

THE WATER GAP TIMES

A Quarterly Newsletter

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Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts

40th Annual COTA Festival!

Next Generation Expanded Festival

September 8 – 10, 2017

3 performance sites
Lots of new things

Tickets available on line www.cotajazz.org



Friends will be hosting *Art in the Park* for kids on Sunday, July 23rd at 12 noon. Local artist Donna McCartney will be working on some art projects with the kids.

To sign up, please call 570-424-2413.

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

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570-476-4674

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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

The Borough of Delaware Water Gap
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“Friends of DWG”
(Formally DWG Area Chamber of Commerce)

*Meetings are held at Borough Hall
on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*

This group will continue to support community events and fundraisers like the Annual Golf Outing in June, Founder’s Day, C.O.T.A. Concessions, Christmas tree decorating and activities.

We are always seeking volunteers...

For more information feel free to join us at our monthly meeting and / or contact Tammy Cornelius @ 570-421-3274.

Antoine Dutot Museum & Gallery
24 Main Street, Delaware Water Gap, Pa.
570-476-4240
www.dutotmuseum.com

2017 Exhibitions

Riv14 – Waters One
Opening Reception - Friday, June 23 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
June 24 to July 9

Jack & Jill Swersie
Opening Reception - Friday, July 14 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
July 15 to July 30

Tricia Lowrey Lippert
Opening Reception - Friday, August 4 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
August 5 to August 20

Lenore Fiore Mills
Opening Reception - Saturday, August 26 - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
August 26 to September 10

Jim Gloria
Opening Reception - Friday, September 15 - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
September 16 to October 8

The museum & gallery are open Saturdays & Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Dutot Museum is looking for new members. Members volunteer to work two shifts per season (1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday, May through October). This is a great way to get to know your neighbors as well as learn more about the history of our borough and enjoy the work of local artists. Monthly meetings are held at the museum on the 4th Wednesday of each month (March through October) at 7:30 p.m. Please consider joining to help keep this organization alive and well! To find out more about the museum and gallery please visit our website at www.dutotmuseum.com & like us on Facebook.



*Free Summer Concerts at the
Church of the Mountain Gazebo*

Every Sunday

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Rain or Shine

July 2 – Bill Stine & Company

July 9 – Erin McClelland Band

July 16 – Lost Ramblers

July 23 – SheilaMark Band

July 30 – Nancy & Spencer Reed

*August 6 – Tony Dellaria & Junior’s
Wailing*

August 13 – Calliope

August 20 – Marty Wilson Trio

August 27 – Matt Abell Trio

Bring a blanket or lawn chair.



COTA CAMPJAZZ

Join us for our free concert at the
Historic Castle Inn

July 2, 2017

1 p.m.

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!

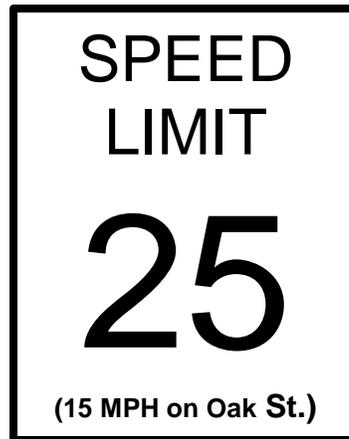
All committee meetings are held at
Borough Hall
49 Main Street
Delaware Water Gap

Ordinance 184

Please keep the community beautiful by sweeping and cleaning debris off of the sidewalk. Also maintain your yard by keeping it mowed, trimmed around the lampposts. Trim back trees and shrubs from the sidewalk and Borough right-of-way.

Ordinance 270

All dogs must be leashed! Dogs are not permitted to roam freely along the streets of the Borough.



Please obey the posted speed limit when driving through town. Let's all do our part to keep everyone safe!

Please consider joining the Delaware Water Gap Volunteer Fire Department or Auxiliary.

Join these dedicated men and women who help to make our town a safer place.

Meetings are held at the
Fire House on Main Street on the
2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



If you do not have a yellow recycling container or are in need of a replacement, contact the borough office.

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DELAWARE WATER GAP (Part 5)

By Martin W. Wilson

The Mountain Echo

For a time, beginning in 1879, Delaware Water Gap had its own newspaper. Called The Mountain Echo, the small, seasonal paper focused on activities at the hotels and on local places of interest. The editor was local photographer Jesse A. Graves. One of the services dutifully carried out by the periodical was the listing of all the guests staying at the various resorts.

The Hotels

A 1909 guide to summer resorts in the area had this to say about Delaware Water Gap:

Its quota of hotels is second to none in the Unites States. They compare favorably with those in any other section of the country in size and attractiveness and are comparable only to the very finest in the matter of cuisine.

It is difficult to accurately determine how many hotels operated in the Gap. A search in surviving pamphlets and newspapers for advertisements reveal evidence of only the larger establishments. In addition, as some hotels changed owners, they also changed names, further clouding the issue. Nevertheless, it is estimated that the town of 400 permanent residents could accommodate over 2500 people. Long-time Water Gap resident Casey Drake remembers that, as a boy, the town was so crowded in the summer that it was often difficult to walk down the street.

The two largest and perhaps best known of the hotels were the Kittatinny and the Water Gap House. The Kittatinny was located at the present site of the overlook along Rt. 611 just south of the borough. Part of its foundation still stands beneath the spot from which visitors look out at the Delaware River and the Rt. 80 bridge. The same view was enjoyed by guests of the Kittatinny as they stood on the hotel's large veranda. In 1874, the Brodhead brothers increased the hotel's capacity to 275. Then, in 1892, the building was razed to make room for a larger, more elegant New Kittatinny. Able to accommodate 500 guests, the hotel boasted, in addition to spectacular views and cool breezes, the following:

Electric lights, elevators, steam heat, running mountain spring water in rooms [and a mountain stream running under the kitchen -- which can still be seen from the Rt. 80 bridge], private baths, etc. Noted for its cuisine and service, and the hotel's farm gives to the table products "par Excellence." ...Bell phone 92; telegraph office in hotel, orchestra, social diversions.

A 1908 advertisement lists G. Frank Cope as proprietor. Similarly, one from 1917 lists John Purdy Cope as owner.

The Water Gap House was located above the Kittatinny on Sunset Hill (so named because when one stands facing east on the hill one can see the shadows on the mountain across the Delaware slowly rise as the sun sets in the West). Opened by Luke W. Brodhead on June 20, 1872, the Water Gap House had first and second story piazzas twelve to fifteen feet wide and 650 feet long looking out over one of the finest views in the area. In keeping with the mores of the times, Brodhead built the hotel with no bar.

In 1908, the Water Gap House was completely rebuilt at a cost of over \$100,000. John Purdy Cope, its new owner, advertised its attractions in the June 14, 1908 edition of The New York Times :

Capacity, 300. A MOUNTAIN PARADISE; highest altitude, coolest location, always a breeze, no humidity.... Commanding views for 30 miles in every direction of the grandest scenery east of the Rockies. Hotel is surrounded by its magnificent park of Old Shades, Rhododendron, Wild Flowers, Rare Plants, and Fine Lawns. ...entertaining refined, high-class patronage. Running mountain spring water and stationery stands in all rooms. Fifty private tile bats, also public baths. ...Telephones and telegraphs. Solariums and balconies on all floors. Steam heat, open log fireplaces. Electric lights. Hydraulic elevator. Most modern sanitary arrangements. ...Hotel supplied from own greenhouse and farm with early vegetables and poultry. Milk from our own dairy of registered cows. Every outdoor sport and indoor amusement. Orchestra and frequent social functions. Private riding academy with high-class saddle horses and instructors; nine-hole golf links; garage and livery -- all within the grounds. Coaches meet all trains.

The Glenwood House opened its doors to summer visitors in 1862 after serving for a while as a boy's academy. In 1897, it was catering to 200 guests, was opened from May to November, and could boast private balconies on the second floor. A 1909 advertisement claimed a capacity of 400. The Glenwood also supplied its tables with fresh fruits and vegetables from its own farm. Of the old resort-hotels, the Glenwood is the only one still operating as a resort today. (The Central House, now the Deer Head Inn, still functions as a rooming house and its bar enjoys a reputation as something of a jazz mecca.)

The Castle Inn opened for business in 1909, and was the last of the great hotels built in the Gap. When it opened it had 112 guest rooms, a ball room, recreation rooms, its own power plant, and its own freezing plant.

The Bellevue was known by two other names over the years. First it was the Juniper Grove House, and later it was called the Arlington. As the Bellevue, it could sleep 150 guests and claimed to be the popular hotel for young people. A big selling point for this and some of the other hotels was their proximity to the train station.

The hotel located closest to the station was the Delaware House, which was situated just across the street. Open all year, the Delaware House could accommodate 50 people and offered, in addition to the normal activities such as fishing, boating, and bathing, also bowling, pool, and billiards.

The Riverview, also located near the station, had a capacity of 250. The Mountain House could hold eighty guests, and the Forest House could hold 100.

These are just some of the hotels located in the Gap (a list follows). Many hotels, while not located in Delaware Water Gap, nevertheless maintained an address in town in hopes of benefiting from the Gap's popularity. The Karamac, for instance, was located across the river in New Jersey, and yet advertised its Delaware Water Gap address.

(Part Six will be published in the fall newsletter.)