

## 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**



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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.**

## SENATOR ROSEMARY BROWN

Pennsylvania's 40th District

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## April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month: A New Law to Make Our Roads Safer

By Senator Rosemary Brown

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and it's an important reminder that safe driving requires our full attention every time we get behind the wheel. Across Pennsylvania, distracted driving continues to be a leading cause of crashes, injuries, and heartbreaking loss.

This past year, I am proud to share that we've made a major step forward. After more than a decade of advocacy, I was honored to pass Senate Bill 37, now officially known as Act 18 of 2024—the Paul Miller, Jr. Law.

This law is named in memory of Paul Miller, Jr., a young man from Monroe County who tragically lost his life when a distracted tractor-trailer driver struck his vehicle on Route 33. Paul's parents, Paul and Eileen Miller, have been unwavering partners throughout this journey.

The Paul Miller, Jr. Law limits the use of handheld cellphones and other communication devices while driving. Drivers can still use hands-free technology like Bluetooth, docking stations, or speaker systems—as long as your phone use is “hands-free”.

In 2023 alone, Pennsylvania saw more than 11,000 crashes involving distracted drivers, and in 2022, fatalities from distracted driving reached a decade high. With this new law, Pennsylvania joins 26 other states, including all our neighboring states, that have enacted a “hands-free” driving law.

Passing this bill has been a long journey, but it was a battle worth fighting—and winning—for the safety of our roads. The Paul Miller, Jr. Law will take effect on June 5, 2024. As we observe Distracted Driving Awareness Month, I encourage every Pennsylvanian to stay focused and stay safe.

Remember, two hands on the wheel, two eyes on the road, and your mind at task.

## PA Women Veterans: Register Now for Capitol Ceremony Honoring Your Service

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Pennsylvania women who served in the armed forces have until May 9 to register for a state Capitol ceremony honoring their service on Tuesday, June 10. A virtual display will also be available online and will go live on June 9.

The event will recognize the courage and dedication of Pennsylvania's women veterans from World War II to the present. Women veterans from all branches of the military are encouraged to attend and take part.

The first Women Veterans Day Capitol exhibit took place in 2023, after passage of legislation observing Women Veterans Day in Pennsylvania annually on June 12. New participants are encouraged to share their service stories by completing the required submission form. Veterans featured in last year's display who wish to participate again may simply update their previous submission.



## 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<sup>mm</sup> 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 households<sup>1</sup>).

• 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 households<sup>1</sup>).

### 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](mailto:afors1@wm.com)

**APR 16**

Sustainability Tour

5:00pm

**MAY 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



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