

Penn Township Sampler

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Brian K. Peters, Joseph (Mike) Landis

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TAX INCREASE

As you may have heard already, Penn Township has increased taxes for 2017. First off let me say that there has not been a tax increase in the Township since 2003. The Supervisors have increased the general real estate tax 0.25 mills. This will bring the general real estate tax to 0.8411 mills.

The Supervisors have also implemented a Fire Tax at 0.85 mills. The fire tax was implemented to have designated money for fire protection and only fire protection. This will give the Supervisors a more in depth look at the use of the money. As a side benefit, this will also eliminate the need to provide fire protection money out of the general fund. The Board of Supervisors will be setting up a Fire Committee to make recommendations concerning the money. The Committee will have a member from the Fire Company, a Supervisor and residents. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit your name to the Township.

The other tax that increased is the Street Light Tax. This tax is to pay for the street lights in a community. **ONLY** properties that benefit from the Street Lights pay this tax. It is not a money maker. The tax has increased .03 cents to keep up with the electric bill. **THIS IS NOT THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL.**

OCCUPATIONAL TAXES

Some of the residents of Penn Township have received an exoneration letter concerning the Occupational Tax. Due to an error in printing of the Per Capita and Occupational Tax Bills, some of our residents were charged for taxes they did not owe. If you have received one of these letters, it means that the Municipal Occupational Tax does not need to be paid. If someone has a question, please call the Township Office at 717-834-5281 and you will be checked against the list we have. If you received one of these letters and have paid your tax bill contact the Township to let us know. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

EARNED INCOME (LOCAL TAXES)

Penn Township is asking all our residents to check with their employers that the Earned Income Tax (Local Tax) is being deducted correctly and sent to the correct taxing agency. ACT 32 specifies that all employers are required to deduct the correct Local Tax percentage for the residence of the employee. In the case of Penn Township that amount is 1.8% and it is to be sent to Capital Tax Collection Bureau. Of this tax, .5 % is directed to the Township with the rest going to the school district. Please ensure that your employers know the physical location of where you live, and the PSD Code for Penn Township. (500305). The employers can also use the DCED Website for Municipals Statistics.

CONTACTS

Township Office 834-5281; Township Highway Dept. 834-4938; Municipal Authority Office 834-6926; Township Police Office 834-6414, Police – Emergencies – 911; Township E-mail: Office: Penntwp6@ptd.net Web Page: www.penntownship.net

This is the greater part of the Township tax money that funds the Operations. If the money is sent to the wrong Collection Bureau or the wrong amount is withheld, this hinders the Township in its operations. So please do your part to ensure that the tax is withheld and submitted correctly.

TAX COLLECTOR

The Penn Township Tax Collector, Barbara Hamilton, will be retiring at the end of 2017. Therefore Penn Township is looking for someone who would be willing to run for this office. Anyone interested would have to run for the office in 2017 with a starting date in 2018. Barbara offered to answer questions on what the job entails and would help with training. She has many years of experience. If interested, please contact her and the County Voters Registration to get the process started.

NEED HELP OR SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

CONTACT Helpline can help.

Get connected. Call our 24/7 listening and information and referral service today!

Dial: 1 (800) 932- 4616 or 211.

COMPLAINT POLICY - Penn Township has a complaint policy. If you wish to make a nuisance or any other type of complaint, **you must put the complaint in writing and sign the complaint.** The Township will not release the name of the person filing the complaint. The complaint may be submitted to the Township in one of two ways. The first way would be to either download the complaint form from the website or pick up a form at the office. The second way would be to mail a letter into the office.



DROP OFF BOX - There is a payment drop off box in the rear of the Township building. **PLEASE PUT ITEMS IN AN ENVELOPE. Penn Township is not responsible for payments that are loose and lost.**

TOWNSHIP MEETING: SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Board of Supervisors Meeting: The Last Wednesday of the Month

Planning Commission Meeting: The Third Monday of the Month.

Park and Recreation Board: The Second Tuesday of the Month.

Municipal Authority: The first Wednesday of the Month. & JOAC Meeting: The Second Monday of the Month at the Duncannon Borough Building

Zoning Hearing Board: The second Thursday of the month as needed.

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals: The first Thursday of the month as needed.

Perry County Recreation Association

PCRA is one of Penn Township's outdoor Recreational Facilities. Enjoy camping, fishing, picnicking and swimming. It is also a great place for small or large group activities. Become a PCRA member, our rates are very reasonable. Membership benefits include pool membership, access to our archery range, to Shermans Creek, to the grounds for walking and for enjoying the outdoors, and discounted picnicking and camping. For more information contact Bill Stone at (717) 834-3578.

PA OPTIONS FOR WELLNESS, INC.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors hosted a public informational meeting for PA Options for Wellness, Inc. PA Options is a company that is seeking to build in the Business Campus a production and research facility for Medical Cannabis. Mr. Trite and other representatives met on January 23, 2017 to explain what they wish to do and to answer questions. Mr. Trite offered that now that Pennsylvania has a good bill and regulations making sure that patients and doctors have the tools needed for the safe and proper dispensing of the product, PA Options are applying to be one of the production companies.

The part of the plant that is to be harvested is CVD, but regulations require that **everything** concerning the plant is to be accounted for from seed to finished product. The company will acquire the seeds; the plants are to be weighed during the complete cycle. The product will be processed into oil and capsules. There will be **NO** dispensing of the product from this location. All products will be dispensed across the state to patients who are approved for the treatment. The doctors approving the prescriptions will also have to be approved.

The area will be a 24/7 secure location with private security provided. All chambers of the facility will be monitored and have a Quality Insurance Standard to be maintained.

This company will be providing 25 jobs to start with and at full capacity will provide up to 60 jobs. All employees will be subject to a background check and will have compliance training and testing.

The transportation of the finished product will have two security personnel with the transportation at all times. There will be locked boxes attached to the vehicles.

The soil used in the growth will be recycled. All growth will be inside the building. The water used in the growth process will be reused and water will not be returned to the aquafilter without proper treatment. There are no chemicals used in this process.

The plan is to have their permit application submitted by March 20, 2017 and with approval will start building this year and be up and running by the end of 2017/beginning of 2018.

PA Options will have to go through the Township Land Development Process.

There is a survey on the last page that the Supervisors are asking you to fill out. You may mail it in, drop in the drop box in the back door or send an e-mail to penntwp6@ptd.net with a title of Cannabis Survey and state your answer. If you have questions, please send them the same way and the Township will try to get answers. Please watch the website: penntownship.net for information on when the plans will be submitted.

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY UPDATES

Sunshine Hill Water System

The Authority apologizes for the number of boil water advisories that our customers have experienced over the past year. We realize the inconvenience that these advisories and dirty water issues have caused. The Authority has started flushing some of the water lines twice a month in an effort to keep sediment out of the water. Full-scale flushing can not be done. The Authority only has two 1,500-gallon tanks for water storage. The flushing process lowers the water level in the tanks, and therefore, the water pressure. The flushing process needs to be stopped for a certain amount of time to allow the pressure to rebuild.

The Authority lost its grant money to construct a water storage tank, a water treatment building, and fire hydrants. However, there is a possibility of regaining that money if an inter-connected water system is approved by Duncannon Borough and Penn Township. This would be a benefit to both municipalities, and discussion is continuing on this issue.

Even if grant money becomes available, it will not immediately address the problem of the aging water supply lines. Those lines will be replaced as money becomes available. Many customers have been reporting low water pressure. The majority of the houses on Sunshine Hill are fifty years old and the lines from the curb boxes to the houses (branch lines) are made of copper. Copper, no matter how high the quality of the water, tends to corrode over that length of time. This causes a narrowing of the inside diameter and reduces the amount of water that can flow through the line. The Authority reminds all customers that the branch line is the responsibility of the home owner to maintain, repair, or replace. It suggests that, if you have an older house and are experiencing low pressure, you might consider replacing your branch line. The Authority's rules allow the use of either type K copper or HDPE 200-psi pipe as a branch line.

Emergency Automatic Notification System

The Authority uses SwiftReach to notify its sewer and water customers if there is an emergency. We recommend providing us with your cell phone numbers for this contact since land lines will not work during power failures. If your phone number has changed or needs updated, or you have any questions about how this notification system works, please call the office at 834-6926.

Delinquent Accounts

The monthly delinquent list is considered to be a public record. The Authority has decided to publish the list on its page of the Township's website at penntownship.net, with possible future publication of all outstanding debts in the Duncannon Record. The Authority is also researching its legal rights to physically disconnect sewer and/or water of delinquent customers. The Authority realizes that these are drastic measures to take, but necessary. Non-paying customers are a significant reason that rates needed to be increased.

Authority Vacancy

Due to the resignation of a member, the Authority is looking for someone to fill the vacancy. If you are interested in serving the community in this manner, please contact the Authority office.

Contact Information

The Authority office is open Monday through Thursday 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The phone number is 834-6926, fax number is 834-6587, email address is ptmasecy@embarqmail.com. The Authority meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Its approved monthly meeting minutes are posted on the Township's website at penntownship.net.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AS OF
Amounts above \$180.00

	WATER	
726	Barrick, Brian	216.58
800	Deimler TP	20377.59
724	Wisman, Krystal	286.56
	SEWER	
1022	Bank of New York Melon	1802.39
314	Barrick, Brian	433.62
219	Blumenstein, Richard	268.80
1132	Brady, Joyce	533.09
1039	Buckley, Randall	247.20
103	Caldwell, Paul	332.73
907	Crater/?	373.50
165	Deimler Jr., Herman	2410.42
163	Deimler TP	44849.64
1139	Dively, Michelle	1068.42
25	Fetterhoff, Jennifer	181.80
1142	Fulkroad, Randy	594.71
1005	Havens, Joshua	249.90
1129	Howell, Keith	1356.56
1113	Howell, Scott A	1136.28
910	Howell, Scott L	794.43
949	Kisner, Grover	1452.82
128	McMinn, Jody	245.40
43	McPherson, Barbara	3816.30
953	Miller, Larry	182.70
955	Miller/Bologna	254.56
1201	MW2	1200.00
1052	Mineo, Ralph	361.04
42	Nace, Kirk	311.74
1041	Nguyen, Carol	274.55
1055	Oakes, Cheryl	585.90
180	Pyles, Duane	182.70
1147	Reidlinger, Shade	183.60
145	Rothermel, Miriam	228.41
51	Roush, Michael	944.81
67	Roush, Michael	2556.60
87	Sauve, Derec	182.70
1160	Smart, Scott	659.12
1159	Smith, Chad-formely	438.90
308	Smith, Shirley	245.40
1150	Stine, Joseph	351.30
183	Strayer, Dan	1739.08
1152	Taschek, Karen	4230.81
1841	Thompson, Charles	2552.24
182	Verbos, Jacqueline	245.40
1071	Wagner, Darryl	180.64
319	Wisman, Krystal	1068.00
1024	Zandieh, Ata	2325.77
	Total Water >\$180.00	21391.92
	Total Sewer >\$180.00	83633.98
	Total of all delinquent sewer accounts	\$84,893.63
	Total of all delinquent water accounts	\$21,391.92
	GRAND TOTAL	\$106,285.55

A NOTE FROM YOUR ROADMASTER. Before we know if the plows will be parked



and it will be time to get working on our roads. As pointed out in our public meeting on October 20, 2016, our main focus will be grading and establish shoulders along our roads as it is of the utmost importance in prolonging the life of our existing roads. To get water off our roads and road edges, so we have a stabilized base, shoulders and ditches will be graded and cleared most everywhere and in a lot of areas a stone shoulder will be placed with an average of 2 feet in width. This will be done in a manner with respect to your property and will be within the Township right-of-way. We will not use

any more of the right-of-way than needed and will leave it in a neat looking manner.

By allowing organic material and sod to stay deposited along our roadway edges, what happens is the sod and organic material act as a sponge holding water. In turn the water then purges under the edge of our roadway making the base softer, which causes it to depress and crack. By maintaining and grading our shoulders our roadways will last much longer.

We will continue paving or tar and chipping as many of our roads as our yearly budget allows. 2017 plans are Watts Drive and part of Sawmill Road and any shorter road we can squeeze in. In 2018 the focus will be on Schoolhouse Road and the 2nd half of Sawmill. We will be doing tar and Chip repairs on other roads to keep them maintained as best possible until they can be repaved. We will be sealing as many of the larger cracks in our roads as possible to keep the water from getting into our base, thereby prolonging road life as well. We will keep you informed as to when work will take place in your area.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss any issues, feel free to call me direct on my personal cell phone at (717-712-3437 anytime. For more details, please everyone attend our Roadmaster meeting on April 8, 2017. I'm looking forward to applying my 38 years experience in Heavy Highway Construction to my first full season and representing all the residents of Penn Township. Again stay informed, do not hesitate to call and please attend the April 8th meeting.

ROAD CONDITIONS – When there are bad road conditions due to weather or other emergencies after office hours or on holidays, please call Ken Chubb at 717-712-3437.

MOWING GRASS – When it is time for the mowing of grass and we know it will not be long, Please remember that putting grass on the road way is a safety hazard. If there are grass clippings on the road and we get a rain, vehicles could not stop in an emergency. It is the same effect as ice or snow. No one wants to be the cause of an accident or to make an accident worse due to some grass. Please make sure all the grass is off the road when you are done mowing. It is as simple as running the lawnmower and blowing it back onto the grass.



PARK AND RECREATION BOARD



On **April 8, 2017** The Park and Rec. will be having a chicken BBQ. Duncannon Fire Company will be here to assist with their equipment. Come out and enjoy the day with us!

VACCINATION/MICROCHIP CLINIC SET FOR APRIL 1ST!! - Spay

Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) is pleased to partner again this year with the Penn Twp Park and Rec. Board for our annual vaccination clinic! Please join us for our annual vaccination/microchip clinic benefiting SNAP. The hours for the clinic are 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Penn Township Municipal Park Pavilion located at 100 Municipal Building Road in Duncannon. No appointment is necessary. The date will be on the channel, in the Duncannon Record and the Township webpage.

One year Rabies and Distemper vaccines for dogs and cats will be available at a cost of \$10.00 each. Three years Rabies and Distemper vaccines for dogs and cats will be available as well at a cost of \$25.00 each. Bordetella (Kennel Cough) vaccine for dogs will be available at a cost of \$15.00. The Lyme vaccine is available for dogs at a cost of \$18.00.

Microchipping services will also be available and affordable at a cost of \$25.00 per chip. According to the American Humane Association, 83% of lost pets are never recovered. Permanent identification substantially improves the odds that your pet will make it home. Lifetime dog licenses can be purchased for dogs with microchips which is a cost savings.

All proceeds from this event are generously donated by the sponsoring Veterinarians to help SNAP subsidize the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats in the local tri-county area. SNAP is a non-profit, 501(c)3, all-volunteer organization dedicated to ending pet overpopulation through aggressive low-cost spay/neuter programs. Founded in 1981, over 80,000 local animals have utilized SNAP's services.

Payment terms are CASH ONLY. NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS can be accepted. Cats must be in sturdy carriers and dogs must be on a leash.



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Duncannon Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

Duncannon EMS strives to provide top quality emergency medical services to the residents of the Duncannon community! In 2016, we were dispatched to over 1200 emergency calls for service and hundreds of non-emergency requests for transport of those confined to a wheelchair or bed. If you or a family member is in need of specialized transportation call 636-4918 for more information.



Tending to the emergency and non-emergency needs of our community keeps us busy but we struggle to generate the funding to provide these services to the community. We host numerous fundraisers throughout the year to keep our ambulances in service. On Dec. 10, more than 100 children and their families enjoyed visiting with Santa, eating a delicious breakfast, and receiving a gift. Watch for more information about the arrival of the Easter Bunny this spring!

If you're looking for a great way to spend a Monday evening, join us for Bingo. Doors open at 5:30. Bingo starts at 6:45. Food is available to purchase.



We also host monthly Sunday Dinners in our station Banquet Hall and the Banquet Hall is available for your special event, including catering if needed! Call 834-5904 for more information or keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and information (facebook.com/dems29).

Our 2017-2018 Subscription Program will run from May, 2017 through April, 2018 and prevents you from being responsible for out-of-pocket costs (deductibles/co-pays) if you need to use the emergency ambulance services. As a subscriber, you also receive discounts on non-emergency transportation (wheelchair and stretcher) services and banquet hall rental!

Duncannon EMS also provides the AHA-accredited Duncannon Community Training Center (CTC) for your educational needs, specializing in CPR/first aid and emergency services training programs. Contact our office or the training website (pecotraining.com) for a list of classes or to request your exact training needs!

We are always in need of volunteer and part-time EMTs and EMR/drivers who are able to work evenings and weekends. If you would like to join our team, call or Email our office for more information.

Contact Info:

Office: (717) 834-5904

Email: duncannonems@yahoo.com

Fax: (717) 834-9346

Non-Emergency Transports: (717) 636-4918

Facebook: [facebook.com/dems29](https://www.facebook.com/dems29)

Duncannon Community Training Center: pecotraining.com

Thank you for your support!!!!

The burning of garbage, recyclable plastics, glass, newspaper, aluminum cans, tires or anything that produces and/or emits toxic fumes, is prohibited. The only items allowed to be burned in Penn Township are wood products. If you have a question about burning, call the Township Office.

For controlled burns the resident is required to contact County Dispatch (717-834-4311) with the information of the controlled burn. Residents are required to observe the control burn and have a way to douse the fire. A controlled burn is any burning that is not in a burn barrel.

PLANNING COMMISSION - The Planning Commission is in the final stages of the Zoning Ordinance Update. Please keep an eye on the Duncannon Record for Hearing Dates. These updates are to consider items that need tweaking and some new items like wind and solar energy. The main focus of these changes was an update to the Sign Requirements. The Zoning Hearing Board was receiving requests for variances on the signs and setbacks. Therefore the Planning Commission was asked to review the ordinance to see if there were any corrections or changes to be made. The public will have an opportunity to review the draft changes and have their comments and concerns heard.

The next work for the Planning Commission is an update of Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). This update is for items that will make the SALDO compliant with other Township Ordinance.

RENTER REGISTRATION


Penn Township greatly thanks all the people who have registered their tenants. This information is for two reasons. One is so that all the residents are participating in the taxes and for the police to have a listing of personnel in the Township so that in an emergency the tenants could be reached. Please use the next page if you have tenants that have not been registered.



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www.stonebridgepa-health.com



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Lisa@HometownMortgage.org

The Perry County Economic Development Authority will soon release a survey for Perry County residents (current or former) to help identify economic opportunities and goals for the county. The survey will be developed from a series of 6 round table discussions that were conducted at various location in the County. Attendees consisted of business leaders, school superintendents, business owners, farmers, county service organizations and a group of County middle & high school students. The survey will be available in mid-March and will be completable online. There will also be a paper version available in the Authority's offices at 9 W Main Street, New Bloomfield. The EDA is focusing on supporting existing businesses, promoting our assets in the county and finding realistic measures to bolster our economy. You will know when the survey goes live through social media, the Perry County Chamber of Commerce, a local newspaper press release and announcements posted in local businesses. Your input is important in order to gather the best information possible. The Authority wants Perry County to thrive without losing the rural identity that we all value. If you have any immediate questions contact Michelle Jones at 717-582-0367or info@perrycountyeda.com.

Michelle Jones

Perry County Economic Development Authority
9 West Main St., PO Box 630, New Bloomfield, PA 17068
T: 717.582.0367 W: www.PerryCountyEDA.com

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PERMITS NEEDED IN PENN TOWNSHIP – The following permits are required in Penn Township.

Zoning Permit – A zoning permit is needed to ensure that you comply with the Zoning Ordinance.

Sign Permit - A sign permit is needed for all new signs, if one business leaves and another comes in, or a business name changes.

Driveway Permit – A driveway permit is needed when you wish to place a new driveway or move an existing driveway.

Paving Permit – A paving permit is needed when you go from a dirt or gravel driveway to a paved driveway.

Building Permit - A building permit is needed for the construction of new buildings, additions and some repairs/alterations within the home.

If you are in doubt about any permits or the need thereof, please contact the Township Office for the answer. It is better to find out before hand than to have to stop construction until permits are obtained or to be fined when in violation. A phone call only takes a couple of minutes.

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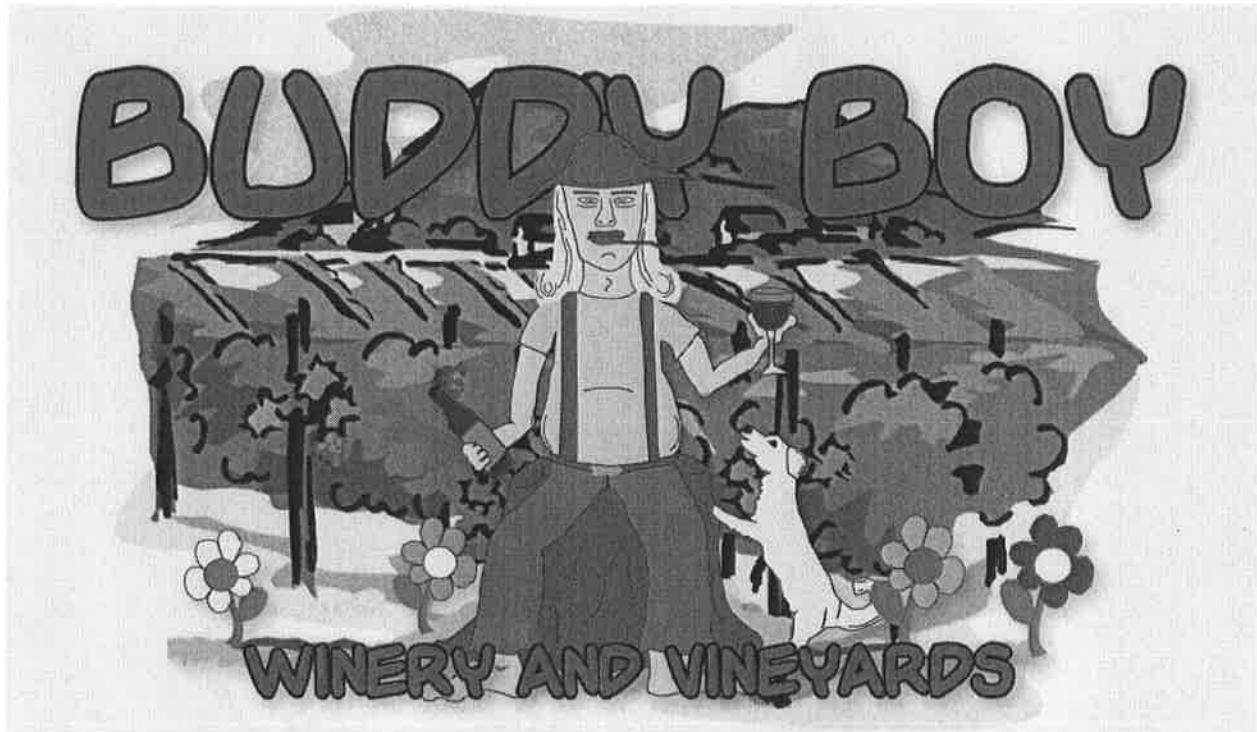
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Buddy Boy Winery has a lot planned for 2017, so keep an eye on Face book and watch for our summer flyers with our events listed. We will start dinner and bands in June; we are looking to add some new bands this year. We are planning 3 festivals so anyone wishing to be a vendor give us a call.

Thank you.

Buddy Boy Winery and Vineyards

111 Barnett Drive

Duncannon Pa 17020

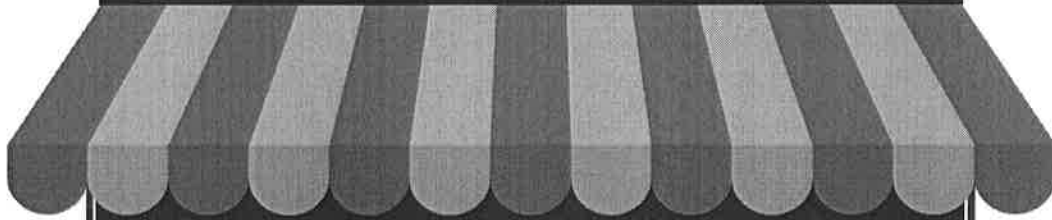
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Hr Wednesday thru Friday 10:00am -7:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-6:00pm. Saturday nights with dinner and bands we are open till 11:00pm.

Sunday 11:00am - 5:00pm

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SURVEY

PA Options for Wellness, Inc. Is looking to build in the Business Campus.

This is a pharmaceutical company that produces medical cannabis

Do you think this is a good idea?

YES

NO