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The push to open schools a guaranteed to fail?

by Adrienne LaFrance, Executive editor of *The Atlantic*

In March, we were all living in 15-day increments. Working from home and distance learning, for those who had the terrible luxury of such things, would be a weeks-long affair, surreal but temporary. Fifteen days to flatten the curve. Fifteen days to slow the spread.

Scientists warned us even then that a return to normalcy would take longer, but the telescoped timeline had obvious appeal. You can put up with almost anything for just 15 days.

We bid goodbye to sleepaway camp, to live music, to distant travel, to boisterous weddings, and to



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Tips to Combat Robocalls and Scammers

Spam and scam calls are the #1 complaint to the FCC. Americans were barraged by over 58 billion scam and unwanted robocalls last year, costing them over \$10 billion.

Here's how to protect yourself:

Know the Tactics

Knowing scammers' tactics can help you avoid being

victimized. Scammers often use intimidation tactics to scare consumers into divulging sensitive information over the phone. They also love impersonating government officials. Every year, Tax Day creates another opportunity for scammers to impersonate the IRS.

Harness the Latest Tech

All major wireless providers now offer a scam identification or scam blocking service. T-Mobile recently announced that every customer gets free scam protection, just for being a customer.

The comprehensive set of solutions, called Scam Shield, protects T-Mobile, Metro by T-Mobile and Sprint customers through an aggressive campaign designed to:

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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



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Outside seating will be available. Cash bar on site available with food purchase. Pick up at hall door. Thursday is meatball subs. You can start preordering today when you call or text your order at 484-903-4556.



NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - August 16

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
State	124,460	660
Northampton	4,008	9
Monroe	1,667	4
Lehigh	5,070	11

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Roadwork August 17-22

PennDOT again sent us road work info for every county but Northampton.

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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.

Mon – Thur – Sat . . 10am – noon

Mon – Thur . . . 6pm – 8:00 pm

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

Choose from:

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

When you arrive in their lot, call the library and the bag(s) will be delivered to you

No limit on number of bags (while supplies last)

For more information, visit www.bmcl.org or Facebook . 216 S. Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl 610 863 3029



Pen Argyl Feral Cats

The Pen Argyl Feral Cat Program has resumed. If there is a colony of cats living near your home (and their left ear is NOT tipped), contact the Borough office (610-863-4119) for information about the trap neuter return program exclusively for feral cats (free vouchers provided with proof of residency).



NWS Forecast - August 17

Today

A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3pm. Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight

A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 10pm. Patchy fog after 2am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tuesday

Patchy fog before 8am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 81. West wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 59. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight.

Wednesday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 57.

Thursday

Sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Friday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Friday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Saturday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.

Saturday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Sunday

A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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Slate Belt Happenings

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 20

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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

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and sugaring. Please bring a flashlight. 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](#).

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 29

Dotta's Annual Yard Sales will Be held August 29 from 8-3

August 30

Flea Con

Flea Con will be held at Mt. Bethel Fire Sunday

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August 30 from 10am to 4pm. It's not a Comic Con and it's not a Flea Market, it's BOTH!! Join us for our first and last show(?) of 2020 at the Mt. Bethel Fire Hall Event Area, Route 611 South, Mt. Bethel.

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 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

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Where to Eat

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Slate Belt Diner

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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.

NO MORE than 10 people per table unless you are a family from the SAME household. To See menu: [Click Here](#)

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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

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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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 The Snow Angel by Glenn Beck
 The Crow's Call by Wanda E. Brunstetter
 Breakfast at Tiffany's and three stories by Truman Capote
 Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery by Jenny Colgan
 The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue
 Sweet Tea Tuesdays by Ashley Farley
 An Easy Death by Charlaine Harris
 The Jane Austen Society by Natalie Jenner
 Utopia Avenue by David Mitchell
 Oona Out of Order by Margarita Montimore
 Cajun Justice by James Patterson

Adult Non-Fiction

Door to Door by Edward Humes

Large Print Fiction

The 20th Victim by James Patterson

Easy Fiction

Antiracist Baby by Ibram Kendi
 Ghosts in the House by Kazuno Kohar
 Going Down Home with Daddy by Kelly Starling Lyons
 Jimmy's Boa Bounces Back by Trinks Hakes Noble
 The Feelings Book by Todd Parr
 Time Flies by Eric Rohmann
 Looking for a Mouse by Phyllis Root
 The Busy Little Squirrel by Nancy Tafuri
 Forest Bright, Forest Night; Forest Night Forest Bright by Jennifer Ward
 STOP! BOT! by James Yang

Junior Fiction

Bo and the Dragon-pup by Rebecca Elliott
 Hide and Seek by Sarah Mlynowski
 The List of Things that will not Change by Rebecca Stead

Young Adult Fiction

Girl, Serpent, Thorn by Melissa Bashardoust
 Artemis Fowl, The Artemis Complex by Eoin Colfer
 Artemis Fowl, The Last Guardian by Eoin Colfer

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spontaneity in general. Today, a new realization is dawning, and as the debate over schools reopening rages, we must acknowledge it plainly: We aren't going back to how it was. And we shouldn't.

"This push to open schools is guaranteed to fail," says Peter Hotez, a pediatrician and molecular virologist, and the dean for the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. I've been corresponding with Hotez, and with several epidemiologists, over the course of the pandemic, and have noticed a starkness in their views in recent weeks. "The social-distancing expectations and mask requirements for the lower grades are unrealistic," Hotez told me. "In communities with high transmission, it's inevitable that COVID-19 will enter the schools. Within two weeks of opening schools in communities with high virus transmission, teachers will become ill. All it will take is for a single teacher to become hospitalized with COVID and everything will shut down."

Hotez has good reason to be pessimistic. There were 68,605 new cases in the United States yesterday, according to data from the CDC. The 7-day average has stayed above 60,000 new cases per day since July 13. Reaching 100,000 cases per day, once seen as an apocalyptic, worst-case-scenario warning from Anthony Fauci, is no longer difficult to imagine. The evidence is all around us. There is the summer camp in Georgia where hundreds of kids and counselors—nearly half the camp—got infected after only a few days together. Then there's the school in Indiana where, just hours after reopening last week, a student tested positive for the coronavirus.

There's also the JAMA Pediatrics study that suggests that babies and young children can carry extremely high viral loads of SARS-CoV-2. The study's authors found at least as much viral material in the throats and airways of young children as in infected adults, and sometimes 100 times as much as in adults. We've long known that kids older than age 10 can efficiently transmit the virus, but this new research suggests that younger kids pose a risk of transmission to the people around them, just as older children do. The more we learn, the more likely it seems that children are highly effective vectors for transmission.

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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.

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.

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>.



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.

Clothing for Qctoberfest

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)

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.

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.

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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.

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

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

