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Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce Committees

Awards Breakfast Committee
Back to School Family Fun Day Committee
Central PA Chainsaw Carver Festival Committee
Chamber Golf Tournament Committee

Cinco de Mayo Committee
Community Christmas Party Committee
Membership Committee
Programs & Promotions Committee
Shippensburg Beer & Wine Festival Committee

OUR MISSION To provide members with services that promote and support economic vitality as well as develop Shippensburg as a great place to live, work, play, visit and invest.

OUR VISION To be recognized as the premier membership-based organization for professional networking, development, and stimulating economic growth in the vibrant and prospering business community of Shippensburg.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Shippensburg is on an exciting path of revitalization and connectivity, and we couldn't be more optimistic about the future of our beloved community. Through the collaborative efforts of the Chamber, the borough, Shippensburg Area Development Corporation (SADCO), Downtown Organizations Investing Together (DOIT), the townships, the Cumberland Valley Rail Trails, and the incredibly supportive community around us, we are working tirelessly to keep the Derck Edson Plan—a five-year strategy based on thoughtful case studies and invaluable community feedback—on track.

Thanks to the dedication of so many, we've seen remarkable progress. We've built on past successes while embracing fresh opportunities, creating events that bring people together, beautifying our downtown and surrounding areas, and launching programs to highlight everything Shippensburg has to offer. Our focus remains on improving the economic vitality of our community, ensuring it remains a place where businesses thrive and residents feel proud to call home. We are deeply grateful for your support in these endeavors, and we hope you'll continue to join us in shaping Shippensburg's future.

Together, we can create a thriving, connected, and engaged community where tradition meets innovation, and where we continue to build a brighter future for all.

Be well,

Michaela Wetzel
Community Coordinator
Downtown Ship & Beyond

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Events Calendar

February 8 - Enjoy free hot beverages at the Chamber Office, 68 W. King St., during Winterfest

March 3 - Ribbon Cutting, King & Saint Cafe, 512 W. King St. (parking available on W. Orange St.)

March 13 - Annual Awards Breakfast, Tuscarora Room, Shippensburg University

April 17-19 - Chainsaw Carvers Festival, Shippensburg Fairgrounds

May 1 - Cinco de Mayo Regional Mixer, Volvo CE Customer Center

May 9 - Keystone Business Summit, Conference Center, Shippensburg University



February 1 - John Crist, Luhrs Center, Shippensburg

February 1 - Valentine's Sweetheart Market, Crackers Event Center, Waynesboro

February 1 - Open Mic at IceFest, Franklin County Visitors Center, Galentine's Day II The Boy Band Project, Capitol Theatre, Chili-Q & Beer Garden, Downtown Chambersburg

February 6 - The Simon and Garfunkel Story, Luhrs Center, Shippensburg



January 31- February 2 - Carlisle Ice Festival, Downtown Carlisle

February 1 - Free History Museum Open, Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle



February 1-9 - Great American Outdoor Show, Harrisburg

February 15&16 - Motorama, PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg

February 8 - Winterfest, Downtown Shippensburg

February 8 - Writing A Valentine's Day Letter, The History Center

February 18 - Food Distribution Program, Shippensburg Produce Outreach (SPO), Shippensburg

February 22 - Coldest Night of the Year, Shippensburg

February 25 - Town Hall Meeting, Shippensburg Firefighters Activity Center

March 1 - 2025 SKEC Reading Rainbow, Shippensburg Firefighters Activity Center, Shippensburg

Now through March 31 - The Tides' annual Shoe Drive



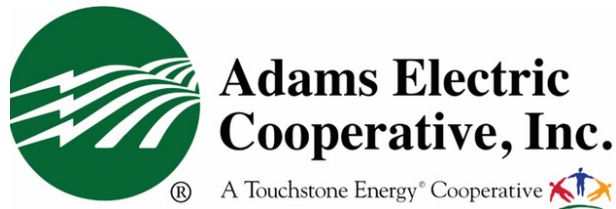
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*Kami Noel, Communications / Member Relations Coordinator
Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

Understanding factors that impact your energy bills

February brings some of the coldest weather of the year, and as our home heating systems work harder and longer to keep us warm, we typically see higher energy bills.

There are a few key factors that affect electricity prices, as well as a few ways you can make a meaningful impact on home energy savings.

When you receive your monthly bill from your electric provider, you're provided with a summary of how much electricity you used during the billing cycle. You can even see how electricity use may have spiked on a particularly chilly day or when relatives were staying with you.

But you might be surprised to learn that beyond your monthly energy consumption, there are external factors that can impact the cost of electricity.

The cost of generating and transmitting electricity accounts for a significant portion of the cost to provide electric service to local homes and businesses — and the cost of fuels that are used to generate that electricity, such as natural gas and coal, fluctuate based on supply and demand.

While we can't control the weather, we can review weather patterns and forecasts to prepare for times of extreme cold or heat, when we know the demand for electricity will increase. But when temperatures become extremely cold and the demand for electricity spikes, the price of electricity can also increase.

To cover the costs associated with providing electricity to your home or business, co-op members pay a monthly access charge. This monthly flat fee ensures the cost of equipment, materials, labor and daily operations are covered for all members in our service territory. To ensure the reliable service you expect and deserve, we must maintain the local grid, including power lines, substations and other essential equipment.

Federal energy policies and regulations can also have a profound impact on electricity costs. As energy generation shifts to the use of more renewable sources and stricter regulations for traditional, always-available fuel sources, such as natural gas and coal plants, costly upgrades and technologies must be constructed and deployed. These additional costs are ultimately passed on to consumers.

U.S. power consumption is expected to double by 2050. Across the country, electric cooperatives are working with members of Congress to advocate for smart energy policies that reliably power our local communities, including urging the Trump Administration to take concrete steps to repeal the EPA's power plant rule and bolster the long-term reliability of our nation's electric grid.

While many of these external factors that impact electricity costs are out of our control, we all have the power to manage our energy use at home. The most effective way to lower use is thermostat management. Since heating and cooling account for a major portion of home energy use, adjusting the thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting can help you save energy and money. Remember to service your heating and cooling system annually and replace dirty filters as needed.

You can also reduce energy use by taking advantage of off-peak periods, when the demand for electricity is lower. Reserve energy-intensive chores for off-peak times, such as early in the morning or later in the evening, to save energy. Be sure to seal air leaks around windows, doors and other areas where gaps are possible. This will help your heating and cooling system work less and improve the overall comfort of your home.

Find more safety and efficiency tips at adamsec.coop or SafeElectricity.org.

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Area Chamber of Commerce

KING & SAINT
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Espresso Bar and Pâtisserie

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

**RIBBON
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MARCH 3 AT 2 PM

Join us to celebrate the opening of King & Saint Cafe, a European-inspired specialty coffee shop and bakery in the heart of Shippensburg! Free food and drinks.

512 W. King Street,
Shippensburg
Park in lot on West Orange St.



Ellen J.W. Gigliotti
 LFMT, Clinical Director;
 Sanctuary Christian Counseling



Good grief!

I will never forget August 23, 1976.

Most of you were probably not even born yet, but I had just turned 20.

It was the day I learned about grief for the first time.

It was the day my father died unexpectedly.

He had been planning to take me to Shippensburg University for my junior year, but suffered a massive heart attack mowing the lawn at a property my parents owned. I won't bore you with details, but that day was one of the most traumatic of my life.

When he died, I was alone. My sister and mother were both far away. And I was scared. I had no idea what to do. NONE.

Grief is messy, and not something any of us wants.

Over the next few years, I pretty much did everything wrong. I didn't support my mother the way I wish I could have. I didn't do anything to help myself process my grief and sadness.

I didn't deal with my grief at all.

Less than two years later, I was still grieving, but I didn't even know that's what it was. I thought I was going crazy. Nothing felt real, or right. I felt like I was living in a fog.

I think, if I had the courage, I would have killed myself.

It was a miserable time.

I wish I had known then what I know now about grief. I could have spared myself and my family a lot of heartache.

I don't even like to talk about grief now – no one does. It's a bummer! I like to write to be funny, to be comforting, to give you formulas for helping you live your best life.

And grief isn't an easy topic, nor a fun one. And the more you run from it, the worse it is over time. The only solution is to feel it – to grieve – and that is what most of us don't want to do.

One of the advantages – if you could call them that – of my 20-year-old grief was that it was my father who died. I could move on a little easier because that fits the natural order of things – you expect that, at some point, you will outlive your parents. Even though I was by no means ready to do that, it still felt somewhat normal. We're born, we bear others, we die. There's a certain logic and peace to that, even while it's sad and difficult.

I still did a lot of things wrong. I was way too private in my grief. People who knew me my senior year of college didn't even know I was grieving. Most people had no idea how much it was affecting me. I ran from grief, rather than walking through it.

Here are some ideas to help when, inevitably, you are the one grieving. Sadly, all of us will experience grief in one form or another, just as we experience all the other facets of life.

- Grief is a journey, and doesn't keep to an orderly time frame.
- You may have heard about the "stages of grief." These are based on a book by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, and are generally listed as denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. What's important to remember is that they are more like suggestions than actual "stages." They all come and go, and there is no logical order or progression. One may find oneself experiencing all of them in rapid succession in one day.
- Grief is not a straight line. Writer C.S. Lewis, in his book "A Grief Observed" which talks about his wife Joy Davidman's death, says, "In grief, nothing 'stays put.' One keeps emerging from a phase but it always recurs. Round and round. Everything repeats."
- We all long to avoid grief, and fight against feeling it, but, as with so many things, the quickest path to healing is generally straight through.
- We know our grief makes others uncomfortable, and, when we're the ones watching someone in grief, we don't know how to handle it, either.
- Almost anything you feel is normal and ok (except a desire to hurt oneself or others) ... crying is normal. So is not crying. Feeling sad, lonely and scared is normal. Or not feeling those things.
- Give yourself space to feel what you feel and express your feelings even if they seem odd or illogical. It's also normal to have ambivalent feelings about your loved one who died. Give yourself space to rant and rave, to ask questions of God or others, to be honest with your emotions.
- Don't grieve alone, or at least not all the time. Find a group that can handle your grief (like GriefShare) and can be present with you in it. Don't do this right away; it's generally more helpful after some months have passed.
- Remind yourself that you are alive and you will persevere.
- Don't lose hope. You will not feel the intensity of grief forever, though it will be with you for life in a lesser degree.
- Support your inner emotions by caring for your outer body – eat, sleep, exercise, care for yourself.
- Draw others closer, don't push them away. Spend time with those who can support you. Accept help. Say what you need.

Remember that grief comes to all, and everyone struggles with it. If you are distressed by your struggle, give us a call. At Sanctuary Christian Counseling, we help grieving individuals, distressed kids teens and couples in conflict find peace, solutions and connection.

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Shippensburg Produce and Outreach



Shippensburg Produce and Outreach (SPO) made significant strides in 2024, which led us to adopt the theme "Nourishing the Growth" for 2025. The ongoing demand for food assistance was met with sustainable solutions, and we improved our systems to anticipate and meet future needs more effectively. The sustainability implementation plan we launched in June 2024 has been instrumental in shaping our progress by guiding us through measurable and achievable milestones. As we enter 2025, SPO's growth and success are guided by four key principles: empowering volunteer innovation and ingenuity; continued organizational transformation through technology integration; expanded client service offerings; and long-term growth planning under our SPO 2030 initiative.

SPO begins 2025 with over 1,000 registered clients—the highest in our 16-year history—and is on track to reach 1,200 by July 2025 when annual re-registration takes place. While not all clients visit weekly, we currently serve over 4,000 households in the Shippensburg community each month. Our neighbors turn to us for many reasons, whether it is temporary unemployment, difficult decisions between medication and food, or simply needing to stretch a food budget for a family with young children. Whatever the reason, SPO remains vigilant in supporting the community we serve.

As a thriving and resilient organization, a key factor in SPO's success has always been the innovation and ingenuity of our dedicated volunteer team. In August 2024, we implemented a new distribution traffic pattern to ease congestion along Orange and Penn Streets. This new system has been highly effective—particularly during our Thanksgiving Meal Distribution, which we over 500 clients—our largest distribution to date. We extend our thanks to Mayor Coy, the Borough Council, and Police Chief Young for their support throughout this process.

In our commitment to empowering volunteers and enhancing our operations, SPO has made significant investments in technology. In January, we introduced a suite of new computer hardware to strengthen our Google Workspace ecosystem to improve workflow, enhance collaboration, and strengthen data protection. Additionally, we are integrating Feeding America's Service Insights registration software during our annual re-registration in July. This new system will streamline our high-volume client intake process, provide faster service, and generate more dynamic reports to help us better understand and serve the community.

As part of our commitment to returning to a more personal engagement with our neighbors, SPO tested a rejuvenated client choice distribution model in December 2024 led by Shippensburg University Farm Intern Seember Agjibir. We will conduct a second test this spring before integrating the model as an additional monthly distribution starting in summer 2025 that will offer new volunteer opportunities.

Finally, we are excited to announce the formation of the SPO 2030 exploratory committee, which will guide us toward our next phase of growth. SPO 2030 will focus on enhancing our infrastructure, onboarding paid staff, and expanding partnerships throughout Central Pennsylvania. By planning ahead, we can continue to meet increasing demand while minimizing the impact on our local infrastructure.

We are grateful for the Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce's support and for the leadership of Ms. Wendy Kipe, whose partnership continues to help us thrive.



Christopher A. Connor is the Interim Executive Director of Shippensburg Produce and Outreach. Additionally, he and his wife, Jody J. Maisano, own and operate Always Ready Consulting, LLC—a management consulting firm focused on building resilient organizations.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services (Cross, Inc.)

Christian Residential Opportunities and Social Services, also known as Cross, Inc, celebrated our 37th year of operations in 2024. We have three Personal Care Homes that provide 24/7 residential services to adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Our ministry started with our Personal Care Home we call “Grace Home” located in Shippensburg, PA which opened in 1987. We have since expanded to open two other homes in St. Thomas and Dillsburg to serve this population.

Here at Cross, our goal is to create developmental environments to support opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, and emotional growth based on Christian values. At Cross we have a motto: “do life together” which is much different than just providing care for residents; we want to go above and beyond the typical model for social services.

One way Cross, Inc strives to live out our motto is that each Personal Care Home has House Parent(s) who reside with the residents in their home. We firmly believe that each resident is a unique blessing to this world and has many gifts and talents to offer to our community. We also make every effort to live alongside our residents and engage with them in their preferred activities, meals, social events, church and anything else we can do to give them the best lives possible.

If you would like to know more about our ministry or get involved please visit our website at <https://crossinc.com/> or contact us at 717-530-1788.



Dan Baker
Director

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BOROUGH OF NEWBURG

In 1819, Thomas Trimble originally planned the Borough of Newburg, which at the time consisted of just three or four houses. By 1845, it had grown to become a Post Village in Hopewell Township. The borough is named after Newburg, Germany, and was officially incorporated in 1861.

Newburg Borough is located in western Cumberland County, surrounded by Hopewell Township. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the borough spans 0.2 square miles, making it the smallest borough in Cumberland County. It is home to approximately 359 residents across 161 households.

The Borough of Newburg is governed by a five-member elected borough council and a mayor. Public meetings are held at the borough office on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Newburg is located 6 miles north of Shippensburg, at the intersection of Route 696 and Route 641 in Hopewell Township, and just 4 miles south of the Blue Mountain exit 201 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

COMFORT KEEPERS

Comfort Keepers provides professional and compassionate home care services to seniors in Franklin and Adams County, helping them live safely and independently in their own homes. This non-medical in-home care agency offers a wide range of support, including personal care, meal preparation, light housekeeping, companionship, transportation, grocery shopping, and assistance with doctor appointments. Their professional caregivers are well-trained to deliver personalized care, and flexible scheduling ensures services are tailored to meet individual needs.

Find more information at www.comfortkeepers.com/offices/pennsylvania/fayetteville/.

TOWN HALL Meeting

Tuesday
February 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Shippensburg Firefighters Activities Center
33 W. Orange Street
Shippensburg, PA 17257



Join us for a Town Hall meeting to hear reviews and updates from key stakeholders on Shippensburg and our shared community goals.

Visit Our Website
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2025 EVENTS

Welcome



2025 EGGSTRAVAGANZA

JOIN US FOR AN ALL AGES EASTER EGG HUNT
AT THE SHIPPENSBURG FAIRGROUNDS!

4/19/25 @ CHAINSAW CARVER'S FESTIVAL



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, ENJOY THIS
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5/31/25 @ DOWNTOWN SHIP



SECOND SATURDAYS

GET READY TO GET OUTSIDE FOR
SATURDAYS THIS SUMMER AND ENJOY
VARIOUS THEMED SATURDAYS... MORE
DETAILS COMING!

JUNE - ART WALK
JULY - FUN IN THE SUN
SEPTEMBER - LIVE (MUSIC) ON KING

SUMMER SATURDAYS DOWNTOWN

Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce

- You are invited to our -

85th Awards Breakfast

Tuscarora Room - Reisner Dining Hall
Shippensburg University

Breakfast, Awards Presentation, Silent Auction,
and Special Guest Speaker:
Bruce Hockersmith, Former Mayor

March 13, 2025

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM



Tickets \$30 per person
RSVP by March 5, 2025
chamber@shippensburg.org

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APRIL 17 - 19, 2025

THURSDAY	3 PM - 8 PM
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MORE INFORMATION:

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EL MARIACHI MEXICAN RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT MIXER

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the New Member Spotlight Mixer in January!

A special thank you to **El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant** for hosting us and providing a fantastic spread of appetizers. The venue was the perfect setting to relax, enjoy great food, and connect with familiar faces while celebrating our newest members.

We loved hearing from our newest members—**Circle of Love, Comfort Keepers, and Branch Creek Senior Center**—as they became part of our community of members. We also welcomed **Michaela Wetzel** as our new Community Coordinator. Thank you for making the event such a success!



America 250 Shippensburg: Those interested in sharing ideas for America 250 are invited to an initial meeting at the Chamber on February 20 at 1 p.m. Please email chamber@shippensburg.org to RSVP.



2025 Keystone Business Summit

Surviving and Thriving in the Digital Age:
Bridging Generations, Embracing Technology, and Prioritizing Well-Being



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BUSINESS
SUMMIT
at Shippensburg University

May 9, 2025 | 8 AM - 1 PM
Shippensburg University Conference Center

Early Bird (ends March 9, 2025): \$39 | Regular: \$49
Last year over 120 attendees participated in the summit located at the Shippensburg University Conference Center!

Chart Your Path!

TRACK 1 | Tech Evolution and Adaptation

- Strategies for staying ahead in rapidly changing technological landscapes.
- Embracing AI, automation, and digital tools to enhance productivity.

TRACK 2 | Multigenerational Recruitment and Retention

- Leveraging the strengths of different generations in the workplace.
- Building collaborative environments where experience meets innovation.

TRACK 3 | Holistic Well-Being

- Balancing professional success with mental, physical, and emotional health.
- Integrating wellness practices into daily work life to sustain long-term performance.

Learn More!

workforce.ship.edu/business-summit

By attending this summit, we can strengthen connections, share knowledge, and explore ways to expand partnerships. Together, we'll work towards growing our regional workforce and boosting economic development in the region.

Why Should I Attend?

- **Gain exposure** to a targeted audience of decision-makers and influencers from various industries and learn about strategy, business, and development opportunities.
- **Networking opportunities** to engage with potential clients, partners, and industry peers to expand your professional network and explore collaboration opportunities.
- **Connect, learn, and contribute** to our local business community.

