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Celebrating Women's Leadership at the International Women's Day Breakfast

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Last week, I had the honor of attending the Scranton Chamber of Commerce's International Women's Day Breakfast, where we celebrated the achievements of remarkable women in our community.

A highlight of the morning was recognizing Dr. Linda Thomas-Hemak as the recipient of the 2025 Athena Award. Her leadership, dedication, and impact on our region are truly inspiring.

A special thank you as well to Dr. Katie Desiderio for delivering such a powerful and uplifting message. Her words reminded us of the importance of mentorship, resilience, and supporting one another.



Honoring 80 Years of Service at Marshalls Creek Fire Company

By Senator Rosemary Brown

This evening, the Marshalls Creek Fire Company celebrated three incredible milestones. In 2025, the department marks 80 years of dedicated service to the residents of Price, Smithfield, and Middle Smithfield Townships—an area home to more than 22,000 people.

Additionally, two outstanding members were honored for their decades of commitment: Peter Dimmick for 45 years of service and Dan Finn for 30 years.

I was proud to sponsor a Senate Citation honoring their contributions, which Mackenzie from my office presented on my behalf. Their dedication exemplifies the bravery and selflessness of our first responders.

To all the men and women who serve in these critical emergency roles—thank you. Your courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to our communities do not go unnoticed, and we are forever grateful for all that you do.



New Grant Program Offers Up to \$5,000 for In-Demand Careers

By Senator Rosemary Brown

A new opportunity is here for Pennsylvania students pursuing in-demand careers. The Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program offers up to \$5,000 per year to help cover the cost of education—but funding is first come, first served, so don't wait to apply!

To qualify, students must agree to live and work in Pennsylvania for at least one year per year of funding received. Those who don't fulfill this requirement will have to repay the grant as a loan.

Eligible programs include nursing, engineering, education, business, criminal justice, computer science, agriculture, and other approved fields.

If you're looking to build your future in Pennsylvania, this program can help make it happen. Apply today at www.pheaa.org/growpa before funds run out!



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^{mm} 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 \$699,340 (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

MAR 16	Sustainability Tour 5:00pm	MAR 07	Bird Walk 11:30am Ed. Center
JUN 16	Talking Trash Tour 5:00pm	JUN 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	NOV 13	Sustainability Tour 5:00pm