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WIND GAP BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL - First Monday and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION – First Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Based upon Plan Submissions and Reviews.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – First Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Based upon a Variance Application Submission.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE COMMISSION – The Commission is comprised of a primary representative and an alternate representative from each member municipality (Wind Gap Borough, Pen Argyl Borough, and Plainfield Township). Councilman David Hess is currently the primary representative and George Hinton is the alternate representative.



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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

On Saturday January 1, 2022, I began my term as Mayor of Wind Gap Borough. It is a tremendous honor to serve the Wind Gap community. As Mayor, my goal is to be a positive voice and advocate for our town at the local, county, and state levels. Growing up in Wind Gap, I have seen and experienced the great potential of our small town.

I have lived in Wind Gap for most of my life; I still remember living in my childhood home on Alpha Avenue biking throughout the neighborhood and spending my summers at Wind Gap Park. I am a 2013 graduate of Pen Argyl High School. I hold degrees from Northampton Community College, Dickinson College, and most recently, DeSales University, having completed my Master of Business Administration with a concentration in continuous improvement and Lean Six Sigma. Professionally, for my full-time job, I'm currently the Strategic Business Insights Analyst at The GIANT Company, based out of Carlisle, PA. I have been fortunate enough to work for the same company since I started working at the local GIANT as a cart pusher when I was 16.

For me, community engagement is essential to the overall success of our Borough. There are many events throughout the year where we come together as a community to celebrate and enjoy time with neighbors, family, and friends. These events include the annual Fire Company Carnival, Summer Sounds Concert series, vendor fairs, and other gatherings hosted throughout our Borough. I look forward to going to these community events to meet and connect with all of you.

I am looking forward to the months ahead of getting to know you better and hearing your ideas, questions, and concerns as residents of this great Borough. Together, we can continue to grow as a community and maintain our tradition of being a "small town" and a great place to live.

All the best,

Wesley J. Smith



2022 SCHEDULED STREET PROJECTS

Street Sweeping – Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 13, 2022.

On behalf of the member municipalities, the Slate Belt Council of Governments (COG) applied for and was the recipient of a grant to purchase a Street Sweeper to be shared among the members. The cost of renting the Slate Belt COG Street sweeper is only \$100 per day. This minimal cost will be used to offset any maintenance and repairs to the equipment. In prior years, Wind Gap would hire a street sweeper at a rate \$100 to \$125 per hour. Although using the shared street sweeper requires each municipality to provide their own employees to run the sweeper, having access to the equipment throughout the year allows the borough to rent it for a single day for specific projects or clean-up.

Lincoln Street Storm Sewer and Road Resurfacing Project

Mechanic Street Paving and Handicap Ramp Project

The Street Department will be replacing the inlet boxes and storm sewer pipes on Lincoln Street. Upon completion, Lincoln Street will be paved and new street signs will be erected.

West Mechanic Street will be repaired, paved and handicap ramps will be installed.

The County of Northampton, Department of Community and Economic Development awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of **\$70,000** for the Lincoln Street Project an additional **\$65,000** for the Mechanic Street Project.

Pennsylvania American Water Company Projects

PA American Water has scheduled a Water Main Replacement project on West West Street from South Broadway west to Taft Street.

The second project scheduled in the Wind Gap will be a Water Main Replacement project on Lower Alpha Road from the intersection of S.R. 512 to East West Street.





SEWER SERVICE 2022 RATE INCREASE



Dear Valued Municipal Sewer Authority Customer:

Do you pay sewer rental fees to the Wind Gap Municipal Authority for sewer service? We appreciate serving you as a sewer service customer!

The plague of harsh economic times is driving up expenses for everyone, including the Authority. The 3rd quarter's (July of 2022) WGMA sewer service billings will reflect a substantial service rate increase. The last time the Board increased sewer rates was in 2018. We understand that any increase in sewer rates will unequivocally affect our customers. A significant portion of the rate increase directly results from elevated energy prices and the cost of supplies and chemicals as documented in the All-Cities Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor (BLI). The Sewer Authority is dedicated to providing excellent Wastewater Treatment services to the residents of Wind Gap and its neighboring communities.

- ❖ Wastewater treatment is an essential operation that uses biochemical transformations to remove the organic matter to protect the environment. The first of the process is the removal of soluble organic matter, composed of dissolved carbon compounds such as detergents, greases, and body wastes, which make up much of the biological content of the sewage. The second step is to digest and stabilize insoluble organic matter; sewage solids, such as body wastes and food particles, make up the remainder of the biological content. The final step is to remove soluble inorganic matter such as nitrogen and phosphorus to protect the waterway and prevent algae blooms from forming
- ❖ More info: <https://www.dep.pa.gov>

Public Meeting Dates:

- January 26, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- February 23, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 23, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- June 22, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- July 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- August 24, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- September 28, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- October 26, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- November 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- December 28, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF'S MESSAGE

2021 seemed to be a continuation of 2020 for the Police Department. As the world continued to grapple with the pandemic, public service across the country felt an impact in staffing, and services, to their individual communities. Slate Belt Regional Police Department was no different in this respect. A total of four (4) Officers contracted Covid-19. Additional Officers faced exposure from family members contracting the virus. Having to balance availability of service to the community with an ever-changing roster was a challenge; however, the Officers exceeded my expectations and fulfilled their responsibility to the communities that we serve.



As part of my promotion to the position of Chief of Police, the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission invested in my education. The Commission mandated that I complete the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command course. This was a five (5) month on-line commitment. The course covered personnel allocation, technology advancement, budget, training and liability, Constitutional law as well as a host of other law enforcement topics related to Administration. This was an undertaking the likes of which I have never been exposed to and it would not have been possible without the support of the Commission, my Administrative Assistant and the Officers within the Department.

Moving forward into 2022, the Department enters its third year of our Accreditation cycle. The program is now under the control of the Department's newly assigned Accreditation Manager. We are looking to hire two (2) additional full-time Officers to add to the roster, as well as "breathe new life" into the Department's MCSAP program. Additionally, the Commission is considering adding a K9 unit to help assist in the drug investigations.

In closing, 2021 continued to be a difficult year for everyone, both the public and law enforcement. I am deeply optimistic that last year laid the groundwork for 2022 being an exciting year for our communities and the Police Department. As always, I want to thank the Commission, my Officers and the communities for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police. It is an honor that I do not take for granted and I look forward to serving in 2022.

Jonathon M. Hoadley

Chief of Police

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JULY 8TH, 9TH, & 10TH
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June 17-19, 2022 | Northampton District | Wind Gap Park

Schedule

Wind Gap Borough, an Appalachian Trail Community, is joining the Northampton District of Minsi Trails Council to host the Trail to Town Camporee. This event is designed to highlight the Appalachian Trail while offering outstanding scouting activities to its participants. On Saturday, Minsi Trails will host a recruiting event and invite Cub Pack Units to join the fun from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at no cost.

Date	Time	Activities
June 17	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Registration/Check-in
	10:00 p.m.	Lights Out
June 18	6:30-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Scout Skills/Hiking on AT/ Fireman's Competition
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch
	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Scout Skills/Return to Wind Gap Park
	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Recruiting Event/Cheer on AT Hikers/ Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Camp Wide Activity
June 19	10:00 p.m.	Lights Out
	7:00 a.m.	Reveille
	7:15-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Clean-up
	9:30 a.m.	Scout's Own Service/Closing Ceremony
	10:00 a.m.	Campsite Inspection/Units Depart

<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/northampton-district-trail-to-town-camporee/>

Please Save the Date! Grand Central Landfill Open House and Community Safety Day May 21, 2022 :: 11 AM-2 PM

Grand Central Landfill welcomes residents of the Slate Belt at its Open House and Community Safety Day, with a focus on sustainability through recycling, waste diversion and environmental stewardship!

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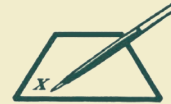
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