



A green frog rests on a mossy rock.

Conservation Tip

By DNRC

In Pennsylvania, there are more than 30 species of amphibians. They eat insect pests and help control mosquitos. Their moist, permeable skin makes amphibians vulnerable to drought and toxic substances, so they are exceptional indicators of ecosystem health.

Here are some ways to be a friend to amphibians:

Limit or do not use pesticides. Pesticides kill amphibians and insects that amphibians eat.

Leave natural and artificial ground cover like dead wood in your backyard. Ground cover provides moist shelter for amphibians.

If you have a pond, plant native aquatic vegetation. It provides food, refuge, and breeding habitat for amphibians.

Don't flush medicines down the toilet. Wastewater treatment plants don't always remove pharmaceutical chemicals, which degrade water quality. Most medicines should be thrown in the trash or brought to a prescription drug take back location.

Allow grass to grow into meadows. Closely mown lawns are poor habitat for amphibians and their invertebrate prey. Allowing areas of grass to develop as meadows provides habitat for amphibians and their prey. Meadows should be cut during winter and the cuttings raked up and placed on a compost heap.

PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Pen Argyl Area School District is offering a property tax rebate program.

You may qualify if:

1. You have owned and occupied your home during the period for which you are claiming a rebate. Rebates are granted for your primary residence only; and
2. (a) You or your spouse (if living with you) were 65 years or older as of December 31, 2024; or
(b) You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2024 and were 50 years old or older as of December 31, 2024; or
(c) You were permanently disabled during all or part of 2024, and you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability which is expected to continue indefinitely; and
3. Your total annual income, including the income of a spouse residing with you, was \$45,000 or less in 2024. (**IMPORTANT:** only report 50% of your Railroad Retirement benefits and 50% of Federal Social Security Act benefits); and
4. 2024/25 Pen Argyl School District Real Estate Taxes were paid in full.
5. Only one member of your household may file a claim.
6. Delinquent taxes **DO NOT QUALIFY**.

The deadline for filing an application is June 30, 2025

Applications are available at the Pen Argyl Area School District Office, or call the District Office at (610) 863-3191 option 7.



BANGOR BOROUGH 150th ANNIVERSARY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST!

SHOW YOUR TOWN & COUNTRY PRIDE!

In celebration of 150 amazing years of Bangor, we're hosting a House Decorating Contest that honors our rich history and patriotic spirit. Decorate your home to reflect 150 years of Bangor pride, using maroon, yellow, and your best red, white, and blue!

LET'S GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO CELEBRATE OUR TOWN AND COUNTRY!

JUDGING DATE: JUNE 11, 2025

PRIZES:

1ST PLACE: \$500 CASH

2ND PLACE: \$250 GC - ACE HARDWARE

3RD PLACE: \$150 GC - WEIS MARKET

TO ENTER:

Email your address to:

BangorFamilyDay@yahoo.com

by June 7, 2025

Fly your flags, light up your porches, and celebrate like it's 1875 - Bangor style!



LET'S GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO CELEBRATE OUR TOWN



**BANGOR 150TH YEAR CELEBRATION PARADE
BANGOR THROUGH THE YEARS
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M.**



PARADE PARTICIPANTS

The parade route will start on Lower South Main Street near Pennico Park and continue up South Main Street onto Broadway and end at Fourth Street and Broadway. Line ups start at 1:00 P.M. There will be parade volunteers to assist with line ups.

You will be notified two days before the parade to inform you what division you have been assigned and who is in front and in back of your group, float, individuals or band.

In-person registration is at **Bray's Newstand**, 36 Broadway, Bangor or **Miller's Paint Store**, 100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor. For online registration go to **bangorborough.org** and click on **150th Anniversary Celebration**.

The deadline for registration is on Thursday, May 29th at 4:00 P.M. Registration is free. No late registrations please. There will also be no candy throwing.

Division line ups are as follows:

- Division 1 will line up at the PCI parking lot.
- Division 2 at BioSpectra parking lot near the viaduct.
- Division 3 on South Main Street in front of the Bangor Borough garage.

For participants registering online, please make a sign measuring 6"x 8" with your assigned parade number. The judges will be seated in front of Jones monument on South Main Street, so please place your sign on the right side of your float or group.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 484-375-9824.

Thank you.

Keith Heard

Parade Co-Chairman

FREE Fall Risk Screening Clinics



Good Shepherd Rehabilitation in Bangor is proud to be part of the Slate Belt community.

In appreciation of our community, we're hosting a series of outreach events and you're invited.

Screening Clinic Details

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation
422 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor

May 13 • June 10 • July 8 • Aug. 12
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RSVP: 610.863.6966

Walk-ins are welcome.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation



goodshepherdrehab.org

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Are You at Risk for a Fall?

The experts at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation in Bangor are hosting a **free** fall risk screening clinic to help determine your fall risk and **what you can do about it.**

Our team will perform screenings and offer professional guidance to identify and decrease your risk factors – helping you maintain an active, healthy and safe lifestyle.

Additional information on fall prevention will be available and our team can answer any questions.

Light refreshments will be served.



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Da Vinci Science Center and 69 WFMZ-TV to Launch Live Otter Cam

By Tamara Krizek, 917-692-5038, tamara.krizek@davincisciencecenter.org

ALLENTOWN, PA, – Da Vinci Science Center and 69 WFMZ-TV are proud to unveil an exciting new partnership that brings the wonders of wildlife directly to homes, schools, and viewers across the region. On Monday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m., join us at Da Vinci Science Center at PPL Pavilion to debut the 69 WFMZ-TV Otter Cam — a 24/7 live stream capturing the engaging and playful world of the Science Center's beloved North American river otters: Toby, Cedar, Cacy, and Jordan!

This event will provide the first look at the Otter Cam in action and highlight how this collaboration blends education, technology, and media to inspire curiosity and connect people of all ages with nature.

Following the launch, guests can attend a live Otter Chat at 3 p.m., led by the Science Center's expert animal care staff and educators, and offering a deeper look at otter behavior, enrichment activities, and the science behind their care and conservation. "With the support of 69 WFMZ-TV, this new Otter Cam extends our mission beyond the walls of the Science Center," said Lin Erickson, Executive Director and CEO of Da Vinci Science Center. "It's an invitation for the community to explore wildlife and science in a meaningful, accessible way—anytime, anywhere."

The 69 WFMZ-TV Otter Cam will be available year-round at <https://wfmz.com/ottercam>, on the free 69News App, and the free WFMZ+ Streaming App offering fun and educational access to one of the Science Center's most popular exhibits.



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.



Want to Learn More? Check out our new video →

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 9:00pm	JUN 07	Bird Walk 11:30am Ed. Center
JUN 16	Talking Trash Tour 9:00pm	AUG 18	Count The Butterflies Walk 9:00pm 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 9:00pm

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