, my blooms unfurl under the sun's gaze, while they retreat with the evening's cool embrace. Only when warmth abounds do they reveal their splendor.



Indeed, my blossoms offer a delectable treat for humanity as well. Once dubbed the "honey (or gold) of the poor," my flowers lend sweetness to jams, sauces, and salads. Countless recipes abound online; explore and indulge.

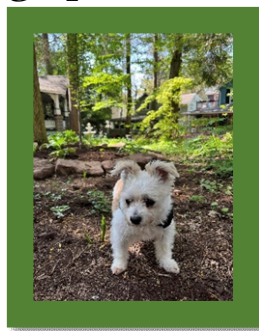
Exercise patience until the end of May or beyond before harvesting, and even then, preserve a portion for the sake of biodiversity and the bees. Your restraint shall be richly rewarded.

## 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 photograph for our May photo album...*



*Submitted by Kevin C. Wells*

## Are You Connected to News & Info in Campmeeting?



On Facebook



Mount Gretna Campmeeting –  
Click on Subscribe

**Community Calendar**

<https://www.mtgretna.org/home>



Send your email address updates to:  
[Office@Mt GretnaCampmeeting.org](mailto:Office@Mt GretnaCampmeeting.org)



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