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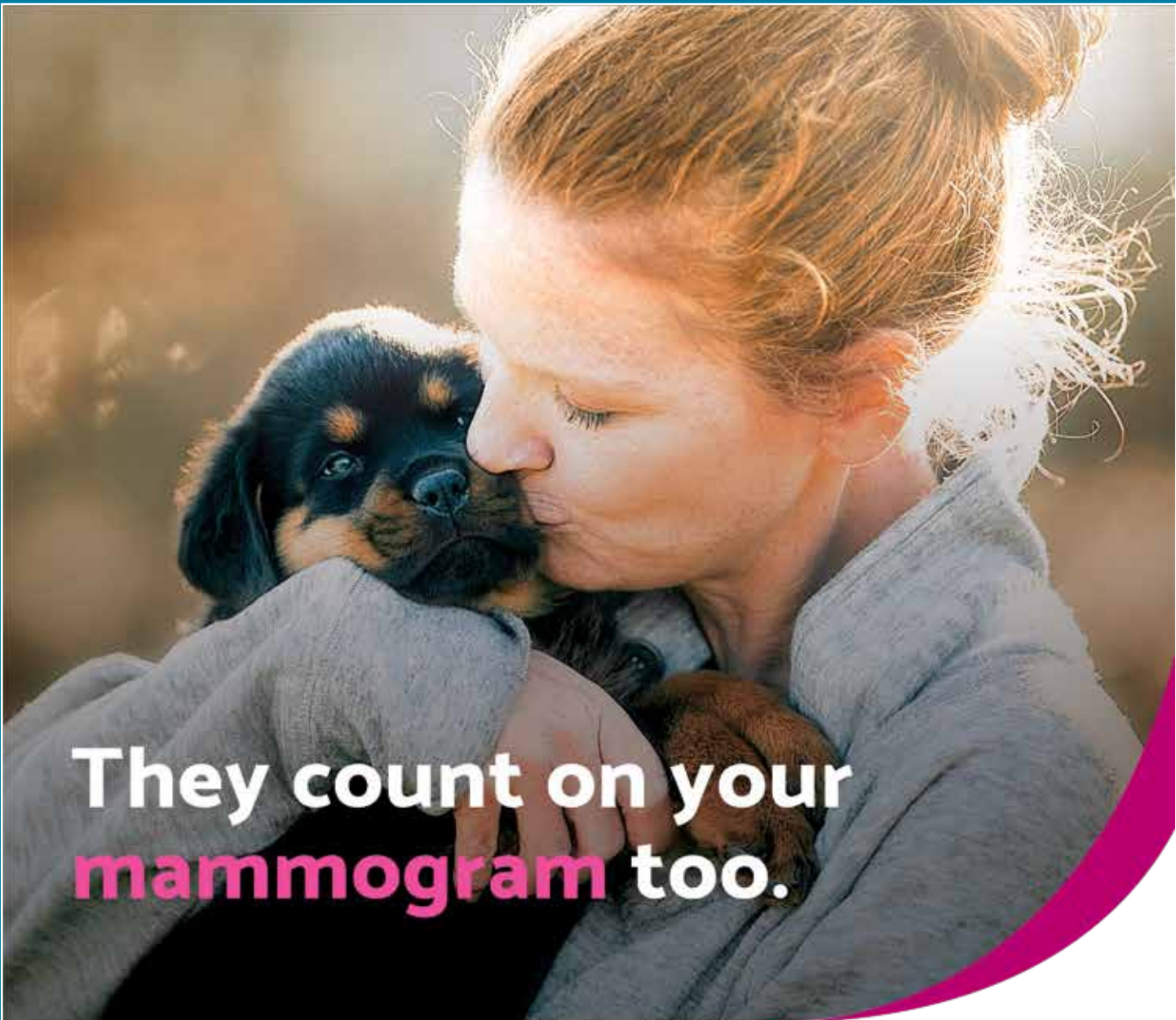
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Wind Gap Borough

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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.

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

JULY 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH

Participation Is at Your Own Risk - CDC Guidelines Must Be Followed



These are Sales for residential purposes related to the household in the Borough wherein the Sale is being conducted and not for Commercial purposes. The Sales are restricted in length to forty-eight (48) hours (2 consecutive calendar days). **The Sale will then be deemed a Transient Retail Business (\$25 per Day).**

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

2022 posed significant challenges such as the rising costs seen across all industries and supply chain issues in gathering materials for projects. I'm pleased to announce that through it all, we maintained our operations and successfully passed a budget in December with no tax increase in the Borough property tax.

As we head into spring and soon after, summer, we are working on several different priorities throughout the Borough. We are aggressively looking for grant opportunities when it comes to initiatives in improvements at Wind Gap Park, traffic management, and repairing the bridge that leads into the Wind Gap Plaza shopping center. We are being proactive in addressing these issues and having conversations with our partners now to come up with sustainable solutions.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2023. Like in years past, Wind Gap will be hosting several different community events such as our Easter Egg Hunt, the Summer Sounds Concert Series, and the Boy Scout Jamboree. In addition, our entire community looks forward to the annual Wind Gap Fire Company Carnival at Wind Gap Park, later this summer. I look forward to seeing you throughout the Borough at the various community events planned through the next several months.

If you have any ideas to keep moving the Borough forward, or questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Borough through our Facebook page or by calling the office.

I'm excited about our future and where we are headed as a Borough in the months and years to come.

Take care,

Wesley J. Smith



WIND GAP BOROUGH PARK SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES 2023



Sunday, June 18
MAIN STREET CRUISERS

Sunday, July 2
TIME WHYS

Sunday, July 16
STEEL CREEK

Sunday, July 30
JOEY AND THE T-BIRDS

Sunday, August 13
NEW INDIVIDUALS

Sunday, August 27
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Trail to Town Camporee

June 16-18, 2023 | 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 navigation and hiking skills. New this year is the Webelos/AOL program and orienteering merit badge.



Date	Time	Activities
June 16	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Registration/Check-in
	6:00 p.m.	Orienteering Merit Badge Program
	10:00 p.m.	Lights Out
June 17	6:30-7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Trail to Town Hike/Hiking on AT
	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/Free Dinner/Dunkin' Cruiser/Ice Cream
	7:30 p.m.	P.T. Reptile Program
	10:00 p.m.	Lights Out
June 18	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

Trail to Town Offers Three Different Camper Experiences

Webelos/AOL Camper – Webelos will participate in a schedule of advancement and fun. Webelos will participate in a 5 mile Trail to Town hike and work on Webelos Walkabout, Webelos First Responder, AOL-Outdoor Adventure, and AOL-Scouting Adventure.

Base Camper – Base Campers will develop basic scout skills and participate in a 5 mile Trail to Town hike. Base campers will have the opportunity to develop first-aid, navigation, and nature skills to fulfill rank requirements for tenderfoot, second class and first class. Base Campers first class or higher will volunteer as Youth Instructors for Webelos and Base Campers, teaching basic scout skills.

Backpackers – Backpackers will participate in a backpacking experience, geared for first class scouts and higher. Backpackers prepare breakfast, break down camp, load their packs and board a bus that will transport them to Fox Gap. They will spend the day on the AT hiking from Fox Gap to Wind Gap. The 10 mile Trail to Town hike will return to Wind Gap Park after about 6 hours on the trail.

Registration Open Until June 9, 2023

Cost – \$5 per person. Registration fee includes use of facility, patch, awards, entertainment & transportation.

Contact Information – Joe Kondisko | Camporee Director | trailtotowncamporee@gmail.com

Adult Leadership – Leadership is essential to camporee success. Each unit must provide a supporting adult leader to programs they have participating scouts. Webelos must attend as a den with leaders from your pack.

Registration – Units register through the Minsi Trails Doubleknot registration system. Use this link to register:

<http://www.minsitrails.org/event/northampton-district-trail-to-town-camporee/2841560>

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Municipal Host Agreement Monetary
Support (Plainfield/Pen Argyl/Wind Gap)
= **\$4,155,102**

Average savings per household in 2022

Plainfield Township: **\$1,018***

Pen Argyl Borough (free trash/recycling):
\$1,166

Wind Gap Borough (free trash/recycling): **\$857**



Renewable Energy generated by the landfill provided enough biogas to **power 5,000 homes** in 2022 and helped the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation **award \$100,000** in grants and scholarships to **18 students & organizations** within the Pen Argyl Area School District

WM of PA EITC Donations **\$2.9 Million** to **151**
Approved Education and Scholarship Organizations

**Charitable
Donations
throughout
the Slate Belt =
\$150,000+**

Maintained **Gold** Status of 200+
acres of Wildlife Habitat & Banded
151 American Kestrels & Songbirds



34 employees
volunteered more
than **200** hours
in 2022



Educated **2,300**
community members
at **12** waste &
recycling educational
events



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\$156,000 voluntarily contributed to
Northampton County Recycling &
Sustainability Fund to offset the costs
for electronic, recycling and household
hazardous waste events along with
education programs and initiatives.

**this average represents funds provided to the municipality divided by the number of households*



Upcoming Events!

June 20, 2023

Talking Trash with Joe and Adrienne Tour

5 PM

July 1, 2023

Butterfly and Bird Walk

11AM

August 15, 2023

Sustainability Tour

5:30 PM

September 30, 2023

Chili Cookoff & Sustainability Tours

11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM

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POLICE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF'S MESSAGE

2022 brought its challenges to the Slate Belt Regional Police Department. As with many Departments both across the Commonwealth, and nationally, staffing has been a great concern. The Slate Belt Regional Police Department prides itself on providing professional Police services to Pen Argyl Borough, Wind Gap Borough and Plainfield Township. In order to perform these vital functions, adequate staffing is needed. Unfortunately, it has been challenging to attract new applicants due to the current climate in our Country. However, we were fortunate to hire three (3) new Officers this year: Officer Nicholas Melick, Officer Christian Berrigan and Officer Christopher Warning. They have been doing a phenomenal job and I look forward to watching them advance in their individual careers.



In 2022, the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission approved a K-9 policy, which provides the foundation to begin this program. We received, and continue to receive, donations from multiple businesses, and residents, to support the K-9 project. Officer Joshua Lowe has been designated as the K-9 handler and will begin his training in March of 2023. I am extremely excited to have this program come to fruition, as I believe the community will see the benefits of having an additional tool in both drug deterrence and detection.

2022 brought the Department to its last year of our Accreditation cycle. Officer Douglas Possinger was given the responsibility of managing the program as the Department's new Accreditation Manager. This took place January of 2022 and he dedicated himself to learning how the Accreditation program functions, which led to a successful Accreditation assessment in 2023. The Department earned its re-accreditation for an additional three (3) years. This could not have been done without the hard work of every Officer, including my Administrative Assistant Pat Stonaker, with the support of the Slate Belt Regional Police Commission!

We continue to look forward to many years of service and I wish to thank you for your continued support in 2023.

Jonathon M. Hoadley, Chief of Police

2023 STREET SWEEPING

Street Sweeping – Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12, 2023.

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.

Pennsylvania American Water Company

In 2022 Pennsylvania American Water Company completed painting all fire hydrants within borough limits to a uniform traditional bright red color. Currently, Wind Gap Borough "rents" 59 fire hydrants at a cost of \$1,074.56 per month or \$12,894.72 annually from PA American Water Co.

BOROUGH PROJECT FUNDING

WELCOME SIGN

Funding for the Welcome Sign was provided by The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and Community Action of the Lehigh Valley – Slate Belt Rising.



WIND GAP PARK WALKING TRAIL

Wind Gap Park Walking Trail has been a major project that continues to improve and expand through tremendous cooperation of generous partners.



2020 Northampton County Livable Landscape Grant	\$79,303
2021 Northampton County Livable Landscape Grant	\$75,000
2019 Northampton County.....	\$25,000
Dept. of Community & Economic Development	
Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP)	
2020 Community Action of the Lehigh Valley – Slate Belt Rising.....	\$18,993
2021 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Mini-Grant.....	\$6,800
(Interpretive Signage Along the Park Trail)	
2021 Lehigh Valley Greenways Conservation Mini-Grant.....	\$9,600
(Rain Gardens)	
2019 Green Knight Economic Development Grant.....	\$3,000
LSA Statewide Program – Award Announcement March 16.....	\$375,000



PICKLEBALL COURTS / TENNIS COURTS

Funding for the Recreation Courts – Tennis Courts and the new Pickleball Courts was provided by Community Action of the Lehigh Valley – Slate Belt Rising and a grant from Green Knight Economic Development Corporation.

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