

# HEIDELBERG HAPPENINGS

Special points of interest:

- The Township Office will be closed:
- October 12—Lebanon County Municipal Convention
- November 23—Thanksgiving
- December 25th—Christmas
- January 1, 2024—New Years Day

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## PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE

While the project has been years in the making, the Park & Recreation area at the Heidelberg Township municipal property is nearly complete! With the aid of a State Conservation Grant along with Land Development Park & Recreation Fees and the hard work of the Park and Recreation Board, Hanover Engineering and Heidelberg Township staff, the playground is shaping into a family-friendly fun area. To complement the playground, the basketball court has been resurfaced

and painted to allow for the play of both basketball and pickleball. A portable pickleball net is located at the court area for ease of movement between sports.

The Picnic Pavilion is available for reservation free of charge to Township residents only. The pavilion is available from dawn to dusk with no alcohol allowed on the premises. If you have any questions or would like to make a reservation, please contact the township office at (717) 949-3885.

Some adjustments and additions to both the playground and ball court sections are still scheduled so an Official Opening Date will be arranged for some time next year. The pictures below show the improvements already made to the township property and we hope you enjoy the new features. Please enjoy the Township recreation grounds responsibly so others may enjoy it also!





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help us to  
see what is  
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- Annette  
Bridges*

Warmth for Winter is an outreach program conducted by St. Luke Lutheran Church to provide clothing, blankets, and pillows to folks in need of some extra warmth over the winter months. If you are in need of any of these items, or if you know of a family or resident in need of a warm coat or blanket, please call the church office at 717-949-3375, and provide a name and contact information for church volunteers to follow up. This program has been operating for the past eight years, and in that time, has provided coats, hats, gloves, blankets, etc., to some 30 or more families each year.

## LOCAL EVENT COMMITTEE PLANS FUN

A group of Schaefferstown citizens has begun to find small ways of bringing big joy to neighbors in Heidelberg Township. The Schaefferstown Events Committee spawned from a small group of South Market Street and South Lancas-

ter Avenue residents who wished to plan some fun events at Fountain Park. Since their inception, they have created some exciting events such as Easter egg hunts and Christmas gatherings. Through donations of time and resources from people throughout the Township, the Schaefferstown

Events Committee continues to plan family friendly events in town. See below and on the next page for upcoming happenings through the rest of 2023. Thank you to the Committee for developing fun for the community!

## FALL ON THE FARM

Get ready to kick off the Halloween weekend with some Fall fun! Join the Schaefferstown Events Committee and Historic Schaefferstown for Fall on The Farm on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 4 to 7 pm, being held at the Alexander Schaeffer Farm. We've got an exciting lineup for you, including bonfires and s'mores kits, the delicious On Fire Food Truck, refreshing Under the Bridge Hard Cider, trick-or-treating, and hayrides - perfect for the whole family! If you're feeling adventurous, head over to the Haunt for some spine-tingling scares after the event. Don't forget to book a tour of Heidelberg Hall at 10 am or 2 pm on Saturday. It's a weekend you won't want to miss!

## TRICK OR TREAT AT THE SQUARE

The Schaefferstown Events Committee has been diligently preparing for an exciting family-oriented Trick or Treat night in Schaefferstown! On this special occasion, the South side of Market Street at the Square will be temporarily closed to traffic from 6-9pm, creating a safe and festive atmosphere for all to enjoy.

We're thrilled to announce that food trucks will be stationed at the South side of the Square from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, ensuring that your taste buds are in for a treat as well.

To make this event truly magical, we kindly ask for the support of our residents. If you reside on Main Street or on a side street within easy walking distance to Main Street, we invite you to join in the festivities by turning on your lights and handing out candy to our eager Trick or Treaters. It's a wonderful way to contribute to the community spirit and create lasting memories for our youngsters.

For those of you who reside outside our charming town, we extend a warm invitation to bring your chairs and participate by distributing candy to the Trick or Treaters as they make their way along Main Street. Space will also be available for you to set up on the south side of the Square for your convenience. There will be parking available at St. Luke's Church along with Zion United Methodist Church.

Let's come together to recapture the enchanting, old-time charm of our small town and provide an unforgettable Halloween experience for our Trick or Treaters. Your participation is essential in making this event a resounding success, and we look forward to celebrating with you on this spooktacular evening!



## CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

Join the for the much-anticipated 2nd Annual Christmas in the Square Event! The Schaefferstown Events Committee is thrilled to bring you another year of holiday magic with this exciting celebration.

Date: Sunday November, 26th (Rain date Sunday December 3)

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

We're delighted to announce that the event will take place in the parking lot situated between the beautiful Franklin House and the historic Brendle Museum. For the safety and enjoyment of all, the parking lot will be temporarily closed to traffic, creating a festive, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.

During this festive evening, you'll have the opportunity to explore the historic Rex House with open tours that will transport you back in time. Experience the rich history of our town.

But that's not all! We've lined up a delightful array of treats and activities to make this year's event even more special. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa, indulge in hot dogs, and enjoy a cup of Franklin House's Award-Winning Chili. Don't forget to roast marshmallows for a classic holiday treat that's sure to delight all ages.

The Franklin House will be pulling out all the stops with special featured festive drinks and appetizing dinner features that will tantalize your taste buds.

Santa Claus will be making an appearance. It's a perfect opportunity for children and families to meet Santa in a truly magical setting. Don't miss this chance to create cherished memories and share your holiday wishes with the jolly man in red.

New this year is the Tree Lighting ceremony, promising to add an extra layer of enchantment to our town's Christmas festivities. You won't want to miss this magical moment!

Let's come together to celebrate the holiday season and show our support for our wonderful town. Bring your friends and family, and let's make lasting memories at the 2nd Annual Christmas in the Square Event. We can't wait to see you there!

Solicitation permits are required for anyone selling/peddling door to door. Always ask to see a permit if you are engaged by someone visiting your home in that capacity. The Township vets all applicants so no permit means no background check has been done. Safeguard yourself!

Heidelberg Township wishes all residents a wonderful Holiday Season and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Live Christmas trees will be accepted for disposal at the township lower lot beginning December 26th. Look for the sign directing you where to place them.

## VETERAN BANNERS TAKE FLIGHT

Heidelberg Township was honored to introduce the Hometown Heroes Banner program in 2022. Much to the Township's delight, many of our residents, past and present, have also been excited to participate! To date, 33 banners have been raised throughout the township. If you were unable to participate in the first group, the Township is taking applications for our second round of banners until October 11<sup>th</sup> as has been advertised around town, on our website and through social media. If you would like to apply for a banner, the form and instructions can be found on our website or stop in the office for a copy. Thank you to all who have participated in the program so far and to all of those residents who have served our Country! We are happy to honor you!



Carl "Cork" Meyer standing next to his own Hometown Hero Banner



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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

### Schaefferstown Fire Company

#### Fire Company Open House

October 9th 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Demos, Hay Rides, Bounce House and Refreshments

Events held at the Fire Company property

200 N. Locust St. Schaefferstown

#### The Haunt

Every Friday and Saturday in October 7PM-10PM

Admission is \$15

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#### Trick or Treat

October 31st 6 PM—8 PM

### Historic Schaefferstown

#### Christkindlmarkt

December 8th 4 PM—8 PM

December 9th 9 AM—3 PM

111 N Market St, Schaefferstown

#### Tavern Lunch

December 9th 10 AM—2 PM

106 N Market St, Schaefferstown

Call for reservations (717) 949-2244

