

Portland's Community Day

By Michael Ortoski

PORTLAND - Portland's Community Day and Town Wide Yard Sale was held this month, with some old fashioned games and small town fun. Mayor Prator waived the normal fee for yard sales and vendors for the community. Stores were all open for great deals, pumpkin decorating and free raffles took place for the day. The event was held in Portland's downtown Park and Walk.



"Save Us From The NJDOT I-80 Rockfall Plan"

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UPPER MT. BETHEL - John Bermingham Chairman, UMBT Supervisors is asking Upper Mount Bethel and our surrounding communities to "Please come out on Friday, October 25th at 6pm at the Mount Bethel Fire House for an informational meeting about the Rt. 80 Rock Wall Project that will greatly impact our area! We need to hear from you about your questions, concerns and whether you are for or against this from impacting our Township for the next several years" said Bermingham.

A group of people from both Pa. and N.J. have joined together to fight the 'Rock Wall' plan and there is a website for people to sign a petition against it.

"We continue to oppose the I-80 ROCKFALL PLAN for the reasons listed below as they remain unresolved. In addition on Sept 4th the NJDOT stated: that the department is "confident" that the project "will be constructed with unimpeded traffic flow and without direct impact to the local economy." REALITY CHECK! It is not possible to construct anything in the s-Curve without a lane closure. It is not possible due to it's design. This has been certified by an expert in the field. OFF PEAK CONSTRUCTION WILL CREATE GRIDLOCK" says the group.

Go to <https://www.change.org/p/will-you-help-protect-us-and-the-dwg-from-the-njdot-i-80-gridlock-plan> to view the petition

Items to be discussed at the meeting are: Lane closure, gridlock, safety risk and impact to the economy, tourism, EMS routes potential damage to infrastructure.

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Tourism Threaten by Two Interstate 80 Projects

The other part of this problem is Stroudsburg Borough officials are strategizing ways to improve Interstate 80 through their area without widening the busy roadway from four lanes to six lanes. They've formed a task force to fight what's known as the Interstate 80 Reconstruction Project that's expected to start in the fall of 2022.

PennDOT officials say, "There are a lot of ramps that are close together and they don't have very long ramps and that becomes a safety issue and there's just in general a lot of work that needs to be done. Whenever there's a crash out on the Interstate, we know that a lot of traffic dumps out to the local traffic and can really bottleneck a lot of your local roads."

Meanwhile, New Jersey residents are fighting to stop a rock wall along Interstate 80 just before the road enters Pennsylvania that's expected to start in 2023. Now the two task forces are teaming up because both projects are happening at the same, which we're told is going to hit tourism hard. Stroudsburg Borough Mayor Tarah Probst says, "If all these projects really go through, they're going to happen at the same time. It will kill our tourism."

The Mayor encourages anyone relying on tourism to get in touch with the I-80 Project Impact Task Force. Probst says, "We will hurt and we will hurt for about four years from this so it's really important to get involved."

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1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor
 Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang
 (610) 588-7818,
 www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene
150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
 Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship
 (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm
 Powerhouse Praice Practice, 6pm Teen
 Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth
 L. Bean, Pastor
 (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible**483 Belfast Rd., Belfast**

Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Wor-
 ship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm.
 Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist
607 School St., Belfast
 Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Wor-
 ship 10am, coffee fellowship following
 worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610)
 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church
975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl
 Sun Worship service every Sunday at
 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of
 the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion
**7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611),
 Martins Creek**
 Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone
 welcome, questions 908-483-8231;
 Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning
 Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-
 250-9890. Learn about us online
 www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
**703 S. Delaward Dr. (Rt 611),
 Mt. Bethel (Stone Church)**
 Every Sunday- 9am Worship, Commu-
 nion offered 1st & 3rd Sundays.
 610-588-7056, www.celcpa.org

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church
1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &
 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick.
 (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist
Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl
 Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate
 class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian
1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
 Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service
 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of
 every month following service.
 www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,
 (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church
201 Second St., Bangor
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,
 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/

Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor
 (610) 588-3966,
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

**The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Vic-
 tory R.C. Church, Tannersville** will hold
 a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April
 28th. We would appreciate your help
 in advertising this year's event without
 cost to the church.

**The East Bangor United Methodist
 Community Church**
 Thurs., Oct. 24 -1:00 p.m. Bazaar
 Workshop -6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 Sat., Oct. 26 -8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting
 Sun., Oct. 27 -8:30 a.m. Choir Re-
 hearsal -9:15 a.m. Worship Service
 w/Children's Church -10:30 a.m. After-
 Church Fellowship Tues., Oct. 29
 -7:00 p.m. Bible Study
 Pastor David Goss
 (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message
 (610) 588-3896 www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church
10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap
 Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd
 Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer,
 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm
 Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am
 Family Fellowship, 9:30am Interces-
 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am
 Children's Church, Communion at
 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew
 Whistler. (610) 863-6911,
 www.faccpa.org

Faith United Presbyterian
Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 9am Choir, 10am Worship/
 Communion/Food Bank/Church School.
 (610) 836-4447

Family Life Community Church
1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-
 8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen
 Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr.
 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service.
 Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736,
 www.flccbangor.com.

First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor
 Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible
 Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting,
 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Wor-
 ship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at
 (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church
55 N. Third St., Bangor
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult
 and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am,
 Communion first Sunday of month,
 Wednesday evening Bible Study
 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy
 (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist
19 West & Water St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Commu-
 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of
 each month. Pastor John Vidal
 (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ
 1337 Lower South Main Street
 Bangor, PA 18013

Pastor Ken Hess
 610-588-4648
 www.flicksvilleucc.com
 Sunday School at 9:30 AM
 Worship at 10:45 AM
 All are welcome!

**God's Missionary Church
 of Northampton**
**4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329),
 Northampton, PA**
 Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm,
 Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer
 Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister.
 (610) 262-4412.
 http://GMC-N.com

**Good Shepherd Evangelical
 Lutheran Church,**
2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult
 Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor
 Louise Williams.
 www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church
5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
 Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am
 Service/Communion, 10:15am SS,
 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum.
 (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist
404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am
 Blended, 10am SS. Nursery care avail-
 able at all services. Rev. J. Timothy
 Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipat-
 grace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg
 Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM;
 Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-
 4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith
301 Market Street, Bangor
 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Alman-
 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.
 www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC
2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap
 Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion
 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-
 come! SS every other Friday.
 Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church
396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am
 Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev.
 Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters
 570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church
A Church of the Lutheran Brethren
1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel
 Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service ,
 11am Contemporary Service Visit our
 website www.mountbethelchurch.org or
 call (570) 897-7142 for info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel
 436 South 2nd Street
 Bangor, PA 18013
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 Parish Website: www.ourladystvincent.

com Mass Schedule
 Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays
 (See Church Website)
 Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM
 Holy Days (See Church Website)
 Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church,
 Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Com-
 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st
 from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreci-
 ate your assistance in advertising this
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Portland Baptist Church
601 Delaware Ave., Portland
 Sun- Sunday School 9am, Service
 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with
 Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and
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 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
 Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm.
 Sunday School starts at 8:30am (Sep-
 tember-May)
 Sunday Service- 9:45am
 Holy Communion is served weekly. All
 are welcome!

**Presbyterian Parish of
 Bangor-Roseto**
332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
 Sun.- Worship 10:30am. Rev. Albert
 Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyteri
 anbr@frontiernet.net.
 www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Sun.- Service 10am; 4th Sunday Fel-
 lowship Hour; Christmas Eve Candle-
 light Services 4pm and 7pm. Pastor Ed
 Van Arsdale. (610) 588-7317

**The Roseto Independent
 Presbyterian Church**
210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am
 Greeting/Welcoming, 9:30am Service.
 All Welcome. Rev. Barry Eng. (610)
 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &
 Children's Church (nursery provided),
 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J.
 Davis. (570) 664-4603.

**St. Brigid's Episcopal Church,
 Nazareth.**
 Delete Sunday school
 Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.
 St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
 310 Madison Avenue
 Nazareth, PA 18064
 Phone: 610-746-3910
 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish
300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am.
 Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York.
 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran

12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy
 Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal
1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor
 Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve
 Service 4pm. Rev. Joel Atkinson. Coffee
 hour after service.

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast
471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Frank
 Gassler. 610-759-0244.
 www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows
 service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.
 Maundy Thursday Service will be held
 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind
 Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Ser-
 vice will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal
 Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Bible Study 11am, Praise Band
 7pm; Jan 19- Youth Choir 6pm, Adult
 Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- Services 8am
 and 10:15am, 9am SS.
 (610) 863-6859

St. Vincent dePaul
 720 Delaware Avenue
 Portland, PA 18351
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLG)
 Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM
 Holy Days (See Church Website)
 Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

**The Pentecostal Christian
 Church the Truth**
(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School
 (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise &
 Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

**Temple Israel of the Poconos
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660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg
 Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm
 followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat.
 Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a
 traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi
 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ
 632 S Delaware Dr.
 Mt Bethel Pa 18343
 Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and
 Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney
 Wells pastor

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
404 Broadway, Bangor
 Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir
 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/
 Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610)
 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Zion Presbyterian Church
Water St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speak-
 ing at the 9:30am service. Children SS
 during the service. Visitors welcome.
 (610) 863-8896.