



Another Year Of Turkey, Gravy And Stuffing!

By Adrienne Fors

PEN ARGYL - The Knights Order, the Character Education program at Pen Argyl High School with the support of the Slate Belt YMCA, WM, Krise Transportation, Woodstone Country Club, Boy Scout troop 34, Forks UCC Church, Miss Roses Preschool and WM came together to support the Annual Stuff the Bus food drive. The school district works with Families First of Pen Argyl to distribute the collected food to families needing a little extra help this holiday. With the support of the community and the partners, the collection included 7,599 items that were distributed to 44 families.

Way to go Pen Argyl High School and community!

Check out the video that the students put together AT <https://s2.bl-1.com/h/dvqVnnWr?url=https://drive.google.com/file/d/15GNFliC0atnpF3bhSqSNHmclN8A-c2h/view?usp=sharing>

GRAND CENTRAL LANDFILL *a Good Neighbor in Plainfield Township*

Do you know?

Grand Central Landfill, through both its operation and host community agreement with Plainfield Twp., each year creates significant positive economic activity in the community.

This economic impact in 2019 includes almost \$2 million* in tonnage-based host fees and business privilege tax payments.

These payments help make living in Plainfield Twp. more affordable for its residents. Grand Central also provides support to many of the non-profit groups, community events and causes that make the Slate Belt a great place to live.

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*Based on estimated waste volumes through December 31, 2019.



Free Safety Check for Water Supply Line Hazards

By Brittney Waylen

BOROUGH OF EAST BANGOR - Northampton County announces a partnership with the Slate Belt Rising, Community Action Lehigh Valley, and the East Bangor Municipal Authority to conduct safety assessments of residents' interior home water supply lines for any hazards. Program participation is free for residents in the East Bangor Municipal Authority service area.

Northampton County will check for the presence of water line hazards, especially in any water line or fixture where lead may be an ingredient. "Here at Northampton County, we are concerned because lead exposure has been shown harmful to very young children and has been linked to affect brain development, contribute to learning-behavioral problems and lower IQs. This program allows us to work together to help remove these concerns," says Executive Lamont McClure.

Older homes are more likely to have some lead presence in service lines and possibly in some interior plumbing fixtures. Should any lead be detected, the program will look at replacing items, including goosenecks, water meters, and plumbing fixtures that still contain lead. The program will contract with a PA-licensed plumber for all replacements, and there will be no charge to the homeowners.

A notice of eligibility letter will be sent directly to the homes of residents in the East Bangor Municipal Authority service area. For more information on this program, or if you need assistance with applying, contact Brian Fenstermaker with Slate Belt Rising at 484-523-0900. Walk-in application assistance is available on Wednesday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Bangor Borough Building (197 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bangor, PA 18013).

Northampton County will look to expand this program to other areas in the County.



Totts Gap Arts Institute (TGAi) is now accepting grant proposals from organizations presenting arts programming in the 10 municipalities of the Slate Belt region.

Founded in 2006, the mission of TGAi is to nurture artists of all ages, and to awaken the excitement, passion, and possibility of the fine and performing arts by supporting classes, helping to showcase talent, and supporting events that will infuse our community and the region with a love and respect for the creative process.

Grants will be awarded to qualifying organizations for programs that provide educational opportunities, or support cultural events, such as performances.

Granted programs can be for any age group, and are open to any federally-designated (501)(c)(3) non-profit organization that agrees to follow the grant requirements and stipulations.

Individuals seeking to present programs are advised to seek a partner organization to host the event.

Program requirements:

- i) Program must be open to any resident of the Slate Belt.
- ii) Program must comply with TGAi's mission and values of inclusiveness and accessibility.
- iii) Program must be hosted in an ADA complaint facility.
- iv) Classes will have no fee.
- v) Performances will have reduced rates available for students and seniors.
- vi) Preference will be given to group activities over serving individuals.
- vii) Programs will not promote any religious or political agenda.
- viii) Program staff, performers, etc. do not need to be residents of the Slate Belt, but the event must take place in the community.

Grant value: up to \$5,000. To apply, follow the link below, and email the completed application to arts@tottsgap.org.

<http://tottsgap.com/apply-for-funding>