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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.



Hello Chamber Members!

May is here, and it is shaping up to be an exciting month at the Chamber!

We just wrapped up the Central PA Chainsaw Carvers Festival, and what a weekend it was with beautiful weather, a great turnout, and amazing artistry on display. Thank you to our Chamber members who sponsored, participated as vendors, and volunteered.

We have a full calendar ahead this May!

May 1

Join us for the Cinco de Mayo Regional Fiesta Mixer at Volvo, welcoming chamber members from across Cumberland and Franklin Counties.

May 15

Attend our Lunch and Learn at University Grille with the Shippensburg Borough Police and Police Foundation. They will even bring a special guest, a K9. It is free to attend; just purchase your own lunch.

May 22

We continue our new Wisdom Wednesday series. Each month, Chamber members share their expertise with fellow members on the fourth Wednesday. This month, we are excited to welcome Orrstown Bank for a session focused on Retirement Planning.

May 31

We will host Touch A Truck with Downtown Ship and Beyond. If you have a unique wheeled vehicle, like farm equipment or construction machinery, we would love for you to showcase it. It is a great way to promote your business and connect with the community. Bring the whole family downtown to explore vehicles up close in the Borough Lot beside the Police Station and the Shippensburg Firefighters Activity Center lot. While you are downtown, visit our stores and grab lunch from one of our Chamber members, like Nonna Ilva, Art of Pie, Redemption BBQ, or Monterrey Tacos.

Looking ahead to June 10

We are proud to share that we have already welcomed 13 new members this year. Join us for our New Member Spotlight Mixer at Shoebox Supply House to meet new faces, grow your network, and celebrate our Chamber community.

Make sure to visit shippensburg.org for the latest job postings from our members and to stay up to date with the Shippensburg Community Calendar.

Thank you for being part of the Shippensburg Chamber family.

Wendy Kipe
President

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Events Calendar

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

May 15 - Lunch and Learn, University Grille, Shippensburg

May 28 - Wisdom Wednesday, Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce

May 31 - Touch A Truck, Downtown Shippensburg

June 10 - Shoebox Supply House “New Member Spotlight” Mixer

June 25 - Wisdom Wednesday, Shippensburg Chamber of Commerce

June 27 - Morning Member Mixer, Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce Deck



August 9 - Back to School Family Fun Day, Shippensburg Fairgrounds

September 20 - Shippensburg Beer and Wine Festival,
Shippensburg Fairgrounds

May 3 & 4 - 28th Annual Chambersburg Trout Derby

May 5 - Master Gardener Victory Garden Series, Penn State Extension, Chambersburg

May 7 - House Plant Bingo, Grayce Gardens, Chambersburg

May 9 - Military Spouse Appreciation Days, Grove Family Library, Chambersburg



May 10 - Mercersburg Annual Springfest, Downtown Mercersburg

May 10 - Fandom Fest 2025, Chambers Fort Park, Chambersburg

May 10 - 1775: Spring on the Farmstead, Conococheague Institute

May 17 - 2025 Greencastle Market Days, Greencastle

May 8 - Ship Market, Memorial Park, Shippensburg

May 10 - Native Plant Sale, Kings Gap Enviromental Education Center, Newville

May 11 - Mothers Day at Big Hill Cider Works, Georgetown Road, Gardners

May 15 - Carlisle Downtown Mile, Presented By: Employment Skills Center Subway Car Wash, Carlisle

May 17 - Tea Party with Taurus and Friends, Newville

May 17 - Plant Fest and Sale hosted by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Cumberland County



May 23 - Craft Beer & Clay, A Creative Night Out, Carlisle
Learning Arts Center

May 29 - Persimmon Awards, U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center

May 2 - Ship First Fridays, Rails to Trails, Ship Station, Shippensburg

May 2 - All Dolled Up! Exhibit, Fashion Archives & Museum, Shippensburg University

May 10 - Heroes on the Homefront Day, The American Legion Post 223, Shippensburg

May 13 - Mother Daughter Tea & Floral Bar, Lofty Momma, Shippensburg

May 15 - Larry the Cable Guy, Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg

May 16 - The Doo wop Project, Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg



May 25 - Shippensburg Memorial Day Parade, Downtown Shippensburg

May 29 - Chicago The Musical, Luhrs Performing Arts Center,
Shippensburg

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Don't be Part of the Equation

Electrical safety is part of our everyday routine, but it's not just important for workers in our industry. Everyone should know how to stay safe around electricity.

May is Electrical Safety Month, and it's a good time to remind members and the public how to respond if you are involved in, or come across, a utility pole accident.

We have seen a steady increase in these types of accidents in the last few years. As expected, the average cost per accident has increased as well, averaging over \$6,000 per incident.

Distracted driving, inclement weather, speeding and driving while impaired all play a part. Once you hit a pole, you're not only going to have car trouble, but you are also going to be responsible for any damage to the utility equipment.

Plus, there's the danger of potential electrical injury.

Knowing some basic safety precautions before an accident occurs can help. If you are involved in a utility pole accident, your first instinct may be to immediately exit the vehicle, but often the safest thing to do is to stay put. Due to damage, a pole may fall over, or overhead lines may fall onto the vehicle.

You should always assume these lines are energized, even if they aren't sparking or buzzing. That's why we suggest staying in your vehicle. Warn others to stay away, call 911 and wait until a professional from the utility company tells you it is safe to exit.

If the situation inside the vehicle becomes unsafe — maybe from smoke or fire — and you must exit, do so with safety in mind. Push the door open with both hands, then cross your arms over your chest and jump clear without touching any parts of the vehicle. Try to land with your feet together so they hit the ground at the same time. Then hop (like a bunny) away to safety, keeping both feet together. This is to avoid any difference in voltage between your two feet. If there is any electrical charge on the ground or the car, you don't want to become part of the equation. Separating your feet or touching the car and ground at the same time can result in an electrical shock.

If you witness a vehicle hitting a utility pole, do not approach the scene. Stay at least 35 feet away — about the length of a school bus — and call 911. Never touch or try to remove a downed line. You may put your own life at risk by trying to help.

Adams Electric Cooperative offers high- and low-voltage safety demonstrations for groups, which cover such things as vehicle accidents. Through our live demonstrations, attendees learn about common electrical hazards and also witness simulations of what happens when a live wire gets loose.

If you don't want to spend \$6,000 this year, put your phone away, take your foot off the accelerator and (when you get home) consider learning more about electrical safety at adamsec.coop.



Ribbon Cutting Celebration

On April 8, we officially welcomed **Nonna Ilva** to downtown Shippensburg with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their location at 85 W. King Street. It was a great afternoon celebrating a new addition to our local dining scene.



Stop by and Support Local!

Nonna Ilva Authentic Italian is open and ready to welcome you. Enjoy authentic Italian favorites and experience the warm hospitality they bring to the heart of Shippensburg.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!



Please join us in welcoming Christy Lautenslager, Realtor to the Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce!

Christy is a licensed Realtor in both Pennsylvania and Maryland with Coldwell Banker | Realty, offering professional real estate services to help you move forward with confidence.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



COY PUBLIC LIBRARY OF SHIPPENSBURG 2025 DUCK DERBY

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025 AT 1:30PM

THE COY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DUCK DERBY RETURNS ON MAY 31 AT 1:30 P.M.

THE DERBY WILL START AT THE KING STREET BRIDGE AND END AT THE COY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRIDGE.

THIS FUN EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TOUCH A TRUCK SPONSORED BY DOWNTOWN SHIP AND BEYOND.

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3RD PLACE IS \$50.00



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LUNCH & Learn

MAY 15, 2025

Join us for a Lunch & Learn with the **Shippensburg Borough Police and Police Foundation** on **May 15 at Noon** at **University Grille, 32 E King Street, Shippensburg**. Hear updates and insights about their work in our community. This event is free to attend—just purchase your own lunch!



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Extra, Extra, Read All About it! Those six words were heard in every community around the country dating back to the early 1800s. When the local paperboy uttered those words, the town knew the newspaper's latest edition had just rolled off the presses. Shippensburg has a long-standing tradition of printing the news and publishing a newspaper. In 2027, the Shippensburg News-Chronicle will celebrate its 100th Anniversary!

The first bit of news or mention of a newspaper in Shippensburg dates back to 1844, according to the history publication "Shippensburg's 250 Year History." John L. Baker is credited with publishing the "Weekly News" in April 1844, a strong Whig paper.

Jacob Bomberger purchased the Weekly News in 1849. Later owners included John McCurdy, (Shippensburg's first historian), D.R. Wagner, Edward W. Curriden, Daniel W. Thrush, D.K. and J.C. Wagner, J.C. Fleming and Charles E. and I.A. Hoke. The "Weekly News" changed hands frequently in the 1850's. When Edward Curriden purchased the paper, he changed the name to "The Shippensburg News" and published it at 60 West King Street.

The Hocks brothers purchased the paper on June 1, 1915, and continued publishing it until August 1927.

The paper retained the "Shippensburg News" name until Ralph T. Wolfrom purchased the paper. Wolfrom also purchased another weekly paper, the "Shippensburg Chronicle." This publication was created in 1875 as the "Democratic Chronicle" and in 1882 became the "Shippensburg Chronicle", and was published in a brick building south of the Sherman Hotel on South Earl Street. In October 1927, Wolfrom merged both papers into one publication named "The News-Chronicle" and published them twice a week on Monday and Thursday.

In November 1932, "The News-Chronicle" moved to the former Frank E. Hollar, Sr. garage at 6-10 North Penn Street. In addition to newspapers, the presses were busy printing other materials, including matchbooks and stationery, wedding invitations, announcements, advertising publications, booklets and more. In fact, the News-Chronicle was a full-service printer responsible for a major portion of printed materials in Shippensburg and surrounding communities.

The News-Chronicle moved its printing operations in 1960 to a larger location along Route 11 at the east end of Shippensburg. For over forty years, while occupying the space known as the News-Chronicle Building, the newspaper prospered. In its heyday, the newspaper had close to 50 employees. From press operators, newsroom reporters, sales teams, office staff and everything in between, everyone worked together to make sure the newspaper arrived on newsstands and in mailboxes on time.

Fast forward to 2025, 181 years after the first news of any kind rolled off the presses, the News-Chronicle continues to be the ONLY hometown newspaper. That's quite a success story of progress and industry in Shippensburg.

The newspaper industry has changed and evolved tremendously over the course of nearly two centuries; however, the commitment to report and publish the latest news and information has not. The News-Chronicle, Newville Valley Times-Star, and the Chambersburg Chronicle are all published by a much smaller staff.

We often hear the phrases "SHOP SMALL and SHOP LOCAL" during the holidays. Those words are near and dear to our hearts year-round. By subscribing to the Shippensburg News-Chronicle, you'll always know what's happening in Shippensburg and the surrounding communities. We value our customers. Your support and trust mean the world to us. Subscribe today and celebrate our 100-year milestone in 2027!

Of all the businesses and industries that have come and gone in Shippensburg, the News-Chronicle, your HOMETOWN newspaper, is still here!

Kim Spencer-Managing Editor-nceditor@gmail.com, 717-532-4101

MAY 2025

DOWNTOWN SHIP & BEYOND

Michaela Wetzel, Community Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

This event runs from 10 AM to 2 PM, starting with a sensory-friendly hour. It's a fun, family-focused day where kids get to explore all kinds of vehicles, and last year, many of you got involved by offering specials, themed items, and family-friendly extras

COLOR THE TOWN

Our first Second Saturday is A creative, art-focused day downtown! Businesses are invited to decorate their sidewalks, host local artists, or feature art-related items and vendors (face painters, caricature artists, etc).

SUN & FUN FEST

This Second Saturday will be a playful celebration of summer with yard games and lemonade stands up and down the street!

GET INVOLVED THIS SUMMER!

Downtown Ship is the place to be this summer, and we'd love for your business to be part of it! We're gearing up for Touch-a-Truck on Friday, May 31 and Second Saturdays on June 8 & July 13—both great chances to connect with the community and draw new visitors downtown. Whether you're offering a special, staying open late, or just want to be included on the list of places to check out, we want to hear from you! It's quick and easy—just fill out our short sign-up form to let us know how you'd like to participate. Let's make this a summer to remember!

Scan the QR code and let us know how YOU'd like to get involved!



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT MIXER

Hosted by:

**Shoebox
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- Tour the Shoebox Supply House warehouse and learn about their mission
- Celebrate and connect with new Chamber members during our spotlight segment
- Enjoy an evening of networking and community engagement
- Light refreshments and food will be provided

June 10, 2025
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Central PA Chainsaw Carvers Festival Highlights

The 2025 Central PA Chainsaw Carvers Festival was a fantastic success, drawing crowds from across the region for three days of incredible artistry, family fun, and community spirit. Carvers from across the country showcased their talents with quick carves and stunning sculptures, while families enjoyed great food, egg hunts, shopping with vendors, and browsing the carvers' unique inventory—all in beautiful spring weather. A heartfelt thank-you to our sponsors, volunteers, food trucks, vendors, and community partners who helped make this event possible.

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