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Dear Residents,

We are pleased to provide you with the Fall/Winter edition of the Bangor Borough newsletter!

Twice per year, a new edition of this newsletter will be released, each full of information and tips for Borough residents. Take a look inside and learn about borough events and community happenings! This newsletter is funded entirely through local merchants and businesses, making it free to our taxpayers!

As each of us prepares for the upcoming holiday season, Borough employees, community groups, volunteers, and local businesses are working hard to plan and prepare events for our community! We look forward to Octoberfest, the Halloween Parade, Trick or Treat, and the Tree Lighting, just to name a few!!

*Have a fun and safe Halloween
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Tuesday: Pulled Pork & Sweet Chili Chicken
Wednesday: Ribs & Oven Roasted Chicken
Thursday: Shrimp
Friday: Brisket
Saturday's: Coming Soon - BBQ



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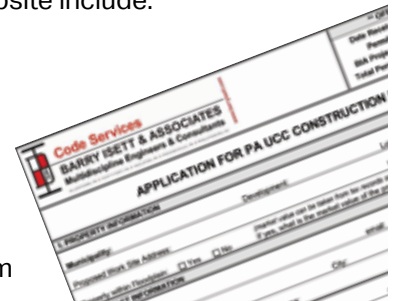
Planning on a home improvement project this coming spring or summer. Make sure you have submitted all the needed permits and received approval from the borough before you start your project.

Code Enforcement Permits are available on our website. To access these forms, go to bangorborough.org and click on the "FORMS AND DOCUMENTS" icon. Forms listed on the website include:

- Swimming Pools – Both a UCC Construction Permit and Zoning Permit must be submitted
- Commercial/Residential UCC Construction Permit
- Commercial Permit Plan Submittal Guide
- Residential Permit Plan Submittal Guide
- Dumpster Permit
- Abandoned and Foreclosed Property Registration Form
- Residential Rental Licensing Application
- Resale Certificate of Occupancy Application
- Zoning Permit (*Fences, Decks, Patios, Sheds, Pools Etc.*)
- Sidewalk/Curbing Permit
- Sign Permit
- Street Excavation Permit
- Grading/Earth Disturbance Permit
- Zoning Hearing Board Application

Other Forms and Applications available on the website include:

- Moving Permit
- Yard Sale Permit
- Residential Alarm Registration
- Parade Gathering Permit
- Disabled Parking Sign Application
- Transient Retail Permit
- Request for Security Check by Bangor PD Form



If you have any questions, please contact the Borough office at 610-588-2216 for information

Bangor Pool Updates

Thank you to all the Borough staff that helped make the 2023 season at Bangor Memorial Park Pool a success. We hope that all the visitors to the pool enjoyed themselves and made memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you also to the Park Board for organizing wonderful events. We look forward to next season!



Bangor Borough Curbside Trash & Recycling Collection 2023 Zone Calendar

2023

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Curbside Trash Collection:
Trash collection is scheduled for **Tuesday** each week. Residents can place up to 5- 35 gal. trash cans or bags, not to exceed 60 lbs., for collection prior to 5:30 am on your service day.

Curbside Recycling Collection:
Recycle collection will occur every other week on Tuesday depending on where you live within the borough.

Refer to map detailing your scheduled collection week.

GREEN: Recycling collection East of 4th Street.

YELLOW: Recycling collection West of 4th Street (including residents on both sides of 4th St.).

BLUE: Bangor Borough Leaf Collection



Trash Curbside Collection

Your waste will be collected curbside each Tuesday except after Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day when collections will occur on Wednesday.

Please call 1-800-621-2100 to reach our Grand Central Landfill and Hauling Team with any questions.

Waste Management will not collect yard waste, grass, televisions, computer equipment, appliances containing refrigerants, construction debris and hazardous waste. Our company also will not collect any liquid waste, including paint. If you have paint you no longer need, attempt to give it to someone who can use it. Otherwise, before placing out for the trash collection allow the paint to dry out or add cat litter or sand to the paint so that is no longer liquid.

Single Stream Recycling Collection

All recyclables may be placed in the same recycling container and put out for collection every other Tuesday. Please **NO PLASTIC BAGS.**

What Bangor Borough Can Recycle

These items may be placed in the container for single-stream recycling

- Plastics: 1- 7
- Glass: bottles and jars
- Metal: bi-metal, aluminum or tin cans
- Paper: newsprint, small cardboard boxes (shoe, gift, cereal boxes), magazines, phone books, envelopes, junk mail
- Cartons: Milk, cream, wine, juice, broth, egg substitutes
- Corrugated cardboard: please cut or flatten boxes

These items are not accepted for recycling

- Plastics: toys, garden hoses, pool covers, bowling balls, clam-shell containers (think tomato and fruit containers)
- Glass: mirrors, plate glass, drinking glasses, glass cookware
- Electronics: TV's, microwave ovens, appliances
- Styrofoam, propane tanks, tires
- Any soiled or greasy paper or cardboard, including pizza boxes
- Used Syringes - please use our Think Green from Home program for this



YARD WASTE RECYCLING

A year round drop off container is located at Bangor Memorial Park for leaves, branches (1-1/2" in diameter & 3' long) and shrubbery. All leaf/yard waste must be contained in brown bio-degradable bags and are available for purchase at your local hardware store.

No plastic bags will be accepted. Christmas trees must be free of tinsel, ornaments and lights.

NO GRASS CLIPPINGS

NO GARBAGE AT DROP OFFS

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED



Leaf Collection As Per Calendar

LEAF PILES CONTAINING DOG WASTE, STONES, GRASS, OR TWIGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

All garbage & recycling must be in durable water tight cans per Borough Ordinances #834 & #961 and must be out no longer than 24 hours before pick-up.

Replacement Recycling Containers (at \$5.00 each) are available for sale at the Bangor Borough Administration office, 197 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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November 1st to November 22nd

Please rake all leaves to the curb. The Public Works Department will not empty bags or other containers; this is the responsibility of the resident. Branches, shrubbery, finely mulched leaves, grass, garbage, pet waste and other building materials will not be picked up.

Leaves will not be collected from private property. Please place leaves curbside to ensure proper pickup.

Do not place pieces of wood, steel, rocks, or concrete on the leaves to hold them down. These objects will cause damage to the leaf pickup units and put them out of service at a great expense of time and money to the Borough and its residents.

To help facilitate the picking up of the leaves, please keep all vehicles away from the area where the leaves are piled. The Public Works Department will not rake piles of leaves out from between parked cars or from under them.



YARD WASTE RECYCLING:



A year round drop off container is located at Bangor Memorial Park for leaves, branches, (1-1/2" in diameter and 3' long) and shrubbery. All leaf/yard waste must be contained in brown biodegradable bags which are available for purchase at your local hardware store. No plastic bags will be accepted.

The yard waste dumpsters have been restored with revised hours to help prevent illegal dumping (Wednesdays from 8 am through Fridays at 2pm). The dumpsters will have to be removed again if illegal use/dumping continues: **NO GRASS, DIRT, BAGS, TRASH OR OTHER DEBRIS ALLOWED.**



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****Borough will Pay Recycle Charge for 1 Item per Residency****

Bangor Residents With ID Only

NON CONTACT!! YOU MUST STAY IN YOUR CAR!!

Items that can be recycled FREE of charge are listed below:

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| ♻ Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors) | ♻ DVD Players & VCR's |
| ♻ Keyboards & Mice | ♻ Gaming Systems |
| ♻ Printers/Fax Machines | ♻ String Christmas Lights |
| ♻ Cables & Cords | ♻ Microwaves & Small Appliances |
| ♻ Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries | ♻ Metal Items & Water Heaters |
| ♻ Laptops | ♻ Exercise Equipment |
| ♻ UPS Battery Backups | ♻ Car Batteries (sealed lead acid) |
| ♻ Toner & Ink Cartridges | ♻ Bed Frames & Rain spouting |
| ♻ Audio Visual Equipment | ♻ Filing Cabinets |
| ♻ Telephones & Cell Phones* | |

*Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

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| ♻ Washers & Dryers-\$20.00 | ♻ Air Conditioners - \$25.00 |
| ♻ Stoves \$20.00 | ♻ Dehumidifiers - \$25.00 |
| ♻ Dishwashers-\$20.00 | ♻ Refrigerators - \$35.00 |
| ♻ Computer Monitors \$20 | ♻ Floor Freezers - \$35.00 |
| ♻ Televisions under 42" - \$40.00 ALL Types | ♻ Floor Copiers-\$20.00 |
| ♻ TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") \$58.00 | ♻ Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00 |
| | ♻ Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge - \$25 |

Destruction Services for a Fee:

- ♻ Hard Drive Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per drive, Includes a Certificate of Destruction
- ♻ Document Destruction (offsite) - **\$10** per standard paper size box, Includes a Certificate of Destruction

****Cash or Checks ONLY****

Please have exact change or check prepared.

****Please Make Checks Payable to Responsible Recycling Services or RRS****



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Thank you

The Borough of Bangor would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize each of them as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.





Bangor Public Library

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon, Wed: 1:00PM - 8:00PM
Tue, Thu: 10:00AM - 8:00PM
Fri: 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Sat: 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Sun: Library is Closed

The Bangor Public library is busy planning the Fall programs. So many wonderful author visits, crafts, our Book Club and so much more. So come on down and check out all the wonderful things going on at the library.

The library would like to announce that we have been nominated for the 2024 National Medal for Museums and Library Service. The library will be running against other libraries across the Nation. All information will be turned in by September 1, 2023. Keep the library in your thoughts and hope we win!

Fall events that are coming up at the library:

- Friends of the library are hosting a yard sale on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9-2pm at the 4th street lot.
- Snowman raffle from Oct. 1-Nov. 4th tickets sold at the library.
- Starting now till Oct 18th Boscov shopping passes are available at the library with a \$5.00 donation.
- Bangor Woman's Clubs Wreath Sale in November the weekend after Thanksgiving.
- So come on down and check out all the wonderful things going on at the library.



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David J. Ceraul is a graduate of Plus X High School in Roseto. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from University of Scranton in 1977, and received his JD Degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1980. Dave was inducted into the Pius X High School Academic Hall of Fame in April 2011.

Dave is a member of numerous local clubs and organizations including Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, Minsi Trails Council, Forks of the Delaware District, the Father Denisco Council No. 3862 of the Knights of Columbus, Bangor Lions Club, Bangor Elks Lodge, Roseto Chapter of UNICO, and Martocci-Capobianco Post 750, Sons of the American Legion. Dave is also a founding member / officer of the Blue and White Scholastic Foundation, Inc.

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Upcoming Events

October 7th – **Movie night** – “Ghostbusters” – Broadway

October 14th & 15th – **Octoberfest** – Bangor Memorial Park

October 19th – **Halloween Parade** – Bangor Memorial Park

October 29th – **Trick or Treat**

Please Check Our Facebook Page As Well As The Borough Website For Updated Information On All Upcoming Events!!!

MESSAGE FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT



Every winter storm our crews work around the clock to clear the snow and ice. The Borough first plows major streets for emergency vehicle passage as the highest priority. After that, clearing side streets is the next priority. Once all the streets are passable, crews then work on cleaning snow from intersections and parking spaces.

We know that residents hate the “windrows” (those long piles of snow on each side of the road) that plows leave behind, and that often bury freshly shoveled sidewalks and driveway aprons. Unfortunately, the reality is that these “windrows” are an unavoidable part of plowing. You can reduce the amount of snow that ends up in a “windrow” in front of your driveway or walk by doing certain things:

- **DO NOT** push snow from your walk, drive, or parking area out into the street as it will only be pushed back in when the plow passes
- When you clear snow, **also clear the snow from the road shoulder** about 15 feet “upstream” of plow traffic direction (the direction the plow comes from). This way, when the plow passes by, less snow will be pushed back into your driveway.
- **Clear all of your sidewalks**, the full width of the sidewalk, down to the bare pavement.
- After the sidewalk is cleared, **sprinkling a little sand** can help keep the sidewalk from becoming slippery as night falls and temperatures drop.
- **Pile the snow** you clear in your yard.
- **If you have a corner property**, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter to create a safe passageway.
- **Don't wait to clear the snow**—the longer you wait the harder it becomes to move it because it melts and refreezes in an ice cover.
- If you will be away on vacation or health issues prevent you from clearing your sidewalk, **make arrangements for help** before the snowfall season.
- **Business owners should clear the sidewalk** and attempt to provide a walkway from the street to allow customers using street parking to get safely to the sidewalk without climbing over snow banks.
- **PLEASE, be patient and courteous to crews!!!!**

WHEN THE SNOW MELTS . . .

Storm water on parking lots and streets flows into storm drains so that the pavement won't be flooded. Storm drains connect to underground pipes that convey the storm water directly to a nearby water body. In order to prevent storm water pollution please properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint – never pour them in any storm drain or any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.



Message from the Mayor . . .

As the Mayor of the Borough of Bangor, I have some thoughts I would like to share. Our summer was very successful; our pool was open, and the Park Board provided several enjoyable family-friendly events this year, despite the unpredictable weather. Liberty Fire Company's annual carnival and the Big Time were well attended and better than ever. Nothing says summer more than steamed clams at Liberty and Columbia Fire Company's famous cheesesteak sandwiches.

Looking forward to this fall, we will have Bangor Slater Football, The Little Slaters Football, and the East Penn Raiders semi-pro football at Bangor Memorial Park. We also have our annual Oktoberfest event and the Halloween Parade to prepare for in October.

Unfortunately, we had several homes in South Bangor suffer severe storm damage following a rainstorm in July. It is my hope that the borough would be able to work together with other local, state, and federal officials to help the homeowners recover from this natural disaster.

Community support for our Borough is more important than ever right now as the Bangor Borough will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in two years. Planning must start now! We are asking that any individual, group, or organization that would like to participate in the event to contact the Bangor Borough office for further information. We will need all hands-on deck to make sure that our 150th is the biggest and best ever!

I want to wish everyone a happy fall and winter season. So, in closing, I would like to shout a big "Thank You" to our volunteer fire organizations, our police department, and our first responders. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

Mary Ellen DeFranco

Mary Ellen DeFranco
Mayor



ELECTION INFORMATION
ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

POLLING PLACES: PLEASE CHECK YOUR VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR YOUR POLLING PLACE.

Beehive Community Center
(Lower Level)

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Bangor 2nd Ward
Fire Company

Northampton Street, Bangor



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ORDINANCE REMINDER: **Quality of Life Ordinance, No. 961**

Lack of property maintenance, improper storage of trash, rubbish, or inoperable/non-registered vehicles, high weeds and grass, and accumulation of snow and ice are costly problems that deteriorate property values, inhibit economic development, and generally degrade the physical appearance of the Borough. The quality of life and community pride of the citizens of Bangor are negatively impacted by the occurrences and existence of these activities.

Recognizing these are community problems, the purpose of this ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the Borough by helping to create a clean environment for the citizens of Bangor.

***To view the complete ordinance, please visit www.bangorborough.org
and continue to the "Forms and Documents" page.***



Mark your Calendar!

By Rep. Ann Flood (R-Northampton)

As your state representative, I always aim to host events that are helpful and informative. This fall, I will be hosting seven different events that will give us the opportunity to meet and share information about various state programs and initiatives.

Those who are looking to learn about their Second Amendment rights and gun laws in Pennsylvania are encouraged to attend my gun safety seminar on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Roseto Rod and Gun Club located at 30 Shooktown Road in Bangor.

Older adults aged 55 and over are invited to attend my Senior Expo to gather a wide variety of information on programs and services available to them. Refreshments will be provided. The expo will be held Friday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, 6480 Sullivan Trail in Wind Gap.

Prospective college students and their parents are invited to a financial aid seminar with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6-8 p.m. at Pen Argyl High School, located at 501 W. Laurel Ave.

Those with special needs and their families are invited to attend my Special Needs Expo on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Forks Township Community Center, 500 Zucksville Road in Easton. Attendees will learn about various state and local resources available to support them.

I will be hosting two additional events in November. Keep an eye out for details regarding my Pick Up PA cleanup event and shredding event on my Facebook page at [Facebook.com/RepAnnFlood](https://www.facebook.com/RepAnnFlood).

I hope to see you at one or all of these events. It is my honor to serve you.



Ann Flood
PA State Representative

Bangor Farmer's Market and Quarry Bites & Brews

Would like to thank Slate Belt Rising, Huratiak Homes, LLC., Northampton County and other sponsors for a very successful season. We hope that all visitors to the events enjoyed themselves and made memories that will last a lifetime. We look forward to next season!

Thank you

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

In Case of Fire---Try Not To Panic!!

- Open doors carefully, only after feeling them to see if they are hot. Stay close to the floor as smoke and hot gases rise. Breathe through a cloth and take short, shallow breaths. Follow your pre-planned escape route. Remember, being prepared could save your life and those you love!
- Fall is upon us and with colder weather coming we close our windows and turn on our heat. Now is the time to have your furnace serviced to avoid any problems over the winter.
- If you have a fireplace or wood stove, you should get your chimney cleaned on a regular basis.
- Also important now that the windows are closing is to make sure to have a working Carbon Monoxide detector. Carbon Monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion of natural gas, propane, gasoline, coal, oil, kerosene, or wood. Did you know you can get carbon monoxide from automobiles, unvented appliances such as an oven, space heater, stove, barbeque grill and gasoline engines as well as ventilated appliances such as your furnace, gas dryer, hot water heater, and fire place?

If your Carbon Monoxide detector alarms, you should get everyone out of the house immediately and call 911. Do not open windows or doors to let in fresh air, the Fire Department has special instruments that can detect Carbon Monoxide and we need your home to be kept closed until our arrival.



The Bangor Fire Departments are always looking for volunteers!! If interested, please call:

- 610-588-2212 (Rescue Fire Co)
- 610-588-5275 (Second Ward Fire Co)
- or 610-588-2366 (Liberty Fire Co)



Pennsylvania State Senate

IT HAS BEEN MY ABSOLUTE HONOR TO REPRESENT YOU

By: Senator Lisa Boscola – PA Senate District 18

Earlier this summer, I opened a district office in Bangor at 20 Market Street to serve the residents of the Slate Belt. It is opened Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 5 pm. We look forward to helping you with any state related issues you may need assistance with. From PennDOT (driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, parking placards) to Property Tax Rent Rebates to Birth Certificates to Unemployment Compensation issues, we are here to help! And, of course, please let me know what issues before the Senate are important to you! Stop on in or give us a call at 610.863.1200. You can also keep up to date on my activities in Harrisburg or locally by visiting my website at www.SenatorBoscola.com or on my social media platforms @SenLisaBoscola.

One issue that I will continue to fight for is the need to reduce our reliance on local property taxes as the primary source for funding public education. Unfortunately, the recently signed state budget failed to address this need. Pennsylvania homeowners remain overtaxed and too many school districts are short- changed by our continued use of this antiquated, unfair, and unconstitutional system.

It is hardworking homeowners that are footing the bill for public education. Even worse, the bulk of that is on a select group of property owners due to a provision in the law known as "hold harmless." This law enacted in 1992 ensured that no school district would receive less funding than it did the year prior, even when its student population declined. So, in school districts where student enrollment decreased, their per-pupil state funding continued to grow. Whereas the school districts where the population grew never received enough funding to cover their growing costs. As a result, many school districts regularly raised local property taxes to make up for the state's failure to provide needed funds.

When combining both local and state funding, Pennsylvanians pump a lot of money into public education. A 2023 report put out by World Population Review noted that Pennsylvania ranked 8th in terms of per-pupil spending. However, a 2022 WalletHub report found that Pennsylvania ranked near the bottom for the equitable distribution of its education funds. Do you know why? Only one-third of the total education spend comes from the Commonwealth, while the remaining dollars come virtually all from local school property taxes.

Although the inequity of our system has been well-known for decades, there is now a court order mandating a fix to our funding system. While the Court left it to the General Assembly and the Governor to craft a solution, the decision made clear that our overreliance on local property taxes combined with the "hold harmless" provision is at the root of the problem. Knowing about the unfairness of the system, the harm it has caused to homeowners for decades and the existence of a court order, what did Harrisburg leaders do about local school property taxes? Absolutely Nothing. Instead, they championed pet projects that do nothing to alleviate the crushing burden of school property taxes or fix the inequities in the system. Programs like free school breakfasts, school vouchers, increased Educational Improvement Tax Credits and more level-up funding are mere band-aids that fail to address the structural problems with our school funding system.

Some officials will point to the expansion of the property tax and rent rebate program to demonstrate that they are serious about addressing the school property tax problem. Do not be fooled. The expanded program is projected to help about 10% of homeowners. Last year 277,000 homeowners benefitted from this program. The expansion might help another 100,000. Today, there are over 3.4 million homeowners in Pennsylvania and an additional 52,000 farmsteads, which means 90% of homeowners get no benefit. The reality is homeowners are left holding the bag again. They are forced to cough up more in property taxes as they watch the state ignore the fair funding formula, overpay for cyber charter schools, and continue the application of a law that punishes property owners in growing school districts.

Band-aid approaches to education funding and "property tax relief" have made things worse and need to be replaced with real change. That means both chambers, both parties, and the Governor need to sit down at the table and find a better mechanism to fund our schools. Hard working homeowners across Pennsylvania deserve the relief that comes with a total overhaul to the system.

The annual budget dance demonstrates that the only thing that motivates Harrisburg is a real deadline. It is why a Constitutional Amendment ending property taxes for homeowners by a specific date and requiring the legislature to fix the broken system is the only way to hold Harrisburg leaders accountable. Twice this session, I offered such an amendment calling for ending property taxes for homeowners and farmsteads by 2028 and requiring the General Assembly to come up with replacement revenues. Both times, leaders moved to avoid a vote on the merits in a calculated move to prevent the amendment from getting to the voters.

Real property tax reform is needed now. It is time for homeowners to step forward and make clear to their elected representatives to make property tax reform – a "pet project" and hold them accountable. Demand a vote on setting a firm deadline to end our reliance on local property taxes and create a fairer funding system by a date certain. Without homeowners raising their voices and demanding accountability, Harrisburg will continue to pay lip service to this long-standing problem but offer little in the way of real solutions.



Senator Lisa Boscola



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mission Statement

The Bangor Police Department shall protect and serve the community by maintaining order, preventing crime, and enforcing the law with integrity and professionalism. As proud members of the law enforcement profession, we endeavor to conduct ourselves in an honorable manner worthy of the community's respect.



About the Bangor Borough Police Department

The BPD is located on State Route 191 in Bangor Borough, Northampton County. The BPD operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You may contact the BPD by calling the Northampton County Control Center at (610) 759-2200 for non emergencies. For emergencies only dial 911.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Bangor Police Department offers a variety of FREE outreach programs for schools, families and other concerned citizens to take advantage of.

These programs include:

- Tours of the police station
- Fraud Prevention Programs
- Trick or Treat Safety for Children
- School Bus Safety
- Eddie Eagle Gun Safety
- Crime Prevention Programs
- Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Program
- BPAIR Police Assisting in Recovery Program
- Car Seat Safety Programs for Parents & Caregivers

Other programs can be tailored to your needs. To schedule a program for your group or organization please call the Bangor Police Department at 610-588-4720.

The BPD is staffed by the Chief, 5 full time patrol officers and 2 part-time patrol officers. Each officer is involved in all aspects of modern law enforcement including, but not limited to: crime deterrence, investigation of criminal activity, apprehension and prosecution of criminal offenders, investigation of motor vehicle accidents, and the enforcement of Pennsylvania's criminal and traffic laws.

In addition to the basic law enforcement duties described above, some officers participate in specialized assignments such as the inter-departmental Special Response Team, Motor Carrier Enforcement, Accident Reconstruction, and the Northampton County Drug Task Force.

Patrol Division

Patrol is the backbone of any police department. The Bangor Borough Police Department runs a very aggressive patrol program. An aggressive patrol program results in higher crime deterrence, the discovery of in-progress criminal activity, and a higher rate of criminal offender apprehension. Ultimately, this leads to a lower crime rate and a better quality of life within the borough. All police officers in the BPD perform duties in the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division utilizes 4 marked police cars.

The vast majority of citizen contacts with the BPD are a result of a patrol function, be it responding to a call for service, a traffic stop, or investigating motor vehicle accidents. As such, Patrol is the most highly visible portion of the BPD and the most easily recognized.

Each officer on duty is responsible for patrolling the entire borough, and responding to any and all emergencies or calls for service, as well as assisting neighboring police departments when requested.



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