

THE WATER GAP TIMES

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Leash,
Curb,
& Cleanup
after your dog.
It is required by law!**
*Remember to take the plastic
waste bag with you!*

NOTICE FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT



The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
for 2024 is available online at
www.dwgpa.gov
Copies are also available at the borough
office.

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Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Borough Secretary/Treasurer – Allisen Trotter
Municipal Authority Secretary – Lauren Hoglund
Borough Superintendent – Soloman McEaddy

Delaware Water Gap Police Department
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Chief of Police, Jim Fisher
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Borough Council

Lisa Paulette, President
Charles Bickart, Vice President
Derek Anspach
William Buzzard
Ian Foster
Wayne MacWilliams
Jeff Plotnik
Larry Freshcorn, Mayor

*Council meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.
Council work sessions are held on 3rd Monday of
the month at 6:00 p.m.*

Municipal Authority

Harry Darlington, Chair
Jeff Higbee, Vice Chair
Marty Wilson, Secretary
Jim Reynolds

*Municipal Authority meetings are held the 3rd
Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.*

Planning Commission

Derek Anspach, Chair
Ann Biffen
Gary Schubert

*Planning Commission meetings are held as
needed.*

Zoning Hearing Board

Carol Penna, Chair
Nefertiti Campbell
Frank Davis

*Zoning Hearing Board meetings are held as
needed.*

Zoning Officer Building Inspector/Code Enforcement

Michael Manter

Floodplain Administrator

Walter Conway

Mayor's Corner Summer 2025

I hope everyone is having a great summer even though it's been a wet one so far. As we move into the middle of the year it would seem that the single lane 611 project is working well. It has controlled the flow of traffic through the Borough which has had a traffic calming effect on our Main Street. Unfortunately speeding is still an issue throughout town, so Council will be applying for a grant through PennDot to purchase more digital speed signs as well as traffic / pedestrian controls for the Mountain Rd. and Main St. intersection. Our Police Chief has purchased highly reflected "slow down" signs that we put on Mountain Rd. and they will start popping up all over town. If you would like one for your yard, please contact myself, Chief Fisher or our Borough Manager, Allisen Trotter, and we will try to get one for you.

Since the last newsletter we have had a couple of Borough events that have done well this year. The Town wide yard sale was a success as well as Founders Day and more events are on the way. A big thank you to Friends of DWG and Chairperson Tammy Cornelius for all their hard work! Stay tuned to the Borough social media pages and Savvy Citizen for updates on further events. Friends of DWG is looking for volunteers and new members to help plan our events. Please contact the Borough if you would like to help.

Another famous summer event is the free Gazebo Concert Series hosted by the Church of the Mountain. Concerts begin every Sunday from June 1st to August 24th at the Gazebo next to the Borough Hall. Times are from 6 to 7:30. Please visit their Facebook page to see the incredible line up of local musicians.

Our Police Department has been doing a great job but we are still understaffed. We are still looking for a couple of new officers so if you know of anyone looking, please have them stop by the office for an application.

The Fire Department has had a change of officers. Mike Smith has moved from the area and Tim Mauceri has taken over as our new Chief. We send our thanks and best wishes to Mike and his family! Congratulations Chief Mauceri and thank you for accepting this important position! As with most Fire Departments, they are looking for volunteers. Please contact myself or the Department for details.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe!

Larry Freshcorn
Mayor, DWG, PA.



COMMUNITY REMINDER:

Per Borough Ordinance 341, the use of consumer fireworks is prohibited with the exception of sparklers. Commercial fireworks are only allowed to be conducted with professional licensed contractors, with the issuance of required permits, insurance and bonds.

Please
support
our
local
businesses!

The Dutot Museum & Fine Art Gallery
Open Saturdays & Sundays, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

July 5 – July 20 – Opening on July 11
Sherwood Samet
Darkroom to Digital

July 25- August 10
Adriano Farinella
AfterLight

August 15 – August 31
Doris Cresko and Joan Glusiec
Side by Side

September 5 – September 21
Invitational Group Show
\$150 Show

This show will feature some of the best local artists
and all work will be priced at \$150! Details to follow.

September 26 – October 12
Dawn Linden
Coming Upon the Clouds

FREE 2025 GAZEBO CONCERTS
Presbyterian Church of the Mountain

June 1 Renegade Ramblers featuring Doc Pappalardo	July 20 SheilaMark Band
June 8 Gary Dillon	July 27 Len Mooney's Lunar Eclipse
June 15 Vinny Bianchi & La Cuchina	August 3 Bill Stine & Friends
June 22 Nancy & Spencer Reed	August 10 Tony Dellaria & Friends
June 29 Erin McClelland Quartet	August 17 Artists in Residence featuring Church of the Mountain Musicians & Talent
July 6 Lost Ramblers	August 24 Tribute to Denny Carrig featuring The Pretty Boys - 5:30 pm
July 13 Michele' Bautier Duo	

6-7:30pm • Sunday Evenings

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER WONDERFUL SUMMER OF GREAT MUSIC

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair.
In case of rain, the concerts will be moved indoors. Refreshments available.
Gazebo concerts are made possible by The Weightman Family, ESSA Bank & Trust, volunteers, church members and by supporters like you.

For information contact Jim Dellaria at 570 350-3404 or dellaria@gmail.com

Main Street • Delaware Water Gap

The Dutot Museum & Gallery is
an organization run entirely by
volunteers.

Please consider becoming a
member. It is a great way to
meet fellow residents and
learn about the history of our
borough.

www.dutotmuseum.org

Local History Spot

By Marty Wilson

Leroy (Cappy) Kaiser

In April of this year the Water Gap community gathered at the Dutot Museum to celebrate the 95th birthday of Leroy Kaiser. “Cappy” was born on April 4, 1930, in his parents’ home here in Delaware Water Gap. He lived in the borough all his life, except for the few years that his family moved to Route 611 just outside the borough limits. In June, 2022, I sat down with Cappy in his home on Kimberly Drive and talked with him about his life in the village.

Cappy has a lot of fond memories of his childhood. He remembers walking to the Water Gap school from his house on Broad Street. Some days he’d take old milk cans and stomp on them, causing the cans to curl up around his shoes. He’d walk to school with those cans on his feet.

There were a lot of children in Water Gap in those days. Cappy remembers baseball games at various locations in town. He remembers playing basketball in the Castle Inn Music Hall. Sometimes he and a friend would ride their bikes to the railroad station and place pennies on the rails so the trains would flatten them. The kids would skate on Lake Lenape in the winter and fish there in the summer. He remembers seeing big bass in the lake. A man once told him that he’d fish the Delaware and then he’d put the bass he caught in Lake Lenape where they grew to into large fish.

The lake used to be nice and clear. I remember there was a guy, he had a nickname—they called him ‘Chops.’ Newhart. Coming up Shepard Avenue he lived in the first house on the right. That’s going back years when the hotels were busy. His job was to keep that lake clean. He used to work for the hotels. He told me one time how he used to drain that lake, clean it, and then fill it back up again. I remember that there used to be wooden boxes and a drain under the road. He would open [a valve] and drain the lake. It never got drained when I was a kid, but it always stayed nice and clear. One of the Hauser brothers [they owned the Mountain House] told me how he used to help drain the lake and keep it clean. The lake was used for ice by the hotels there. Back in those days it got cold enough that they could get blocks of ice out of it.

Cappy dropped out of school in the 9th grade and worked with his father as a plumber. He also worked on the railroad for a while maintaining the tracks. He quit that job because he didn’t like driving to Port Morris, NJ, every day. After leaving the railroad he worked as a plumber and at Ronson’s for eighteen years. His wife, Joan, was the Post Master in Water Gap.

You don’t call them “Post Mistresses.” You called them “Post Masters.” One time someone made a plaque out of walnut, and across the top in brass letters it had her name on there as Post Mistress.’ And someone saw that and said, “Oh, they got that spelled wrong. It’s supposed to be Post Master whether they are male or female.”

When he married Joan, he lived on 611. Then he bought a house on Broad Street. He lived there for several years and then rented the Methodist church parsonage while his current house was being built. When he built his house (near the top of Kimberly Road) Kimberly Road didn’t exist. A builder was constructing some houses on Shepard Avenue just passed the intersection with Cherokee. Cappy borrowed the builder’s bulldozer and extended Shepard Avenue to his property. Then he used the builder’s dump truck to haul in shale to create the base for the road. That’s where the road ended for years until Kimberly Road connected his house with Cherry Valley Road. In short, he graded and laid the foundation for what is today the top of Kimberly Road.

We used to get a lot of snow back then in the winter. Our first Christmas my two daughters (Roxanne and Gwendolyn) were out caroling, and the last place they were going to stop was here. It was a large group. I think we had about fifteen inches of snow. And they all came down here through that snow and stood outside and sang a couple of carols. Then they all came inside. I had the fireplace going and they all stepped inside here and went “Ooo.” Everybody got in front of that fireplace. Yeah, the good old days.

People like Cappy are treasure troves of information about what life used to be like here in our village. Cappy remembers when Water Gap had its own bakery (owned by Charlie Rapp) and meat market (George Hauser’s). There was a barber across from the Castle Inn who used too much fragrant water on his customers.

Leroy is still going strong at the age of 95. Let’s hope he’s with us for years to come.