

Northampton County 33rd Annual Kite Day

By Jessica Berger

[Northampton County, PA] - In partnership with the Lehigh Valley Kite Society and Pocono Kite Symphony, the Northampton County Parks & Recreation will sponsor the 33rd Annual Kite Day in the Park at Louise W. Moore County Park in Lower Nazareth Township from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 4th.



The event will be held at Pavilion #4 and adjacent open fields on the west side of the park at 151 Country Club Road, Easton, PA 18045 (Coordinates: 40.691836 and -75.292959).

Join us for a day full of beautiful displays of kites and join our volunteers from the region's two premier kiting organizations for free kite flying lessons, kids' kite building and kite coloring workshops, raffles, games, and more! Through generous sponsorships, this annual program is offered free of charge to the public. It is the perfect family fun activity to enjoy on the first Saturday of May.

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Senator Brown Joins Gary Cee on "My Little Town"

By Senator Rosemary Brown

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of joining Gary Cee on Poco 103 for his local spotlight segment, My Little Town. We had a great conversation covering community priorities, upcoming legislative work, and the importance of staying connected with residents across the 40th District.

If you weren't able to tune in live, you can listen to the full segment here.

A big thank-you to Gary and the team at Poco 103 for having me on and for all they do to highlight local voices and stories.

Purple Star Schools Support Military Children

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Military children face unique challenges as a result of frequent moves and parental deployments. To give them the best chance of success, Senate Republicans passed Act 69 of 2022. The law created the Purple Star designation for schools that demonstrate their commitment to supporting military families.

Many schools have embraced this program and stepped up to help the children of our service members. Purple Star Schools go the extra mile to provide stability, resources and a welcoming community for military children, ensuring they have every opportunity to thrive.

Pennsylvania has 37,000 children with parents serving in the military – and 80% of these children are in kindergarten through grade 12 and attend public schools. Learn more about Purple Star Schools.



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 5:00pm	JUN 07	Bird Walk 11:30am Ed. Center
JUN 16	Talking Trash Tour 5:00pm	AUG 18	Count The Butterflies Walk 5:00pm 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