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## ATC Trail to Town Jamboree

By Michael Ortoski

WIND GAP - Hosted by Senator Scavello and Wind Gap Borough the 4th annual ATC Trail to Town Family Jamboree was held at Wind Gap park this past weekend.

The free event is part of Wind Gap being a designated as an ATC Trail Town four years ago.

The event is designed to highlight the trail along outdoor experiences in our region. There were over 230 event goers who came out to learn about the non-profit government related exhibitors and took part in hands-on activities.

The ATC mission is to preserve and manage the trail  
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Pete from P.T Reptile brought his 10 ft. long python along with other reptiles for his educational show

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## National Night Out In Roseto

By Michael Ortoski

ROSETO - The borough of Roseto held their annual National Nite Out at their borough park last week. The event is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Roseto police at their booth were issuing child ID cards, Columbia Fire Company and Blue Valley rescue squad displayed their equipment and had games for the kids. Dinky's ice cream and Roseto helping hands served food and ice cream to the event goers and an

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L-R Rep. Joe Emrick, Peter Reisen, Ingrid Berner

## Peter Reisen 50 years with Mount Bethel Fire Co.

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - On Friday at State Rep. Joe Emricks office, Emrick presented Peter Reisen a citation from the House of Representative for 50 years of service with Mount Bethel Fire Co. along with his partner Ingrid Berner.

Reisen, 80, began working as a volunteer firefighter with the Mount Bethel Fire Co. in 1969.

Born in 1939, Reisen moved to Upper Mount Bethel with his family when he was a year old.

Reisen served in the U.S. Army for most of the 1960s. Other than the time he was stationed in Korea and other places the Army took him, he has spent his entire life living in the township.

When he returned from military service, he joined the local fire company and hasn't looked back, he said.

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Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageTreasures.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Unit #139A Melissa Pittenger, Unit #139B Dustin Haskell, Unit #501 Melissa Pittenger. All units consisting of boxes, furniture, misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

**Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday, August 27, 2019 on StorageTreasures.com.**

All auction sales are FINAL. Cash only and paid at Columbia Self Storage, 1059 Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Columbia Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid.



**The Salvation Army Prepares For Christmas. In July!**

You may see a **red kettle** or two soon around town in celebration of Christmas in July and in preparation of the holiday season.

**Bell Ringers** are needed for the 2019 Christmas Season! If interested in helping, please contact the **Office at 610-863-6677**

**Christmas Assistance**

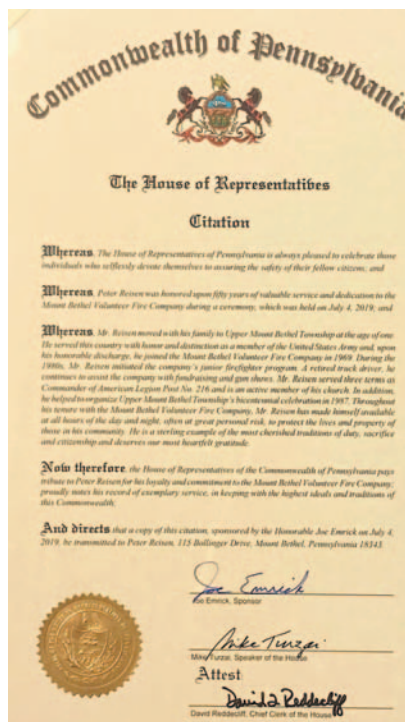
The Salvation Army offers a Christmas meal and gift assistance to Slate Belt families in need upon completion of an application. Gifts are offered for Infant through School-Age children. Allowance based on a child's diagnosed disabilities may apply.

**Walk-In interviews to complete assistance applications will be held on the following dates from 10am -1pm:**

**October** 23rd, 24th, and 30th  
**November** 6th, 13th, and 14th  
**November 6th**- evening interviews available from 5-7pm by appointment only!  
**After November 13th- Interviews by appointment only if available**

**\*No applications accepted after December 6, 2019\***  
 Please contact the office with questions at 610-863-6677

DOING THE MOST GOOD



## 50 Years of Service

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"This township has been my home," Reisen said. "I'm proud of it."

Reisen doesn't tell stories of burning buildings or other dangerous situations. Instead, he speaks of the younger firefighters he helped train and watched grow into seasoned veterans.

In the 1980s, Reisen was responsible for initiating a junior firefighter program. He brought fire trucks to Bangor Area High School to train students on them and let them use the ladders, he said.

Two brothers who trained under Reisen in the junior firefighter program, one went on to a career in the U.S. Coast Guard and the other became a fire marshal.

A big accomplishment Reisen reminisces about was helping organize the township's bicentennial celebration in 1987. He spent three years working on the celebration and was able to recruit so many fire and rescue companies that it took four hours for the various vehicles to make their way through township roads during the bicentennial parade, he said.

Reisen, who retired from truck driving in 2016, raised four children in the Portland with his wife Evelyn, who died in 2006. All four children still live in the Slate Belt.

Reisen recently finished his third stint as commander of American Legion of Mount Bethel and Portland Post 216. He has been an active member of the local Lutheran Brethren church.

Still an active member of the fire company, Reisen helps out with company fundraisers and gun shows serving drinks or preparing food.


Proud of his work with youngsters, Reisen said he encourages the younger generation to participate in public service. "Get involved," Reisen said. "Step up to the plate and do your thing."

The township honored Reisen for his service at the Independence Day celebration at the Community Park on Potomac Street on July 4.

Ingrid Berner, who has lived with Reisen for several years, said newcomers to the township are often advised to speak with Reisen to find out what they need to know about the township.



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