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A Renewed Call for AED Access and Cardiac Emergency Preparedness

By Senator Rosemary Brown

The West Scranton community is mourning the loss of a deeply respected leader, mentor, and friend — Coach Tommy Selemba, President of the West Scranton Jr. Invaders. Coach Selemba was a tireless advocate for youth sports and a passionate believer in building strong, safe communities. His sudden passing is a heartbreaking reminder of just how fragile life can be — and how important it is to be prepared for the unexpected.

His loss also brings renewed attention to another young life that left a mark on Pennsylvania: Greg Moyer. In 2000, Greg — a healthy, active high school basketball player — collapsed and died from sudden cardiac arrest during a game. There was no AED on-site. His parents, John and Rachel Moyer, turned their unimaginable grief into action, launching the Greg W. Moyer Defibrillator Fund to make sure other families would never experience the same loss.

Since then, the Moyers have helped place hundreds of AEDs in schools and public spaces across our Commonwealth. Their advocacy has saved lives. That's why I am once again calling on the legislature to pass Greg Moyer's Law — legislation I've authored to ensure no school or youth sports program, or practice is left unprepared in the event of a cardiac emergency.

Greg Moyer's Law would:

Require an AED on-site at all interscholastic athletic events — including games and practices.

Require every school entity and nonpublic school to develop and implement a Sudden Cardiac Event Emergency Action Plan to ensure a rapid, coordinated response.

Cardiac arrest doesn't wait. It doesn't discriminate. And it often happens without warning — especially in youth athletes with undiagnosed heart conditions during physical exertion.

I am committed to ensuring that no team, school, or community is left without the resources to respond. A simple device with a prepared response can mean the difference between life and loss.

To the Moyer family, to Coach Selemba's loved ones, and to anyone who has experienced this tragedy — please know that your stories are not forgotten. And your voice continues to guide this work!

Local MCTI Students Win Regional PennDOT Innovations Challenge

By Senator Rosemary Brown

I'm proud to congratulate Monroe Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) students Leylla and Neylla Joseph for winning the PennDOT Innovations Challenge for our region.

This annual competition encourages high school students to develop creative solutions to real-world transportation issues. This year's challenge focused on increasing seat belt safety awareness and changing driver behavior to help reduce roadway fatalities.

Mentored by Ross Ruschman, Leylla and Neylla's project—Love. Life. Click.—offers an innovative approach to promoting seatbelt use and encouraging safe driving habits.

They will go on to present their solution to a statewide panel of judges in April. I wish them the very best and commend their efforts to make Pennsylvania's roads safer for everyone.



How Funds Support Plainfield Township

Host Community Spotlight 2024

Funding from the host agreement provides the municipality opportunities to support special projects, capital projects, and more.

In 2024, WM's tipping fees provided the following:

\$1/ton = \$693,756

Infused into the General Fund in 2024

\$1.65/ton = \$1,150,664

Infused into the Host/Capital Improvement Budget

\$0.45/ton = \$313,817

Transferred into the Municipal Trust Fund

Total Received From
Landfill Operations in 2024 **\$2,158,238**

Did you know?

Landfills in Pennsylvania are required to provide at least \$1^{ton} to a Host Community

Since 2005, Host Municipality Benefits have totaled \$32,336,987.95 to Plainfield Township. These benefits are the sum of \$3.10 per ton of waste disposed at Grand Central.



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Grand Central Landfill Community Investment

A look back at 2024 and the investments made to help the Slate Belt thrive:

- In 2024, the Facility Cooperation Agreement provided Pen Argyl Borough with \$903,204.95 (\$1.30 per ton).
 - These funds were used for community improvements and to match grants that help fund street improvements.

- Pen Argyl Borough residents received free trash and recycling collection and disposal worth an estimated value of \$713,340 (1,321 households¹).

- In 2024, the Neighboring Municipality Agreement provided Wind Gap Borough with \$836,846.47 (\$1.20 per ton).
 - A portion of this funding supported the paving of Constitution Avenue and Oak Street.

- Wind Gap Borough residents received free trash and recycling collection and disposal worth an estimated value of \$659,340 (1,221 households¹).



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Contributions At a Glance

Local Non-Profit
Charitable Donations in 2024 **\$102,585**

- Since 2020 WM provided \$510,185 in charitable donations to local non-profits.

- \$146,464.48 voluntarily contributed to Northampton County Recycling and Sustainability fund to offset the costs for electronic recycling and household hazardous waste event.

Calendar of Events

RSVP for Tours: afors1@wm.com

APR 16	Sustainability Tour 8:00pm	APR 07	Bird Walk 11:30am Ed. Center
JUN 16	Talking Trash Tour 8:00pm	AUG 18	Count The Butterflies Walk 8:00pm Ed. Center
SEPT 27	Chili Cookoff + Tours 11:00am-2:00pm	OCT 11	Migration Walk 11:30am-12:30pm Ed. Center
NOV 01	E-Waste Collection 9:00am Main Office Lot 2	NOV 13	Sustainability Tour 5:00pm