

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. This month had a rash of dumping incidents. In the Long Pond area, we had 3 separate incidents. The first involved a mattress, old hoses, a trash bag and other random debris. A drive through receipt was found in the trash bag. The restaurant was contacted and a camera image was obtained for the vehicle that placed the order. Unfortunately, the restaurant camera image was extremely poor, and a vehicle registration could not be made out. Also, the vehicle was a small sedan that could not have fit a mattress. Our cameras did not capture any image of a vehicle hauling a mattress.

The second event was bags of household waste. After digging through these bags, a packing slip was found. The slip was for a purchase from Staples. Unfortunately, the information obtained for the packing slip shows a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO). The GPO is for people with rental properties to join and make purchases at a group discounted rate. This information comes back to California with nothing local. A check of local rental properties in the vicinity showed many rentals. Our cameras happened to catch two images of a blue UTV bringing trash bags into the area. However there is no registration visible on the UTV. I have checked the surrounding areas for this UTV but, have not yet located it.

The third event was the dumping of old lumber, possibly from an old deck that was demolished. Our cameras did catch a black pick-up truck in the area with a load of debris in the cargo bed. The truck was photographed leaving with an empty bed. The trucks registration was just out of view. The good news is that the truck has a few unique features that can be used to identify it when seen.



The PA Game Commission is assisting with investigating these incidents. All information and photos were forwarded to the Game Commission.

A few days after the dumping of lumber in Long Pond I was informed by the Polk Twp streets department that someone dumped a hot tub in the middle of Hell Hollow Road. A neighbor down the road has outside cameras and captured an image of a large Dodge pick-up truck driving through the area with a very large dump trailer. The image did not show if anything was in the trailer. This was the only vehicle seen on camera that could have carried the hot tub.

All debris, except for the lumber, has been removed. The lumber will be removed as soon as practical.

2. ATV traffic remains low. The grass is growing tall on the fire lanes without the ATV's being on them. The grass helps keep the lanes from getting too slippery from mud after it rains. The city is actively mowing the grass in the Wild Creek and Penn Forest areas.
3. The city is preparing for the east side fence installation on Pohopoco Dr.. They have cleared the area and made a driving lane for equipment use when the fence needs repair.
4. Beltzville Lake traffic has not been an issue this year. Even when the park closes due to overcrowding, traffic is light. We have not had any issues with people attempting to gain access to the reservoirs.
5. The main gate at the Wild Creek facility has been breaking down. The vendor has been out several times to correct the issue but the gate breaks down a day or two after repair. The gate has been working since the repair last week. The longest run since it started having issues.
6. The 4-day Elements Art and Music Festival at Pocono Raceway occurred this past weekend. As with previous years we did not have any issues with any of the attendees.
7. Director Repasch and I attended a meeting with the PA Game Commission to have the Authority enter a Cooperative Wildlife Management Area Agreement. The meeting went well and was very informative. We also received an in-depth explanation about prescribed burns for when and why they are being performed so often at specific locations. The Cooperative agreement appears to be a good idea with a lot more Game Commission resources being made available to assist the Authority.
8. Logging is going well in the Wild Creek area. No issues or complaints from the loggers. The photo below shows a lot of the logs are going to Canada.



"Loading area: Please back onto the road."