

THE WATER GAP TIMES

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REMEMBER TO VOTE!

**Election Day
Tuesday, November 7th**

Delaware Water Gap will have two days of leaf collecting. Leaves will be collected throughout the entire borough each day. The first collection will be on Wednesday, October 25, beginning at 7:15 a.m. The second on Tuesday, November 8, beginning at 7:15 a.m.

Leaves should be placed on the street no earlier than the weekend just prior to the scheduled pick up day.

Bad weather or mechanical problems can delay the pickup, but the collection will be made as soon as the leaf truck is available.

All leaves should be placed curbside along the streets of the borough in piles not to exceed four feet high and four feet wide. Piles should be made in front of your property not on the opposite side of the street.

The collection truck will only collect on borough streets and not on private property.

Only leaves will be collected. Any pile containing foreign objects such as tree branches, shrubs or hedge clippings will not be picked up. These items clog and damage the vacuum. Please do not park on the leaves that are to be vacuumed. **If piles contain any foreign objects and cannot be vacuumed up it will be the responsibility of the property owner to remove the piles from the street.**

Borough Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
570-476-0331

dwgboro@ptd.net

Office Secretary/Treasurer – Ileana Hernandez
Superintendent, Robert Gallagher
Municipal Authority Secretary – Noreen Purcell

Delaware Water Gap Police Department
570-476-4674

police@dwgpa.gov
Police Chief Jeffrey Williams
Officer Santos Rolon, Jr.
State Police – 570-839-7701
Emergencies Only 911

Borough Council

Robert Gallagher, Mayor & ECM
Wayne MacWilliams, President
William Buzzard, Vice President
Elvi DeLotto
George Munn
Jack Shoemaker
Eileen Noelle White
Susan Curnow Wilson

*Council meetings are held on the 1st
Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.*

Municipal Authority

James Reynolds, Chair
Roxanne Kaiser-Antonowich, Vice Chair
Martin W. Wilson, Secretary
Harry Darlington
Steve Simister

*Municipal Authority meetings are held the
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*

Planning Commission

Derek Anspach, Chair
Ann Biffen
Valerie Higbee
Gary Schubert
Randy Snow

*Planning Commission meetings are held on
the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*

Zoning Hearing Board

Frank Davis
Leroy Kaiser
Carol Penna
Tim Snow, Alternate

*Zoning Hearing Board meetings are held as
needed.*

Building Code Board of Appeals

Walter Conway
James Holbrook
Bob Mancuso

*Zoning Officer
Larry Freschcorn*

*Deputy Emergency Coordinating Manager
Lisa Paulette*

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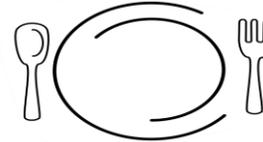
**Fire Prevention Day at the
Delaware Water Gap Fire House**

**Saturday, October 28th
1:00 to 4:00**

Come meet the volunteers who make up your local
fire department.

We will have
Fire Truck Rides
MediVac Landing
Smoke House
And more...

Watch for the official flyer to be delivered to your
house from a fire fighter!!



**3rd Annual
Dutot Museum Autumn Harvest
Fundraising Dinner**

Thursday, October 26th

6:00 p.m.

*Dutot Museum & Gallery
24 Main Street
Delaware Water Gap*

\$40.00 per person

B.Y.O.B

Reservations: smwilson@ptd.net or 570.807.1071 by

October 22nd

501C3 receipts available upon request



Wreaths Across America Sponsorship

Wreaths for Delaware Water Gap Cemetery

The Delaware Water Gap Cemetery Association will be sponsoring Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 16th. This is a national event which recognizes fallen veterans by placing a wreath at their grave site within cemeteries. There are approximately 140 veterans buried in the DWG cemetery. Please consider sponsoring a wreath or wreaths which will be laid during the Wreaths Across America ceremony. We are have agreement with WAA that if we receive more wreath orders than what we need, the additional wreaths will go to Arlington National Cemetery. Each wreath is \$15.00. For questions, contact Roxanne Kaiser-Antonowich at 570 -476- 8084. We are still looking for borough veterans to participate during the ceremony.

Please complete the order form below by November 1, 2017 and send with check payable to Delaware Water Gap Cemetery Association to PO Box 36, Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

(A receipt for tax purposes will be sent to you)

Number of wreaths _____ x \$15.00 per wreath = \$ _____ enclosed.

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**10th Annual DWG Cemetery
Association Lantern Walk**

What was it like in Delaware Water Gap 100 years ago? Join us for a walk in the Delaware Water Gap Cemetery, where your hosts will take you on a 1-hour walking tour among the tombstones, providing the history of Delaware Water Gap through the stories of the farmers, soldiers, hotel builders, shopkeepers, bankers, laborers, mothers, fathers, and other townspeople buried there who helped to make Delaware Water Gap what it is today. Complimentary hot cider and donuts courtesy of the Village Farmer will be provided after the walk.

AFTERNOON & EVENING WALKS

Saturday, October 28th at 2 PM & 6 PM
(Rain date Sunday, October 29th.)

WHERE: Delaware Water Gap Cemetery on Main Street.

Be sure to wear appropriate footwear and bring flashlights to help you walk among the tombstones.

COST: The event and refreshments are FREE, but donations for cemetery upkeep are gratefully accepted.

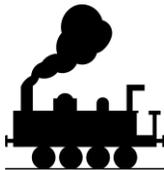
Welcome all unique cars, trucks & motorcycles

**FALL CRUISE TO THE HISTORIC
DELAWARE WATER GAP TRAIN STATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**

Greet the vintage train from Steamtown

**11:00AM - 4:00PM
MUSIC - FOOD - 50/50**

Rain or shine



\$10.00 donation at gate includes hot dog, chips & soda
Proceeds benefit the Delaware Water Gap
Station Preservation Partnership
Contact Tammy at 570-242-7605

Borough Committee Meetings

Water

2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development (EDC)

2nd Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Liberty-Delaware Water Gap Trail

3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

Friends of DWG

4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

New members welcome!

Beautification

1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

New members welcome!

All committee meetings are held at
Borough Hall
49 Main Street
Delaware Water Gap



Remember to recycle!

Trick or Treat
In the Gap
Tuesday, October 31st
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Dog Day in the Park

Saturday, October 7

10:00 AM

Shull Park, Oak Street in the Gap

**Come out to meet & greet other dog lovers
at our first annual event**

**A suggested donation of \$10 at the gate benefits the
Stroud Area Regional Police K-9 Unit**

For more information, call Lisa Kirschner at
570-872-9748

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DELAWARE WATER GAP (Part 6)

By Martin W. Wilson

The End of an Era

At five o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, November 11, 1915, workmen, helping to close the Water Gap House for the winter, discovered a fire which had broken out in one of the guest rooms of the hotel. An alarm was sounded and several fire companies responded; but their efforts were in vain. Though a light rain was falling at the time, the entire structure was leveled in only a matter of hours. The loss was estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Four days after the fire, it was announced that a new hotel, as large as the Water Gap House, would be built on the same site. The planned hotel was to be fire-proof and, hopefully, would be open for some of the 1916 season. The hotel was never built.

Cope experienced another disaster in 1931, when the Kittatinny burned to the ground. He and his family were awakened at four o'clock on the morning of October 30, by a passing motorist who had seen flames coming from the Kittatinny. By six o'clock, the entire structure was engulfed -- a loss of between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

Why was neither hotel rebuilt? Over the years the Poconos have continued to be a major resort region. Delaware Water Gap, however, has steadily declined as a resort community. Part of the answer for the Gap's decline as a resort lay with changing transportation trends; there was a clear symbiotic relationship between the resort and transportation industries in the town and surrounding area. The large hotels were in an ideal location to benefit from the easy access that the rail lines and trolleys provided. The hotels also furnished the varied transportation companies with a "draw" or need for transportation which the various companies were eager to fulfill. As the business of travel matured into the automobile oriented industry of today, however, the demand for the large hotels located on rail lines diminished. The popularity of the automobile after World War I, in part, changed the way people took vacations. No longer tied to the rail system for transportation, a whole new concept of vacationing developed. In 1909, a story in The New York Times anticipated this trend when it reported that a weekend outing with the entire family, stopping for a night's lodging at some comfortable but not too expensive hotel, was superseding the summer-long separation of the father from his family.

The automobile was only part of the answer though. Tough economic times of the 1930's erected a hurdle that, in combination with other factors mentioned, proved too high for Water Gap's resorts to overcome. When the resort industry began to expand after World War II, Delaware Water Gap seemed, for the most part, content to let the resurgence pass the town by. Many of the small boarding houses were converted into private residences. Most of the old hotels were either destroyed by fire, were closed, or continued to operate as best they could under changed conditions. Water Gap's heyday as a resort had come to an end.

Our Chief of Police Jeff Williams is in the need of a kidney transplant and needs our help, so please join us on

Sunday, October 22nd
2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for Kids Day at Shull Park
4:00 to 7:00 p.m. for Oktoberfest at the Sycamore Grille

The Friends of Delaware Water Gap will be holding an Oktoberfest to help raise money. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Sycamore Grill for \$40.00 per person. There will be a German style food buffet, drinks, desserts and entertainment. Please contact Lindsey Kidwell at 570-426-1200 for tickets and information.

Jeff has been with the borough as our Chief for the past 5 years and with the Pike County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff. He has been an instructor teaching lifesaving class for the American Red Cross for 15 years and teaches CPR to multiple law enforcement agencies and public safety department.

Donations from the Oktoberfest will go towards medicines and to assist the donor with expenses.

If you wish to become a donor, contact the Cleveland Clinic of Weston, Florida - 954-659-5000

Please watch for flyers and tickets will be on sale soon.