

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.

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SENATOR ROSEMARY BROWN

Pennsylvania's 40th District

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Supporting Home Improvement Without an Immediate Tax Increase

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Many homeowners take pride in maintaining and improving their properties—whether it's repairing a roof, adding a deck, or making other needed upgrades. Unfortunately, under Pennsylvania's current property tax system, even modest improvements can lead to a reassessment and higher property taxes.

To address this, I've introduced the Reinvestment in Housing Act, which would help homeowners make improvements without facing unexpected tax increases right away.

Under this proposal, property tax reassessments would be prohibited on improvements valued at 20% or less of the home's current assessed value. The benefit would apply to primary residences occupied for at least five years and could be used once during the homeowner's time in the property. This policy change would apply only to individual reassessments, not county-wide assessments or those triggered by a property sale.

This is a commonsense step to encourage homeowners to reinvest in their properties, strengthen neighborhoods, and support local economies—all without the fear of immediate financial penalties.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to advance this legislation.

Senate Votes for the Save Women's Sports Act

By Senator Rosemary Brown

With a bipartisan vote, the Senate passed legislation to protect athletic opportunity, competitive fairness and safety for female athletes across Pennsylvania. The Save Women's Sports Act would ensure athletic teams designated for girls and women are reserved for biological females in K-12 and collegiate sports across the commonwealth.

Senate Bill 9 would reinforce the original intent of Title IX by ensuring female athletes are not denied scholarships, placements or opportunities due to unfair competition from biological males.

You can watch my comments on the Senate floor during the bill's passage above. Senate Bill 9 is now headed to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Bill Ensuring Sportsmen's Rights are Protected Receives Senate Support

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Legislation to protect sportsmen's rights by aligning state law with the federal and state constitution passed the Senate and is headed to the House of Representatives for consideration.

The Pennsylvania Game Code contains sections indicating it is unlawful to refuse to answer questions from representatives of the Game Commission. However, that violates the United States and Pennsylvania constitutions, which ensure no person may be "compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself" and "he cannot be compelled to give evidence against himself."

Senate Bill 518 would remove the offending sections, ensuring the protection of sportsmen's constitutional rights.



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 \$1¹⁰⁰ 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 households ¹).

- 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 ¹).



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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 16 Talking Trash Tour
9:00pm

SEPT 27 Chili Cookoff + Tours
11:00am-2:00pm

NOV 01 E-Waste Collection
9:00am | Main Office Lot 2

JUN 07 Bird Walk
11:30am | Ed. Center

AUG 18 Count The Butterflies Walk
5:00pm | Ed. Center

OCT 11 Migration Walk
11:30am-12:30pm | Ed. Center

NOV 13 Sustainability Tour
5:00pm