Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



August Property Ownership Committee Update

Submitted by Committee Chair, Kevin Burd

New Campmeeting Members

Please join us in welcoming new Members to the Campmeeting. Please introduce yourselves and share what you love about our community with the new owners of the following cottages:

301 Seventh Street

Short-Term Rental Permits

Regarding short-term rental permits, of the 72 short-term rental permits available, as outlined in Rule 20 and the associated policy, <u>44 permits</u> 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.

Cottage Resale Certificate

A Resale Certificate is required for all cottage sales/transfers. This ensures that the Bylaws and Rules & Regulations are given to the buyer, and that the buyer agrees that they are reviewed. This removes the risk from the Campmeeting and its volunteers. New Member Orientation meetings will be encouraged but no longer required.

Please contact us at homerentals@mtgretnacampemeting.org if you have any questions

Two Chances This Month

By Kevin C. Wells

We've got two fabulous concerts awaiting you this month at the 22nd Annual Heritage Festival. That means you have two chances to join your neighbors for a celebration of Pennsylvania talent right here in Campmeeting! We hope to see you on August 9 for the incredibly popular, award-winning Colebrook Road, and August 16 for Wood Flower Bluegrass.

Join us in the Tabernacle or bring a lawn chair, grab a friend, and enjoy great music in Campmeeting – it's the perfect way to spend a summer evening!



MGCA Members: The 51st Annual Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show Tickets

The weekend many wait all summer for will be here before you know it! This year's show, on August 16 and 17, will feature an abundance of creativity, works by emerging artists, music, food and return of the very popular Mt. Gretna International Film Festival. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The Kids Art Show, created with family in mind, is scheduled for both days, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Chautauqua Playground.

The Mt. Gretna Arts Council is providing **two complimentary tickets** to the 2025 Art Show to each Campmeeting household. There are four ways to get your tickets:

- Tickets may be picked up **weekday mornings between 9 a.m. and noon** at the MGCA Office. If you're making a special trip, please call ahead (717-964-3040) to ensure the Office Manager is available. **The office will be closed August 7 and 8.**
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your tickets during the hours specified above. Your neighbor will be asked to sign that they've picked up your tickets.
- You may request your tickets by mail. Simply send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) along with a note requesting your tickets to: MGCA Office, P.O. Box 428, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064.
- You may drop off your SASE and a note requesting your tickets in the Campmeeting Office
 mailbox located at the bottom of the steps on the north-east side of the building housing Mt.
 Gretna Pizzeria.

As a gentle reminder, if you are driving within, into, or out of Campmeeting on August 16 or 17, please be cautious. Visitors, children, and those carrying large Art Show purchases might not always be aware of motor vehicles or expect traffic on our tree-lined streets and avenues.

A Message from the Mount Gretna Outdoor Art Show

We are so excited to host the 51st annual Mount Gretna Art Show, Saturday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025, on the streets and in the parks of Mt. Gretna. Show hours are 9am to 6pm, Saturday, and 9am to 5pm, Sunday, rain or shine.

Held on the historic grounds of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, the Art Show is consistently ranked highly by artists' trade publications. The show was ranked in the 200 Best nationwide by *Sunshine Artist*. As Mount Gretna's iconic summer offering, the outdoor Art Show brings award-winning fine art and craft from nationwide artists. We offer gourmet food, music, and entertainment under the trees of Old Chautauqua.

In 2024 the Art Show added the artistic element of the Mount Gretna International Film Festival (MtGIFF). This year the film festival is expanding to both days and will be held at the Mount Gretna Playhouse.

The Mt. Gretna Art Show features 200 exhibitors, as well as an "Emerging Artists" section. Parking will be at Soldiers Field on Timber Road, in Mount Gretna, (the fields near the lake) and shuttle service will be available from WellSpan Philhaven hospital. Upon arrival, patrons will be directed to the appropriate parking area. The Mount Gretna Volunteer Fire Company will provide shuttle service for handicapped visitors.

During the Art Show weekend, traffic flow in and out of Mt. Gretna is substantially altered. Route 117 will be closed during show hours. All routes are clearly marked and staffed.

The Art Show features a gourmet food court with outstanding local restaurants. Snitz Creek Brewery will offer craft beer and wine in the Hall of Philosophy during the show.

The Kids Art Show, created with family in mind, is scheduled for both days, 10 am to 2 pm, at the Chautauqua Playground. Children will be invited to participate in make-and-take art activities and more. The Kids Show is sponsored in part by a Mount Gretna United Methodist Church William Drendall Grant.

Entertainment Schedule:

Saturday, 11am-1pm, Woods' Song (folk/bluegrass) 1:30 - 3:30pm, Paul Colombo Quartet (jazz) 4 pm, strolling musicians – Mount Gretna Marching Band Sunday, 11am-1pm - Bobbi Carmitchell (singer/songwriter) 1:30-3:30pm - The Fourth Planet, featuring vibraphonist Tony Miceli (jazz)

Proceeds from the Art Show are used to support cultural programs of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua. Media is sponsored in part by a grant from the Lebanon County Commissioners. The show also contributes substantially to Mt. Gretna Volunteer Fire Company and funds a variety of community projects throughout Mt. Gretna.

The Art Show has an admission charge of \$15 (cash) and \$16 (credit card) for adults and free for children under 12. The admission fee includes parking in designated parking locations.

Please note that no pets are permitted on the Art Show grounds.

Mt. Gretna is a small Victorian community founded in the late 1800s as a summer resort. Initially, the only way for residents to reach their cottages in the woods was to travel by train. The streets in Mt. Gretna were footpaths until automobiles became the regular mode of travel. Many of the original cottages surround Mt. Gretna Playhouse, an open-air theater where numerous cultural events are held. The quaint atmosphere attracts many visitors every summer for music, theater, miniature golf, a walk in the woods, a ride on the rail-trail, a hike to Governor Dick (an observation tower on top of the mountain), a local ice cream parlor, and of course, the Art Show!

For additional information, including images of the artists' work, posters, puzzles and admission tickets, visit the Art Show website at http://www.mtgretnaarts.com.



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Our Best-Kept Secret

Although the Monday evening (very popular!) book reviews and discussions are over for this summer, Wednesday morning children's programs at the Library will continue through August 13. Join the group between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for a fun time at Mt. Gretna's best-kept secret: the Community Library.

And if you're just searching for that perfect "summer read," you can visit the Library any day of the week during August. There is a wide selection of books—just come and browse during the following hours:

Monday through Friday – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hope to see you at the Library!

2025 Bible Festival Programs	
Date	Programs and Information
Sunday, Aug. 10	Jazz Ministers Big Band - 7 p.m. Under the direction of Keith Wiley, 18 accomplished musicians who find a common spiritual mission in sharing the gift of music through the Christian worship or concert experience. The JMBB draws on a variety of musical selections that are frequently based upon standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites. Freewill offering will be received.
Sunday, Aug. 17	Susquehanna Chorale - 7 p.m. One of the premier choral groups in the nation makes its traditional late summer appearance. Directed by Linda Tedford. Freewill offering will be received. Sponsored by Traditions of Hershey.
Sunday, Aug. 24	QuintEssentially Brass - 7 p.m. This quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another season. Freewill offering will be received. Sponsored by Arthur Funk and Sons.

A Message from The Nominating Committee

This fall, three Managers will be elected or re-elected to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2026. If you wish to serve, please submit your name, address, photo, and a brief biography (150 words or fewer) to the MGCA office by 9 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, 2025. Submissions can be sent via email to Office@MtGretnaCampmeeting.org, dropped off in the Campmeeting drop box at the office, or mailed via the USPS to MGCA, P.O. Box 428, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064.

Information on all candidates will be included in the September Newsletter. A ballot will be mailed to the address on file for each Voting Member the first week of September, and must be returned by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Thank you for your commitment to our community!

No MGCA Board Meeting on August 19

As announced at the June 17, 2025, MGCA Board of Managers' meeting, the Board will not have a formal meeting in August 2025. During August, all regular business of the Association: approval of invoices, building permits, etc. will be conducted by the Executive Committee and other Board Members as needed. Please contact the office at 717-964-3040 or office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org if you need assistance or have questions.

Just a reminder: Underground Cable Lines

To ensure the safety and organization of our underground utilities, we ask your assistance in mapping out any underground cable lines that have been installed by our residents. We know that Comcast has installed underground cable lines to provide internet service to at least one cottage in Campmeeting.

How Can You Help?

If you, or you know a previous owner, installed an underground cable for internet or any other utility service at your cottage, we ask you to notify the MGCA Office. Having a comprehensive map of such installations will not only help us keep our records up-to-date but also aid in future development and maintenance projects.

Why Is This Important?

Accurate mapping of underground cable lines is crucial for a number of reasons:

- Knowing the location of underground cables will prevent any accidental damage during excavation or construction work.
- With a clear map of underground utilities, we can better plan for future infrastructure projects, avoiding potential conflicts or disruptions.
- In the event of an emergency, having detailed information about underground cables will help emergency responders act swiftly and efficiently.

Together, we can create a comprehensive and up-to-date infrastructure map that will benefit all residents of Campmeeting.

Quiet Hours and Quiet Season

Just a gentle reminder to all Members regarding Quiet Hours and Quiet Season which began on July 15 and goes through the end of August. 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.



MGCA Office Closures

The MGCA Office will be **closed** on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 7, and Friday, August 8
- Friday, August 22, through Monday, September 1

During these closure periods, the office phone (717-964-3040) and email (Office@mtgretnacampmeeting.org) will be **monitored for emergency issues only**.

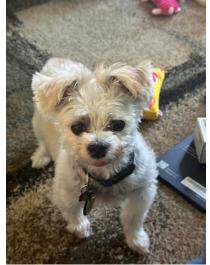
We appreciate your understanding!

August Trash & Recycling Pick-Up

Regular trash and recycling collection will occur throughout the month of August. However, there will be no trash pick-up on Labor Day, Monday, September 1. Trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

If you are ever uncertain if "this week" is a recycling week, just check the "Calendar of Events" on the MGCA website at: https://mtgretnacampmeeting.com/local.shtml#calendar. Recycling and trash pickups are clearly listed.





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