

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



Charter Revisions

At the June Board of Managers meeting, minor revisions to the 2009 Charter were proposed.

Below is a link to the MGCA website page with the 1st Reading draft outlining those proposed revisions.

<https://mtgretnacampmeeting.com/regulations.shtml#proposedlawrulepol>

Celebrate July with More Heritage Festival Concerts

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the four exceptional Heritage Festival performances in June. As we look forward to July, we are excited to present three outstanding shows. We encourage you to join us and ensure you don't miss any of these upcoming performances.

Friday, July 5 – Basil & Gene are a Bluegrass and American Roots music duo, offering a diverse repertoire that encompasses bluegrass standards, beloved classics, and personally significant songs that resonate with both of them and their audiences. Their musical journey began during their college days at Denison University, and since then, Basil & Gene have shared their talent across the nation.

Saturday, July 6 – Established in 1857 as part of the Lebanon Perseverance Fire Company, the **Perseverance Band** stands as one of the oldest continuously-operating community bands in the country. Band members take pride in the organization, describing a familial atmosphere during performances.

The Perseverance Band of Lebanon, with a rich history spanning 167 years, is affectionately known as the "Perse." The band comprises approximately 28 local musicians dedicated to performing a diverse selection of musical favorites from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Rooted in tradition, the Band's musical style authentically preserves popular overtures and John Philip Sousa marches, which remain integral parts of their program. The Perseverance Band is built upon a foundation of community, and membership is carefully curated. Band members are hand-picked from Lebanon and its surrounding areas.

Talented local students occasionally find their way into the Band, with older members, many of whom have been educators in district schools, extending invitations to their accomplished former students. Being a part of the Perseverance Band can serve as a valuable stepping stone in young musicians' careers.

Friday, July 25 – Presenting *Perrin & Steinway*, an exquisite jazz piano/vocal duo featuring the dynamic talents of Olivia Perrin and CJ Steinway. Accompanied by a full quartet, their performance is an artistic journey through American standards presented with unique and original arrangements, alongside the debut of their own captivating compositions.

Indulge in an evening of musical finesse as Perrin & Steinway weave classic jazz tunes with refreshing interpretations. Their commitment to delivering a professional yet alluring experience ensures an unforgettable encounter with the timeless magic of jazz.



Required EPA Water Line Survey

Recently a Water Line Survey was mailed to all Cottage Owners along with two complimentary Art Show Tickets. Many Members have sent in the required information – but we still need to hear from many, many more. Please complete the survey and return it to the office at your earliest convenience.

2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Please refer to the link below for the 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report that the Department of Environmental Protection requires to be shared with MGCA Members. The report reflects that in 2023, the water produced by the Campmeeting system met all DEP requirements for safe drinking water.

[2023AnnualDrinkingWaterReport.pdf](#)

If you would like a printed copy of this report, please contact the Office and a copy will be mailed to you.

Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

21st ANNUAL
2024 HERITAGE FESTIVAL
PAY-WHAT-YOU-WANT
FAMILY FRIENDLY -
SMOKE & ALCOHOL FREE
ALL START TIMES ARE
7:30 P.M.

FRI., JULY 5 - BASIL & GENE
SAT., JULY 6 - THE PERSEVERANCE BAND
FRI., JULY 25 - 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

FREE PARKING AT THE KAUFMANN LOT (GRAVEL LOT ADJACENT TO THE MT. GRETNA FIRE COMPANY, ALONG ROUTE 117, AND IN THE MT. GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT)

For more info:
OFFICE@MTGRETNACAMPMEETING.ORG

Summer Stories Continue

Join us in July for several thought-provoking book reviews at the Mt. Gretna Community Library beginning at 7 p.m.

On July 1, Elaine Feather will host a discussion on Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet*. *Hamnet* is a National Book Critics Circle Award winning novel focusing on Shakespeare's family life, his wife and children, including the death of his son Hamnet during childhood.

Marcie Lloyd will lead the discussion on *The Majority*, by Elizabeth L. Silver on July 8. Inspired by history, *The Majority*, is a riveting novel of love and friendship, motherhood and ambition, and one woman's fight to be a Supreme Court justice.

On July 15, Kevin Wells will host a review of Kevin Kawn's *Lies and Weddings*. It's the story of a forbidden affair that erupts dramatically amid a decadent Hawaiian wedding – a hilarious, sophisticated, and thrillingly plotted tale of love, money, and murder – and the lies we tell about them all.

Margaret Hopkins will lead the discussion on Douglas W. Tallamy's *Nature's Best Hope: A new approach to conservation that starts in your yard* on July 22. Tallamy describes a grassroots approach to conservation – showing how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats.

On July 29, host Yasmin Brown will discuss *Your Future Self: how to make tomorrow better today* by Hal Hershfeld. The book explores how connecting with our future selves can improve our lives, and the idea that we often don't make decisions that would make our future a reality.

We hope you can join us for all of these stimulating programs!

English Ivy: From Colonial Ornament to Tree Destroyer

By Garey Wilmsen

English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) has been present in the United States since the early 1700s, introduced by colonists who valued it as an ornamental plant for their gardens. Over time, it has become a popular low-maintenance ground cover. In Mount Gretna, English Ivy is prevalent, covering both ground patches and climbing trees. While it serves as an effective ground cover, it often creates a monoculture, displacing native vegetation, including pollen-producing plants essential for bees, butterflies, and other insects.

Although English Ivy does not strangle trees, it envelops them, obstructing photosynthesis, which can lead to the death of limbs. The vines also retain moisture against the bark, fostering fungal growth and other diseases. Additionally, the weight of the ivy, combined with moisture from water, ice, or snow, increases the tree's vulnerability to severe weather events. When ivy reaches sufficient sunlight, it flowers and produces fruit, which birds consume and subsequently disperse, spreading the ivy further.

To maintain tree health, it is crucial to manage the growth of English Ivy.

Vines should be clipped near the base of the tree as soon as they start climbing. Avoid pulling the vine off the tree, as this can damage the bark. Instead, make two cuts an inch or two apart and remove only the section of the vine between the cuts. Small vines cut this way will begin to die back within a week or two, while larger vines may take months to wilt. Eventually, the dead portions will fall off naturally.

2024
LEBANON VALLEY
YEAR OF THE
ARTS



Submitted by Andy Berfond

Quiet Hours and Quiet Season

Just a gentle reminder to all Members regarding Quiet Hours and Quiet Season which begins on July 15. Rule 17 states:

In the interest of preserving the peace and quiet beauty of the Campmeeting, Quiet Hours shall be maintained all day Sunday, 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

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.

Respect for neighbors' quiet enjoyment will be considered in enforcement of noise rules regarding Quiet Hours and Quiet Season. With the approval of the Board of Managers, emergency repairs to buildings or service lines are permitted during designated quiet times. MGCA Members must contact the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association office to request emergency approvals.



Submitted by Nate Godfrey



Submitted by Kevin Burd



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Quoits: A Game of Precision and Tradition

In the early decades of the twentieth century through World War II, quoits was a popular activity in the Campmeeting. Predominantly played in northeast England, particularly in mining and farming communities, quoits has deep roots and historical significance. The game gained popularity during the Industrial Revolution as a form of relaxation.

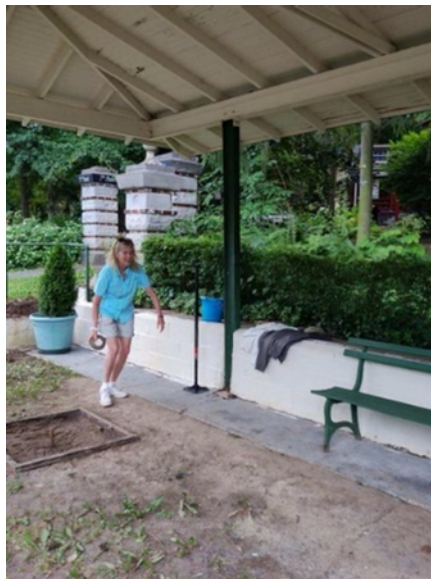


Quoits is a traditional game of skill and strategy, originating in the 14th century. It involves throwing heavy metal rings over a pin, requiring precision and practice. Players aim to score by landing their quoits nearest to the pin, with the first to 21 points winning. The technique is intricate, involving both defensive and offensive tactics.

Similar to horseshoes, quoits are thrown or pitched in designated quoit bed areas. Historically, two quoit beds were located in the current playground area, and others could be found along 2nd Street between Kephart and Castle Avenues, as well as in the park area on the west end of Bell Avenue. The most prominent remaining set of quoit beds is located along Rt. 117 across from the miniature golf course, often mistaken for a trolley stop.

Exploring the history and intricacies of quoits not only educates but also fosters an appreciation for this cherished traditional game.

PLEASE JOIN US IN A GAME! THE QUIT'S CLUB MEETS AT 9:00 A.M. ON SATURDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 31 UNDER THE ROOF OF THE MT. GRETNA QUIT CLUB AREA ACROSS FROM THE MINI GOLF COURSE. WE HOPE YOU WILL COME PLAY.



A Message from our Neighbors in Chautauqua

Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones on Tuesday evening, July 9, as our neighbors across Pinch Road revive a beloved Gretna tradition. This is the third community sing-along this summer and the first two were simply splendid! Lyrics are provided. Songs include folk, rock, gospel, Motown, and some beloved “surfer” tunes. Please RSVP to Chris Kiehne at eck2eck3@aol.com to help with planning. Limited parking is available.





Submitted by Pat Brosious



Submitted by Mr. Tiki

Welcome Home: An Afternoon with Author Wendy Ulmer

Join us for a special event with Wendy Ulmer on Saturday, July 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Community Library. Wendy is an accomplished author who has roots right here in our community. She was born in Lebanon, PA, and grew up in Mt. Gretna, PA. Wendy is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College, holding a degree in music, and she furthered her education with a Masters in Education in the Creative Arts in Learning from Lesley University in Boston.

Wendy's first book, *A Campfire for Cowboy Billy*, is a heartfelt tribute to her father. She has since authored several fun-filled, concept-based books for early readers, including *A Isn't for Fox*, which she penned during faculty meetings over two years!

A Special Message from Wendy:

"I'm so happy to be coming home to share the complete trilogy, as only the first book was published when I was there in 2018. I hope we have both youngsters and adults join us to hear the backstory involving Mt. Gretna, Lebanon, and PA."

Come and enjoy an engaging session with Wendy. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with a local talent and hear the fascinating stories behind her works.



**NEW!!!
Children's
Program**



Phredd Ukulele One Man Band (Fred McNaughton)

**Ukulele Flailing, Harmonica
Wailing, Suitcase
Drumming, Kazoo Hum-
Humming, Ukulele Bundle
of Joy!**

Sunday, July 7th - 3:00 PM

At the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

Presented by the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival

Come early for a "Community Arts Party" and help paint the entrance for this year's Mt. Gretna Art Show and play instruments provided by Gretna Music. Sponsored by Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show.

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE FOR REFERENCE



MT. GRETNA BIBLE FESTIVAL

**2024
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**July 7 Sunday 3 pm – Phredd Ukulele One Man Band • Children's Program
Come early for a "Community Arts Party"**

July 7 Sunday 7 pm – Amy Yovanovich & Brenten Megee

July 14 Sunday 7 pm – Dr. Chris Walker • Westminster Presby. Church

July 21 Sunday 7 pm – Knotwork Band • Celtic Folk Music

July 28 Sunday 7 pm – Choir Festival • Craig Courtney directing

July 31 Wednesday 7 pm – Hymn Sing from the Celebration Hymnal

Aug. 3 Saturday 7 pm – Handbell Festival • Dr. Shawn Gingrich directing

Aug. 4 Sunday 7 pm – Daniel Dorty • Pianist & Organist

Aug. 7 Wednesday 7 pm – Summit Hill Bluegrass Band

Aug. 11 Sunday 7 pm – Dr. Peter W. Teague • Lancaster Bible College

Aug. 18 Sunday 7 pm – The Susquehanna Chorale • Linda Tedford directing

Aug. 25 Sunday 7 pm – QuintEssentially Brass

ALL PROGRAMS HELD IN THE HISTORIC TABERNACLE
www.MtGretnaTabernacle.org  **visit us on Facebook**

Courteous Reminder

While Facebook effectively reaches a segment of Mt. Gretna/Campmeeting residents, it is not monitored by MGCA staff or Board Members. For questions or concerns, please contact the Office at 717-964-3040 or email Office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org.

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 July photo album...



Submitted by Kevin C. Wells



Submitted by Charity Lorenzen



Submitted by Kevin C. Wells



Submitted by Yasmin Brown

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