

Preserving the Safety of Everyone on Our Roads

By Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Nazareth)

NAZARETH - Cycling is a great way to promote healthy habits. While there are many benefits to cycling – increased strength, better health and lower stress – it is not a danger-free activity. By reviewing the rules of bicycle safety, cyclists ride with less risk.

The most important rule of bike safety is to always wear a helmet. For children under the age of 12, that is the law. Law also states that cyclists must obey all stop signs and red lights. Never ride against the flow of traffic.

Each year, there are many accidents involving bicycles which happen because a cyclist was not easily visible. With that in mind, wear bright cycling clothes. Make sure your bicycle has reflectors on the front and rear, as well as on its wheels. At night, use a headlight and a red light on the rear of the bicycle.

Since cyclists can travel on roadways across the state, and bikes are not equipped with turn signals,

folks need to know what cyclists are communicating with their signals. Watch out for these gestures:

- The left arm extended horizontally signals a left turn.
- The right arm extended horizontally or the left arm extended upward signals a right turn.
- The left arm extended downward signals a stop or decrease in speed.

Of course, motorists also need to give cyclists enough space. A state law, signed in 2012, requires motorists to allow at least four feet between their vehicle and a bicycle to safely complete a pass. If you're passing a cyclist, reduce your speed. When it is safe to do so, you can cross over the double yellow line of the roadway to create the four feet of room needed.

By following these simple precautions, cyclists can enjoy their time outside while also maintaining their safety.



Emrick's Bills to Protect Taxpayers and Local Municipalities Signed into Law

By Abbey Haslam

HARRISBURG – After receiving unanimous support from the General Assembly, two bills drafted by state Rep. Joe Emrick (R-Nazareth) to save taxpayers and local municipalities money were signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf.

Before the passage of Emrick's bills, municipalities were required to pay for separate advertisements each year to advertise their budget and their tax rate, despite – in many cases – the tax rate not changing from the previous year. Emrick's legislation eliminates the need for municipalities to advertise their tax rate unless it increases from the previous year, saving the taxpayers the expense of advertising a tax rate that hasn't changed.

"Because it can cost as much as \$1,000 each time to advertise tax rates in the newspaper, eliminating the need to advertise tax rates that haven't increased translates into savings for taxpayers. It also offers another incentive for municipalities to avoid raising taxes," Emrick said.

Act 50 of 2019 amends the First Class Township Code, and Act 51 of 2019 amends the Borough and Third Class City codes. Both laws enable the property tax millage rate to be assessed by resolution, rather than ordinance, as long as the local municipality keeps the current tax rate the same or reduces taxes.

"These laws were created with the principle of saving taxpayer money in mind, and I am proud that they received unanimous support from both chambers of the General Assembly. Having the full support of my colleagues proves how beneficial the legislation is for all Pennsylvanians," Emrick added.

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www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,
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 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,

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 tory R.C. Church, Tannersville** will hold
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The East Bangor United Methodist
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 Thurs., July 18
 1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop
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 Fri., July 19 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. VBS
 Sat., July 20 8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting
 Sun., July 21 9:15 a.m. Worship Ser-
 vice 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
 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
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 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
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 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
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 Summer Worship at 10 a.m.
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God's Missionary Church
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**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.
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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
 available at all services. Rev. J.
 Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.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
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 Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion
 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-
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 436 South 2nd Street
 Bangor, PA 18013
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 Parish Website: www.ourladystvinc-cent.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,
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 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st
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2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
 Spring rummage, and bake sale May
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 1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop
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 Sun., April 21 8:30 a.m. Choir
 Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Easter Service
 w/Children's Church

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
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210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am
 Greeting/Welcoming, 9:30am Service.
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 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &
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 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J.
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**St. Brigid's Episcopal Church,
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 Delete Sunday school
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 St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
 310 Madison Avenue
 Nazareth, PA 18064
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 Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy
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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
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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 Episco-
 pal 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.
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St. Vincent dePaul
 720 Delaware Avenue
 Portland, PA 18351
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLCG)
 Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM
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 Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

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 Sunday Worship 9:30 am -- No SS
 -- Rev. Rodney W. Wells (610-588-
 1989)

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.