

THE WATER GAP TIMES

A Quarterly Newsletter

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& 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 2025 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 Superintendent – Tim Snow

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Chief of Police, Jim Fisher
Austin Jackson, Police Officer
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Borough Council

Charles Bickart, President
Bruno Hennings, Vice President
Ian Foster
Wayne MacWilliams
Robert Palmer
Jeff Plotnik
Desiree Sienna
Larry Freshcorn, Mayor

*Council meetings are held on the 1st
Monday of the month at 6:00 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
Nickolai Snytkine

*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

The Borough of Delaware Water Gap AN APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY

Mayor's Corner Summer 2026

Happy Summer fellow residents and Happy Birthday USA! What an incredible time to witness this , of history as America turns 250 years old. There are some exciting things taking place here in our Borough this year. As I write this, Friends of DWG is just finalizing plans for this year's Founder's Day on June 27th. We have a train coming in from Steamtown, the duck races at the Village Farmer Bakery, the DWG Classic Car Club show and craft vendors. We will also be unveiling a Keystone specifically designed by local artist for DWG as part of a County wide project for the America 250 celebration. On July 4th at 3pm the Dutot Museum will open the time capsule that was sealed 50 years ago! This is really shaping up to be an incredible summer and I hope to see you there.

The River Runner Shuttle returns this year! The shuttle is part of a partnership with MCTA and is free for riders, hikers, bikers and paddlers and covers many points along the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River and McDade Trail. Visitors are responsible for loading their own gear before boarding the shuttle and pets are allowed as long as they are leashed, friendly and under control. For more information and shuttle maps please visit www.gomcta.com/trip.php#riverrunner.

Delaware Water Gap welcomes a new business! River Rage Cafe is open serving coffee and pastries. It's a great spot to have that morning cup with friends and neighbors. Welcome River Rage Cafe!

The Police Department welcomes a new officer. Officer Austin Jackson comes to DWG with an incredible resume and many years' experience. Please be sure to welcome Officer Jackson when you see him on patrol!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at our events this year. Happy Birthday USA!

Larry Freshcorn
Mayor, DWG, PA.



The Shade Tree Committee would like to share the news that the Borough of Delaware Water Gap has earned Tree City USA Recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation! To earn this honor, our Borough met the four core standards of the Foundation, which include the following: having a tree committee, a tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and holding an Arbor Day celebration. As stated by the Arbor Day Foundation, "This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your community's unwavering commitment to the planting, care, and celebration of trees."

The Shade Tree Committee has, once again, applied for a grant from the TreePennsylvania Bare Root Tree Grant Program for a planting this Fall, 2026. The application is for 10 more trees to be planted in early November of this year. We would like to thank all the volunteers and the Borough Superintendent, Tim Snow, who helped us prepare the holes and plant the trees in the Borough this past spring. We could not have completed this project without you.

If you are interested in acquiring a tree for the next planting, please contact the Shade Tree Committee. Please keep in mind that these trees can only go in spaces that involve the Borough right of way. We have been enjoying tremendous community support and look forward to your continued help with this worthwhile community activity.

Congratulations Bill!

On Tuesday, June 2, 2026, William (Bill) Buzzard received an Honor of Service Award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

The Charles F. LeeDecker Award is a prestigious recognition by the PSAB to honor local government officials who have dedicated an extraordinary milestone of 50 or more years of service to their communities. The award was presented to Bill at the PSAB Annual Conference.

Well deserved!!!!

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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.



Khrystyna Khristianova: *Glowing Irises*



Beth Halliwell: *Pink Iris*

The Antoine Dutot Museum and Gallery 2026 Season

In the Gallery:

May 15-17 **Members show** *Artwork by the museum volunteers*
May 22-June 7 **Andrea Levergood-Flaherty** *Fusion: Abstract works from 2019-2026*
June 12-28 **Beth Halliwell & Khrystyna Khristianova** *Duet of Nature: Oils and watercolors*
July 3-19 **Invitational Photography Show** *Moments in Focus: A Photography Showcase*
July 24-Aug 9 **Linda Schwartz** *Transition: Works in clay and felt*
August 14-30 **Caren Shapiro (CJ)** *Fragments: Vibrant, expressionist portraits*
September 4-20 **Invitational group show** *The \$150 show: Paintings and Drawings for \$150*
Sept 25- Oct 11 **Darlene Farris-Labar** *Relics of Entangled Blooms: Across Land and Time*

The museum houses an historic collection of artifacts from the heyday of the DWG as the premier resort destination in the east.

www.dutotmuseum.org

Follow us on Facebook:
[DutoitMuseumandGallery](https://www.facebook.com/DutoitMuseumandGallery)

The Antoine Dutot Museum is at:
24 Main St. (Rt. 611)
Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327
(570) 476-4240

Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday 1-5
Openings are on Fridays from 7-9



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6-7:30pm • Sunday Evening
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- ★ JUNE 14 RENEGADE RAMBLERS FEATURING DOC PAPPALARDO
- ★ JUNE 21 VINNY BIANCHI & LA CUCHINA
- ★ JUNE 28 NANCY & SPENCER REED
- ★ JULY 5 ERIN MCCLELLAND BAND
- ★ JULY 12 MARK HAMZA BAND
- ★ JULY 19 TONY DELLARIA & FRIENDS FEATURING CHRIS LONDON
- ★ JULY 26 LEN MOONEY'S LUNAR ECLIPSE
- ★ AUGUST 2 BILL STINE & FRIENDS
- ★ AUGUST 9 LOST RAMBLERS
- ★ AUGUST 16 MICHÈLE BAUTIER
- ★ AUGUST 23 CALLIOPE

Information: Jim Dellaria • 570 350-3404 • Dellaria@gmail.com
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 ESSA Bank volunteers, church members and by supporters like you.

We appreciate everything our residents do to keep our neighborhood beautiful! As you plan your landscaping, please remember that planting trees away from sewer lines helps prevent root damage and keeps our system running smoothly.

Please be advised that homeowners are responsible for ensuring landscaping does not interfere with the integrity of the municipal sewer systems. If damage occurs due to tree roots or improper planting near a septic or sewer line, the homeowner will be responsible for all necessary repairs and associated costs.

To help avoid any unexpected repair costs, we encourage you to check your planned tree placement with the Municipal Authority.

Thank you for your partnership in caring for our community.

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Local History Spot

By Marty Wilson

Delaware Water Gap Time Capsule

In 1976, the nation's bicentennial year, a group of Water Gap residents calling themselves the "Dutotsburg 76ers" celebrated the nation's birthday by organizing several activities here in the Gap. Among them was a "Fall Square Dance" held on Friday, October 22, 1976, at the Firehouse from 9 to midnight. For \$3.50 attendees received refreshments and a door-prize ticket and were entertained with music by the "Nightowls."

On Saturday, November 13, the "76ers" dedicated a plaque honoring Viet Nam War veterans that was placed on the veterans monument at the corner of Main Street and Shepard Avenue. That day they also buried a time capsule near the Dutot Museum to be opened fifty years later, on July 4, 2026. According to the *Pocono Record*, the time capsule contains a sheet of Bicentennial stamps, a coin from the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, photographs of local businesses, and a parchment scroll with the signatures of borough residents on it. Current residents Tim and Tammy Snow, and others, signed it. On July 4 of this year, members of the Dutot Museum will be opening the time capsule and sharing its contents with Water Gap citizens.

The Water Gap time capsule will be one of many opened across the nation on July 4th of this semiquincentennial year. Interest in time capsules seems to peak in years of notable historic anniversaries such as the 1976 Bicentennial. People are curious about what life will be like in the future. Sealing items from the present in a box to be unsealed at some future date gives us a chance to communicate with people in the future. The process democratizes history as items chosen to be included in time capsules tend to reflect everyday life and local happenings instead of national figures and events.

Since the time capsule that will be opened this July 4th is only fifty years old, many current residents of the Gap were alive when it was buried. Anyone over sixty years of age will remember how life differed then from today. In 1976 the Viet Nam War and the social division it created were still recent memories. Cell phones were science fiction. Instead, phones were hard-wired in your home. If you wanted to make a phone call from a remote location, you had to find a pay phone (and hope you had enough pocket change to pay for the call). There was no internet. If you wanted to listen to music in your home you had to buy records or tapes and play them on a machine. If you wanted to see a movie, you had to go to a movie theater (or watch whatever old movie was being broadcast on the TV). There were essentially three channels on your television, and you had to get up and walk across the living room to change channels. Do people still go to square dances—and from 9 to midnight? (The Deer Head used to run music from 10 to 2 in the morning. Today it's 7 to 10. We go to bed earlier these days.)

But none of us can guess what life will be like in 2076. The only constant in life, a wise man once said, is change. And the rate of change is accelerating. Imagine trying to explain the internet to someone in 1976. What will people living fifty years from now rely on in their daily lives that we cannot imagine?

I urge you to come to the Dutot at 3:00 on Saturday, July 4th, to witness the opening of the time capsule. It will be interesting to see what people fifty years ago thought was important enough to include in a gift to the future. And while we're unveiling what our 1976 "ancestors" thought was important enough to include in the time capsule meant for us, we might think about what we would put into a time capsule to be opened by Water Gapians fifty years from now. What objects do we think define modern daily life?

July/August Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels

The office will be collecting cleaning supplies and personal care items,
to distribute to the clients.

Items can be dropped off at the borough hall, Monday – Friday from 9AM and 2PM.