

PennDOT and DEP Seek Volunteers for Statewide Spring Cleanup, Beautification Effort

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HARRISBURG, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are seeking volunteers for this year's Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania that began March 1 and runs through May 31. Groups participating in PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program, which involves volunteers cleaning roadsides year-round, are also encouraged to participate in the cleanup.

The cleanup is sponsored each year by PennDOT, DEP, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, and other partners.

"PennDOT is grateful for the thousands of volunteers who work with us to keep our roadways litter-free," said PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards. "We stand in full support of those who share our desire to keep Pennsylvania Beautiful."

"The volunteers who make the commonwealth cleaner and greener benefit all Pennsylvanians in many ways," DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell said. "Getting trash off streets makes communities

more inviting, can bring recycling revenue to municipalities, and reduces stormwater runoff pollution. I thank the many volunteers statewide, and look forward to participating in a cleanup event again this year."

Gloves, trash bags, and safety vests for the cleanup campaign will be provided by PennDOT, DEP, and the GLAD Products Company, a national sponsor.

In addition, during "Pick It Up, PA Days," April 7–30, registered cleanup events have access to reduced or free disposal at participating landfills, through support from DEP and the Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association.

During last year's cleanup, 132,695 volunteers collected over 5.3 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roads, trails, and shorelines. Over 7,200 events were held, with every county participating.

PennDOT's AAH program contributed 20,404 volunteers who cleaned up nearly 16 percent of the collected litter on 10,576

miles of cleaned-up roadway.

Through PennDOT's AAH program, volunteers collect litter on a 2-mile section of state highway at least two times a year. The program currently has over 4,900 participating groups, more than 85,920 volunteers, and 10,612 miles of adopted state-maintained roadways.

PennDOT has created a comprehensive webpage that includes all volunteer opportunities available, from the Great American Cleanup of Pa and Adopt-A-Highway to Safety Training, Litter Brigades and more. Find it at www.penndot.gov.

For their extensive partnership on the 2017 Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania, DEP and PennDOT were awarded the State Agency Partner Award by Keep America Beautiful.

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Prescription Drug Take-Back Box

The Slate Belt Regional Police Department has a prescription drug "Take-Back" box at their 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, Pa office (Plainfield Township Municipal Building). Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency), 610-759-8523 (Fax) and 1-888-823-4978 FREE (Non-Emergency Toll Free)

Music in Our Schools Concert

Bangor Area High School concert on Monday, March 26th at 7PM. Featuring instrumental and choral ensembles from all levels. M. Craig Paine Performing Arts Theater. For more information visit: bahsbands.weebly.com.

Railroad Tower Society

The East Stroudsburg Railroad Tower Society is pleased to announce that Lackawanna Historian Bob Bahrs will be a guest presenter at the Society's next meeting, at 7PM, Thursday, March 22nd, at the award-winning Dansbury Depot in East Stroudsburg. Bob's program includes slides showing E-L freights, many of which will be in the Pocono area. Last month the restored, 154-year-old railroad station was selected by the Monroe County Historical Association as a site where historic preservation is noteworthy. The website of the Tower Society is: <http://esrttower.org/> Members as well as non-members are invited to attend the upcoming free presentation.

Cat in the Hat Visit

The Cat in the Hat will visit preschool story hour at Bangor Public Library on Thursday, March 22 at 10:45, and on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:00. There will be stories, a craft, and lots of fun and silliness. All children are welcome. You won't want to miss it. The Bangor Public Library is located at 39 S. Main St., Bangor.

Basket Auction

Benefits Wind Gap Middle School & Plainfield Elementary School Music Booster Association. Friday, March 23rd. Doors open at 4:30 pm, Drawing starts at 6:30 pm. Wind Gap Middle School, 1620 Teels Road, Wind Gap, PA. Tickets \$5 each Sheet (26 Tickets per Sheet). Separate raffle for additional prizes. PLUS 50/50 Drawing. Concession Stand open. Bring your own chair. Find our event on facebook at "Music Boosters Association Basket Auction"

Seek and Find Egg Hunt

Saturday March 24th, 10:00 am, for toddlers through 6th graders at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl (snow/rain date March 31st)

"Shuffle Off to Breakfast"

On Saturday March 24, 2018 from 8AM to 11AM the Bangor High School Drama Department will be hosting the fifth annual pancake breakfast with the cast of "42nd Street" at the Bangor Area Middle School. The breakfast will raise

funds for the high school musical production of "42nd Street". Performance dates are: April 13, 14, 15, 2018. Tickets for the musical will be available for purchase at the pancake breakfast or you can call 610-599-7011 x1001 for further information regarding tickets for the musical. Tickets for the "Shuffle off to Breakfast" pancake breakfast can be purchased at the door, \$6.00 per person, children 2 and under are free. Please call Sue Bina, 610-588-3041, with any questions.

Portland Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sat. March 24. 1pm. Prizes for kids ages 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Bring the Family, come out to the Portland Ball Field for an Egg Hunt and meet our very own Easter Bunny! Call Stephanie Steele for more info. 610-216-6716 or at www.portlandboroughpa.com.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 PM. For children 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10. Invite your friends and family to join us. Light refreshments will be served. Richmond United Methodist Church, 8538 Delaware Drive, Bangor, PA 18013

Holy Week Services

The East Bangor United Methodist Community Church will celebrate Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday, March 25th, at the 9:15 a.m. worship service. There will be a distribution of palms. On Maundy Thursday, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m., communion will be observed. Easter Sunday services on April 1st will start at 9:15 a.m. For more info call 610-588-4453 or visit www.ebumc.org.

Egg Hunt

The Upper Mount Bethel Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st 11:00am at the Upper Mt. Bethel Fire House on Route 611. The egg hunt will begin at 11:00am. Please arrive a few minutes early. Come join the fun - lots of great prizes!! The event is for kids 12 & under

Easter Bake Sale

The Washington Township Vol Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary will have their annual Easter Bake Sale on March 31st from 9-11am at the East Egg Hunt at Rt. 191 Rec. Fields.

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Program: "Deep Space Communications" - Ken/KB3MDT. Hams and others interested are always welcome. Directions: <http://goo.gl/maps/qKUJC>. FMI: www.dlarc.org. 610.432.8286.

Bangor Womens Club GFWC Card Party

The Bangor Womens Club GFWC will be hosting a card/game party on Thursday, April 5 at Prince of Peace Church, Johnsonsville PA. A soup and sandwich lunch with homemade cake will be served at 11:30 am. Door prizes and table prizes will be distributed. Anyone interested in attending please contact Barbara at 610 588 0196 to make a reservation. Please join us for a fun event.

Harlem Wizards

The Bangor Area Middle School PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student, Organization) is hosting its 1st Annual Harlem Wizards Basketball Game on April 7, 2018. While the PTSO is fairly new, we are running this fundraiser in hopes that we can raise enough money to assist the school with future purchases that are not in their budget. We will have our own team consisting of teachers and staff from each school in the district as well as some High School players. Our team will be playing against the Harlem Wizards. To purchase tickets online you can go to: <https://www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>. Find the April calendar and click on April 7th, Bangor, PA. Any businesses interested in being a sponsor for this event can contact Debbie Smith, 610-751-7692 or Kim Gambale, 484-241-0441 or email: bamsptso@gmail.com

Refuse to be a Victim

Refuse To Be A Victim Crime Prevention Seminar to be Held in Comunales Italian Market, Saturday April 7th, 2018 at 1 Mount Bethel Plaza, Mount Bethel, Pa. 18343. This is The NRA's award-winning crime prevention and personal safety seminar. Advanced registration is required, contact NRA Refuse To Be A Victim instructor Charlie Hentz @ 610-588-9044, web site www.charleshentz.com or www.nrainstructor.org. Price per person is \$25.00. Starts at 11:30 AM with a light lunch and beverages, seminar starts at 12 Noon.

Opening Reception for the 2018 Spring Exhibit

Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Slate Belt Heritage Center, 30 North First Street, Bangor, PA. RSVP by April 6 - 610-599-4993. Enjoy local food specialties

American Legion Riders Post 927 Meeting

The American Legion Riders have their monthly meeting on Sunday, April 8 at 10:30 AM at the American Legion Post 927, Route 209 and Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert. For more information, contact President Everett Shaver, 570-977-8208 or everett.shaver@yahoo.com. Visit www.ampost927.org and Join us on Facebook

Annual Blessing of the Bikes

Bike Blessing open to the public, on Sunday, April 8 at 12 noon. Service performed by Bishop James Mills. American Legion Post 927, Located at the corner of Rt 209 and Fairgrounds Rd, Gilbert PA 18331

Chapter Swap Meet

Join the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited for a swap meet. Bring your unwanted fishing and fly tying gear, equipment and materials to trade or sell with others. Fishing related vendors and professional tiers are welcome. April 11, 2108 at 7:00 PM. Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Free and open to the public. For more information email administrator@brodheadtu.org or brodheadchapter@gmail.com.

Slate Belt Heritage Center Spring Opening

The Slate Belt Heritage Center (SBHC), located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA will be celebrating its 19th Anniversary of incorporation in conjunction with

its' Spring Opening on Saturday, April 14th. The Heritage Center is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization whose mission is: To establish and offer for public view and educational purposes: artifacts, displays, DVD's, oral histories, genealogies and research information that reflect local Slate Belt history and heritage, and to perpetuate our Slate Belt Heritage, ethnic contributions, industry and history so that future generations may learn and appreciate our valued past.

Free Community Dinner

Our Lady of Victory Church, located at 327 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, PA, will hold a free Community Dinner for those in need at the Church from 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, April 15th. The dinner will be held in the Church Hall. Directions - Route 611 to Cherry Lane Road. Follow Cherry Lane to church on left. Please call the church office at 570-629-4572 for reservations and more information

4-H One Day Camp

The 4-H program of Monroe County will be offering a one-day camp for youth ages 8 to 12 (age as of Jan. 1 of the current year). The theme, FRONTIER LIVING is designed to teach youth about the lives of the early pioneers. Workshops will include: Colonial Pancakes, Tortilla In-A-Bag, Home Grown Soap, Cornhusker Dolls, and Finger Weaving. The event will take place on Saturday, April 28th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, at the Penn State Extension Office, 724 Phillips Street, Stroudsburg, PA. Registration is limited and due by 4/20/18. For complete workshop descriptions, registration information and cost, call the office at (570) 421-6430.

Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day isn't too far away and the planning for our Grand Central Earth Day celebration is underway! The event will be held at the Grand Central Environmental Education Center on April 22nd, 2018 from 11-2pm. We will kick off the event with a ribbon cutting and recognizing Eagle Scout Justin Anthony. This year we will have two presentations: Bear Mountain Butterflies (Monarch program) and PT Reptiles (Reptiles!!). More information to come!

75th Anniversary Spring Dinner Buffet & Tricky Tray

Join us on Wednesday, April 25 at the VFW Post 2540, 546 Fawn Rd, East Stroudsburg, starting at 5PM. Doors open at 5 PM, Dinner served at 5:30 PM, Drawing for prizes begins at 6pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance by 4/20. Call MAL (570) 421-7775.

2nd Annual Bike Blessing

Pocono Harley-Davidson, along with Abundant Life Lutheran, Holy Cross Evangelica Church of Nazareth and Common Ground MC present 2nd annual Bike Blessing. Saturday, April 21st at Pocono Mt. Harley-Davidson, 1 Gypsum Road, Stroudsburg, PA. Registration 8:30-10am, Bike Blessing 10am, Kickstands up 10:30am. Proceeds benefit PVEN Food Pantry, Bath Area Food Barn and Victory House Bethlehem. Rain Date April 22nd. For more information call 570-992-7500 or visit www.poconohd.com.

Kirkridge Retreat Center

2495 Fox Gap Road, Bangor, PA. 610-588-1793, kirkridge@kirkridge.org, kirkridge.org. April 6-7, 2018: TIP: Together It's Possible Meets Interplay® Anita Bondi and Jean Richardson. April 6-8, 2018: Singing for our Lives: A Women's Singing Event. Diane Pette-way. April 13-15, 2018: Sacred Activism. Lynne Iser and Rabbi Mordechai Liebling. April 20-22, 2018: Unbelievable: Living Faith. Bishop John Spong. April 27, 2018: Helping Congregants Get to Faith Through Doubt: A one day program for religious leaders. Bill Tammeus. April 27-29, 2018: Getting to Faith Through Doubt. Bill Tammeus. May 18-20, 2018: Reclaiming our Wholeness. Elaine Sullivan and Jean Richardson.

Desire Show

DESIRE is proud to announce a great new show just added! We will be performing at The Historic Roxy Theater in Northampton on Sunday Afternoon, May 20th from 1:30-3:30. Tickets are ONLY \$12. They will be sold at the door (if available) on the day of the show for \$15. This show is to benefit The Knights Of Columbus Council 14464. I now have tickets for this event! You can mail a check made out to me and send it along with self addressed stamped envelope to Bob Hepburn, PO BOX 22002, Lehigh Valley, PA. 18002. Once I receive your check, I will ship the tickets right away! This is a beautiful historic venue that has plenty of room to enjoy the show. Don't delay in sending your check! This show will sell out quickly!

Youth Outdoor Adventures

Delaware River Shad Fisherman's Association and Blue Mountain Fish and Game Club presents the 12th Annual Youth Outdoor Adventures. June 16th from 7am-5:30pm (rain or shine). The event is free for ages 8-15. Register online at www.drfsa.org. Limited to 100 registrants. Questions or more information contact Dave Carl at 570-325-4336 or fisherman_dcarl@yahoo.com.

Sight & Sound Trip

Mount Bethel Township 55+ trip on June 6th to Sight & Sound Theater. No reservations accepted after May 11th. NOTE: Zip code 18343 sign ups accepted until April 27th. Other zips may sign up from April 28th to May 11th. For more information call 570-897-6127

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