

Senator Susan Wild Visits Small Business Owners In The Slate Belt

By Michael Ortoski

SLATE BELT – This Month, Rep. Susan Wild will visited the Slate Belt in Northampton County to visit with small business owners and community members. Joining Rep. Wild was Ed Nelson, Upper Mount Bethel Township Manager, and Mount Bethel community members.

Wild visted Allegheny Creek Brewing Company at 690 Allegheny Rd, Mt Bethel, a new business in Upper Mount Bethel.

Then she proceeded to Upper Mt. Bethel Plaza in which she met Michael Todas owner of Method Karate. Method Karate is a family-oriented and family-operated martial arts school in Mount Bethel, PA.

They offer these great programs: Shotokan Karate is our traditional martial arts program offered to students 7 to 100 years of age. Our classes focus on strength, conditioning, technique and combat application. NinjaTrix, is offered to students 4-12 years of age, Tiny Ninjas is an action packed toddler and me class.

After that she visited Mt. Bethel Beverage to talk to owners Mary Jo (Comunale) Krafty and her husband Sam Krafty. Mary Jo is one of the orignal family owners of the Plaza. It's operated now by her two nephews Tony and Frank Komunale, Tony was at the meeting an discussed the many different small business the Plaza attracts. Mary Joe told Wild the background of the Plaza, when and why it was built. The Plaza today is the largest economic driver in Upper My. Bethel for small business.

After those visits I took Wild to Minsi Lake. As co-chair of 'Friends of Minsi Lake' I showed her all the improvements we have done so far at the Park and told her all about Phase II projects that will be done over the coming years. Minsi Lake is the 'Diamond' in Upper Mt Bethel.



Susan Wild with Michael Todas owner of Method Karate and his family



Co-chair of 'Friends of Minsi Lake' Mike Ortoski told Wild about all the improvements the group has accomplished



Mike Ortoski told Wild about The Purple Martins Nesting Gourds



Families First of Pen Argyl School Dist. 'Stuff the Bus'

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PEN ARGYL - Frank Jones Dr. of Families First and students from Pen Argyl High School Loaded up cars for over 3 hours with boxes of food they have been collecting for two months.

"We gave out 80 turkeys " said Jones. They did the distribution at the Slate Belt Y.

