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Delaware River Bacteria Levels Very High

Bacteria levels in the Delaware River are VERY HIGH due to the recent storm. All beaches are closed to swimming. Do not swim in the river at any location within the park. Avoid contact with the water when boating or floating.

The water is tested regularly at the swim beaches. We will provide an update when the bacteria count returns to an acceptable level.

Update: There are questions about whether it is safe to swim in other bodies of water in the park. Only the swim beaches in the park are tested regularly, as they are the designated swimming areas. A good rule of thumb is to avoid swimming in any body of water for at least 72 hours after a large storm, due to high levels of runoff. If a storm moves upstream, it can take even longer for bacteria and hazardous debris to clear out

of a river, as debris and pollutants will continue to enter the river upstream and travel downstream after the storm has passed through your location.

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area manages the 40 mile section of the Delaware River from a little upstream of Milford, PA to a little downstream of the I-80 bridge at the water gap.



Lehigh Valley Passport to History Weekend

On Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16, local historical sites are partnering to host Lehigh Valley Passport to History Weekend. The weekend is a celebration of local history, stories, and the community that bring Lehigh Valley history to life. Participating locations will open their doors to the

public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission, tours, activities, and programs for visitors of all ages.

To date, participating locations include: Slate Belt Heritage Center in Bangor, 1803 House in Emmaus, Durham Historical Society in Durham Township of Bucks County, Forks Township Historical Society in Forks Township, Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites in Bethlehem, Historic Easton Cemetery in Easton, Horner's Cemetery Historical Society in Northampton, Jacobsburg Historical Society in Nazareth, Lower Macungie Township Historical

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Society in Emmaus, Moravian Historical Society in Nazareth, National Canal Museum in Easton, National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem, Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society/Sigal Museum in Easton, The Shelter House in Emmaus, Whitehall Historical Preservation Society in Whitehall, Williams Township Historical Society in Easton.

They are following CDC and state health guidelines to ensure safety for their visitors, including limiting crowds, practicing social distancing and requiring masks during visits. Increased sanitation protocols are

Vacation Bible School

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church is offering Online VBS this year for kids ages 4-12 from August 10th-14th. The theme is "High Seas Expedition". Supply kits will be available for pickup at the church. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Aug. 5th. For more information and to register online go to www.ebumc.org. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, (610-588-4453)



Library Needs Your Help

The Bangor Library needs your help with quotes for work to be done to the building. Could anyone share with use the names for locksmiths, masonry contractor and anyone who replaces doors. You can email the library at info@bangorlibrary.org or call 610-588-4139

Ice Cream Sale

Richmond United Methodist Church will be selling quarts of home-made ice cream; Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Pineapple and Peach. \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. Pre-ordering makes sure you get what you want Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 11 AM – 12 PM. Call 610-217-9997



NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - August 9

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
State	118,852	760
Northampton	3,920	10
Monroe	1,634	10
Lehigh	4,968	16

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Roadwork August 10-15

US 22 East Between:PA 191 and PA 33. Daytime Eastbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date:8/12/20. Est completion date:8/12/20

US 22 West Between:PA 33 and PA 191 Daytime Westbound lane restriction 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date:8/13/20. Est completion date: 8/13/20

Plainfield Township State Park Road

Between:Sullivan Trail and Jacobsburg Road.

Daytime Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start date:8/10/20 Est completion date:8/11/20

Plainfield Township Road

name:Filetown Road

Between:Jacobsburg Road

and Sullivan Trail Daytime

Lane restriction with flagging

09:00 AM To 02:00 PM. Start

date:8/12/20 Est completion

date:8/12/20

Upper Mount Bethel Road

name:PA 512 Between:Park

Road and PA 611. Daytime

Lane restriction with flagging 09:00 AM To 02:00

PM. Start date:8/10/20 Est completion date:8/14/20



Ongoing Traffic Alerts

- **Delabole Rd closed from American Bangor Road to Molasses Rd** for Bridge repair .
- **Roadwork on Belvidere Road both directions** 0 miles West of DePues Ferry Road, PPL. Lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between Mile Post: 60.5 and Mile Post: 60.0. There is a lane restriction.
- **Roadwork on I-78 westbound** between .5 miles west of Exit 45: PA 863 - and .7 miles west of Exit 35: PA 143 - traffic disruption.

• **US 22 between PA 191 and 25th Street** Weekend restrictions Friday nights 9 PM thru Monday mornings at 6 am. Weeknight lane restrictions 9pm to 6am. (West bound first then East Bound)

• **Jacobsburg Road Between: State Park Road and Belfast Road** Restriction: Closed and detoured for bridge repairs Start date:6/15/20 Est completion date:

9/22/20. All day restrictions.

- **Portland Borough and Upper Mount Bethel Township.** Boulder Drive Between: State Street and Middle Village Road. Boulder Drive will be closed and detoured. Detour will route passenger vehicles on Middle Village Road, PA 611 and State Street. Truck detour will route truck traffic on Middle Village Road, Jacoby Creek Road, Railroad Avenue, PA 611 and State Street. The closure is related to the replacement of the State Street Bridge over Jacoby Creek. Est completion date: 8/31/21



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COVID 19 Test Site

A new COVID-19 drive-through testing site opened in Northampton County Monday.

The new site opened at Coordinated Health on 3100 Emrick Boulevard in Bethlehem Township, according to a county news release.

The site will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday hours will be available twice a month from 9 a.m. to noon. The drive-through testing center is in the parking area to the rear of the Coordinated Health Building and is separate from patient parking and routine patient care.

Half Price Book Sale

A Half-Price, curbside Book Sale will be held during August at the Blue Mt. Library in Pen Argyl.

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Mon – Thur . . .

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Call the library to reserve a bag of books at \$5.00 per bag. Exact change/cash only.



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- Adult - mystery, romance, historical fiction non-fiction or “surprise me”
- Kids - young adult, chapter books, easy reader, picture books, non-fiction or “surprise me”

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or Facebook . 216 S. Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl
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NWS Forecast - August 10

Today

Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Light west wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight

Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Calm wind.

Tuesday

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Light southwest wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday Night

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Wednesday

A chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8am and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Wednesday Night

Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8pm and 2am, then a chance of showers after 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Thursday

A chance of showers before 8am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 8am and 2pm, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

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Slate Belt Happenings

August 10-14

Online VBS

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August 10

Special COTA

Deer Head Inn, Delaware Water Gap, Monday, August 10, 7 to 9 pm, Music Charge \$10 A Special COTA At The Deer Head Inn Evening Bill Goodwin Trio with Special Guest Peter Bernstein Bill Goodwin, drums; Jon Ballantyne, piano; Evan Gregor, bass; Peter Bernstein, guitar.

August 11-15

Blue Valley Farm Show

ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CANCELLED.

August 11

Bach At Noon

Bach At Noon performances are presented by The Bach Choir of Bethlehem at St. John's Lutheran Church in downtown Allentown. These concerts will be videotaped, featuring smaller ensembles of musicians who incorporate safe social distancing, appearing online on The Bach Choir's You Tube channel. The August Bach at Noon performance has been endowed by Reverend Ronald R. Miller in loving memory of Maestro James A. Simms, and to continue to share the fruits of his life-giving labors in music-making.

August 12

Hike for Health

Wednesday, August 12, September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they

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specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

August 13**Slate Belt Textile Industry**

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting their next program on their Facebook page on Thursday, August 13th. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred Derea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". All four authors will be talking about the research and hard work that went into the creation of this book, including discovering where all of the mills were located.

Joanie Samra & Spencer Reed

Deer Head Inn, Delaware Water Gap, Friday, August 14 – 2 seatings: 6 pm & 8 pm music charge \$10 per seating (\$20 seat minimum) Joanie Samra & Spencer Reed Joanie Samra, vocals; Spencer Reed, vocals, guitar.

August 15**Stroke Golf Tournament**

The Todd Stroke Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 15 at Whitetail Golf Course 8:00 Shotgun w/Lunch following. More info later.

3Divas – CD Release

Deer Head Inn, Delaware Water Gap, Saturday, August 15- 2 seatings: 6 pm & 8 pm music charge \$10 per seating (\$20 seat minimum) 3Divas – CD Release Party "I Love To See You Smile" Jackie Warren, piano; Amy Shook, bass; Sherrie Maricle, drums.

Learn to Paddle Series

Whether you have never been in a canoe or kayak before or just need to refine your skills, Wildlands Conservancy's "Learn to Paddle Series" is a great place to start.

Get an overview and learn the basics of paddling including safety, proper equipment, and basic technique. All equipment provided and our professional safety staff will facilitate all sessions.

The event will be held at August 15, 2020 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 at Wy-Hit-Tuk Park, 510 PA-611 Easton. More info: Brandon Swayser 610-965-4397 ext. 136

August 15-16**Heritage Center Opening**

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be opening for the season, after a five month delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be open to the general public for the first time on Saturday, August 15 and

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Sunday, August 16, from 12:00 – 3:00. The Heritage Center will then be open every weekend until the end of October.

Miss Julie's Open House

Join Miss Julie's Open House Saturday August 15 from 1-4pm. Enjoy Free Dinky's Ice Cream, Meet and greet with Princess Elsa, Get a free Princess Wand, Meet their fabulous teaching team, Tour her beautiful, clean, spacious studio.

Men and women may sign up for her fun classes-no registration fee. Serving the Slate Belt and surrounding communities for over 27 years, Miss Julie thanks you for your trust and support!

More info: [Click Here](#)

August 16

Nancy Reed

Deer Head Inn, Delaware Water Gap, Sunday, August 9, 5 to 7 pm, no music charge (\$20 seat minimum) Nancy Reed, vocals, guitar, bass.

EBUMCC Service

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church
136 W. Central Ave., East Bangor, Sun., August 16-10:00 a.m. Worship Service (Online)

Vendor and Craft Fair

The Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company is having a Vendor & Craft Fair on Sunday August 16th, 2020 (new date) from 9am to 3pm. Food and Drinks will be sold by the fire company.

This is an outdoor event and it will be held whether rain or shine. If you are interested in a space contact Brett Morrison at 484-542-9517, Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101, or email at bdjm987@gmail.com

August 19

Ceramic Fairy House

Join Bloom for an afternoon of hand-building pottery as they make an original ceramic fairy house August 19, 2020 from 12pm - 3pm

You will use different techniques, tools and stamps as you create an individualized, customized project. Come back the following week to glaze your creation-2nd visit included in class price.

Price \$50.00 Which Includes: Instruction, 1 1/2 lbs of Clay, Use of Tools, Glaze and 2 Kiln Firings. Class

Size Limited to 8

[Please Pre-Register Here.](#)

Your Support of Bloom helps fund their programs for women survivors and women in recovery.

Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

Wednesday, August 19, 26 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. Register for community programs online [Click Here.](#)

August 21

Family Night - Moth Magic

Friday, August 21 at 8:00pm to 9:00pm

Moths are everywhere and come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Join local moth enthusiast Steve Kloiber as we search for moths and other insects of the night. Steve will try to lure them in with lights and sugaring. Please bring a flashlight. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance

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Daisy Family Restaurant

Open 11-9 Sun-Thurs. 11-10 Fri. & Sat. Order by phone for curbside pickup and have your food brought to your vehicle, or order at the counter and take it with you. 6589 Sullivan Trail Wind Gap, (610) 863-4044. Cash or credit still accepted. More info: [Click Here](#)

Three Brothers Pizza

Three Brothers Pizza is now open in the former Plainfield Diner on Sullivan Trail. Dine In 7am- 10pm Call 610-863-4950 to order.

More Info: [Click Here](#)

Mt. Bethel Diner

Mt. Bethel Diner is open for Dine-In and Take-Out Monday - Sunday 8am - 7pm. Call ahead to order 570-897-6409, 2600 N. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, Pa 18343.

Family & Friends Takeout

Family and friends country restaurant is open for take out at are window or curbside pick up. Full menu available. Call for daily specials 610-759-7477. They are located on route 512 in wind gap next to Albanese garden center. More info: [Click Here](#)

Gap Diner

The Gap Diner in Wind Gap is open for dining-in Sun.-Wed 6am-Midnight and 24 hrs Thurs, Fri, & Sat. More info: [Click Here](#)

Little Creek BBQ

Hours: Tue--Wed 3-7. Thurs., Fri., Sat 11-7. Sundays 12-5. More info: [Click Here](#)

TK's Restaurant

TK's will open June 5 in their outdoor seating and To Go services. 7am - 11pm 7 Days A Week. 570-897-6112. There will be a 75-minute limit for each table service if instructed by staff.

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Where to Eat

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Doughboys

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Pen Argyl Pizza

Pen Argyl Pizza 510 E. Main St, Pen Argyl. 610-863-6670. M-Sat (11-10) Sun (10-10)
More Info: [Click Here](#)

512 Restaurant

512 Restaurant 2 East Pennsylvania Ave, Pen Argyl. Tues-Sunday, Curbside and delivery. 610-881-4540.
More Info: [Click Here](#)

Detzi's Tavern

Detzi's Tavern 570 North Lehigh Ave., Wind Gap. 863-9882. Open 4 -7:30. and Noon-7:30 Wed., Thurs, Fri & Sat. More Info: [Click Here](#)

Slate Pub

Slate Pub 509 E. Main St., Pen Argyl. 610-881-4700. Opens 12. Tables both under and outside the tent. No reservations will be taken at this time. All social distancing and government mandates will be followed.

- Masks must be except at the table.
- No more than 4 people per table.
- Tables must remain 6' apart

More Info: [Click Here](#)

Broadway Pub

Broadway Pub 62 Broadway, Bangor. 610-452-9226. COVID Hrs. Tues-Sun (2-8).
More Info: [Click Here](#)

Boar Barbecue

Boar Barbecue 690 Allegheny Road, Mt. Bethel. 484-908-3407. More Info: [Click Here](#)

JT Grill

JT Grill at Miller's Egg Ranch on Route 12, East Bangor is serving breakfast and lunch from 10am-3pm Tuesdays through Saturdays! Tuesday, June 9th lunch special: Italian Hot Dog with Beverage Outdoor seating available. More info: [Click Here](#)

Five Points Grill & Pub

Five Points Grill & Pub 1001 Mt. Bethel Highway, Mt. Bethel. 610-588-1773. Reservations are highly encouraged! It helps make your dining experience run as smoothly as possible. Beginning August 11.

New hours are:

Tuesday-Wednesday (3pm-10pm)

Thursday-Saturday (11am-11pm)

Now open Sunday (12pm-8pm)

Please call us at (610)588-1773

More Info: [Click Here](#)

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with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

August 22

Avian Adventures for Scouts

Saturday, August 22 at 9:30am to 11:00am

Have you ever wanted to learn more about birds? There's no time like the present! Join us to learn about what equipment you'll need, get tips on identifying birds by sight and sound and find out what makes bird watching such a great hobby. This program is best for 8-18 year old scouts. Please register all family members that will be attending. Troop registrations will not be accepted. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

Botanical Treasures of Jacobsburg

Saturday, August 22 at 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Join us as we explore the park and search for both common and unusual late summer flowers. We'll discuss the ecology of various flowers as well as any legends, myths and stories that might surround them. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program.

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August 26

Jacobsburg Weekly Weeders

Wednesday, August 26 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to work alongside our

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education staff as they mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Volunteers will need to wear a mask, bring a water bottle, and practice social distancing. Registration is required in order to maintain small group sizes in accordance with the current health guidance. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

September 5-7**Bangor Yard Sales**

Get ready for the Bangor Borough town-wide yard sale taking place Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7! The Borough waives the yard sale permit and you have the opportunity to find some treasures and release your unused items to someone who can use them.

September 16**Hike for Health**

Wednesday, J September 16, and October 14 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Join us after work for a hike with a St. Luke's University health professional! Get some exercise while learning about health and fitness outdoors. Each hike will include a presentation from a guest health professional on topics such as physical fitness, stretching, and nutrition. A different guest will hike with us each month, sharing a topic that they specialize in. We will hike at a brisk pace over uneven terrain for 2 to 2.5 miles guided by a center educator. Our guest will be available during the hike to discuss the topic of the day and answer your questions. This program is being provided in partnership with St. Luke's University Health Network and the Get Your Tail on the Trail initiative. Meet at the Visitor Center at 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth, PA. Participants must be in possession of a face mask and practice proper social distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

September 26**Neon 5K and Fun Run**

The Bangor Elementary PTO is once again hosting its
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Free Meals For Kids

Reminder for parents of school-aged children: If your child gets free meals when school is in session, you can receive money for meals through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program

Details: <http://on.pa.gov/2MOkvPc>.

Application: <http://on.pa.gov/3d5j0b6>.

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Bangor Library New Books

Adult Fiction

What You Wish For by Katherine Center
 The Half Sister by Sandie Jones
 Writers & Lovers: A Novel by Lily King
 A Burning by Megha Majumdar
 Revenge by James Patterson

Large Print Fiction

Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
 The Crow's Call by Wanda Brunstetter
 Camino Winds by John Grisham
 The Book of Lost Friends: A Novel by Lisa Wingate
 Bombshell by Stuart Woods

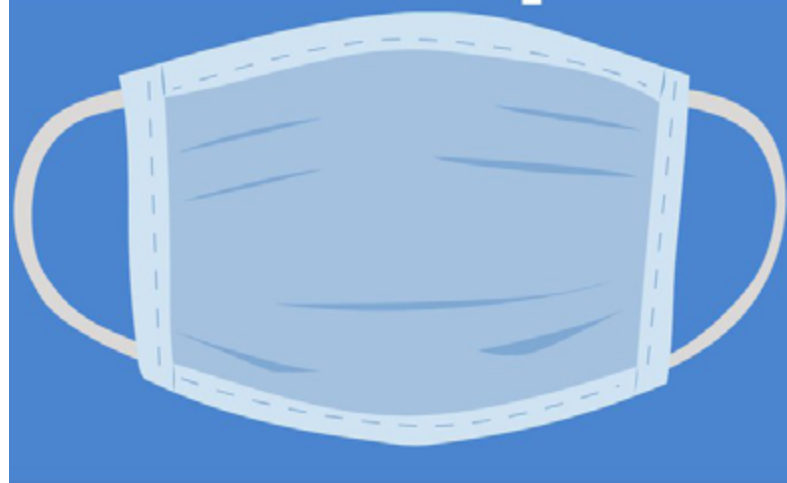
Non- Fiction

Indian Mythology: Tales, Symbols, and Rituals from
 the Heart of the Subcontinent by Devdutt Pattanaik
 I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for
 Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
 Becoming Duchess Goldblatt

Audio Books

The House of Kennedy by James Patterson
 Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
 28 Summers by Elin Hilderbrand
 The Jane Austen Society: A Novel by Natalie Jenner
 The Summer House by James Patterson

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Blue Mt. Community Library

Located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA. Open: M, Th and Sat from 10-Noon and M, & Th from 6-8 PM. Visit the website at www.bmcl.org or call 610-863-3029 for information or to request books. Their Facebook page is www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl.

New Fiction July 2020

A Good Marriage, Kimberly McCreight
 Redhead by the Side of the Road ,Anne Tyler
 All My Mother's Lovers , Ilana Masad
 Rules for Moving, Nancy Star
 East Coast Girls ,Kerry Kletter
 This is How I Lied, Heather Gudenkauf
 28 Summers, Elin Hilderbrand
 Masked Prey, John Sandford
 Devoted ,Dean Koontz
 The Restaurant, Pamela Kelley
 Little White Secrets, Carol Mason
 The Heirloom Garden, Viola Shipman
 Hello, Summer, Mary Kay Andrews
 Family for Beginners, Sarah Morgan
 Pretty Little Things, Janelle Brown
 The New Husband, D.J. Palmer
 Big Summer, Jennifer Weiner
 Walking the Wire, David Baldacci
 The Goodbye Man, Jeffery Deaver
 The Book of Longings, Sue Monk Kidd
 On Ocean Boulevard , Mary Alice Monroe
 All Adults Here, Emma Straub
 The Vanishing Half, Brit Bennett
 Summer Darlings, Brooke Foster
 The Last Train to Key Wes, Chanel Cleeton
 Summer Longing, Jamie Brenner
 A Week at the Shore, Barbara Delinsky

New Large Print July 2020

The Sea Glass Cottage, RaeAnne Thayne
 Coconut Layer Cake Murder, Joanne Fluke
 Sunrise on Half Moon Bay, Robin Carr
 Carolina Breeze, Denise Hunter
 Dance Away with Me, Susan Elizabeth Phillips
 The Way of Love, Tracie Peterson
 Hideaway, Nora Roberts

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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



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Preventing suicide in PA



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pa.org/

Disaster Distress Helpline



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Get Help Now for substance use disorder



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Veterans in crisis



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2. **Athletic**

day after day,

3. **Soapy wa-**

washing your

Soap acts as a

soapy water leaves behind a thin film that stops the water molecules from forming droplets that lead to fog.

4. **You can buy commercial anti-fogging wipes** and sprays, but it could get expensive. One brand, FogTech Dx, sells on Amazon for \$30 for 20 wipes — or about \$1.50 per wipe. One treatment is supposed to last for three to five days

Wipe and sprays may be difficult to buy right now. Some sites we went to suggested you that they are on back order. Other sources say it may 2-4 weeks to get them online. However, if you know someone who is an avid swimmer he or she may have some.



ties or the ear loops so the mask fits snugly against your face. If the air is going out the top, you don't have your mask on correctly. Most of the fog should be going through the mask. If you feel the air going in or out around the mask, tighten the ties.

tape is also a possibility, however, if you wear the same mask every day, the tape may harm the mask.

ter. A British surgeon published a paper in 2011 showing that cleaning glasses with soapy water and letting them air dry can help. Surfactant — which stands for surface active agent — and the

Talking and Breathing May Spread The virus

People resistant to social distancing may reconsider that thought after a prestigious scientific panel told the White House Wednesday night that research shows the coronavirus can be spread not just by sneezes or coughs, but also just by talking, or possibly even just breathing.

“While the current [coronavirus] specific research is limited, the results of available studies are consistent with aerosolization of virus from normal breathing,” according to the letter, written by Dr. Harvey Fineberg, chairman of a committee with the National Academy

of Sciences.

Fineberg said that he will start wearing a mask when he goes to the grocery store.

Several other experts are now talking about wearing masks every time you interact with the public during essential visits to places like your local grocery store or pharmacy.

Considering that people with no coronavirus symptoms at all can carry the virus, a simple conversation with someone like that could spread the virus to you if you are less than six feet apart.

Met-Ed Suspends Shut-offs

Effective immediately, Met-Ed is temporarily discontinuing power shutoffs for customers who are past due on their electric bills. FirstEnergy, Met-Ed's parent company, will continue to monitor the coronavirus response situation and adjust the shutoff policy in the future as circumstances develop.

Met-Ed encourages customers who are having difficulty paying their electric bill to contact its customer service department at 1-800-545-7741 to discuss customer assistance programs.

PPL Waives Late Fees

PPL Electric Utilities has waived all late payment fees and announced it will not cut service. PPL has several programs available to help customers having a hard time paying their bills: OnTrack offers a lower, fixed monthly bill and debt forgiveness for customers who make 150 percent of the poverty level or less. CARES can help customers experiencing a temporary hardship. Calling [1-800-358-6623](tel:1-800-358-6623)

Public Service Announcements

Families First Virtual Race and Walk

Join Families First for their 18th Anniversary serving residents in the Pen Argyl Area School District and participate in their 18th Annual/1st Virtual 5-K Race & 1 Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, September 26 – October 17, 2020..

Register today. Then, during the weeks of September 26th – October 17th, 2020, pick your favorite spot, or somewhere new, alone or with others, and complete the run/walk. The official registration form can be downloaded at the Families First website.

www.familiesfirstpenargyl.org

Non-Refundable Entry: \$20 per person or \$50 for a family of three or more before September 26th; \$25 per person After September 26th. Family entries must be mailed together. Students - \$15 entry fee.

Checks payable to: Families First and mail to Families First Race Committee c/o Frank Jones 1620 Teels Road, Pen Argyl, PA 18072.

Runners: If submitting time, complete 5-K (3.12miles) and record.. Be sure to include your full name, City and State. Email your race results info to: phil.giaquinto@aol.com no later than October 18.

Entry includes a quality T-Shirt guaranteed to first 100 runners. **T-Shirts:** Curbside pick-up is October 19 4 pm to 6:30 pm, in the front of the bus loop at Wind Gap Middle School. 1620 Teels Road, Pen Argyl.

Raffle: Each participant will be assigned a raffle number. One randomly selected number win.

Support: Be creative in showing your support for Families First on Social Media. Submit entry to Families First Race Committee and the Board of Directors will award several prizes . **Sponsorship:**

All levels include publicity, listing of corporate logo or name on the event T-Shirts, and the opportunity to place informational material in the Race Bags. For sponsorship information, contact the Families First Director, Frank Jones at 610-863-9095 Ext. 1387 or via email to jones.frank@penargylsd.org.

For more information about Families First see their website www.familiesfirstpenargyl.org

Weona Park Book

A Centennial book is being written to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park in Pen Argyl.

Anyone with fond memories or interesting stories should send them to Walt Cole at wrcole3@gmail.com This would include any information from your parents or grandparents. Perhaps a grandparent or great-grandparent helped to build the park, or worked on a WPA project during the Depression. Perhaps you worked at the park, were a life guard or had an interesting experience.

Stories about sporting events, swimming, or any activities would be of interest. They are also interested in pictures of family reunions, church gatherings or other organizations having picnics at the park. They are also looking for pictures of the clay tennis courts, the old miniature golf course, the band shell and events at the athletic field. Please check out those old photo albums for memories to share.

Celtic Cultural Scholarships

The Celtic Cultural Alliance (CCA) has announced that several scholarships will be awarded this year to students pursuing the study of Celtic dance, music, or art.

Please contact Marcie Mulligan, mmulligan@celticfest.org, for information related to either scholarship.

For more details about the scholarship programs and to download the applications, visit their webpage at the Celtic Classic which runs from September 25 through September 27, in downtown historic Bethlehem.

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WTVFC Farmers Market

Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company is looking for local farmers/greenhouses who sell; vegetables, fruits, meats, honey, flowers, etc. and who would like to set up a farm stand at the fire house on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am to 4pm rain or shine.

WTVFC is looking to help raise funds but also help our Farmers who are unable to sell at their usual Carnivals and Flea Markets.

Spots sizes are determined by the farmer and will cost \$10 per day. All spots will be in a grassy area and must be cleaned up by the end of the day or the weekend. Multiple farmers per day are welcome, but spots will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

Farmers are responsible for their own chairs, tables, coverings, etc. No electric, water, or other utilities will be provided or available. WTVFC is not responsible for any lost/stolen belongings, equipment, etc. that is left on the property overnight.

For additional info or to reserve a spot call Brett Morrison at 484-542-9517 or Aundrea Morrison at 610-984-7101 or email bdjm987@gamil.com

Tasty Tuesdays

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 4th and Broadway in Bangor, offers a free bag lunch program to children, their families and anyone in the community this summer. Tasty Tuesdays begins on Tuesday, June 2 and runs thru mid August.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, lunches will contain non perishable food items and will be available for drive-up/walk-up pick up in the large church parking lot.

Each lunch contains water, juice, healthy snack bar, chips, fruit/fruit cup, and a choice of a main food item such as canned soup/tuna/pasta and more. Call the church at 610-588-2023 to register.

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St. John's Cemetery

Donations for St. John's Cemetery in Bangor are being accepted for maintenance. You can mail them to St. John's Cemetery c/o Carol Hummel, 136 Messinger Street, Bangor, Pa 18013.

PPE Supplies For Pen Argyl

County Executive Lamont McClure and Northampton County has provided Pen Argyl Borough with some PPE supplies to distribute to non-profits and small businesses in the Borough to assist in the reopening process.

There is a limited supply, so they are first come, first serve. They have some masks, gloves, sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer. Call 610-863-1822 to request supplies and set up an appointment for pick up.

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Breakfast at the Honey Creek Café
Thomas

Jodi

New Non-Fiction July 2020

Untamed, Glennon Doyle

Hell and other Destinations, Madeleine Albright

The House of Kennedy, James Patterson

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Public Service Announcements

Home Heating Assistance

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150% of the federal poverty income level. For example, the income limit for an individual is \$18,735; for a couple, the limit is \$25,365; and for a family of four, it is \$38,625.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting the County Assistance Office in their county of residence.

Struggling With Substances?

People struggling with substances can now walk in for drug and alcohol assessments at the Clean Slate Bangor, 100 South First Street St, Bangor 610-452-9348 Mondays from 10am - 12pm Many times this is the first step toward treatment and a new life.

Slate Belt Textile Industry

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be posting their next program on their Facebook page on Thursday, August 13th. Marc Blau, Karen Brewer, Dan Carrescia and Fred Derea will be presenting the Center's new book about the textile industries, "A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry". All four authors will be talking about the research and hard work that went into the creation of this book, including discovering where all of the mills were located.

Former COVID 19 Patients Asked to Donate Plasma

Have you or do you know someone that has recovered from COVID 19? If so you can donate your plasma to help others with COVID 19. For more information call me at 570-449-586 or visit www.giveapint.org.

BASD Free Meals Program

Bangor Area School District offers free breakfasts and lunches to students through July and August. Curb-side pick up remains 10-11:30am Monday-Thursday. Email meals@bangorsd.org to reserve.

Plainfield Reopening

Plainfield Township is participating in the Northampton County COVID-19 Reopening Readiness Program to help small businesses and non-profits reopen. A limited amount of surgical masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, and gloves are available at the Township for small businesses and non-profits located in the Township. Call the 610-759-6944 for more info or to schedule a time to pick up this PPE. All PPE supplies are available on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies run out.

Clothing for Octoberfest

Since everyone is cleaning out their closets, etc. If you have pants or jeans (any size, even kids) with holes that are not repairable or even long sleeve shirts, please save them for Octoberfest (Bangor Park). They can use them for scarecrow making. (Even if they don't have the event this year, they will save them for next year)



Slate Belt Area Happenings

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4th Neon 5K Fun Run/Walk on 8asm September 26, 2020. Participants in the Neon 5K and Fun Run/Walk will go through 5 Splatter Stations where they will get splattered with color dust. All the money raised will benefit students attending DeFranco, Washington and Five Points Elementary Schools

Celtic Youth Fiddle Competition

A Youth Fiddle Competition September 26, will be held at the Charlie Brown Ice House, Bethlehem at Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival.

This unique fiddle contest primarily focuses on Celtic fiddling styles, including Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton, Shetland, and Galician. Two age categories divide the contest, and monetary prizes are given to the top 3 in each division.

Sunday, September 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Celtic Heritage Hollow stage, a Celtic fiddle workshop for youth will be held at Celtic Heritage Hollow at Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival.

For more information and to register, visit http://www.celticfest.org/celtic_classic_youth_fiddle competition. For questions, please contact Marcie Mulligan at mmulligan@celticfest.org

October 14

Hike for Health

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distancing while attending the program. Registration is required in order to limit group size in accordance with current health guidelines. Register for community programs online [Click Here](#).

PA Hunting Licenses

The PA Game Commission announced hunting and fur-taking licenses are now available.

General hunting licenses and fur-taker licenses cost \$20.90 each for Pennsylvania residents and \$101.90 for nonresidents. Resident senior hunters and fur-takers, ages 65 and older, can purchase one-year licenses for \$13.90, or lifetime licenses for \$51.90. For \$101.90, resident seniors can purchase lifetime combination licenses for hunting and fur-taking privileges. A change in state law permits big-game hunting on the following Sundays: Nov. 15, for archery deer hunting; Nov. 22, for bear hunting; and, Nov. 29, for deer hunting during regular firearms season.

For additional information visit www.pgc.pa.gov.

Don't Just Push Germs Around, Eliminate Them

Many cleaning tools give the impression that they are killing germs and cleaning your home when in reality they are simply spreading germs to other more hidden areas of your home. The only way to avoid this is by sanitizing these cleaning tools, such as mops, dusters, and dishrags between uses or they will continue to spread bacteria around your house. This issue often goes unnoticed, as some of the most sparkling clean homes can be saturated with bacteria while other

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Pen Argyl ‘Green’ Updates

- Weona Park: Will be open and be in a “Use at Your Own Risk” state. This will include basketball, playgrounds and skate park. Bathrooms are closed.
- Pavilions: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Miniature Golf: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Carousel: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Community Center: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Field Rentals: Will remain closed at this time. Decision to be made July 7, 2020.
- Borough Office: Access will still be by appointment only. This will eliminate congestion in the lobby and protect staff and visitors. Masks required.
- Parking Meters: Will begin to be enforced on Monday, June 29, 2020.
- If you have a specific question please email the Borough at manager@penargylborough.com or call Borough Office at 610.863-4119.

Fire, Rescue, & EMS Grant

The registration window for the COVID-19 Fire, Rescue, and EMS Grant is open through August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this grant is to provide some much needed financial assistance to first responders who have found it difficult to keep their operations running due to COVID-19.

As stated in Act 26, the money must be used for operational and equipment expenses.

Grant Registration

To register, carefully review the grant guidance (PDF), then access the grant portal by following these instructions (PDF). [Click Here](#)

You will need the following information to complete the registration in order to receive these funds. You may already have these numbers, but if you do not, please see the link above to acquire the necessary numbers in preparation for this registration.

How to clean your phone



First and foremost, you will want to consult the website for the manufacturer of your phone or carrying case for any specific instructions that they might have in order to avoid damaging your device or case.

Many manufacturers, including Apple, have provided recommendations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

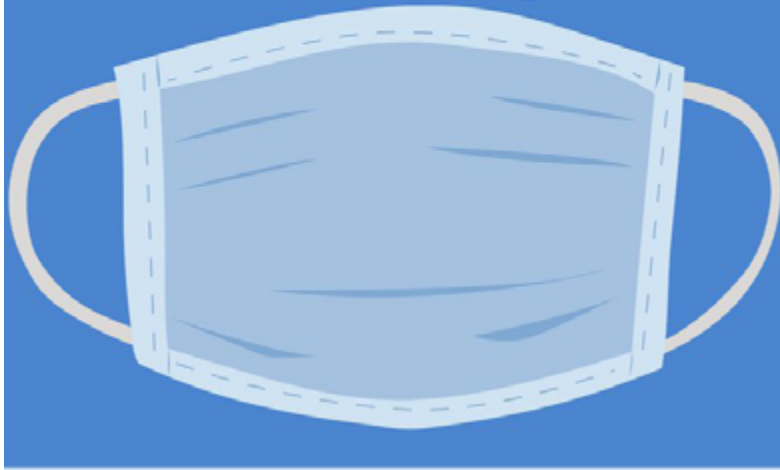
While specific instructions may vary depending on your device, Apple advises the following :

- **Use only a soft, lint-free cloth.**
- **Avoid excessive wiping.**
- **Unplug all power sources, devices, and cables.**
- **Keep liquids away from your device.**
- **Don't allow moisture to get into any openings.**
- **Avoid aerosol sprays, bleaches, and abrasives.**
- **Avoid spraying cleaners directly onto your device.**
- **Apple is recommending the use of 70 percent isopropyl alcohol wipes or Clorox Disinfecting Wipes to wipe down any hard, nonporous surfaces.**

However, they say you should avoid using them on leather or fabric to prevent damage. According to Dr. Donald W. Schaffner, extension specialist in food science and distinguished professor at Rutgers University, these are “fairly gentle disinfectants.”

However, you should avoid using chlorine bleach, according to Schaffner. This could damage your phone. Westenberg further suggested that keeping your phone in a sealed case will make it easier to wipe it down with disinfectant wipes.

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Bangor Slater Face Masks

The BAHS Alumni Association is selling face masks with the Slater logo for \$9.98 each. There are three Slater logos to choose from. See below.

These masks have two breathable cotton/poly layers underneath making for a triple layer mask. There is also an inside pocket for a filter. Ear straps are adjustable and an additional head strap is available for purchase if you do not want to use the ear straps.

The masks come in Small, which fits most youth ages 1-6, Medium, which fits older children through small adults, and Large, which fits most teenagers and adults.

The masks can be bought online directly from the vendor and will be shipped to your address for a \$4.95 shipping fee, which covers all masks coming to the same address.

Visit this website to order and pay online: <https://basdmask2020.itemorder.com/> The website will close on July 26. When it is closed, the masks will be produced and sent directly to you in approximately four weeks. Proceeds go to the BAHS Alumni Association and will be used for their scholarship and awards programs.



Quarry Holes Filled With Water and Hidden Dangers

During hot weather some quarry lakes look inviting, but there many hidden dangers: deep water, cold water, submerged abandoned machinery and car wrecks, underwater ledges and recesses, hidden currents and tunnels, submerged plants, dead animals and excrement, rubbish, pollution and dangerous algae.

The greatest danger is cold water which is much colder than rivers, lakes and the sea. Many quarries are so deep that they are fed with water from underground springs or aquifers. This water originates deep within the ground, and is extremely cold. You are likely to become exhausted much more quickly than you would think. In addition to this, a sudden plunge into cold water could cause your body to go into "shock".

Source: Slate Belt Regional Police

