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## ROAD RALLY SCAVENGER HUNT

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Here were a few of the tasks: Take a picture with the town seal in Bangor and Wind Gap. 20 points; Take a picture with the Plainfield Community Park sign. 10 points; Take a picture next to one of the Purple Martin Towers at Minsi Lake. 10 points; Take a picture standing outside of M & M, Franklin Hill, Tolino, and Clever Girl Winery. 40 points.

Portland was founded not "fuounded." Find the sign with the misspelling of "founded" and take a picture with it. 30 points.

There will be footballs "galore" outside of this shop in Pen Argyl, take a picture with this cheerful group and bring a football back with you. 5 points.

**\*\*BONUS\*\***

Look for the man with the stars on his shoes. He is the one who named Jim Ginn Alley and might be the one who helps you win the rally. 50 Points.





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### Rock Wool is Back

There are some new insulation techniques appearing on the horizon and one or two seem like they could make a real improvement over the current way homes are insulated. One of my favorites is the rock wool board installed on the exterior of the house. The one I saw had two layers of 2" compressed rock wool that came in sheets fastened over the wood sheathing with seams staggered.

It doesn't provide enough insulation to meet the building code without any added inside the house but it can make it possible to build using 2x4 walls instead of 2x6. It can also make it much easier to install plumbing and wiring if there is more free space in the wall cavity. For example a home built with 2x6 walls will only need 1 1/2" of rock wool in the stud cavity if there is already 4" on the exterior. That leaves 4" free for plumbing and wiring and even ducts installed on exterior walls. That is a huge plus for HVAC installers because that is where supply ducts belong and it is always a challenge to get ducts to the second floor and put them where they should be. The continuous insulation on the exterior prevents a problem that nothing else can do and that is stop thermal bridging. When you look at a house with a thermal imager, every piece of framing that connects the interior to the exterior is clearly visible and that means it is conducting energy between inside and outside. The loss isn't as bad as other flaws common in construction, but it contributes to the overall inefficiency of a home. One challenge that is created by the additional insulation on the exterior is how to make it look good and perform properly around doors and windows. The home I saw had special extensions made by the siding installer to go around each door and window. They looked a little complex but I'm sure once they made a few, it was not too difficult to reproduce. I'm sure you would notice the difference inside that home in every way once it is completed. Sound will not get through the walls nearly as easily and only the glass will conduct that the way it normally does.

It's nice to see new ideas and materials being redesigned to meet the demands of energy conscious builders today. The future of home construction is definitely to build a tighter home with as little material as possible.

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## Pennsylvania Experts Offer Foliage Tips For Residents, Travelers

By Terry Brady

Harrisburg, PA -- To celebrate the fall season in Pennsylvania, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) experts will be available to serve as regional advisers on fall foliage, offering tips and resources to help residents and visitors experience a colorful autumn in a variety of ways across the commonwealth.

Fall foliage typically peaks for several weeks beginning in October across Pennsylvania. Starting September 24, weekly fall foliage reports can be found online on the DCNR website and will be updated every Thursday.

Visitors can get suggestions about the best spots to view fall foliage on the Penn's Woods Fall Foliage story map and on the Pennsylvania Tourism Office website.

"Throughout the state, our foresters and park personnel look forward to recommending both the best times and locations to glimpse our autumn woodlands in all their splendor," said DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn. "With 121 state parks and more than 2.2 million acres of state forestland, Pennsylvanians truly are blessed with an abundance of prime fall-foliage viewing areas."

While the leaves are the star of the show, Pennsylvania is abounding with great festivals, pick-your-own farms, and unrivaled haunted attractions that make the state the obvious choice for autumn. Each year, Pennsylvania's nearly 204 million travelers inject more than \$43 billion into Pennsylvania's economy, generate more than \$4 billion in tax revenues, and are responsible for more than 500,000 jobs related to or benefitting from tourism.

"Even during these uncertain times of COVID-19, Pennsylvania's happy travelers can safely enjoy the beauty of our commonwealth's parks and woodlands," said Carrie Fischer Lepore, deputy secretary of the Office of Marketing, Tourism and Film in the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). "No matter which corner of the state you're visiting, our fall foliage offers a breathtaking look at the splendor of Penn's Woods."

Regional forestry experts can discuss the chemistry of fall foliage color, as well as the projected outlook for fall foliage in their region of Pennsylvania. State experts include:

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