

# FCC Takes Next Step in Battle Against Robocalls, Spoofing

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR- Recognizing the frustration and potential danger posed by spam calls and spoofing, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced new rules this week that will ban malicious caller ID spoofing of text messages and foreign calls. The rules are designed to close a loophole in existing law that prevented the agency from pursuing scammers sending spoofed text messages and international bad actors making spoofed calls to Americans. Earlier this summer, the FCC approved rules that could make it easier for AT&T, Verizon and other telecom giants to block suspected spam calls on behalf of their subscribers.

It allows the companies to enroll consumers in their call-blocking services by default, as opposed to waiting for customers to sign up for such tools on their own. While these changes are important steps in the fight against robocalls and spoofing, no one expects they will result in their elimina-



tion. Protect yourself by using some of the following tips provided by the FCC: don't answer calls from unknown numbers; due to spoofing, don't assume when the caller ID shows a local number that the caller is actually local; if you answer and the caller asks you to press a button to stop receiving calls or asks you to say "yes" in response to a question, hang up to prevent your response from being used for unauthorized charges; and if a caller claims to be from a legitimate company or organization, hang up and call them back using a valid number found online or a recent bill if you do business with the organization. If you have lost money because of a scam call, notify your local law enforcement agency. If you receive a spam call, file a complaint with the FCC Consumer Complaint Center Link: <http://links.pahousenews.com/q/FDoDDdCjyz1sTICGZ3rawgPL12zW>.

# Legislation For National Parks Maintenance Projects

By Sharon J Davis

EASTSTROUDSBURG - As you know, our national parks have a backlog of major maintenance projects that nationally is more than \$11 billion dollars. Bi-partisan legislation has been introduced in both chambers of congress to address this backlog. PA Senator Patrick Toomey has not yet signed on.

We visited his DC office in April and are hoping to set up a meeting at his Allentown office this month.

We know that Senator Toomey is a proponent of a strong business environment. Therefore, we are asking local communities and business people to sign onto this linked letter espousing the economic

benefits our National Parks bring to the local economy. We appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you share it with appropriate people in your community.

Please go to : <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2RWyO3-v2EqRyR8DJqqvP17PgSXFnTyMwWbevQcYUv3lulw/viewform>



## MT. BETHEL ABSTRACT

A FULL SERVICE TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY

3013 N. Delaware Dr., Mt. Bethel, PA. 18343

SEARCHES

REAL ESTATE

CLOSINGS

SETTLEMENTS

TITLE INSURANCE

NOTARY PUBLIC

PHONE

FAX

TOLL FREE

570-897-9047

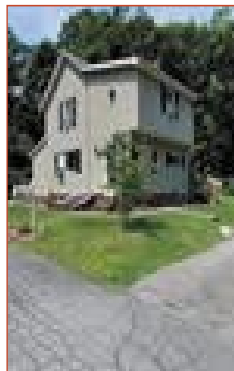
570-897-9048

888-325-2433

[www.mountbethelabstract.com](http://www.mountbethelabstract.com)



**NEW LISTING!** This immaculate home is move in ready. Large eat in kitchen opens into a large family room. Brand new deck & beautifully landscaped corner lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 2 car oversized garage & more! **MLS#619749 \$324,900**



**NEW LISTING!** Perfect home for 1st time home buyers. 3-4 bedroom home w/ hardwood floors in dining room & kitchen. Private concrete patio area, above-ground pool and great wooded area in backyard. Large 2 car detached garage with a wood stove. **MLS#619638 \$182,000**



**NEW LISTING!** RANCH STYLE 3 bdrm. 2 full bath all brand new stainless steel full appliance kitchen the WOW home. Granite kitchen counter tops tile back splash and WHITE CABINETS. YES and a wrap-around deck. BRICK FLOOR IN LAUNDRY ROOM. LEASEHOLD \$500.00 a month includes water sewer road maintenance trash. **MLS#619536 \$82,000**

**NEW LISTING!** Ideally located building lot in Lower Mount Bethel Township. This flat lot is surrounded by gorgeous farmland & offers fantastic views of all the surrounding lands. There are no builder or land restrictions! Property is zoned agriculture, so it's perfect for anyone looking to have a house & animals!

**MLS#619344 \$39,000**



**Your Hometown Real Estate Team**

2418 N. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel PA 18343

Phone: 570-897-7325 Fax: 570-897-7303

**Now Hiring  
School Bus Drivers**  
Bangor Area School District



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA®

**Experienced or Interested (Free Training)**  
20-30 hours per week  
(AM and PM Routes)  
Competitive Wages

*Must pass all clearances and background checks*

**STA is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

800 S. Main Street  
Bangor, PA 18013

**(610) 588-3590**

**NOTICE**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EMAILED ONLY TO BVTIMES@RCN.COM BY FRIDAYS NOON**

**Ackermanville United Methodist**  
**1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor**  
 Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang  
 (610) 588-7818,  
 www.ackermanvilleumc.org

**Bangor Church of the Nazarene**  
**150 Bunny Trail, Bangor**  
 Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship  
 (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm  
 Powerhouse Praise Practice, 6pm Teen  
 Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth  
 L. Bean, Pastor  
 (610) 588-6929

**Belfast Bible**  
**483 Belfast Rd., Belfast**

Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Wor-  
 ship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm.  
 Pastor Michael Yaworski.

**Belfast Wesley United Methodist**  
**607 School St., Belfast**  
 Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Wor-  
 ship 10am, coffee fellowship following  
 worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610)  
 746-3652.

**Benders Mennonite Church**  
**975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun Worship service every Sunday at  
 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of  
 the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

**Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion**  
**7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611),  
 Martins Creek**  
 Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone  
 welcome, questions 908-483-8231;  
 Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning  
 Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-  
 250-9890. Learn about us online  
 www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**703 S. Delaward Dr. (Rt 611),  
 Mt. Bethel (Stone Church)**  
 Every Sunday- 9am Worship, Commu-  
 nion offered 1st & 3rd Sundays.  
 610-588-7056, www.celcpa.org

**Clearfield Bible Holiness Church**  
**1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap**  
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &  
 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick.  
 (812) 653-3975.

**Community Baptist**  
**Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate  
 class for age 10 & under.

**Community Presbyterian**  
**1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service  
 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of  
 every month following service.  
 www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,  
 (570) 897-6766.

**Cross Road Baptist Church**  
**201 Second St., Bangor**  
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,  
 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/

Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor  
 (610) 588-3966,  
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

**The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Vic-  
 tory R.C. Church, Tannersville** will hold  
 a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April  
 28th. We would appreciate your help  
 in advertising this year's event without  
 cost to the church.

**The East Bangor United Methodist**  
**Community Church**  
 Thurs., Aug. 22  
 -1:00 p.m. Bazaar Workshop  
 Sat., Aug. 24 -8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting  
 Sun., Aug. 25 -9:15 a.m. Worship  
 Service w/Liturgical Dance  
 Children's Church offered  
 -10:30 a.m. After-Church Fellowship  
 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**  
**Penna & Heller Aves., Pen Argyl**  
 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  
 and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am,  
 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  
 Bangor, PA 18013  
 Pastor Ken Hess

610-588-4648  
 www.flicksvilleucc.com  
 Summer Worship at 10 a.m.  
 All are welcome!

**God's Missionary Church**  
**of Northampton**  
**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.  
 http://GMC-N.com

**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 avail-  
 able at all services. Rev. J. Timothy  
 Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipat-  
 grace.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**  
**2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion  
 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-  
 come! SS every other Friday.  
 Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

**Living Waters Christian Church**  
**396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna**  
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am  
 Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev.  
 Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters  
 570-350-4710

**Mt. Bethel Church**  
**A Church of the Lutheran Brethren**  
**1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel**  
 Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service ,  
 11am Contemporary Service Visit our  
 website www.mountbethelchurch.org or  
 call (570) 897-7142 for info.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
 436 South 2nd Street  
 Bangor, PA 18013  
 Rectory (610) 588-5445  
 Parish Website: www.ourladystvincent.  
 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,**  
 Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Com-  
 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st  
 from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreci-  
 ate your assistance in advertising this  
 dinner without cost to the Church.  
**Portland Baptist Church**  
**601 Delaware Ave., Portland**  
 Sun- Sunday School 9am, Service  
 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with  
 Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and  
 rampsWe are handicap accessible with  
 automatic doors, elevator and restroom.  
 (570) 897-6866  
 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor**  
 Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm.  
 Sunday School starts at 8:30am (Sep-  
 tember-May )  
 Sunday Service- 9:45am  
 Holy Communion is served weekly. All  
 are welcome!

**Presbyterian Parish of**  
**Bangor-Roseto**  
**332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor**  
 Sun.- Worship 10:30am. Rev. Albert  
 Martin. (610) 588-4864, email presbyteri-  
 anbr@frontiernet.net.  
 www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

**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**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
**210 Garibaldi Ave, Roseto**  
 Sunday Worship Services 9:15am  
 Greeting/Welcoming, 9:30am Service.  
 All Welcome. Rev. Barry Eng. (610)  
 599-9949, www.RIPC-OnlineToday.org.

**Slate Belt - Nazareth Baptist**  
**1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &  
 Children's Church (nursery provided),  
 5:30pm Bible Study. Pastor Scott J.  
 Davis. (570) 664-4603.

**St. Brigid's Episcopal Church,  
 Nazareth.**  
 Delete Sunday school  
 Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.  
 St. Brigid's Episcopal Church  
 310 Madison Avenue  
 Nazareth, PA 18064  
 Phone: 610-746-3910  
 Fax: 610-746-4515

**St. Elizabeth's Parish**  
**300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am.  
 Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York.  
 610-863-4777

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran**  
**12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy  
 Communion. (610) 863-4332

**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  
 Gassler. 610-759-0244.  
 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 Episcopal  
 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.  
 (610) 863-6859

**St. Vincent dePaul**  
 720 Delaware Avenue  
 Portland, PA 18351  
 Rectory (610) 588-5445  
 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLGCC)  
 Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM  
 Holy Days (See Church Website)  
 Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

**The Pentecostal Christian**  
**Church the Truth**  
**(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)**  
**4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl**  
 Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School  
 (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise &  
 Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

**Temple Israel of the Poconos**  
**Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue**  
**660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg**  
 Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm  
 followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat.  
 Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a  
 traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi  
 570-223-7062.

**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
**632 S. Delaware Dr. Mt. Bethel**  
 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.

**Zion Presbyterian Church**  
**Water St., Wind Gap**  
 Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speak-  
 ing at the 9:30am service. Children SS  
 during the service. Visitors welcome.  
 (610) 863-8896.