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WIND GAP BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL - First Monday and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING through June 30, 2021.

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 Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. is the alternate representative.

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June 26th
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2021 SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES

WIND GAP PARK

6/13 Steel Creek Band
Country Music

7/11 New Individuals
Favorite oldies from 60's & 70's

7/25 Desire
Playing oldies music of the 50's-70's

8/8 Jesse Wade Gang
Hard-hitting, rockin', country blues tribute band

8/22 The Comfort Band
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WEONA PARK

6/20 Large Flower Heads
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7/18 Philadelphia Funk Authority
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8/1 Desire
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8/15 Inch and the Echoes
Playing Oldies music of the 50's-70's

All concerts are free, begin at 6 P.M. at Wind Gap or Weona Park Band shells, as noted.

ALL COVID GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED. MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE FOLLOWED. PLEASE CHECK THROUGHOUT THE SEASON IN CASE GUIDELINES CHANGE. CONCERTS MAY BE CANCELED IF REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS.

Senator Scavello is once again joining Wind Gap Borough, an Appalachian Trail Community (ATC),to host:

ATC Trail to Town Family Jamboree

WIND GAP PARK ON THIRD AVENUE
SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021
NOON – 3:00 P.M.

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Trail to Town Camporee

June 18-20, 2021 | Northampton District | Wind Gap Park

Wind Gap Borough, an Appalachian Trail Community, is joining Pennsylvania Senator Scavello, Slate Belt Rising, and Troop 34 to host the Trail to Town Camporee. This event is designed to highlight the Appalachian Trail while offering outstanding scouting activities to its participants. Community organizations will also be on hand exhibiting and sharing their available services and resources.

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Wind Gap Fire Co. Band, 1930's

100 Anniversary

1921-2021

On March 28, 1921, 50 townsmen volunteered to serve as the Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Co.

In 1925, The fire company established a 25-member charter ladies auxiliary and a 22-member band.

In 1943, the town had 50 active volunteers, and 39 auxiliary fire people, 103 ladies auxiliary members.

In 1967, The Fire Company was composed of 75 active fire fighters in addition to many social members.

In 1968, The Ladies Auxiliary had 232 members on the roster.

In 1993, The Wind Gap Fire Company had 35 Active, 15 Social, and 25 Honorary Members. The Ladies Auxiliary reported a membership of approximately 90, but a small active minority.

In 2021, The Wind Gap Fire Company has 28 Active, 6 Junior, 3 Social and 5 Life Members.

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Good Neighbor Highlights 2020

Grand Central team members are your neighbors, your friends and family members all working together to protect the environment. Our community is important to us and in 2020 we partnered with many great organizations.

In partnership with the Slate Belt YMCA, Wind Gap Fire Company, Scorecard, Slate Belt Rising and others, 7,200 meals and 1,300 boxes of produce were distributed throughout the 2020 summer.

Families First of Pen Argyl, Pen Argyl High School, Nestle Waters and WM teamed up in November 2020 to distribute over 15,000 food items to 100 families.

Friends of Minsi Lake and Grand Central were recognized by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and awarded the Northeast PA Partnership Awards.

Grand Central distributed more than $25,000 in Education Improvement Tax Credit funds to community partners throughout the Lehigh Valley and Slate Belt.

Community partners DCNR, Doug Burton, Bill Grant, Rick Wiltraut and others joined Grand Central to host several bird and butterfly walks in 2020.

More than 75 volunteer firefighters joined WM for an annual safety night. The volunteers learned about the landfill and CNG trucks.

WIND GAP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY 1921 – 2021

1921-2021

Prior to late November of 1920, Wind Gap Borough did not have an organized chartered fire company. There was, however, an organization of local business people, Board of Trade, who realized the need for a firefighting unit. A public meeting was held November 8, 1920, resulting in 50 townsmen volunteering to serve. On March 28, 1921, the Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Company was officially chartered. O.A. Greenzweig was named chief, R. B. Lewis and Chester Dennis assistants.

The first piece of apparatus obtained was an Oldsmobile Touring Chassis, and a one horse drawn vehicle that was mounted on the chassis, purchased by the Borough from an Easton Fire Company. This equipment, although used for a time, proved to be inadequate. In December of 1925, the Borough bought a new Hahn Truck, equipped with a 400-gallon pump, and two 35-gallon chemical tanks, at a cost of $6,500. This vehicle was still in use when the town celebrated its fiftieth birthday in 1943. In addition to the truck, the company also obtained an alarm system at a cost of $800.

The existing fire company building was not large enough to hold the new equipment, and in 1927 a new building was erected at a cost of nearly $7,000. The membership was quite proud of their achievement in that most of the required money had come from the fire company and auxiliary groups at no cost to the tax payers.

In ensuing years, the company obtained a 1947 Hahn Fire Truck and a GMC Truck. A newer vehicle was purchased in 1963, equipped with a 750 GPM Pump, and via radio, was in contact with the Blue Mountain Control Center.

The additional apparatus required larger quarters. In 1964, a borough building was constructed on Water Street enabling the fire company to put all of their equipment under one roof.

In 2015, Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Company moved into the Borough Municipal Complex at 545 East West Street. The building houses the officer quarters, a conference room, and a crew room on the second floor. The garage houses all the firefighting vehicles and apparatus. The decision to move the ambulance and fire company under one roof aided in the cohesiveness of the team of the Borough's emergency responders.

In 2017, Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Company broke ground for their Social Hall at 111 North Broadway. As was the case in 1927, the membership was quite proud of their achievement because no taxpayer funds were used for the construction of the hall. The tremendous fundraising efforts of the volunteers made and continues to make the new building possible. The building is a true "Social Hall" as it allows community and social groups to gather.

Wind Gap Volunteer Fire Company's mission is to protect lives and property of our community through Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, Education, Planning, Inspections, and focusing on the best Safety Practices.

For 100 years, a volunteer fire company has served this community. The men and women who volunteer their time are community minded people who answer help calls as firemen, fire police and auxiliary in all kinds of weather, all hours, day and night; without volunteers, how would a small borough survive?

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Slate Belt RISING

Slate Belt Rising hopes that everyone enjoys their summer! As a reminder, the Slate Belt Rising Residential and Commercial Façade programs are still open and accepting applications. Additionally, SBR is also looking for commercial property owners that may be interested in having a mural painted buy a local artist on their building. If you or someone you know is interested please contact SBR directly. Lastly, we are looking for volunteers to sit on our committees and help with events that we are planning for this summer. For more information call 484-523-0900 or visit slatebeltrising.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES GO TO THE SLATE BELT RISING WEBSITE
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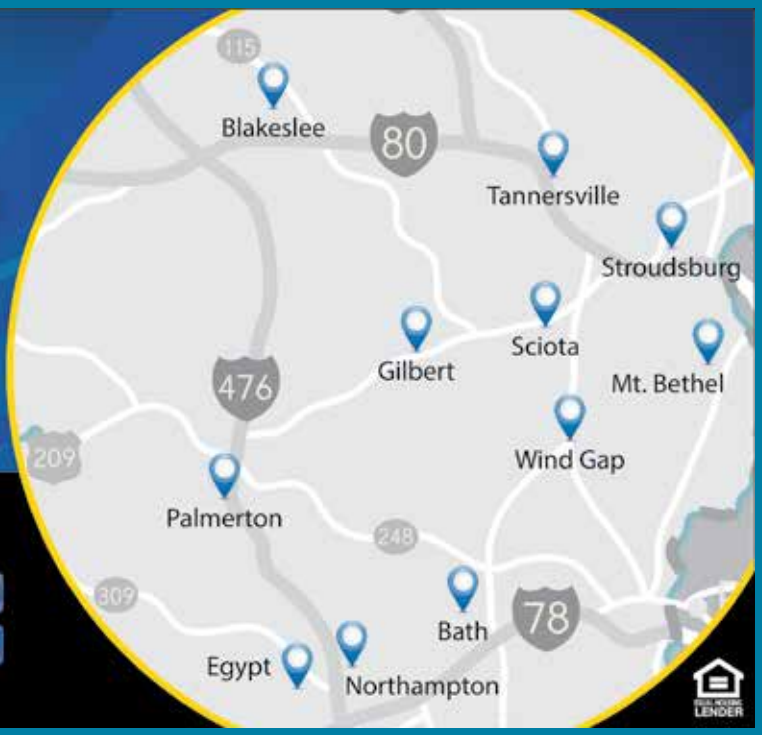

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