

An Ice Cream Lover's Dream Getaway!

By State Rep. Ann Flood

Looking for a way to sweeten your summer? Check out this year's Scooped: An Ice Cream Trail to help find the best cool treats of the season.

This year's trail features 59 participating PA Preferred creameries. From working dairy farms where visitors can meet the cows to artisan micro creameries crafting bold, rotating flavors, the 2026 lineup offers something for every kind of ice cream adventurer across all corners of the Commonwealth.

Participants can accumulate points by visiting trail stops and making purchases. Plan your adventures, learn about participating creameries and sign up for the free digital passport at visitpa.com/scooped.



Entries Accepted for PA Agriculture Photo Contest

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Pennsylvania agriculture is at the heart of our communities, and now is your chance to showcase it!

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is accepting entries for its 2026 Agriculture Photo Contest celebrating the people, places and traditions that make Pennsylvania agriculture important. Participants may submit up to four photos in the categories of On the Farm, PA Fair Season, Agritourism and Conservation.

Finalists will be featured on the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Facebook page for public voting, and winning photos will be displayed in the Capitol in September. Submission deadline is June 30. Click here for more information.



Local beekeeper John Stone shared his knowledge of beekeeping and discussed the critical role pollinators play in healthy ecosystems

Grand Central environmental stewardship

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property and explained how honeybees support the diverse plant communities found throughout the site's preserved habitat areas. Guests enjoyed sampling honey produced by the on-site hives while learning about the importance of pollinator health.

With more than 200 acres dedicated to habitat preservation and management, Grand Central Landfill demonstrates how environmental stewardship and modern landfill operations can successfully coexist. The thriving populations of American kestrels, honeybees, and other wildlife found on the property reflect WM's ongoing commitment to conservation, research, and responsible land management.

Through partnerships with wildlife experts, researchers, and community members, Grand Central continues to create opportunities for education, conservation, and habitat enhancement while supporting species that depend on these protected lands.

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EMMAUS CELEBRATES AMERICA 250

A Weekend of Music, Food, History & Family Fun!

JULY 24TH - JULY 26TH, 2026

★ FRIDAY IN DOWNTOWN - 6PM - Opening Ceremony and Main Street Cruisers ★

SATURDAY - DOWNTOWN & FOOTBALL FIELD	SUNDAY - COMMUNITY PARK
★ Heritage Festival All Day	★ Community Worship - 9:30 AM
★ Macungie Band - 10:00 AM	★ Kendal Conrad - 12:00 PM
★ Cast Away Band - 1:00 PM	★ Reservoir Hill Country Band - 3:00 PM
★ Stacy Gabel Band - 4:00 PM	★ Mahoney Brothers - 6:00 PM
★ M80 PARTY BAND 7:00 PM	★ Petting Zoo - 12 - 5 PM
★ DRONE & LASER LIGHT SHOW 9:00 PM ★	★ Pool Admission Only \$2.50

Revolutionary Reenactments All Day ★ ★

Don't Miss Emmaus' Biggest Celebration!

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Sponsorship Info:

AND SO MUCH MORE!

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One of Emmaus' Largest Community Celebrations in Years Planned for July 24-26

By Hayden Rinde

EMMAUS, PA — The Borough of Emmaus, in partnership with community organizations including Emmaus Main Street Partners, the Emmaus Historical Alliance, and numerous other local groups, will host the Emmaus 250 Celebration from July 24-26, 2026. The three-day festival will commemorate America's 250th anniversary with one of the largest community celebrations the borough has hosted in years, featuring live music, historical experiences, family activities, local food vendors, and a spectacular drone and laser light show.

Designed to showcase the rich history and strong community spirit of Emmaus, the celebration will transform downtown streets, historic sites, parks, and public gathering spaces into destinations for residents and visitors alike. The weekend will bring together local businesses, nonprofits, performers, veterans, faith organizations, and community volunteers in a shared tribute to America's semi quincentennial and Emmaus' own unique heritage.

The celebration begins Friday, July 24, with an Opening Ceremony at 5:00 p.m. at the borough's gateway entrance near the Emmaus Public Library. The ceremony will feature the unveiling of a new borough welcome sign, a public reading of the Declaration of Independence by the local Girl and Boy Scout Troops and special presentation by the Emmaus Veterans Committee. Following the ceremony, the Main Street Cruisers will perform at the Triangle beginning at 6:30 p.m., with food vendors available throughout the evening.

For additional event details, schedules, updates, and announcements, visit facebook.com/emmaus250.