



L-R: Sam Lovett, Ben Kanofsky, Lois Silver (TGAI Film Instructor), Liam Scheer, and Mary Warnagiris. Not pictured: Hannah Grasserbauer and Ethan Riddle.

Totts Gap Arts Wins Best Original Film at the Pocono Mountains Film Festival

By Pam Stopfer / Office Administrator Totts Gap Arts Institute

POCONO MOUNTAIN - Congratulations to the Totts Gap Arts 2019 Summer Film Intensive students who won Best Original Film at the Pocono Mountains Film Festival held at Mount Airy Lodge on October 26, 2019. "We are so proud of the efforts and dedication our students had in making this film a reality. It is such an honor to have received such an award" said Lois Silver (TGAI Film Instructor).



NEW DATE AND TIME

November 16th Noon to 2pm with ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:15pm.

Look Out Fire Co. Grand Opening

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - At their Monthly meeting the Look Out Fire Co. voted to set a date for their grand opening, ribbon cutting ceremony and open house.

November 16th Noon to 2pm with ribbon cutting ceremony by Slate Belt Chamber at 12:15pm.

Tours of the new facility will be guided by members of the Fire Co. and light refreshments will be served.

The public is encouraged to come out and see the state of the art facility and support one of the finest first responders in the Slate Belt.

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November 11

Portland Fire Co
Starts 7pm

November 12

Bushkill Twp Fire Co
Doors 5pm
Starts 7pm

November 8

Wind Gap Fire Co
Doors 5pm; Starts
6:45pm

November 9

Immaculate
Conception
Doors 11am;
Starts 1pm

November 10

St. Elizabeth Church
Starts 1pm

November 7

Kunkletown Fire Co
Progressive
Jackpot - 7pm

NPS Headquarters Closed for Renovations

By Kathleen Sandt, Public Affairs Specialist

BUSHKILL - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area's headquarters building on River Road in Bushkill, PA, is currently closed for renovations and will remain closed for up to a year while work is completed. During the closure, visitor services operations will be relocated to the Bushkill Meeting Center on Route 209. Pass sales, visitor information, NPS passport stamps, and the park bookstore are all available at the meeting center which is open weekdays (except federal holidays) from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Employees with offices at park headquarters have been relocated to other offices throughout the park. The park's mailing address and phone numbers have not changed.

The renovation includes a complete replacement of the existing electrical, tele-data, and telephone systems and replacement of an accessible vertical lift/elevator at the headquarters complex. The work requires a complete shutdown of electricity to the building during key portions of the renovations. The project will replace old and outdated building components, comply with current building codes, and restore accessibility to both floors of the headquarters building.

The contract was awarded to Genco General Contractors and is expected to be completed by August of 2020. A portion of the headquarters parking lot will be used as a staging area, but some parking on the south side of the site next to the rock wall has been reserved for visitors who want to hike the McDade Trail.

Building renovations are part of ongoing efforts to reduce building deferred maintenance, increase energy efficiency, and improve accessibility and safety. This project is managed and funded by the National Park Service.

Supporting PA's First Responders

Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - In the 1970s, there were more than 300,000 active volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Our volunteer emergency services were at their most robust. Before long, though, those numbers began to decline at a drastic rate. How drastic? The number of active volunteer firefighters in 2019 is closer to 30,000.

With the declining number of volunteer emergency responders reaching critical levels, we in the state House recently brought forth a "Helpers and Heroes" package of legislation designed to assist with the recruitment and retention efforts of volunteer fire and ambulance companies across the state.

The bills also respect the efforts of these emergency responders by allowing them to better use existing funds as part of recommendations made by the SR6 Commission, a 39-member commission comprised of lawmakers and a variety of fire and emergency response stakeholders.

Among the bills passed by the House this week are those that would allow volunteer fire relief money to be used for retention of existing volunteer members and providing incentives for recruiting new volunteer firefighters (House Bill 1673); make online training more readily available to current and prospective first responders (Senate Bill 146) and a host of other bills.

When our emergency services are in trouble, we are all in trouble. We in the House are committed to supporting these services and working proactively to help volunteer fire and ambulance companies every step of the way.



FRAUD WATCH NETWORK

Bank Impostor Scam

A new scam that has emerged this summer involves criminals posing as bank representatives and offering to pick up a customer's "compromised" bank card. This scam originates over the phone with the impostor offering to send a "senior services" agent to the house to pick up the credit card or debit card and PIN so the problem can be fixed. The crook then racks up credit card debt or drains checking accounts attached to debit cards.

Know this: banks don't have "senior service centers" from which they send bank employees to your home. If you get a call like this, hang up



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