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We are pleased to provide you with the Spring/Summer 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 spring and summer season, Borough employees, community groups, volunteers, and local businesses are working hard to plan and prepare events for our community!

Enjoy the Warmer Weather and We Wish You a Safe & Fun Spring and Summer!



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SWIMMING POOL:

The pool season is tentatively scheduled for June 1 - August 23, 2024

SEASON PASS

•	Family*	.\$175.00
•	Individual	.\$100.00
•	Senior (Age 60 and older/ Student (Grades K-12)	.\$70.00

DAILY PASS

• Adult	\$5.00
Child (13 and under)	\$4.00
Senior	\$3.00
All - Twilight (After 5PM)	\$3.00
• Day Care Rentals (Adult staff free – max 3 hrs stay)	

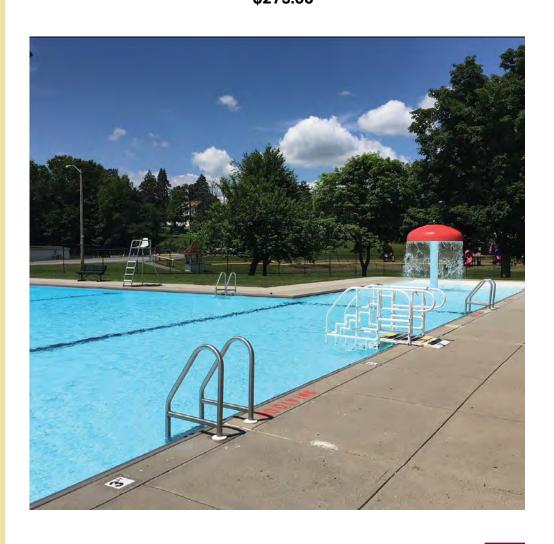
Pool Party During Pool Hours

(Individual admission required plus fee to reserve tables)

\$55.00

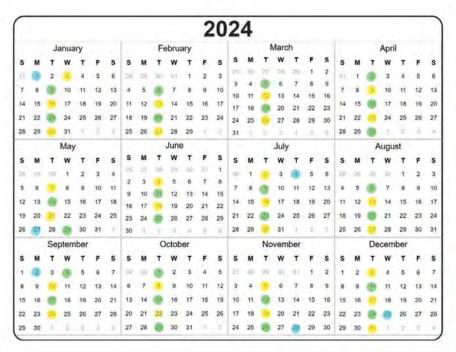
Evening Pool Party

(private two hours after pool closes, 50-person max) **\$275.00**





2024 Bangor Borough Curbside Trash & Recycling





GREEN: Recycling collection East of 4th Street.

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

BLUE: Observed holidays

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.

Trash Curbside Collection

Your waste will be collected curbside each Tuesday except after New Year's Day, Memorial Day, and Labor Day when collections will occur on Wednesday.

Please call 610-936-9967 or email Bangor@WhitetailDisposal.com for assistance.

Whitetail Disposal 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, 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 (1 & 2 preferred)
- · 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











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CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION:

November 1st to November 20th

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.





Support our members; they support our community. **www.slatebeltchamber.org**

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.





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Be Environmentally Friendly! Recycle your old unwanted, broken and outdated electronics and appliances.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!!!

Borough of Bangor

197 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bangor, PA 18013 Saturday, April 6th and October 5th, 2024 - 9am-11am or Until Truck is Full **Borough will Pay Recycle Charge for 1 Item per Residency**

Bangor Residents With ID Only

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

- Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors)
- Keyboards & Mice
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Cables & Cords
- Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries
- Laptops
- UPS Battery Backups
- Toner & Ink Cartridges
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Telephones & Cell Phones*

- DVD Players & VCR's
- Gaming Systems
- String Christmas Lights
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Metal Items & Water Heaters
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- Bed Frames & Rain spouting
- Filing Cabinets
- *Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

Additional Items that can be recycled for a Fee:

- Washers & Dryers-\$20.00
- Stoves \$20.00
- Dishwashers-\$20.00
- Computer Monitors \$20
- Televisions under 42" \$40.00 ALL Types
- TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") \$58.00
- Air Conditioners \$25.00
- Dehumidifiers \$25.00
- Refrigerators \$35.00
- Floor Freezers \$35.00
- Floor Copiers-\$20.00
- 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
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Park and Recreation Events

MOVIE NIGHTS:

June 7.....Rain Date June 8
July 12.....Rain Date July 13
August 2.....Rain Date August 3

SPLASH DANCE

June 21.....Rain Date June 22

LUAU AT THE POOL

July 19.....Rain date July 20

POOCH PLUNGE

August 24



Octoberfest
October 12 & 13

Bangor Borough 150th Anniversary Celebration:

Bangor Borough will be celebrating its **150TH ANNIVERSARY** in 2025. A committee is forming to help with the planning and organization of this event. Anyone that is interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact the borough office at 610-588-2216.

ORDINANCE REMINDER: Quality of Life Ordinance, No. 961

Lack of maintenance properties, improper storage of trash and rubbish, storage of inoperable/non-registered vehicles, high weeds and grass, and accumulation of snow and ice are costly problems that contribute to the deterioration of property values and general disorder in a community. These problems degrade the physical appearance of the Borough, which reduces business and tax revenue inhibiting economic development. 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.





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David J. Ceraul

David J. Ceraul is a graduate of Pius X High School, Roseto, PA. Following his graduation from Pius X in 1973, Dave attended the University of Scranton. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Scranton in 1977 with a B.S. Degree in Political Science/ History, and received his JD Degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1980.

Following a Judicial Clerkship with the Late President Judge James R Marsh of the 43rd Judicial District of Pennsylvania, he established a private law practice in Bangor in 1981. Dave later served as Solicitor to the Borough of Wind Gap and the Upper Mount Bethel Zoning Hearing Board. He currently serves as Solicitor to Bangor Borough, East Bangor Borough, Washington Township, and the Roseto Zoning Hearing Board.

Dave is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Northampton County Bar Association, the Monroe County Bar Association, the PA Borough Solicitors' Association, and the PA State Association of Township Solicitors. Dave was named to Who's Who in American Law in 1988,1994,1996,1999,2006 and 2010. He has also served as the Mental Health Review Officer for Monroe and Pike Counties from 1989 to the present.

Dave was inducted into the Pius X High School Academic Hall of fame in April 2011. He is a member of numerous local clubs and organizations including the Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, Minsi Trails Council, Forks of the Delaware District, the Father Denisco Council No.3862 of the Knights of Columbus, the Bangor Lions Club, Bangor Elks Lodge, Roseto Chapter of UNICO, and Martocci-Capobianco Post 750, Sons of the American Legion.

He is a former Board member of the Pen Argyl Salvation Army, a former Board member of Tott's Gap Arts Institute, and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Apartments, now known as Slate Belt Angels. Dave is also a founding member/officer of the Blue and White Scholastic Foundation, Inc.



David M. Ceraul

David M. Ceraul is a graduate of Pius X High School. Following his graduation from Pius X, he attended the University of Scranton where he obtained his B.S. in History in 2012. He obtained his J.D. at Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in 2015 and was admitted into the Pennsylvania Bar.

After completing Law School, David worked at Ceraul Law Offices before joining the Northampton County District Attorney's Office in 2016. Over seven years at the DA's Office he achieved the title of Deputy District Attorney and Chief of the Juvenile Crime Unit. He also served in the White Collar Crime Unit, Violent Crime Unit, Drug Crime Unit and DUI Unit. During that time he handled Private Criminal Complaints and was a member of the Mental Health Court and Drug Recovery Court Programs.

David is a member of Northampton County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division where he served as president in 2022. There he volunteers with the Lehigh Valley Volunteer Center's Holiday Hope Chest Program as well as other charitable endeavors.

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Pennsylvania State Senate

IT IS MY ABSOLUTE HONOR TO REPRESENT YOU

By: Senator Lisa Boscola - PA Senate District 18

As winter turns to spring, I am beginning my second year of once again representing the residents and businesses here in the Borough of Bangor in the PA Senate. Being able to open a District Office at 20 Market Street has been an important development in being able to represent your interests in Harrisburg. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 9 am – 5 pm. Please stop on in or if you wish to set up a specific time to come in, please call us at 610-863-1200.

One of the programs that my office can assist residents with, the Property Tax and Rent Rebate

program received a major upgrade for this year when last year we passed increases in both the income limit and maximum rebate available to claimants. The income limit for both homeowners and renters was increased to \$45,000 and the maximum rebate was increased from \$650 to \$1,000. It's important to note when calculating your income for this program, that only half of Social Security benefits, count towards that limit. All other income will be added to that determine financial eligibility. Pennsylvanians over 65, widows or widowers between the ages of 50-64, or individuals who are permanently disabled between the ages of 18-64 that meet the income eligibility can apply. My Bangor office has the applications and my staff can assist in completing the applications and filing them for you.

Also, as we enter the spring, the Senate will turn its focus to the Commonwealth's budget, which we are required by the State Constitution by June 30th. As part of this year's budget deliberations, funding education will once again be the focus of this year's budget deliberations.

We are still operating on an antiquated way to fund public K-12 education that the Commonwealth Court ruled unconstitutional last February due to the inequities in our current school funding system and its reliance on the local school property tax.

I have called for a complete elimination of the local school property tax and for the state address these inequities by having all school funding allocated through the state's fair funding formula.

I am hopeful that Governor moves more in that direction in this budget cycle.

As always my goal in this budget will be to protect our taxpayers and create and economic environment to boost our economy and create family sustaining jobs. With regard



Senator Lisa Boscola

to economic development, Governor Shapiro came to the Lehigh Valley in late January to announce the Pennsylvania Economic Development Strategy – which is the first-of-its-kind comprehensive plan to guide the Commonwealth's economic growth in 20 years.

The Pennsylvania Economic Development Strategy is a 10 year statewide economic development plan that focuses on key industries of growth and provides significant investments into economic development programs including the creation of a proposed

\$25 million program to focus on Main Streets to support small businesses and commercial corridors that are the backbone of communities across our Commonwealth.

Every budget, I look specifically for what a governor is putting into economic development. It is the one place in our budget where government can actually help grow the economy - Show me where you spend your money, and I will tell you what your priorities are. And for too long, Pennsylvania's economic development policy has not been a priority.

Pennsylvania needs to be in the economic development business. We need to leverage our strengths like our plentiful energy and a strong workforce and make sure companies looking to relocate know all about them. We also need to work to fix our weaknesses like our overly burdensome permitting process and aging infrastructure, so when a new company says yes, we are ready for them. And when those companies get here, we need to ensure that our workforce is up to the challenge.

One last note of interest, I am pleased to report that working with our local delegation, Bangor Borough Authority was approved for two grants totaling \$750,000 for much needed sanitary sewer improvements in their system through the H20 PA and Small Water and Sewer Programs.

Hope you have a wonderful spring and once again stop by my District Office here in Bangor if you need any state assistance, want to make your voice heard on an issue, such as property taxes, the budget, etc or just to say "hello."

> Senator Lisa Boscola 18th Senatorial District



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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 30 N. 1st Street 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.

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.

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
- Trick or Treat Safety for Children
- Eddie Eagle Gun Safety

- Fraud Prevention Programs
- School Bus 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.



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)



BANGOR

ELECTION INFORMATION

PRIMARY: APRIL 23, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 5, 2024

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

404 Broadway, Bangor

SLATE BELT RISING:

Strengthening Our Community, One Project at a Time

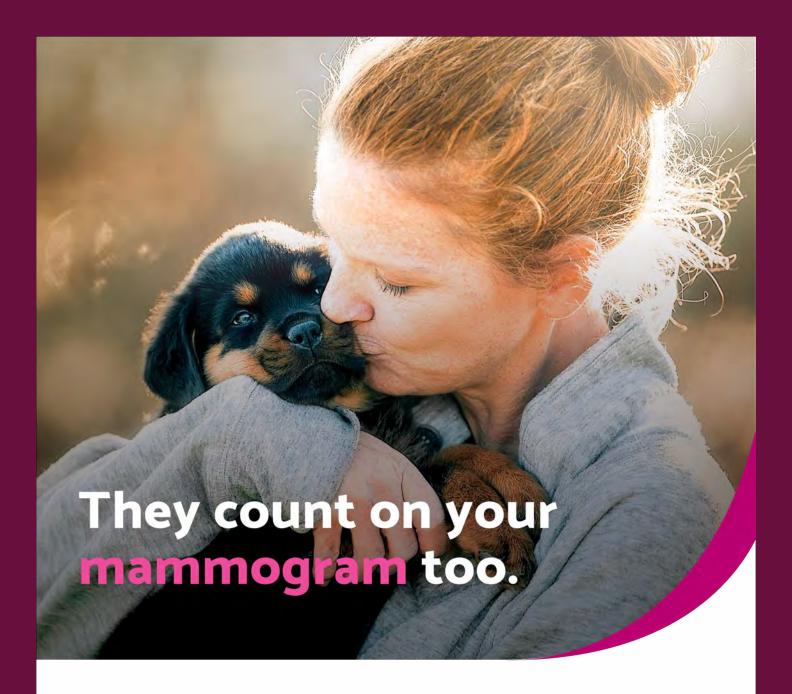
Slate Belt Rising (SBR), a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is dedicated to enhancing the vitality and prosperity of the Slate Belt region. By leveraging the area's rich heritage, natural beauty, and strategic location near major roadways, SBR is committed to fostering economic growth, reducing poverty, eliminating blight, and enhancing residents' overall quality of life.

At the heart of SBR's mission are several impactful programs designed to support local businesses and homeowners. The Commercial Façade & Business Sign Program helps businesses enhance their storefronts, attracting more customers and improving the visual appeal of commercial areas. Additionally, the Commercial Lease Subsidy Program aims to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation in the community by paying the rent of new businesses.

SBR also extends its support to homeowners through initiatives like the residential façade program, which assists homeowners in improving the exteriors of their homes, contributing to neighborhood beautification efforts. Other resources are available to help homeowners with home maintenance projects and provide financial education and assistance, empowering them to achieve greater stability and security.

For more information about Slate Belt Rising and its programs, please visit our website at www.slatebeltrising. org. You can also follow our activities on Facebook; search for "Slate Belt Rising" as we participate in the Slate Belt's exciting journey towards a brighter future!

Brian Fenstermaker | Director | bfenstermaker@caclv.org | 484-523-0900 | SlateBeltRising.org



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