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By Rep. Ann Flood

PENARGYL- On Thursday evening, the Slate Belt Chamber celebrated its 35th anniversary with its annual picnic, which featured a silent auction and basket raffle. I was joined by my district staff members, Lisa, Melanie, Abby and Hannah. We all had a fantastic time at the event, which offered food, fun and musical entertainment at the beautiful Weona Park in Pen Argyl.

My office contributed a gift basket to the raffle, featuring tasty chocolates from Alexandra and Nicolay in nearby Portland, locally produced wine from Clever Girl Winery in Bangor, Pennsylvania literature and tickets for a tour of the beautiful Capitol in Harrisburg with a delicious lunch provided.

The Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting and supporting local businesses and organizations in our small-town community. Its mission is to enhance economic prosperity and the overall quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The communities represented by the Slate Belt Chamber include Portland, Bangor, Roseto, East Bangor, Upper and Lower Mount Bethel, Washington Township, Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, and Plainfield Township.

Work to Re-Open Rt 611 Between Portland – Delaware Water Gap Will Begin This Week

By Rep. Ann Flood

WATER GAP - Work to re-open a section of Route 611 in Monroe County located between Portland Borough and Delaware Water Gap is slated to begin tomorrow, Wednesday, August 14, as PennDOT received the permit from the National Park Service allowing the work to commence. The anticipated opening of Route 611 to traffic is mid-October as PennDOT has stated that work should take between 8-10 weeks.

Re-opening a direct route between Portland and Delaware Water Gap is critical to the residents and businesses who have been so severely impacted by the road closure.

The project includes the installation of a temporary, free standing rockfall barrier that will make it safe for vehicular traffic to travel through the corridor. While there will be two-way traffic though a large section of Route 611 that has been closed, there will be single lane traffic through the area where the rockfall barrier is located that will have temporary traffic signals at each end.

PennDOT remains in negotiations with the National Park Service over the scope of work necessary to receive the permit to provide for the long-term stabilization of the slope required re-open the road fully. Route 611 has been closed to traffic since December 6, 2022, due to a rockslide that was caused by heavy rains.



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