

# Slate Belt Town Topics

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## Free Meals Today and Thursday for BASD Residents

Tuesday (May 12th) and Thursday (May 14th) from 5pm – 6pm: For those in need of a meal, Upper Mount Bethel Township, in conjunction with Rustica Artisan Catering will be providing, “Free” Ready-to-Heat Meals on a first come, first serve basis.

Tuesday’s menu is the following: Split Pea Soup, Pork Chops with Rice and Vegetables and Penne Vodka.

Thursday’s menu is the following: Ham Skillet, Baked Ziti and Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans.

If you live in Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, Washington Township, Bangor, East Bangor, Portland or Roseto you are within the Bangor School District and are invited to come by for a free meal. We do ask that you please come only if you DO need a meal rather than just picking up a free meal. If we run out some who are desperate for a meal might not get one.



**FREE MEALS**

## Community Day

Community Day at A Clean Slate will be held Monday Memorial Day from 12-2pm. Stop by and enjoy your community as they honor friends, family and community. Free refreshment.

### NEW VIRUS CASE REPORT - MAY 11

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
State	57,124	525
Northampton	2,465	12
Monroe	1,224	6
Lehigh	3,259	19

## Mount Bethel COVID Tests

Mt Bethel Pharmacy has all things covid readily available. Hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, zinc, vitamin c. And they are getting in covid testing kits to do the testing in the pharmacy. No script needed!

Call them for more info! 570-582-2027

## County Government Center

Citizens with Election-related business may enter the Northampton County Government Center, 669 Washington Street Easton, beginning May 11, 2020 through June 2 for election-related business includes registering to vote and applying for or dropping off Absentee/Mail-in ballots. The Government Center has been closed to the public since March 19th except for emergency court business.

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Whether you are buying or selling a home, finding the right Realtor is the most important step. You need a Realtor with knowledge of today's changing market; someone with integrity and service to you. We pride ourselves in all those qualities and invite you to visit us

**EXPERIENCE ... EXCELLENCE**



**Joe & Nancy Kessler**  
**Corinne Groff & Colin Kessler**  
**REALTY EXECUTIVES**  
31 W. First St. Wind Gap, PA 18091  
610-863-8444



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Anyone entering the Government Center is required to wear a mask and must submit to a temperature check at the door.

The public may enter the Northampton County Government Center for the following actions:

The courthouse will also be open for:

- Anyone who needs to post bail. This includes a bondsman or a third party surety.
- Any person and their legal representative(s) having business before the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County. (For questions as to whether you are required to appear, call Court Administration at 610-829-6700).
- Any person needing to make an application for a 'Protection from Abuse' order will continue to be admitted.
- Any person and/or their legal representative who believes, in good faith, that a statute of limitations pertaining to them may expire before the courthouse reopens to the public.

## Summer Reading Program

Readers from Kindergarten through 12th grade will explore all things magical and mystical this summer as Bangor Public Library presents "Imaging Your Story." Activities may include art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more.

The program will feature prize drawings, story times, a reading club, and more. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program.

Due to COVID 19 the library's program will be virtual. The library will provide virtual materials for families every Thursday on their social media pages as well as make and take materials for families. Reading Logs will be available and prizes will be awarded in the Fall when the library can reopen. Reading logs can be found on the library's web and social media pages. Copies will also be left out on the steps when possible.

Postings begin on Thursday, June 18 and continue every Thursday until, August 20th. Registration for "Imagine Your Story" begins now. All registration forms can be found on the library's social media pages, the web page [www.bangorlibrary.org](http://www.bangorlibrary.org) under News and Announcements. Forms can be emailed to the library at [info@bangorlibrary.org](mailto:info@bangorlibrary.org) or placed in the library's mail slot in the front door. All programs are free.



### **Hon. Leonard N. Zito**

Judge: Court of Common Pleas Northampton County (Ret.)

Wills - Estate Planning - Legal Documents - Transactions - Counselling

Civil and Criminal Court Practice

641 Market Street

Bangor, PA 18013

610-588-0700

610-691-7900

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## HELP WANTED

### **Mt. Bethel Beverage**

#3 Mt. Bethel Plaza – Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

570.897.2337



- **Part Time Day Shift**
- **Some weekends**
- **Some lifting required**
- **Apply in Person.**
- **Perfect for Retiree!**

*Must be 18 years of age or older*

## National Weather Service Forecast - May 12

### Today

Sunny, with a high near 57. West wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

### Tonight

Areas of frost after 5am. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 33. West wind 5 to 10 mph.

### Wednesday

Areas of frost before 7am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 60. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

### Wednesday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

### Thursday

A chance of showers after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 64. Light and variable wind becoming south 5 to 10 mph in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

### Thursday Night

A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

### Friday

A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 2pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

## WILDFIRE RISK TODAY

**Low relative humidity, a gusty west northwest wind and dry fine fuels will create and elevated risk for the spread of wildfires from late this morning into early this evening.**

## PA 511 Traffic Alerts

- **Delabole Rd closed from American Bangor Road to Molasses Rd** for Bridge repair until mid June, 2020.
- **Roadwork on Belvidere Road both directions** 0 miles West of DePues Ferry Road, PPL. Lane restriction.
- **Damaged roadway on Five Points - Richmond Road** in both directions between Messenger St, Bangor, Park Drive and Sunset Drive. 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 lane restrictions Friday nights 9 PM through Monday mornings at 6 am. Weeknight lane restrictions 9pm to 6am. (West bound first then East Bound)

## County COVID Testing Site

The Northampton County sponsored Covid-19 drive-thru testing site will open Tuesday May 12th from 10:00AM – 4:00PM or until supplies run out. The Coronavirus testing site is located at the main parking lot at Easton Hospital, 250 S 21st Street, Easton, PA 18042. The risk of viral transmission at a drive-thru site is much lower than at a walk-in clinic.

“We won’t be able to break the cycle of transmission until we have accurate data on who has the virus,” says Lamont McClure. “Until we have an effective treatment or a vaccine, testing and self-quarantining is the best tool we have for dealing with Covid-19. Last week, 208 Northampton County were tested ”

Only residents from Northampton County will be accepted for testing and they must show at least one of the following CDC recognized symptoms of Covid-19 to be eligible: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste and/or smell. A prescription from a doctor is not required. Although insurance is not required to be tested participants should bring a photo ID and their insurance card with them



# Yoga Classes Starting at Bangor Memorial Park

This active movement session cultivates awareness of the body, while utilizing the breath for grounding. You will flow with intention; consciously engaging the muscles to increase strength, & holding postures for several breaths to increase flexibility. The steady pace of this class balances effort & ease, making it suitable for all practitioners.

Beginning May 17th

\*Sunday's at 2:30pm

\*Tuesday's at 5:30pm

\*Thursday's at 10:30am

\*\*\*Classes are offered By Donation (\$5). If you are struggling financially, please select "Pay later". Must bring your own mat.\*\*\*

Class size is limited! Each sign up is for 1 person only, ages 12 & up.

Please arrive 10 minutes early and park your car in the lot accessible from the Broadway street entrance. The class is located in the field between this parking lot and the circle.

They will have orange cones set up to abide by social distancing guidelines. Participants are instructed to set up their yoga mats behind an available cone.

(Remember to bring your own equipment such as a yoga mat, blanket, blocks, or a strap as they will not be provided.)

They look forward to seeing you!

Sign Up Here: <https://www.facebook.com/greenleafstt/>

## Roseto Park Closed

Due to the mandates in place by Governor Wolf regarding COVID-19, "Stay at Home", six foot social distancing, social gatherings of ten or less in the red phase and 25 or less in yellow phase Roseto Borough Council at their regular monthly meeting approved the closure of the Roseto Borough Park until Northampton County is open in the "green phase" of the Governor's reopening process.

## Gap Diner Take-out

Starting Monday May 11 the Gap Diner in Wind Gap will provide take out and curbside meal delivery services.

They will be available from 11 am- 7pm with a limited menu.

Coming soon delivery and online ordering.

Please visit their website for updates and download their limited menu now available at [www.Thegapdiner.com](http://www.Thegapdiner.com).

## Weona Park Centennial

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](mailto: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.

Do you have any pictures of the kiddie Ferris Wheel, train or cars that you would be willing to share?

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.

## West Bangor Memorial Day

Based on the coding set forth by the State of Pennsylvania, Northampton County is currently in the Red Phase. Until Northampton County moves out of the Red Phase, the Annual Memorial Day services held on Monday, May 25th, 2020 in West Bangor will be canceled. This decision was made taking into consideration the health and safety of all persons involved. The program will resume in 2021.

**Advertise Your Business, Organization , Online Events**

**FREE** e-mail Us at [sbtopics@rcn.com](mailto:sbtopics@rcn.com) **FREE**

## KN95 masks for sale.

Wind Gap Community Pharmacy has KN95 masks for sale. They come either individually for \$5.50 a mask or a pack of 10 for \$55.00. Limited quantity!

They still have masks for free for the community along with free hand sanitizer.

They are located at 31 West 1st Street Wind Gap  
Monday - Friday 8:00-6:00, Saturday 8:00-1:00.  
610-881-4260.

## State PUA in full Operation

The PA Department of Labor & Industry today announced that the state's Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) system is now fully operational.

Claimants who previously filed their applications for benefits can now visit the site to complete their weekly certification and receive benefits. Over 162,000 claimants with completed applications on file were notified via email that they could now file for benefit payments.

## Takeout Food Tips

Getting takeout from your favorite restaurant for dinner? Use these tips to stay safe:

- Mobile phone order + pay online or by phone
- Accept take-out without in-person contact
- Stay 6 feet away from others
- Soap wash your hands after pickup

## Slate Belt Textile History

The Slate Belt Heritage Center's *A History of the Slate Belt Textile Industry* will be released May 23.

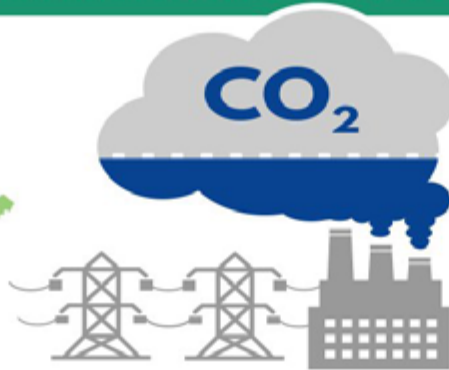
The book follows the history of 376 mills from the early 1900's to present, and highlights the people responsible for the growth of the industry.

A post May 18, will feature each of four co-authors speaking about their contributions to the book on the Heritage center's Facebook page and the Sigel Museum website.

Pre-ordered books will be available May 23, from 9-noon. Pre-orders with paid shipping will be mailed that day. Call 610-599-4993 to purchase your book.

## PA Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

RGGI is a partnership between Northeastern and mid-Atlantic states...



...Designed to cap and reduce carbon emissions from fossil fuel fired power plants.

The electricity sector is the 2nd leading source of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in PA.



Since 2005, RGGI states have significantly reduced their power sector CO<sub>2</sub> pollution.



By 2025

By 2050

Participating in RGGI will help PA reach our greenhouse gas emissions goals...

