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## Bangor Performs "Mean Girls" The High School Version



Bangor High School Presented their Spring Musical on April 9th. This year's musical was "Mean Girls" The High School Version. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

## Bangor Takes On Northampton In Softball



Bangor took on Northampton High School in Softball on April 13th. Bangor was defeated, 12 to 0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

## Pen Argyl Goes 11 Innings Against Palisades in Softball



Pen Argyl took on Palisades High School in Softball on April 9th. Pen Argyl lost after 11 innings, 8 to 5. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

## Bangor Takes On Salisbury High School in Boys Tennis



Bangor went head to head against Salisbury High School in boys tennis on April 8th, but were defeated 5-0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press



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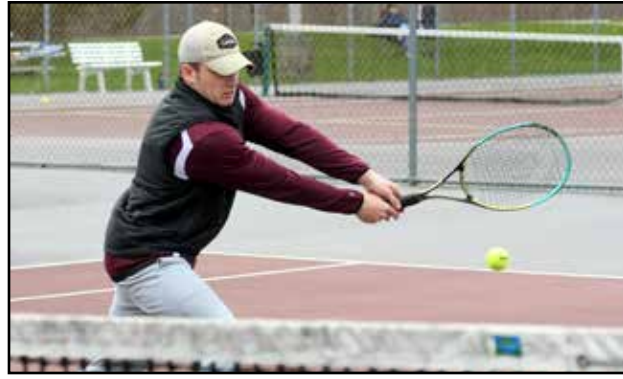


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# PEN ARGYL (5) VS PALISADES (8) SOFTBALL - AFTER 11 INNINGS!



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## Assembly Passes Inganamort Bill Expanding Nj's Accessible Transportation Options

A pilot program that allows popular rideshare companies to transport New Jersey residents with disabilities in place of NJ Transit's Access Link van could become permanent through a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Inganamort and passed by the Assembly recently.

The bill (A2607) allows NJ Transit to contract with certain service providers that are otherwise disqualified under current law, including taxicabs, limousines, or transportation network

companies. "This bill offers a modern-day solution to address the challenges NJ Transit has experienced in providing Access Link riders timely and efficient service. It builds upon the agency's successful pilot program and ensures our seniors and residents with disabilities have the safe, reliable and accessible transportation they deserve moving forward," Inganamort (R-Sussex, Morris, Warren) said. NJ Transit's Riders'

Choice Pilot Program allows Access Link customers in 16 counties who do not need wheelchair lifts to opt in to receive their rides through transportation network companies. The program has reduced wait and trip times for both the riders who opt into the program and those who rely on the van's wheelchair accessibility. "Our most vulnerable residents depend on reliable transportation to get the medical care they need, groceries and life-sustaining services,"

Inganamort said. "All New Jersey residents with limited mobility require more widely accessible service, but it's especially concerning for those who live in our more rural communities who currently have very few options. This important legislation helps address those needs by expanding NJ Transit's reach through alternate providers." The Senate companion bill (S360) has been referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.



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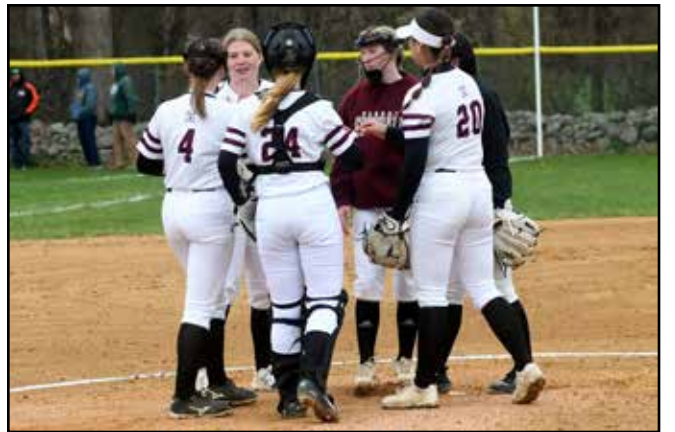
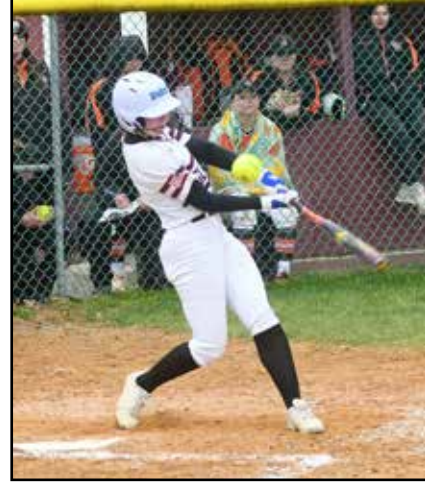
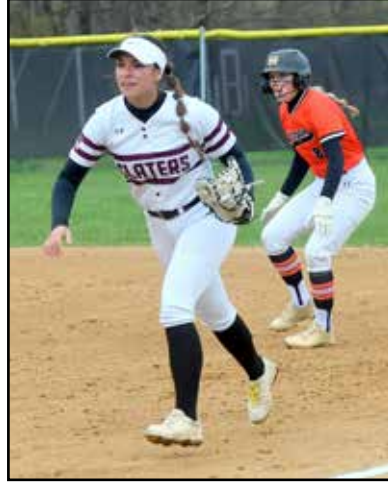
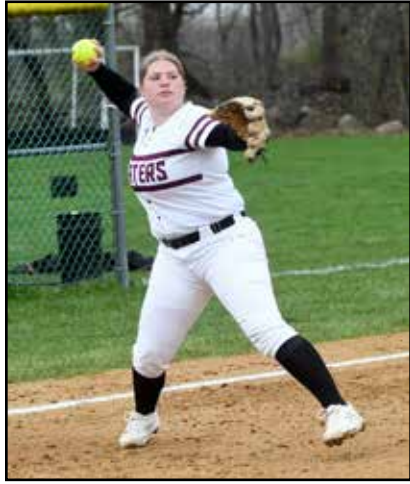


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## Senator Boscola's Bald Eagle Protection Bill Passes House, Sent to Governor of PA

Senator Lisa M. Boscola's legislation, Senate Bill 709, to provide additional protection of bald eagles in the Commonwealth passed the State House of Representatives (171-30) and will now go to the desk of Governor Josh Shapiro. Boscola's legislation establishes stronger penalties for the killing of bald and golden eagles, safeguarding our nation's symbol.

"The bald eagle has been our nation's symbol since 1792 and my legislation that is now heading to the Governor's desk is our Commonwealth's recognition of the need to further protect them," Boscola stated. "The bald eagle holds immense representation on seals, buildings, monuments, and state flags, including ours. It is our Commonwealth's duty to ensure their continued presence in our skies," said Senator Boscola.

Boscola's efforts to establish stronger penalties has seen progress through various legislative sessions, with the latest version, SB 709, passing the Senate in a bi-partisan vote of 48-2 on June 20, 2023.

"The unfortunate trend of eagle poaching continues to plague the



United States, making it imperative for Pennsylvania to take this proactive measure," Boscola added. "Over the last number of years, we have witnessed disturbing cases of poaching in Oregon, Minnesota, Texas, and Washington that demonstrate the need to further protect bald and golden eagles. With the successful return of the Bald Eagle off the endangered list, more and more will be seen in the wild. We want to send a message to potential poachers—you cannot

afford this. We are taking this seriously." Senate Bill 709 establishes a specific penalty of a \$2,000 summary offense for killing a bald or golden eagle in Pennsylvania, a significant increase from the current \$200 fine. This enhanced penalty is designed to serve as a deterrent against engaging in such harmful acts and to ensure the continued protection of these majestic birds.

"In fact, the removal of bald eagles from the endangered species list calls for stronger protection measures. We must act proactively, and with Senate Bill 709 heading to the Governor, we are working in a bi-partisan manner towards a safer environment for these cherished national symbols," Boscola said. "I would like to thank my colleagues in the House for their work in taking this next step in protecting bald and golden eagles."

The legislation also underscores the profound implications of killing a bald eagle, considering their lifelong commitment to a single mate and the vital role both parents play in raising their young.

"If left to live freely, we have the potential to witness the birth of 40 eaglets over a span of 20 years between a bald eagle pair, contributing to the restoration of these birds in Pennsylvania and our nation," Boscola noted.

If signed into law by Governor Shapiro, the stronger penalties will take effect in 60 days from the date of enactment.



Project Self-Sufficiency will host a free, virtual Family Law seminar on Thursday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m. Participants will discuss child support, grounds for divorce, court procedures, alimony, parenting time, equitable distribution of assets, and other topics related to divorce. The presentation, which will be offered through Zoom, is free and open to the public; interested attendees should call Project Self-Sufficiency, 973-940-3500, for log-in details. The agency's legal seminar series is a program of the Journey Family Success Center at Project Self-Sufficiency and is funded by the New Jersey Department of Children & Families. Project Self-Sufficiency has assisted low-income individuals and families in northwestern New Jersey since 1986. Services offered at Project Self-Sufficiency include high school equivalency education, computer courses, employment skills training, job placement services, support groups, parenting classes, childcare and preschool, legal assistance and education, counseling and advocacy, referrals, and help with emergency basic needs, like food and clothing. For more information about the programs and services offered by Project Self-Sufficiency, visit [www.projectselfsufficiency.org](http://www.projectselfsufficiency.org) or call 973-940-3500.

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### Boscola Announces Over \$3 Million in State Funding for Lehigh Valley Transportation Projects



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  - City of Bethlehem, Third Street Multimodal Connections: \$900,000
  - City of Easton, College Hill Intersection Improvements: \$194,223
  - Freemansburg Borough, Pedstrian and Vehicular Safety Improvements on Main Street, \$350,000
  - Lower Nazareth Township, Butztown Road Realignment and Rehabilitation Project: \$725,000
  - Plainfield Township, Engler Road Rehabilitation: \$225,000
  - Stockertown Borough, Lincoln Avenue Reconstruction Project: \$75,000
  - Wind Gap Borough, Male Road Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Improvements: \$200,000
- Funding for the projects were approved Tuesday by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. The Multimodal Transportation Fund was created as part of Act 89 to promote economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available throughout the Commonwealth.

State Senator Lisa Boscola announced today that \$3,061,186 in state funding has been approved for nine transportation projects in the 18th District through the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program (MTF). "These state funds will have a tremendous impact on in making critically needed roadway improvements and pedestrian safety en-

hancements throughout Northampton County." Boscola stated. "Working with my legislative colleagues of both parties and both chambers made bringing this funding back to the Valley a reality." The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) approved the following Lehigh Valley projects:

- Bethlehem Township, Emergency Pre-Emption Traffic Signal: \$341,963;

### PA State Senator Brown's Landmark Distracted Driving Legislation Passed by House

By Senator Rosemary Brown

This week, my legislation prohibiting the use of cellular and other hand-held devices while driving passed in the House of Representatives. Senate Bill 37 enhances driver responsibility by prohibiting the handheld use of cell phones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle on Pennsylvania roadways. Drivers may still utilize these devices, but it must be through Bluetooth technology, speaker, and operated "hands-free".

This would bring Pennsylvania in line with 34 other states, including all of Pennsylvania's bordering states, which have already implemented "hands-free" laws to deter distracted driving.

I am grateful for the support and approval of the House of Representatives this week on a bipartisan level. This passage demonstrates our collective commitment to safeguarding lives on our roads. Cellphones are the leading cause of distracted driving crashes, due to their consistent, addictive, and repetitive



nature along with the length of distraction during each interaction. I have championed this measure for almost 12 years, working to protect all drivers and reduce distractions and prevent crashes. This measure is meant to help protect drivers on our roadways, not harm them. As drafted, there are no points associated with an offense and there is a 12-month warning

period once enacted to build public awareness and change behaviors positively. This passage marks a milestone in the bill's long history, having passed both chambers. While my proposal has already cleared the state Senate in June, it must see another vote in the Senate on concurrence before being presented to the Governor.



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# Antlerless Deer Licenses Guaranteed To Most Hunters

When 2024-25 antlerless deer licenses go on sale alongside general hunting licenses in late June, far fewer people will be waiting in line.

And for most hunters, there won't be a need.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has modified the antlerless deer license sales schedule, and additionally is guaranteeing most resident hunters will get an antlerless license in the Wildlife Management Unit of their choice, as long as they do so before sales to nonresidents begin.

Here's how it will work.

Antlerless licenses again will be sold over the counter and online. But when 2024-25 general hunting licenses go on sale to Pennsylvania residents at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 24, antlerless licenses for only three Wildlife Management Units – WMUs 1B, 2G and 3A – will be sold. For three days, antlerless licenses only will be available for these WMUs, which typically sell out the fastest and drive much of the customer demand seen at the start of sales.

There's no guarantee in getting a license in WMUs 1B, 2G and

3A. Licenses for these WMUs will be sold on a first come, first serve basis until the allocated number of licenses is exhausted.

On Thursday, June 27 at 8 a.m., antlerless licenses for the remaining 19 WMUs will go on sale to residents. Residents seeking licenses in any of these WMUs won't need to wait in line for them; they'll be guaranteed to get one, as long as they buy before 7 a.m. on Monday, July 8 – when the resident-only portion of the first round of sales ends.

Once the nonresident portion of the first round begins at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 8, all remaining antlerless licenses will be sold on a first come, first serve basis until the allocated number of licenses is exhausted.

The changes to the sales schedule and process should work in tandem to reduce wait times for hunters buying licenses throughout the first round. By opening antlerless license sales initially in the three WMUs that are likely to sell out the fastest, and taking the others out of the mix, demand can be better met for those license buyers who need

it most. And by guaranteeing an antlerless license to a resident hunter in any other WMU from June 27 to July 8, it largely eliminates the need to stand in line, allows demand to be spread out over more than a week and gives hunters greater flexibility to buy at a time that's convenient for them.

Even then, there are sure to be plenty of licenses left in most WMUs.

Last year, when antlerless sales were sold over the counter and online for the first time, only WMU 2G sold out before sales to nonresidents began. WMUs 1B and 3A sold out in the final days of the first round. Licenses for every other WMU were available into the second round. Some WMUs sold out quickly thereafter while others made it to a third or fourth round of sales.

Outside of beginning antlerless license sales for high-demand WMUs first, the sales schedule and process is similar to last year. A hunter is limited to buying one antlerless license per round in the first three rounds. Sales begin at 8 a.m. on the first day of any round, and there will be no sa-

les between 7 a.m. and 7:59 a.m. on the first day a round opens, allowing for online customers to join the buying queue.

The second round of sales begins on Monday, July 22 at 8 a.m. and the third round begins Monday, Aug. 12 at 8 a.m. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) permits also go on sale when the third round begins. During the fourth round, which begins Monday, Aug. 26 at 8 a.m., a hunter may purchase more than one license for any WMU where licenses are available. No hunter may possess more than their personal limit of six antlerless licenses at a time.

Science-based antlerless license allocations are set within each WMU to achieve deer-management goals. By guaranteeing a license to resident hunters in most WMUs, there is a chance more than the allocated number of licenses will be sold. That's unlikely based on the sales patterns established last year, and if it happened, it wouldn't necessarily have negative impacts on deer populations. But if license sales ex-



ceeded the allocation and adjustments were needed, they would be made in the next license year, as is routine in wildlife management. In the meantime, more hunters can look forward to enjoying the quick-and-easy buying experience that – outside the long waits on the first day of license sales in 2023 – largely was evident through the new process. "Last year's switch to direct antlerless license sales was a needed step to modernize the process and make it more convenient for hunters, but it didn't come wit-

hout growing pains – driven mostly by the huge turnout of hunters on the opening day of sales," Game Commission Executive Director Bryan Burhans said. "Once that initial demand was met, however, hunters generally bought their licenses quickly and easily, without much waiting, and many commented on what an improvement the new process is over the old one. We want all hunters to experience that convenience and simplicity, and the adjustments we're making should help make that goal a reality."

## Attention Graduates of the Bangor Area High School Class of 1974

You are invited to be our honored guests at the Bangor Area School District One Hundred Thirty-Ninth Commencement Exercises on Thursday, May 30, 2024 (rain date – Friday, May 31, 2024) at Bangor Veterans Memorial Park Stadium, Eisenhart Boulevard, Bangor, PA. Attendees should report to the VIP Tent at 5:30 pm for light refreshments at the stadium entrance near the intersection of Broad and Eisenhart Blvd.

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## Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Launches Initiative to Help Pennsylvanians Lower Electricity Costs by Financing Energy Efficiency Upgrades to Their Homes



The Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority (PEDA), supported by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), has launched the Keystone Energy Efficiency Program (KEEP) Home Energy Loan program, a new consumer loan program designed to assist Pennsylvania homeowners in reducing their energy costs. PEDA is an independent public authority created by the Commonwealth in 1982 to finance energy and energy-related projects. The KEEP Home Energy Loan program will offer affordable financing to assist homeowners who are interested in reducing their energy costs by making energy efficient upgrades, such as installing storm windows, ductless heating and cooling, smart thermostats, solar water heaters, electric vehicle chargers, and more. Single-family homeowners and Pennsylvanians residing in owner-occupied multi-unit residential buildings with up to four units are eligible to participate in this program. Improvement work must be performed by contractors approved by the National Energy Impro-

vement Fund (NEIF), an Allentown-based licensed Certified Benefit Corporation lender and national expert in energy efficiency financing that is administering the program on behalf of PEDA. More details about eligible projects can be found at [www.keep-energyloan.org](http://www.keep-energyloan.org). "We are thrilled to be partnering with the National Energy Improvement Fund to help Pennsylvania homeowners pay less for their electricity bills and upgrade their home energy efficiency," said Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Interim Acting Secretary Jessica Shirley, who serves as the chair of PEDA's board of directors. "I encourage all interested homeowners to take advantage of this special loan to finance their energy-focused home improvement projects." "We are excited to be able to offer financing that will help Pennsylvania residents improve their homes, lower their energy bills, and increase comfort and safety," said Acting PEDA Executive Director Geoff Bristow. "The KEEP Home Energy Loan is just the first of what we plan to be a robust li-

neup of financing programs supporting clean and efficient energy improvement projects for residents, businesses, schools, and local governments across PA." "NEIF has been responsible for over \$900 million in energy efficiency financing and has been an innovator in some of the nation's most successful energy financing programs. NEIF's focus is on helping homeowners increase their homes' comfort and energy savings by making quality energy improvements, installed by quality contractors, more affordable," said NEIF Co-Chair and Managing Member Peter Krajsa. The KEEP Home Energy Loan program is a key resource for Pennsylvania homeowners to improve their energy efficiency and reduce energy costs. KEEP Home Energy Loans are simple-interest, longer-term, fixed-rate in-

stallment financing for projects ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000. There is no lien on the borrower's home, no fees to the borrower, and no penalty for early repayment. The application process is paperless, and contractors are paid when work is completed to the customer's satisfaction. The interest rate and monthly payment are locked in for the full term of the loan, up to ten years, longer than typically available for unsecured loans from traditional lenders. All homeowners who are making qualifying improvements to their primary residence or secondary home are eligible to apply. Good credit and the ability to repay are required. All income levels are eligible. PEDA is an independent public financing authority that was created in 1982 by the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority and Emergency Powers Act and was revitalized through an April 8, 2004, Executive Order. The KEEP Home Energy Loan is the first financing product of the PEDA Energy Accelerator Program (EAP). The EAP is a PEDA-run collection of clean energy financing products and PEDA plans to continue to launch new financing products related to clean energy and energy efficiency in the future. For more information on KEEP program, visit [www.keepenergyloan.org](http://www.keepenergyloan.org)

## Friends Of The Bangor Public Library Host Spring Book & Jewelry Sale



The Friends of the Bangor Public Library will hold their Annual Spring Book & Jewelry Sale at the Bangor Bee Hive Community Center, 197 Penna. Avenue, Bangor, PA on the following dates and times: Friday May 3rd: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday May 4th: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday May 5th: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Bag Day \$5.00 per bag, does NOT include jewelry). This event will feature thousands of gently used and like new books, DVD's and Audio books for adults and

children. All Fiction is organized alphabetically according to author, all Non-Fiction is organized according to genre (ex: History, Science, Health, Cooking, etc.) In addition, there will be a large selection of gently used and some new jewelry. If you would like to donate books please contact the librarian at the Bangor Library @ 610-588-4136. For additional information about the sale, please contact: Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661. Volunteers are always needed to help move/or the books.

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Hello, fellow readers,  
There's an Old Farmer's Almanac calendar above my desk, noting April 13th is Thomas

Jefferson's Birthday – he lived from 1743 to 1826. Beyond being a founding father and the third president of the United States, Jefferson was a philosopher, a scientist, and a proponent of plants. Jefferson's birthdate recalls my visit to Monticello; some consider a "lab for plants" in Charlottesville, VA. I cherish the memory of my last garden tour there with my dear mom before her final stages of dementia.

Thomas Jefferson initiated the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore and map the territory acquired leading to the West Coast after the



Louisiana Purchase to establish an American presence there. From May 1804 to September 1806, the expedition's objectives were also economically and scientifically driven—to discover and research the region's plants, animals, and geography and establish trade relationships with Native American

tribes. The essence of the plantation's history is moving—learning about Jefferson's initiatives to experiment with ornamental and edible plants found natively and around the world and hearing about his pursuit to develop agricultural practices that he felt would be the backbone of our economy and independence. With that, the horrific and heart-breaking history of those enslaved who worked the land.

It's fascinating to learn about Jefferson's trials and tribulations. He deliberately planted castor beans to deter moles without success, though an oil distilled from the beans and applied to the



The vegetable gardens served as a horticultural laboratory.

soil may work. However, as with medicinal castor oil, the poisonous ricin is removed during distillation. Thomas Jefferson cultivated a castor bean plant that grew 22 feet tall, fitting for his competitive nature.

I adore using castor bean plants, an annual here, in the garden as a lovely seasonal screen or specimen,

Jefferson kept a log known as the Garden Book, documenting vegetation, diseases, and insects in the vast gardens he meticulously designed and monitored. His flower gardens comprised twenty oval-shaped beds around the house, each planted with a different flower. Plus, a winding flower border every ten feet – a distinct species encompassed the West Lawn, the view on our nickel.

The array of species reflected Thomas Jefferson's floral interest, a museum of sorts; about twenty-five percent were North American native plants. The winding border of the curving walk also reflected his interest in informal landscape design, transgressing from the formal designs of the earlier era. Then, the extensive vegetable

gardens served as a horticultural laboratory and food source.

Towards the end of his life, Jefferson designed his gravestone and wrote the engraved epitaph. "Here was buried, Thomas Jefferson. Author of the Declaration of American Independence... Of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom & Father of the University of Virginia." It's fascinating he made no mention of his presidency. Instead, he mentioned his contribution to independence, freedom, and learning.

Standing before Thomas Jefferson's grave with his own words about his life stirred immense pride in his remarkable contributions. Despite controversies and injustices, I sensed self-awareness and perhaps shame for offenses and imperfections. But I believe goodness and even beauty can shine above failings, as we can do in our garden of life.

May we learn from history rather than erase or ignore it so that we continue to become better than we used to be.

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# Clear the Air of Indoor Pollutants This Spring

(NAPSI)—In the Spring, people often focus on the outdoors when it comes to air quality. But indoor air quality (IAQ) is also a crucial aspect of overall health and well-being. Unbeknownst to many, common pollutants can lurk inside homes, affecting health in subtle yet significant ways. Here are some of the most prevalent indoor pollutants and strategies you

can use to identify and mitigate their impact on your home's air quality: **Dust: The Silent Intruder**  
Dust is a well-known indoor pollutant that includes dead skin cells, pollen, textile fibers, and other debris. Dust can aggravate respiratory conditions such as asthma and allergies. Regular dusting and vacuuming, along with using HEPA filters, can

significantly reduce dust levels in the home. **PRO TIP:** If you find yourself having to dust more often, you may want to consider air duct cleaning. **Mold: The Unseen Threat**  
Mold exposure can trigger allergic reactions and respiratory problems. Regularly clean and inspect susceptible areas in your home. **PRO TIP:** Maintain proper ventilation, control moisture levels, and promptly address any water leaks or damage.

**Pet Dander: Furry Friends, Hidden Hazards**  
Pets are beloved family members, but their dander and fur can exacerbate respiratory issues as they circulate through your home via your HVAC system. To minimize pet-related pollutants, bathe and groom pets regularly and keep them out of bedrooms. **PRO TIP:** Pet owners should change HVAC filters once a month. **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs): The Invisible Culprits**  
VOCs are chemicals emitted as gases from common household products. To reduce VOC levels in your home, opt for low-VOC or VOC-free products. Proper ventilation is also crucial for minimizing the effects of VOC emissions. **PRO TIP:** Incorporating indoor plants can help absorb VOCs. Maintaining healthy indoor air quality requires vigilance and proactive measures to identify and mitigate pollutants. For a fresh start, schedule an inspection of your HVAC system. Find a qualified professional



Discover the hidden hazards lurking within your home. From dust to pet dander and volatile organic compounds, indoor pollutants affect your health but simple strategies can clear the air for a healthier living space.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**PLEASE ATTEND MEETING IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR TOWN TO GO INDUSTRIAL**  
**Warehouse, Light Pollution, Local Resource Water Aquifer Depletion Set For Frelinghuysen Township, Rt. 94**

## PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

That One Faith Wellness LLC has made an application to the Frelinghuysen Township Land Use Board for the property known as Block 201, Lot 31.01 located at 720 Route 94, Warren County, NJ. The property is situated in the Township's "ROM" Zone District. The Applicant is seeking preliminary and final site plan approvals and bulk variance relief to allow for the development of the property for a cannabis cultivation facility which is a conditionally permitted use in the ROM Zone. Bulk variance relief is required because the Applicant does not meet the ROM Zone district's minimum setback requirement between buildings whereas 50 feet is required and only 1.50 feet is proposed between the enclosed greenhouses. The Applicant further requests such variances, waivers, permits, approvals or licenses that are deemed necessary or appropriate upon review by the Applicant or the Board.

The maps, plans, plats and applications for which approval is being sought are on file with the Land Use Board Secretary and are available for inspection at the Municipal Building during normal business hours.

This notice is provided pursuant to the rules of procedure of the Frelinghuysen Land Use Board and state law. If you need further assistance, the Township's Land Use Board Secretary, Dawn McPeck, may be contacted at (908) 852-4121 or via email at [landuse@frelinghuysen-nj.us](mailto:landuse@frelinghuysen-nj.us).

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*The proposed project will put back to back large buildings in plain sight on Route 94 by Wilbur's Country Store and Yellow Frame Church. They will be a huge draw on our water supply, but yet build and asphalt right above the watershed runoff for the Paulenskill. Fertilizers and other toxins used will be rinsed right into the spotted salamander creek and will be rinsed right into our drinking water source. The lighting will need to be 24/7 and will put a huge draw on the electric supply. Plus, say goodbye to dark starry sky nights. Trucking will complicate route 94 and Frelinghuysen school traffic.*

**PLEASE ATTEND ALL UPCOMING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & LAND USE BOARD MEETINGS!**

**Township Meeting - April 17th, 6pm at TOWN HALL, 210 Main St., Johnsonburg, NJ**

**Land Use Board Meeting - May 6th, 7pm at Frelinghuysen Rec. Center,**

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**ALL CITIZENS CONCERNS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BEFORE CONSIDERING/APPROVING A PROJECT SUCH AS THIS!**

# English Duo Headlines Washington NJ's Steampunk Fair Set For May

This year's Rock 'n' Roll and Steampunk Fair in Washington is going international!

Headlining the 4th Annual Washington Rock 'n' Roll and Steampunk Fair will be Victor and the Bully, direct from England.

The Steampunk Fair combines the steam-powered Victorian Era energy of the classic science fiction genre with a punk and rock 'n' roll feel that makes for an amazing day of retro-futuristic fun.

Themed vendors, live music, and activities are planned from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday May 4 in and around Veteran's Park at 44 East Washington Avenue (Route 57), Washington (Warren County), in the center of the Downtown.

The eclectic music lineup also includes Crash Gordon and De-

bra Dynamite and Frenchy & the Punk.

The Steampunk Fair brings a scene that you certainly wouldn't typically see in Warren County, with attendees dressed in "steampunk clothing and gear", unique games and other assorted activities. But you don't need to "dress the part" to attend. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this family-friendly event.

"This is a unique event for the region," said Melanie Thiel, Executive Director of the Washington Business Improvement District. "Much of the day's fun is because it involves attendee participation, although not necessarily! You can get dressed up if you want, or just come and enjoy the music and activities. Direct participation is not a requirement!"

Victor and the Bul-

ly come armed with a thunderous twisted sound and create a carnival blend of music inspired by pop, punk, swing, mariachi, classical and metal that blow the cobwebs away and get the feet tapping! Victor and the Bully have entertained from small stages, large public festivals, to sold out 2500 capacity venues playing to all types of audiences from UK, Lithuania, Czech Republic and the United States.

In addition to the live music, the day will consist of many other activities and performers, including Cheryl Schrufer, Stilt Walker, Lady Gypsy of Professional Monstrosity Sideshow, Interactive Puppeteer shows with Kernel Cornelius & his Rakish RagMuffins, woodworking demonstrations with the NJ School of Woodwork,



Plant talks with The Rooted Lion, a Cream Tea Sitting at Kathy's Kove, Victorian Photo Booth at Le Crepe Cafe, free hands on activities at Bricks, Bots & Beakers, The Cellar Door, Confidence Builders and M Galleries, and drink specials at Laughing Goat Coffee Bar and Scotty's Stadium Club, as well as many other downtown business sales specials

throughout the day. Butzville Brewing will host live music with A Halo Called Fred. The full schedule of activities are on the WBID website, [washingtonbid.org](http://washingtonbid.org). It is expected that over 70 vendors will participate this year. Some or those confirmed already are Captain Willoby's Emporium, handmade themed

clothing for men and woman with inclusive sizing; Cosmic Debris, funky molded candles; and Forged by Hand, tie-dyed clothing and laser art decor. For the kids - and adults - facepainting with Zella Bella Gaggle of Giggles.

Numerous downtown businesses will be featuring special offers throughout the day.

The Washington Rock 'n' Roll and Steampunk Fair is presented by Washington Business Improvement District, a non-profit organization that highlights local businesses in the Borough.

For more information on the fair or to be a sponsor, or to stay on top of event announcements, please follow The Washington BID on Facebook, Twitter or go to [washingtonbid.org](http://washingtonbid.org).



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### Governor Murphy, Commissioner Latourette Statements On U.S. EPA's Landmark Adoption Of Federal PFAs Standards

Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette issued the following statements today on

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's landmark adoption of federal PFAS standards: "We applaud the Biden-Harris Administration for establishing

national drinking water standards that will protect the health of all Americans from exposure to dangerous PFAS forever chemicals," said New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. "New Jersey commends USEPA Administrator Michael S. Regan and his team for these actions and we share our gratitude for their considering groundbreaking PFAS science led by our Drinking Water Quality Institute, and experts like New Jersey's own Dr. Gloria Post, Ph.D., who the Administrator graciously invited to serve on his Science Advisory Board. While PFAS present a continuing challenge to New Jersey's water supplies, added support from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has enabled New Jersey to provide its water systems with the low-cost financing needed to make upgrades that will reduce PFAS exposure, protect the health of New Jersey families, and ensure that businesses who too rely

upon clean water continue to thrive in the Garden State."

"Only strong nationwide standards can ensure that every single American gets clean, safe drinking water free from PFAS forever chemicals that can endanger our health," said New Jersey Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette. "As these persistent chemicals have wrought havoc upon communities across the nation, the polluters responsible for creating them have left their mess behind for the public to clean up. It takes bold, thoughtful action to confront such a pervasive environmental and public health dilemma. But, thanks to President Biden, Administrator Regan, and the USEPA professionals dedicated to protecting our health and environment, these new standards will ensure that no community will be left exposed to these dangerous PFAS chemicals in their public drinking water supplies."

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