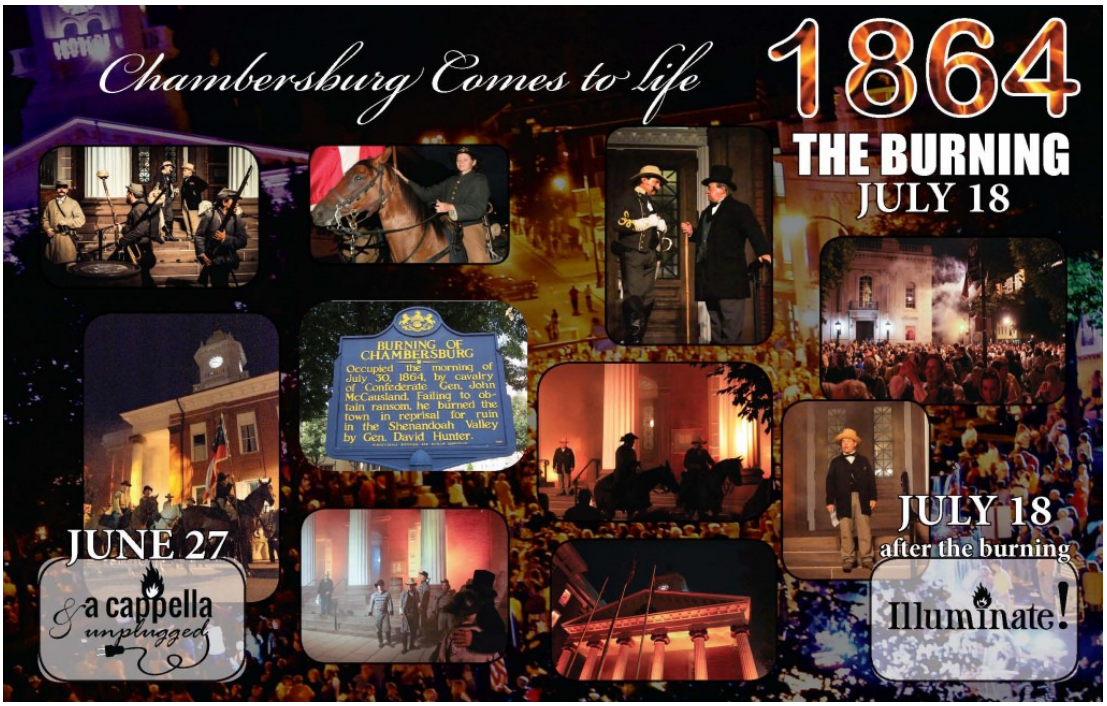

1864 The Burning on July 18, 2015

1864 is HISTORY!

On the morning of July 30, 1864, the Confederate cavalry under the command of General John McCausland entered the town of Chambersburg. McCausland was ordered by General Jubal Early to capture the town and deliver a proclamation calling for $100,000 in gold or $500,000 in US currency as retribution for the burning of property by the Federal army in Virginia. If the ransom demand was not met, the Chambersburg would be burned. Chambersburg's citizens did not deliver the gold or US currency, so McCausland's troops fired the center of Chambersburg, one property after another. More than 500 buildings were destroyed, over 2000 were left homeless, and property and personal loss exceeded $1 million.

1864 is CELEBRATION!

1864 celebrates community and human spirit–it resiliency, faith, courage and effort. The spirit of Chambersburg's people rebuilt Chambersburg. The town rose from the ashes and became known as the "Queen City of the Cumberland Valley with prosperous industries, natural resources, transportation facilities, and educational advantages.

JOIN US FOR 1864

6 PM – 8:30 PM

Enjoy live music on the courthouse steps with ***A Cappella & Unplugged Singing Championship***.

Children's area with games and giveaways for the children. SPECIAL for 2015: Zoo Zoo's Animaland is coming to 1864 with a special "Ben" Bear–in honor of the county's namesake Benjamin Franklin.

Historic walking tours of downtown Chambersburg, General McCausland's camp site, book signings, exhibits, and food–fresh and local.

8:30 – 9:45 PM

1864 The Light Show

FOLLOWED BY ILLUMINATE! THE AFTER PARTY