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Stop 5 Years Of Gridlock

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A NJ Congressman, PA & NJ State Senators, PA Representatives, NJ Assemblymen, AND Warren County Freeholders have written letters representing our concerns. We have time to stop it, with your help.

FACTS:

- NJDOT has no plan to study and quantify Community Impact – residential safety, highway safety, traffic, lifestyle, economic, and damage to infrastructure.

 NJDOT refuses to provide the data used to support their weak claim of 11 rockfall events over a 17-year period.

- In 2011, the highway width limit was identified by a NJDOT Geotechnical Engineer, as a reason large scale rock removal was NOT feasible. THIS HAS BEEN IGNORED!

- NJDOT has not shown good faith. We have the evidence of confusing, conflicting and contradicting data; not following through with promises; ignoring requests to meet; claiming they offered to meet; then saying they are no longer meeting with stakeholders.

- NJDOT wants us to believe their plan of narrowing lanes and reducing shoulders to 1', to create a 15' work zone, will keep traffic flowing and will not create additional safety issues. THIS IS NOT POS-SIBLE!

- LEHIGH VALLEY – COMING YOUR WAY! – The NJDOT says: "Regionally, advanced warning signs and notices will be utilized to inform pass-through car and truck traffic so they may consider using other routes well before the project. The use of Smart Work Zone technology will help monitor real-time traffic data and adjust to meet the actual demands in the work zone".

- Using NJDOT provided plan specs, two tractor trailers, side by side, WILL NOT fit in the S-Curve during construction. We show this using AutoCAD, engineering software. The NJDOT solution - restrict trucks to the outside lane both east and westbound, relying on driver compliance. INSANE!

This section had 80 accidents in 2016, unrelated to rockfall, without shrinking the lanes or shoulders. The residential, pedestrian, small business, tourist towns along Route 611, and near the Columbia – Portland Bridge, get crushed often with highway traffic due to these accidents in the gap. The S-Curve, built in 1953, has a "design deficient" -shoulder width, curve radius and sight distance!

Increase the 80 accidents by 18%, which is New Jersey's work-zone accident rate. This project would start with 95 accidents per year, 2 accidents per week. Imagine this with a narrower S-Curve and the distraction of this destruction/construction zone, feet from our vehicles...... for 5 years!

When these accidents happened now, the gridlock epicenters are the residential, pedestrian, and tourist villages of Columbia, Portland, and The Delaware Water Gap. Expect to feel impacts of this project from far and wide as drivers avoid the whole area. - Everyone will be affected or know people who are residents, commuters, visitors, and the Pocono Tourism Industry. The Appalachian Trail crosses Rout 611 in the quiet, historic village of Delaware Water Gap. Thru hikers will need a light!

Many are working behind the scenes to get NJDOT to responsibly study the community impacts and ALL alternatives. Our coalition is building and educating our team. We are preparing for the upcoming PUBLIC HEARING.

For the evidence and how to help, visit us on Facebook: I80DWGCoalition. Read and sign our petition to get email updates. https://www.change.org/Stop-The-I80-Rockfall-Gridlock-Plan

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Scholarship Achievement Award 2020 Are Available

By Michael Ortoski

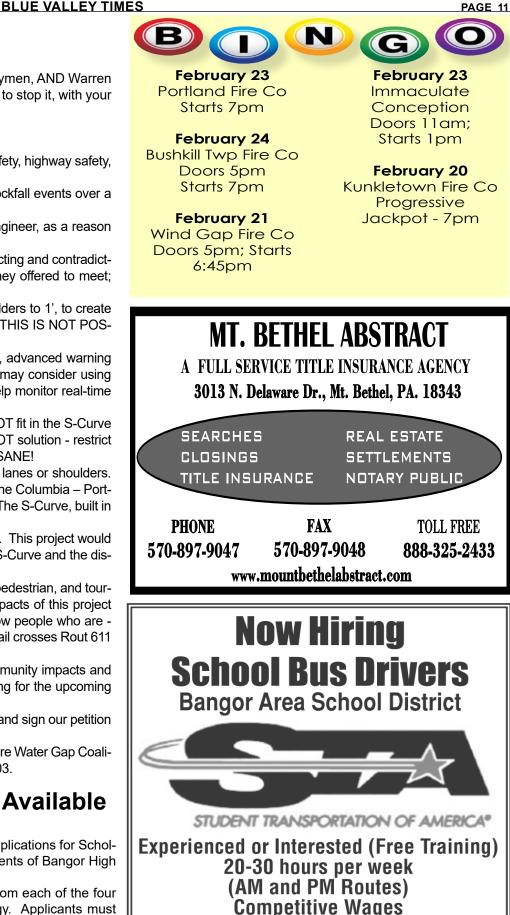
SLATE BELT - The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce applications for Scholarship Achievement Award 2020 are available March 1st at the guidance departments of Bangor High School, Pen Argyl High School, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology.

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce will award one scholarship to a senior from each of the four area schools: Bangor, Pen Argyl, Faith Christian & Career Institute of Technology. Applicants must reside in the Slate Belt to apply.

The scholarships will be presented to the students based upon the following criteria; academic accomplishment, demonstrated service to school and/or community, demonstration of leadership capabilities and future vocational plans.

Please note: A separate award, The Frederick R. Curcio, Jr. Scholarship Award, may also be applied for at this time. To qualify a senior must been enrolled in a computer science related course or planning to attend a Technical School of their choice or majoring in computer science.

Applications must be received by April 12, 2020. To honor the recipients, parents and friends, a Scholarship Awards Dinner is planned for May 14th at Tuscarora Inn. For more information contact the guidance department or the chamber office at 610.588.1000.



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Ackermanville United Methodist 1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang (610) 588-7818, www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene 150 Bunny Trail, Bangor

Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm Powerhouse Praice Practice, 6pm Teen Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth L. Bean, Pastor (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible 483 Belfast Rd., Belfast Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Wor-

ship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist

607 School St., Belfast Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Worship 10am, coffee fellowship following worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610) 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church 975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl Sun Worship service every Sunday at 10:10am: Food Bank 3rd Saturday of the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion 7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), Martins Creek

Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone welcome, questions 908-483-8231; Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-250-9890. Learn about us online www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor Sun.-Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev Albert Martin (610)588-4864 e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church 703 South Delaware Drive Mt Bethel, PA 18343 610-588-7056 The Rev. Larry Laine Worship at 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church 1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &

3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick. (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian 1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service

10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of every month following service. www. mtbethelpresbyterian.org, (570) 897-6766.

<u>CHURCH LISTINGS</u>

Cross Road Baptist Church

201 Second St., Bangor Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/ Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-3966,

www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville will hold a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April 28th. We would appreciate your help in advertising this year's event without cost to the church.

The East Bangor United Methodist **Community Church**

Thurs., Feb. 27 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at., Feb. 29 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting Sun., Mar. 1 -8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service w/Communion Children's Church offered -4:00-5:30 P.M. FREE Dinner Tues., Mar. 3-7:00 p.m. Bible StudyPastor Dave Goss (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message (610) 588-3896 www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church 10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer, 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am Family Fellowship, 9:30am Intercessory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, www.faccpa.org

Family Life Community Church 1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr. 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service. Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736, www.flccbangor.com.

First United Evangelical 25 S 2nd St., Bangor

Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting, 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church 55 N. Third St., Bangor

Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am, Communion first Sunday of month, Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist

19 West & Water St., Wind Gap Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ

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1337 Lower South Main Street Bangor, PA 18013 Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.com Sunday School at 9:30 AM Worship at 10:45 AM All are welcome!

God's Missionary Church of Northampton 4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329), Northampton, PA Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm, Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister. (610) 262-4412. http://GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor Louise Williams. www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church 5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am Service/Communion, 10:15am SS, 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum. (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist 404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM; Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith 301 Market Street, Bangor Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Alman-

zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC

2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! SS 9:30 Sunday Morning. Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church 396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters 570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church A Church of the Lutheran Brethren 1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd. Mt. Bethel Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service, 11am Contemporary Service Visit our website www.mountbethelchurch.org or call (570) 897-7142 for info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel 436 South 2nd Street Bangor, PA 18013 Rectory (610) 588-5445 Parish Webside: www.ourladystvincent.

com Mass Schedule Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays (See Church Website) Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM Holy Days (See Church Website) Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Community Dinner on Sunday, July 21st from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreciate your assistance in advertising this dinner without cost to the Church. **Portland Baptist Church**

601 Delaware Ave., Portland Sun-Sunday School 9am, Service 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and rampsWe are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm. Sunday School starts at 8:30am (September-May) Sunday Service- 9:45am Holy Communion is served weekly. All are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church 8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fellowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed Van Arsdale (610) 588-7317

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist 1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl Sun.- 9:30am SS. 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided), 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J. Davis. (570) 664-4603.

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth. Delete Sunday school Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m. St. Brigid's Episcopal Church 310 Madison Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-746-3910 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish 300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran 12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal 1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service. St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast 471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast) SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Cecelia Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

> St. Mary's Episcopal 340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap

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Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson. Maundy Thursday Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran 1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl (610) 863-6859 Sunday Worship/Communion 8am and 10:15am; 9am SS www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Vincent dePaul

720 Delaware Avenue Portland, PA 18351 Rectory (610) 588-5445 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLGC) Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM Holy Days (See Church Website) Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

The Pentecostal Christian Church the Truth (Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad) 4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School

(Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evanglistico) 1pm.

Temple Israel of the Poconos Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue 660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a

traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ

632 S Delaware Dr. Mt Bethel Pa 18343 Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney Wells pastor

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran 404 Broadway, Bangor

Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/ Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Zion Presbyterian Church Water St., Wind Gap

Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speaking at the 9:30am service. Children SS during the service. Visitors welcome. (610) 863-8896.

