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The Department of Homeland Security has postponed the REAL ID enforcement deadline by one year to Oct. 1, 2021, in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

Message From Pen Argyl Mayor Stephen Male

I would like to thank the residents for doing their part to help stop the spread of Covid-19. This community has a way, especially in times of crisis, to look out for others. I'm proud of the individuals who are able to assist others, while taking proper safety precautions. Borough services continue, with safety procedures in place, to avoid any disruption. We will overcome this challenge. Please take care of yourself and do your part to remain healthy.

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PA Senate Passes Several Virus Related Bills

Senator Mario Scavella (R-40) said the State Senate convened remotely today to pass several bills to keep Pennsylvania moving forward during the COVID-19 coronavirus public health emergency, including a bill to provide school mandate relief and assist schools, students and teachers.

The coronavirus response measures included:

- Senate Bill 751, which updates Pennsylvania's School Code to waive a number of mandates on schools that cannot be fulfilled under the current circumstances.
- Senate Bill 422, which postpones Pennsylvania's primary election from April 28 to June 2.
- House Bill 68, which provides for emergency changes to the state's Unemployment Compensation law in response to COVID-19.
- House Bill 1232, which provides additional funding to healthcare facilities to purchase medical supplies and equipment and extends the deadline for certain state and local income tax payments and filings.
- Senate Bill 751 would waive the requirement that all public schools must be open at least 180 days per school year. The bill gives the Secretary of Education the authority to waive similar restrictions for career and technical schools and pre-kindergarten instruction. The bill would also give the Secretary of Education authorization to increase the number of flexible instruction days that may be used by a school district and waive other requirements for educator preparation programs and assessment exams for career and technical students. It also guarantees that teachers will receive the same compensation they would have received if the pandemic had not occurred.

Daisy Family Restaurant

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SBRPD Needs Sanitizing Products

Slate Belt Regional Police Department need s disinfecting wipes (Clorox type). Their officers are out performing their jobs, dealing with our neighbors and friends where help is needed; all while attempting to keep themselves and their own families safe during these unusual times. If you should have a container of antiseptic wipes that you would be willing to donate, we would be ever so grateful. Just one container, we aren't asking you to deplete your supply, just one container from a few people would tide us over until the stores are resupplied again. They are wiping down cars, duty belts, radios, pretty much everything... constantly...for your protection and ours. Call 610.759.8517 (Please DO NOT call 9-1-1

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Main Street Market Hours

Main Street Market in Bangor will be allowing anyone 60 and over and anyone with compromised health to shop in our store from 9am to 10am only. After that the store will be open to all public from 10 to 6pm Sunday through Saturday.

Thank you,

Duane and Nichole Smith



SERVICE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT



In an effort to ensure continuity of your essential collection services, Waste Management is temporarily suspending bulk collection pickups effective Monday, March 30th.

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Main Street Market

Open 9 am - 6 pm, 7 days a week, effective Thursday, March 19 From 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. they will hold special shopping hours for shoppers 65 and over, the immune compromised as well as pregnant women.

Weona Park

Weona Park is closed to all practices of any athletic teams.

Equipment and pavilions will not be sanitized.
It is strongly advised that you do not utilize the park until further notice.

Pen Argyl Borough

Pen Argyl Borough office staff will be conducting business but there will be no face to face interactions. If you have general business with the Borough, please call 610-863-4119 or email the department you might need:

secretary@penargylborough.com (general matters, sewer billing questions and final sale certifications).
admin@penargylborough.com (general matters, feral cat questions and rental registrations).
manager@penargylborough.com (all of the above and any other questions you might have regarding the Borough.)

Waste Management

Please bag all trash and place in your trash can or Toter. Please do not leave any trash items loose in these containers.

Recycling should be loose. They can't collect bagged

BASD Student meals available via curbside pickup between 10:00 am and 12:00 p.m. Not on weekends. e-mailed orders through meals@bangorsd.org by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to pick up.

Slate Belt Senior Center Open M-F 11-12:30 For Meal Service On

Portland Borough Playground - closed

Public Libraries - closed through March 29

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - No Lenten Dinner 3/25. Trivia Night ppd to 4/25.

recycling since plastic bags tangle the machines.

School Assessments & Keystone Exams

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has announced the Pennsylvania System of School Assessments and Keystone Exams will be canceled this year because of the coronavirus that has forced schools to close for at least two weeks.

Document Shredding:

April 4th :CANCELLED

May 2nd :CANCELLED

Electronics Recycling:

April 18th :CANCELLED

April 25th :CANCELLED

May 9th :CANCELLED

Tentative Events:

These events will be confirmed as the dates approach

May 16th : Household Hazardous Waste

June 13th : Electronics Recycling

Bangor Womens Club April Activities

April 8 Pinochle Cancelled.

April 16 Card Party Cancelled.

April 21 Club meeting Cancelled.

April 24 Bridge Marathon Cancelled.

St. Peter's Lutheran - No services for two weeks.

HUB Teen Center - closed until further notice

Wind Gap Borough Office - Closed 3/16-3/27

Roseto Helping Hands - Bring-A-Friend Bingo ppd to April 19 at Roseto legion.

St. Luke's Coronavirus hotline - at 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537), option 7 or email us at coronavirus@sluhn.org

CVS - Free Delivery Service

Attention UMBT Residents - "It has been determined by the CDC that the virus can remain viable for hours to days on some waste materials. Advanced Disposal requires all waste be bagged in 32-gallon bags. Loose trash will not be picked up. For containers, all trash must be bagged in the container. Recycling must remain loose in containers. Effective March 30th no loose trash will be accepted.

"Bangor Memorial Park equipment and facilities are not able to be disinfected. Residents are advised not to use park facilities. Thank you for your cooperation as we all work to reduce the impact of this virus" - *Brook Kerzner, Bangor Mayor*

Napoli Pizza (610) 588-1455. 444 S 1st St, Bangor. Open for pick up & delivery.

Slate Belt Diner - open for take out. 610-452-9205, 370 Blue Valley Drive.

Plainfield Township - outdoor facilities remain open, however, Plainfield personnel can't sanitize the apparatus and playground equipment. They ask you to use common sense when bringing children to their facilities and not congregating in groups of five (5) or more as per the Centers for Disease Control Guidance.

Pennsylvania Tax Day Delayed

Pennsylvania has now followed the federal government in extending Tax day deadlines.

Washington Twsp Open Burning

Due to the Federal, State and County Disaster Declarations in place Washington Twp Fire Co. will restrict open burning to rainy days only with permission. Thank you for your understanding.

East Bangor Fire Co. Needs

Due to the COVID-19 Virus the East Bangor Vol Fire Company is asking residents and business for items they need of to keep their crews safe. Items include:

Hand Sanitizer, Lysol spray, Tyvek suits, Lysol/Clorox wipes, Isopropyl Alcohol(rubbing alcohol) minimum 91%, Pure Aloe Vera gel, and Masks.

Call 610-462-1132 to make donation. Any help is appreciated! The Fire Co. can pick it up.

PASD School Meals

Students and parents are welcome to pick up meals by entering the bus loop located in the front of the Wind Gap Middle School between the hours of 11:30-1:00. The distribution will be curbside. No admittance to the building is permitted.

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National Weather Service Forecast

Today - Scattered showers before 8am. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 62. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Tonight - Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. North wind around 5 mph.

Saturday - Rain, mainly after 11am. High near 47. East wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Saturday Night - Rain. Low around 43. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible

PA 511 Traffic Alerts - 7:00am Today

- **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.



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- Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking or running (if they maintain social distancing)
- To perform work providing essential products and services at a life-sustaining business
- To care for a family member or pet in another household
- Any travel related to the provision of or access to the above-mentioned individual activities or life-sustaining business activities
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No Commuter Service To NYC

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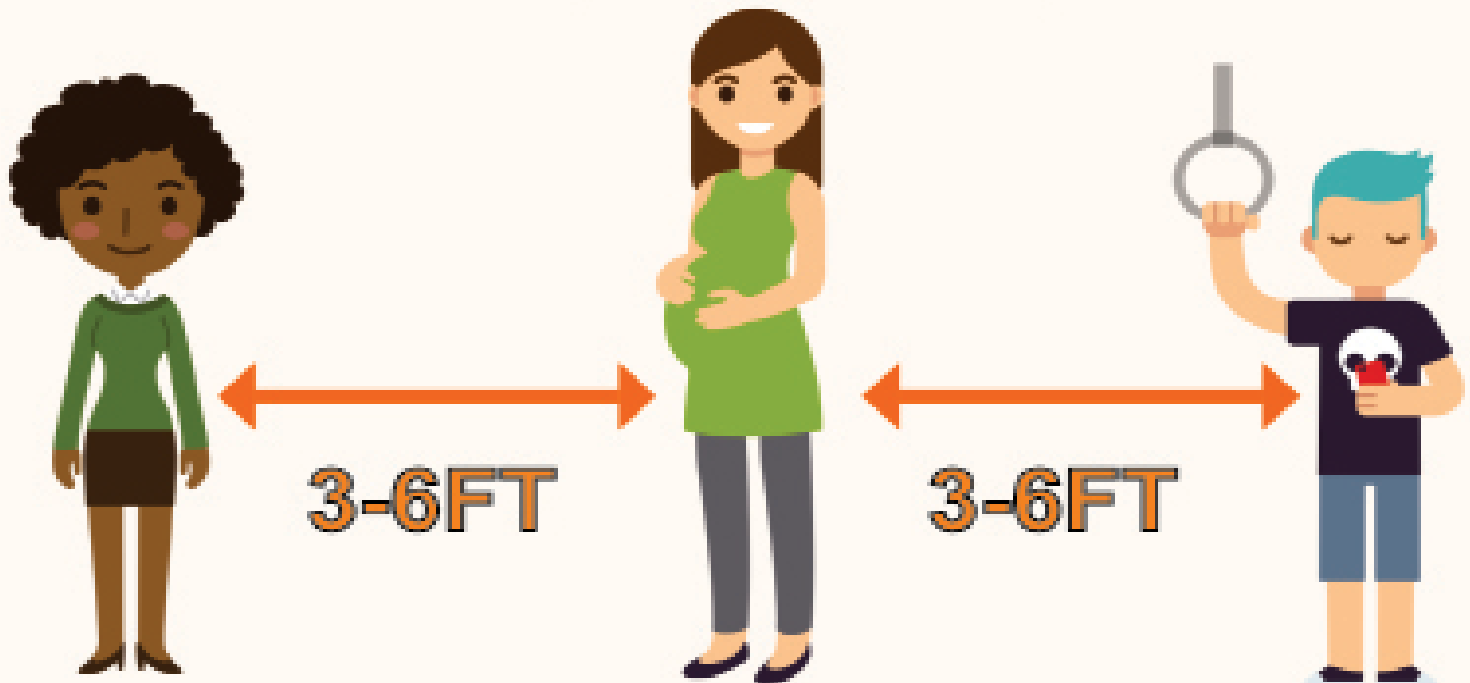
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Public Service Announcements

Home Heating Assistance

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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.

Free Screenings For Seniors

The Slate Belt Senior Center in will be hosting FREE health screening for seniors in the Slate Belt Area. Screenings will be led by nursing students under the guidance of their professors.

Screenings of blood pressures, medication education related to diabetes heart disease and overall health concerns.

All interested seniors are welcome during the hours of 9:00am-11:00am. Dates: 4/14,4/16,4/23, 4/28,4/30, 5/5,5/7,5/19,5/21

Lunch With The Author

The Blue Mountain Community Library will hold their fifth annual Author Luncheon Thursday, April 30 at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave with local author, Karen Katchur. She will discuss her latest Novel, "Cold Woods," a gripping and suspenseful story spanning 30 years, that interweaves the past and the present with an unexpected finish. Copies available to purchase.

Luncheon at 12:00pm (Doors 11:30 am), soup, sandwich desserts and beverages. Tickets \$12 each in advance, purchased at the Library, located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA March 16 through April 18. No tickets available at the door. Hours are M-Sa, 10:00 am to Noon and M-Th, 6:00-8:00 pm. Call Lisa at 610-863-3029 for information or visit www.bmcl.org.

Support Group For Vets & First Responders

A new confidential support group for veterans and first responders is available at A Clean Slate on the corner of Broadway and First St. (Rt. 191) in Bangor.

The group meets the third Monday of the month from 7pm to 8pm. It is free.

A professional counselor will facilitate the group. All are welcome. No sign-up is needed. Call 610-452-9348 for more info.

Weona Calendars Available

After many months of hard work, the 100th Anniversary of Weona Park 2020 Calendar is completed. Put together by Walter Cole, former History teacher at Pen Argyl High School and member of the Slate Belt Heritage Center, it features pictures, past and present, of the park and events that took place there, as well as in early Pen Argyl.

This Limited-Edition Calendar is now available to purchase at a cost of \$15.00, cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to "Pen Argyl Borough". The Calendar is on display at the Blue Mt. Community Library, 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. To purchase or for more information, call Walt Cole at 610-863-6472.

Public Service Announcements

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.

Donations for 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.

"Weona 100" Requests

Pen Argyl Borough requests volunteers, personal stories from Community for "Weona 100." A joint committee of borough officials and residents are planning a weekend of "Weona 100" festivities and activities on June 19-20, 2020. For more information about the Weona Park 100th Anniversary plans, contact Roberta Cowley at 484-695-2994 or email Weona100@gmail.com.

Heritage Center Monthly Schedule

Thursdays: April 16th @ 7:00 PM: "Textile Book Reveal & Signing" by Committee. May 14th @ 7:00 PM: "Garment – Textile Book Process" by Committee. June 18th @ 7:00 PM: Preservation Awards by Karen Brewer. July 9th @ 7:00 PM: 100th "Anniversary of Weona Park" by Walter Cole. August 13th @ 7:00 PM: "Anniversary of V-J Day" by Russ Stout. September 19th @ 7:00 PM: "1936 Slate Centennial Parade Video". October 8th @ 7:00 PM: Haunted Heritage Program Sundays: November 8th @ 2:00 PM: "Pearl Harbor Remembered" by Jim Paynter. December 13th @ 2:00 PM: "Great Slate Belt Trivia Contest" by Marc Blau

Restaurant Week

Coming this July 5-12! the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is asking the participating restaurants to pick a local business that will offer a discount. This will expand restaurant week to include retail stores. When you visit a restaurant during restaurant week, save your receipt and visit that participating retailer, show your receipt to receive a discount. If interested in participating in restaurant week call the office. Their display racks are getting a bit low with your business cards and flyers. Stop by today and update your information.

Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Quoit Tournament

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce will hold a Scholarship Quoit Tournament Saturday, May 9, 100% of proceeds benefit the SBCC Scholarship Fund

Sponsor Opportunities for the following: First Beer Sponsor, \$100, Food Sponsor, \$100, Brewery Tasting Sponsor, \$150, Winery Tasting Sponsor, \$150, Prize Sponsors, \$150, Quoit Sponsor, \$50 Tricky Tray Item Donations are also needed.

For any sponsorship your company name will be listed on the sponsored items as well as in the program and announced throughout the event.

Coed Quoit Tournament will be held at the Bangor Elks Lodge #1106, 120 Broadway Bangor. Doors open @ 11:30, draw @ 12:45, start @ 1 pm. Cash prizes for top 3 teams. To register to pitch contact Jody at 610-657-8554 or the Chamber at 610-588-1000. \$20 per player.

Public Service Announcements

Fishing Rods and Tackle Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fishing poles and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Absentee Ballot Info

The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is 5 p.m. the Tuesday before the election, which is April 21. The completed ballot must be received via mail, or dropped off in person at your county elections office, by 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 28.

The last day for county election boards to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 p.m. April 27) is a week after the election, May 5.

Also under the new law, voters who have a permanent disability may ask to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list. Voters on this list will have an absentee ballot application mailed to them by the first Monday in February each year. If you complete and return the application, the county will send you ballots in the mail for all the elections that take place that year, as well as for any special election held through the third Monday in February of the next year.

Textile Artifacts Wanted

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will be display Exhibits on the textile industry in the Slate Belt, beginning in April. Samples of Textile Clothing, Pictures, Objects and other Textile related Artifacts from the Pen Argyl, or Wind Gap area will be put on display. Please call Walter Cole at 610-863-6472 if you are able to loan any items to the SBHC .

Womens Club Scholarships

The Bangor Womens Club GFWC will be accepting applications for their 2020 Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. Senior students from Bangor High School and Faith Christian School are eligible to apply.

The applications will be available in the school guidance offices. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2020.