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Please join me for a FREE, fun, educational and interactive event hosted in partnership with the PA Department of Banking and Securities. The event is OPEN TO ALL AGES!

DATE: Wednesday, May 29th

TIME: 6-8 p.m. (Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.)

LOCATION: Nazareth High School, LGI Room

501 E. Center St., Nazareth, PA 18064

PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- PA Department of Banking and Securities
- · PA Attorney General's Office
- · Northampton County District Attorney's Office
- Upper Nazareth Township Police Department





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Park Shuttle Ready to Roll

By Kathleen Sandt, Public Affairs Specialist

BUSHKILL, PA- Looking for a fun day paddling on the river but don't have a second car to leave downstream? Want to do a long one-way bike trip on the McDade Trail? Well, at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, there's a shuttle for that, and it's free.

The National Park Service, in partnership with Monroe County Transit Authority (MCTA), offers a free shuttle service to help reduce congestion in busy areas and help visitors and their gear get around. The shuttle operates within the park on Saturdays between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

(NOTE: The shuttle will not be operating on Sundays this year.)

The River Runner: As the name suggests, the River Runner shuttle provides access to park's four Pennsylvania river access points: Smithfield Beach, Bushkill Access, Dingmans Access, and Milford Beach. This shuttle can carry up to 10 kayaks or canoes, and 4 bicycles.

The River Runner route begins at the Park-and-Ride lot in the borough of Dela-



ware Water Gap at 8:10 am, with northbound shuttles running every contiguous hour until 1:15 pm. The southbound route begins at Milford Beach at 10:00 am, with shuttles running every contiguous hour until 3:05 pm. Visitors can flag the River Runner at several additional "flag stop" locations along the way, including some parking areas for the McDade Trail.

"This service is popular with solo paddlers or groups looking to take a trip using personally owned canoes and kayaks. By using the shuttle, visitors don't need to worry about leaving a vehicle at both start and end accesses," said Zach Piotrowski, outdoor recreation planner for the park. "Visitors load their vessel on the trailer, hop on the northbound shuttle, and then paddle back to their car, enjoying more time on the water."

MCTA also provides a connector bus that stops in Swiftwater, Stroudsburg, and the Martz Bus Station in Delaware Water Gap before stopping at the Park-and -Ride where visitors can take the park shuttle. The River Runner is funded by the National Park Service, Monroe County Transit Authority, and a grant from Pocono Mountain Visitor Bureau.

For additional information and shuttle schedules and routes visit the MCTA website: 501 National Park Shuttles (gomcta.com). For more information on Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area call the information desk at (570) 426-2452; visit our website at www.nps.gov/dewa; or follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS.

The 2024 State of the County Address

By Brittney Waylen

EASTON - Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure will give his State of the County address at the State Theatre Center for the Arts in Easton on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. This free event, hosted by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, is open to the public and includes a networking opportunity and light refreshments from 8:30 – 9:15 AM.

During his annual address, Executive McClure will highlight Northampton County's accomplishments of the past year and provide his priorities for the year ahead.

Registration is required for anyone planning to attend. You may sign up at:

www.lehighvalley.org/events/2024/06/11/special-events/state-of-northampton-county-address/

Executive McClure's speech will begin at 9:30 AM.

