

Remote Early Learning with the PA Farm Show

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Harrisburg- The 105th Pennsylvania Farm Show will take place from Jan. 9-16, 2021. In light of the current public health crisis and keeping safety a priority, Pennsylvania's agriculture industry will be celebrated virtually for the 105th show. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will bring stories of agriculture into homes and early childhood education programs.

Pennsylvanians are invited to experience all that agriculture has to offer through a variety of virtual events featured on social media and through the Pennsylvania Cable Network, as well as a vast range of virtual education exhibits that will live on the web starting Jan. 9, 2021.

PA's Promise for Children has activities and resources relating to the Farm Show families and early childhood education professionals can use at home or in a child care setting to help child learn.



SBA Extends COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application

By SBA

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster declaration is extended to Dec. 31, 2021. The deadline extension comes as a result of the recent bipartisan COVID-19 relief bill passed by Congress and enacted by President Trump on Dec. 27, 2020.

To date, the SBA has approved \$197 billion in low-interest loans which provides working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses make it through this challenging time. "Following the President's declaration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the SBA has approved over 3.6 million loans through our Economic Injury Disaster Loan program nationwide," Administrator Jovita Carranza said.

"The EIDL program has assisted millions of small businesses, including non-profit organizations, sole proprietors and independent contractors, from a wide array of industries and business sectors, to survive this very difficult economic environment." EIDL loan applications will continue to be accepted through December 2021, pending the availability of funds.

Loans are offered at very affordable terms, with a 3.75% interest rate for small businesses and 2.75% interest rate for nonprofit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. Every eligible small business and nonprofit are encouraged to apply to get the resources they need.

BLUE VALLEY TIME

Columbia Content Sale

Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageTreasures. com all personal property stored in this facility by: Unit #105 Terry Frey, Unit #106 Jared Polcari, Unit #245 Shana Ceaser. All units consisting of boxes and misc. items. Unit #137 Zachary Aman, consisting of boxes, appliances, and misc. items. Unit #229 Brynne Krizay, consisting of boxes, furniture, appliances, and misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday, January 26, 2021 on StorageTreasures.com. All auction sales are FINAL. Cash only and paid at Columbia Self Storage, 1059 Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Columbia Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY IN PEN ARGYL

Open Council Seat in Pen Argyl

At their meeting on January 5, 2021, Pen Argyl Borough Council received and accepted with regret a letter of resignation from Councilwoman Roberta Cowley.

At the January 26, 2021 Council workshop meeting, Council will be considering candidates to replace Ms. Cowley. Interested persons must be registered to vote, a resident of Pen Argyl for at least one (1) full year and be a resident of the Fourth Ward (Fourth Ward residents vote at Borough Hall). Letters of interest should be sent to: Pen Argyl Borough, 11 North Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072 Attn: Borough Manager or emailed to <u>manager@penargylborough.com</u> no later than January 22, 2021 at 12 Noon.

Residents of the Fourth Ward interested in applying for the seat should attend the January 26, 2021 Council Workshop. The meeting is at 7:00 P.M. and will be held via ZOOM, please include your email address in your letter of intent so link can be sent to you. It is Council's intent to appoint a new Councilperson from the Fourth Ward by the March 2, 2021 Council Meeting.

Vacancies on various boards:

Pen Argyl Athletic & Park Association- One (1) Vacancy

- The "Park Board" meets on the 2nd Tuesday of <u>the</u> month.
 One (1) vacancy is for a resident who is a member of a community organization promoting the Park.
- The Board makes recommendations regarding the maintenance of and operation of the facilities located at Weona Park.

<u>Disruptive Conduct Appeals Board</u>- Vacancies are: Alternate Owner, Tenant, Alternate Tenant, Member of recognized community group Delegate and Alternate. This Board presides over any person aggrieved by any decision of a police officer or Building Official regarding a disruptive conduct report or the revocation of a residential rental registration or residential rental license based upon the issuance of disruptive conduct reports. It meets as needed.

• The Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals shall be a body of five members consisting of a Council person who shall serve as Chairperson, the Chief of Police or his/her designee; an owner, operator, responsible agent or manager of a residential rental unit(s) in the Borough of Pen Argyl; an occupant of a residential rental unit residing in the Borough of Pen Argyl; and a member of a community group recognized by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pen Argyl.

<u>Civil Service Commission</u>- Three (3) Vacancies

- The Commission has the power to prescribe, amend, and enforce rules and regulations governing police appointments and promotions. In addition, the Commissioners hold appeal hearings on disciplinary actions, when appropriate.
- This Commission is presently dormant and does not have these powers as the Borough went to a Regional Police Force. However, it is the opinion of the Solicitor that we continue its membership.

If you have any questions, call the Borough office at 610-863-4119.