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Lehigh Valley Wine Auction

Saturday, September 6, 2025
6 pm - 9pm
Downtown, historic Easton

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2025 NOMINATIONS

BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



DESCRIPTION

Businessperson of the Year

- Slate Belt businessperson deserving of a nomination due to exceptional service.
- Business owner that gives back to their employees and/or the community.

Volunteer of the Year

- Deserving individual that consistently volunteers in the Slate Belt.
- Organizer of a local non-profit that provides a service to the community.

NOMINATION DIRECTIONS

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 20TH

Provide the following information:

- Nominee Name
- Business/Organization Name
- Reason for Nomination (Please provide a detailed description)
- Nominating Person's Name/Phone/Email Address

Submit Nomination to the Slate Belt Chamber by September 20th

- Email: info@slatebeltchamber.org
- Mail: 187 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, PA 18013
- Submit Online Form: www.slatebeltchamber.org

SLATE BELT AWARDS DINNER - NOVEMBER 5TH

- Award winners will be selected by the SBCC Committee and announced in early October.
- The awards dinner will be held at Allegheny Creek Brewing Company 11/5 at 6pm.

Contact the Chamber with any questions 610-588-1000



Boscola Bulletin

INDEPENDENT. EFFECTIVE. YOUR VOICE IN HARRISBURG.

 **LISA BOSCOLA** 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

PFBC Reminds Anglers, Boaters to “Keep Going” Beyond Labor Day

By Senator Lisa Boscola

As summer transitions into fall and waters begin to cool, anglers can look forward to increased fishing action for popular sportfish species including Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Catfish, and Muskies.

The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission reminds trout anglers they can take advantage of the Extended Trout Season beginning on September 2 and lasting through February 16, 2026. During the extended season, the daily creel limit is three trout of combined species with a minimum size of seven inches, unless a water is managed under special regulations. Extended Trout Season regulations apply only to designated Stocked Trout Waters, and harvest of trout in other waters during the extended trout season is prohibited. The rules differ for waters under special regulations, which can be found beginning on page 16 of the 2025 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary at pa.gov.

Commission officials recommend trout anglers review the 2025 Adult Trout Stocking Schedule. In October alone, Fish and Boat plans to stock about 89,000 trout into 93 waters — 53 lakes and 40 stream sections, including 16 Keystone Select Trout Waters managed under Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only regulations.

Fall trout stocking includes in the Lehigh Valley:

Minsi Lake in Northampton County, scheduled to be stocked the afternoon of Oct. 7. Note that special regulations in effect at Minsi Lake require catch-and-release for all species except trout.

Little Lehigh Creek in Lehigh County, scheduled to be stocked the afternoon of Oct. 14 from the confluence with the Lehigh River upstream to around Bogert's Covered Bridge within Lehigh Parkway.

Boaters are reminded that as the fall season approaches, water temperatures begin to cool significantly. To protect against the added dangers of cold water, the commission recommends that boaters always wear a life jacket. Children ages 12 and under must always wear a life jacket while paddling.

Pennsylvania's annual cold weather lifejacket requirement is in effect from Nov. 1 through April 30. During this time, anyone on a boat less than 16 feet in length — including all canoes, kayaks and paddleboards — is required to wear a life jacket. For more safe boating tips, visit the Fish and Boat Commission's Boating Safety page.

REMINDER: Fishing licenses and permits can be purchased using the HuntFish.pa.gov online portal or by visiting one of nearly 700 retail license issuing agents.

New License Plates Celebrating Pennsylvania as the Birthplace of American Democracy “Let Freedom Ring” license plate

By Senator Lisa Boscola

The new “Let Freedom Ring” license plate is now available for all Pennsylvanians to order ahead of the 250th anniversary of the United States that will be celebrated across the Commonwealth in 2026.

The “Let Freedom Ring” plate celebrates Pennsylvania as the birthplace of American democracy.

Vehicle owners can find instructions to request a standard issue license plate from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) online. Personalized plates can also be requested. Fees and instructions will vary based on plate type and any optional personalization.

Military, special organization, special fund, and specialty plates without legislatively mandated designs will also be updated with the new design and be available in the coming months. The department will update its website as each plate becomes available in the new design. Individuals who switch to the new plate before their specialty plate is updated will receive a standard plate.

