

## Delaware Water Gap and Portland are Open for Business!

By Michael Ortoski

**WATER GAP / PORTLAND** - Join Local Business Owners and Dignitaries met on Thursday on the steps of the Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap to announce that local businesses are Open during the Rt. 611 road closure due to the latest storm.

Business owner Lauren Chamberlain, State Senator, Mario Scavello, I80 DWG Coalition, Tara Mezzanotte and other local dignitaries and business owners from the Slate Belt and the Delaware Water Gap area were in attendance to get the word out that the Gap is Open for Business going into the busy holiday weekend.

Also in attendance were Deer Head Inn, Sycamore Grill, Edge of the Woods Outfitters, Village Farm and Bakery, Steve Ertle and others.

Working together to get the word out is crucial to many local businesses that depend on tourists and locals to visit the area. The closure of Rt 611 has already decreased business in the area by two thirds. Also, the closure of Rt 611 is a major safety issue as it is the only option to Rt 80 to enter Pennsylvania.

Cut off is the main artery between the Slate Belt, the Poconos and the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area and critical emergency service routes to the nearest hospital. We appreciate your support getting the word out that the local community is working together to get through this emergency.

BLUE FLAME EVENTS & SLATE BELT RISING PRESENTS

### WILD & FREE SPRING VENDOR JAMBOREE

We're lining the street with over 70 vendors & crafters for this family fun event!  
(Well-behaved leashed pets are welcome!)

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THE EXCITEMENT!**  
**SHOPPING W/ VENDORS & CRAFTERS ~**  
**FOOD ~ MUSIC ~ AND MORE...**

**APRIL 23, 2022**  
**10AM - 4PM**  
**SOUTH ROBINSON AVE.**  
**PEN ARGYL, PA 18072**  
**(YES, WE'RE CLOSING DOWN THE STREET!)**

FOR VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES EMAIL:  
[BLUEFLAMEEVENTS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BLUEFLAMEEVENTS@YAHOO.COM)  
COST = \$30 FOR A 10X10 SPACE

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### Community Open House and Safety Fair Day

**May 21, 2022**  
**11 A.M.-2 P.M.**

**WMM**

### \$500 Bike Gift Card Raffle

### Fifty \$50 Bike Helmet Gift Cards

from **Cyclemasters** (First Come-First Served)

Children's Bike Skills Course - Bring Your Bike!  
Free Children's Bike Safety Checks by:  
**CYCLEMASTERS**

### Outdoor Car Show

Car Registration: 9:30 A.M.-11 A.M.  
\$20 Car Registration Fee to benefit Slate Belt Regional Police  
Awards Ceremony at 2 P.M.

Register your car by scanning the QR Code or email [afors1@wm.com](mailto:afors1@wm.com)

SCAN ME

### Complimentary Food Catered by Café on Broadway

### Free Ice Cream Truck

### Touch a Truck & Equipment

### Landfill Tours

Grand Central Landfill & Hauling  
910 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072



Free Child Car Seat Checks by:



### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

at Pocono Organics

**PickUpThePoconos.com**  
DO YOUR PART

**April 23, 2022 | Pocono Organics | 10:30AM-3:30PM**  
Food & Craft Vendors | Face Painting | Magician | K9 Unit | Reptile Show | And More!

Sign Up Today for Pick Up The Poconos Day at [PickUpThePoconos.com](http://PickUpThePoconos.com)  
Volunteers are exclusively eligible for door prizes at the celebration!

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