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Opportunities Abound for Wise Homeowners

Ten years is a long time but for many of us, we are still in the same home we were then. I have made several changes to my home over the years. Mostly because of aging materials like siding and roofing that can't withstand the sun and wind forever. I have also made energy improvements because things that cannot be seen are still extremely important. Whenever I see a home getting new siding, I think that there was an opportunity to get insulation in the exterior walls. Many homes built since 1960 have some kind of insulation already in there but anything older may have absolutely nothing in the walls. Many of the homes in Bangor and Pen Argyl were built with a method known as balloon framing. This is the absolute worst for energy usage because every wall cavity is a chimney allowing convective air currents to strip the heat from the house and send it right to the attic and out the roof. There are some very creative methods that have been developed by insulation contractors to insulate balloon framed homes. One area of huge importance is the space between the first and second floors. All of these homes really need to be insulated from the exterior by drilling holes and filling the cavities with cellulose insulation under pressure. This method is called dense packing, but in a balloon framed house the insulation cannot fill the cavity between the floors and a plug needs to be made there to stop insulation from being wasted. We use a mesh bag for that. Inserted into the hole and then the blowing hose is inserted in the bag. The holes are small enough to allow the air to escape but catch the cellulose and create a plug. That process is called onion bagging. A proper insulation job in an older home can save 50% of the energy cost. I have done many and could prove that by just asking happy customers. The time to do that is before new siding is installed. Opening siding and removing panels is difficult and in cold weather older vinyl likes to crack and break. Aluminum siding is nearly impossible to open and reseal without evidence. But when old siding is off, we can work our magic.

The reason I mentioned 10 years is because 10 years ago this month oil was \$3.83 per gallon. It is less than that today but after the high price 10 years ago, many people have done absolutely nothing to help lower the cost to heat their home. Failing to plan is planning to fail. Take control of your future.

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Flood Announces Over \$170,000 in New Funding to The Slate Belt for 14 Local Fire, EMS Companies

By State Rep. Ann Flood

PEN ARGYL – Fire and emergency response organizations in Northampton County have been awarded more than \$170,000 in grants from the state, Rep. Ann Flood (R-Northampton) announced today.

"We are so fortunate to have our volunteer Fire and EMS companies and first responders protect and serve the people in our communities every day," Flood said. "I am more than pleased to see this incredibly necessary funding support the work they do."

The funding comes from an ongoing grant program created by the Legislature and administered by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC). All funding comes from the proceeds from slot machine gaming, and not General Fund tax revenue.

Projects eligible for funding include construction or renovation of a fire or ambulance company facility, purchase or repair of equipment, training, or reduction of existing debt.

The following is a list of local fire and ambulance companies and the amount of their grant awards. All companies that apply and meet requirements outlined by OSFC receive funding. Companies must file a grant agreement with OSFC to receive their grants.

Blue Valley Rescue Squad, Bangor – \$12,106.88
 Columbia Fire Company, Roseto – \$11,861.25
 Community Fire Company of Forks Township – \$15,000.
 East Bangor Volunteer Fire Co. – \$12,106.88
 Lower Mount Bethel/Sands Eddy Fire Co – \$12,106.88
 Mount Bethel Vol Fire Company, Inc – \$12,352.51.
 North Bangor Fire Company – \$12,598.14.
 Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Co. – \$15,000.
 Portland Hook and Ladder Co. #1 – \$11,681.25
 Rescue Fire Company #1, Bangor – \$12,352.51.
 Second Ward Fire Company, Bangor – \$12,106.88.
 Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company – \$13,580.66.
 Wind Gap Ambulance Corps Inc. – \$10,000.
 Wind Gap Fire Company – \$13,089.40.



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<https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/bangor/>

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