

Elk Cam Fires Back Up!

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

With the September peak of Pennsylvania's elk rut right around the corner, you can get a jumpstart on viewing some of those bugling bulls through the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Elk Cam.

The camera is located in the heart of Pennsylvania's elk range, an area totaling over 220,000 acres including State Game Lands 311 and Elk State Forest. Video and sound from the camera will be livestreamed here, and viewers can expect not only to see elk, but turkeys, deer and other wildlife, as well. The best time to view elk on camera is late in the afternoon.

If you'd like to see the bugling season in person, the PA Game Commission reminds visitors to always be "Elk Smart." Give elk space, never feed elk and do your part to ensure the welfare of the herd. Learn more here <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pgc/wildlife/wildlife-viewing/elk-viewing-in-pennsylvania>.



Crackdown on Impaired Driving

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Now through Labor Day, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and local municipal police agencies will be conducting impaired driving enforcement details as part of the National Crackdown on Impaired Driving enforcement and education campaign. This effort is funded through PennDOT's state-wide annual distribution of more than \$6.2 million from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for impaired driving enforcement. The goal of targeted enforcement is to reduce the number of impaired



driving-related crashes, injuries and deaths on roadways throughout the state.

Over the Labor Day holiday weekend last year there were 1,002 crashes state-wide, resulting in 13 fatalities and 722 injuries. Of those crashes, 106 were alcohol related, resulting in four fatalities and 65 injuries; and 27 were drug-related, resulting in three fatalities and 22 injuries.

PSP troopers also made 514 DUI arrests and investigated 65 impaired-driving related crashes, three of which were fatal throughout last year's Labor Day holiday weekend.

Impaired driving enforcement goes beyond checking for alcohol impairment. Law enforcement continues to work to identify motorists impaired by illegal drugs and prescription medication or some combination of substances that impact Pennsylvanians' ability to safely operate their vehicle. Pennsylvania has approximately 250 drug recognition experts or specially trained officers who look for impaired drivers and assist in DUI investigations when drug-impaired driving is suspected.

To learn more about PennDOT's efforts to prevent impaired driving or other safety initiatives, visit [penndot.pa.gov/safety](https://www.penndot.pa.gov/safety).

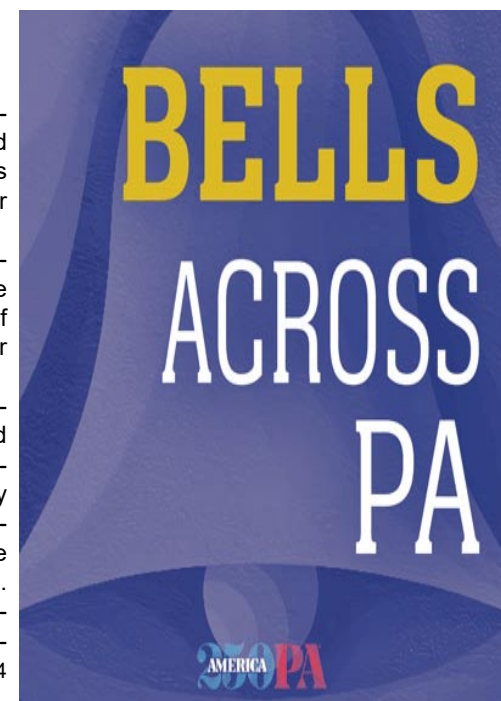
Attention Artists!

By Rep. Joe Emrick

America250PA – the organization planning the state's participation in the United States' 250th anniversary next year – is seeking submissions from local artists for its "Bells Across PA" art series.

Selected artists will execute their designs on a fiberglass bell sculpture. The goal is to place at least one bell in each of the state's 67 counties, but the hope is for many more.

Bells Across PA is open to all Pennsylvania artists and groups from the acclaimed to the amateur. Painters, sculptors, craftsmen, multi-media artists and other wildly creative people are all encouraged to apply. Each commissioned bell will receive one honorarium, regardless of group size. Learn more here <https://links.pahouse-news.com/q/-uj55Fx11j0XKtHsUlt-WAjBzs-kj1HkJy7ZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gSTUlzgvBeoqlLbZPbx-MFm0ozJw>.



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