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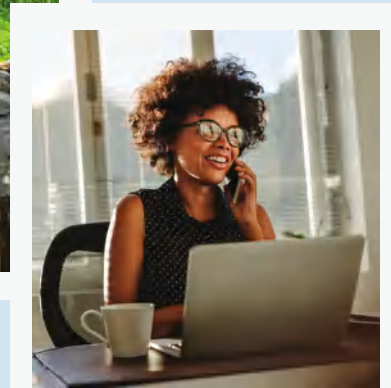


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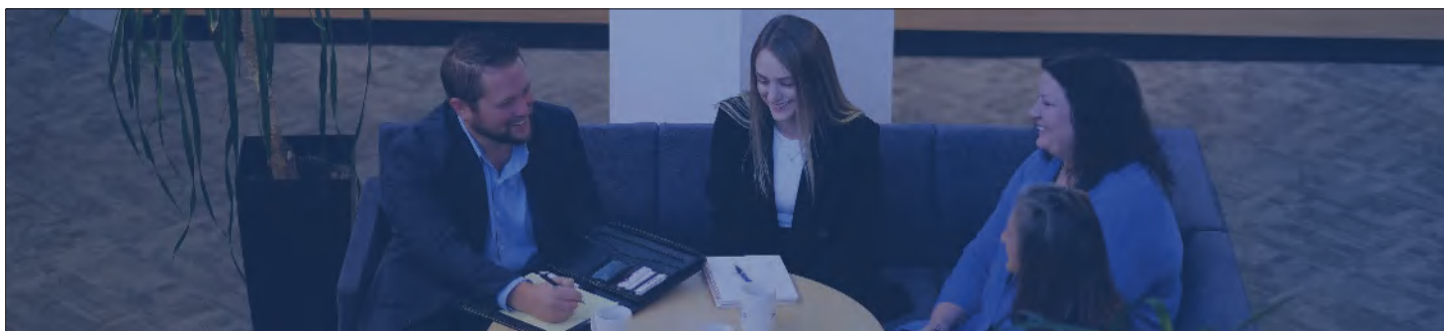


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The Chamber

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the Greater Hazleton Area! Our biennial Image Book allows us to show a glimpse of our area and why we feel it is such a fantastic place to live, work and play. The Image Book is a multi-functional piece for local business, residents and newcomers alike. It's the perfect one stop shop to see how our community works in key areas like; Real Estate, Business and Industry, Healthcare, Education, History, and Recreation.



New faces in leadership on the cover heralds the transitions and transformation that are moving through the Greater Hazleton Area today. Northeastern PA has been named the number one area in job creation for consecutive quarters and our community is at the core of this achievement. The transition, transformation and growth in all business sectors is creating fantastic energy in our community that you can see and feel.

With towns located in the lush mountains and valleys of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Greater Hazleton features beautiful scenery. The City of Hazleton's revitalization has been sparked by the reconstruction of Hazleton's main thoroughfare and gained speed through the addition of Class-A office space in some of the city's most historic buildings. A variety of cultural offerings through First Friday events have added spice and fun all year long. Area residents enjoy the combination of a low cost of living and modern conveniences. Exciting and expanded recreational activities, friendly

churches, caring doctors, fine educational institutions and delicious restaurants are all part of the Greater Hazleton experience.

A key to success in our area has been the assets of transportation. Recently we cut the ribbon on a 10 year, \$23 billion dollar project on Route 424. Our location at the Interstates 80 and 81 connect, which links our region to the rest of the country, shapes our community in many aspects. In fact, we have nine interchanges with Interstates 80 and 81 and are near the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike as well. The area has a network of state and local highways that provide easy access to major population centers such as New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Our proximity to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, as well as a robust regional airport right here in Hazleton, puts the rest of the nation within reach in just a few hours.

On behalf of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors, our staff, and more than 600 Chamber members, I would like to thank you for your interest in our community. We invite you to come see what the Hazleton area has to offer. Please visit our office in downtown Hazleton, call us at 570-455-1509 or visit us online at www.hazletonchamber.org for any other information you might need.

Mary R. Malone
President
Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

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On the cover



Transition and New Faces

New faces and new places all reflect the growth and transition of the Greater Hazleton Area and it's a theme of our 2024–2026 Image Book. What better way to reflect this than by making it our cover page image. The work of the Chamber is at its core connecting and partnering and this list of fantastic community partners, many of them new faces, is an excellent representation of what we are striving to do every day for our members and the Greater Hazleton Area. Our cover photo was captured inside the Hazleton Area Art League which opened the doors to its new home during the pandemic and is now humming with activity. The new legislative district map for the Commonwealth of PA has brought us a new state representative and a new state senator working hard to move our area forward on all fronts.

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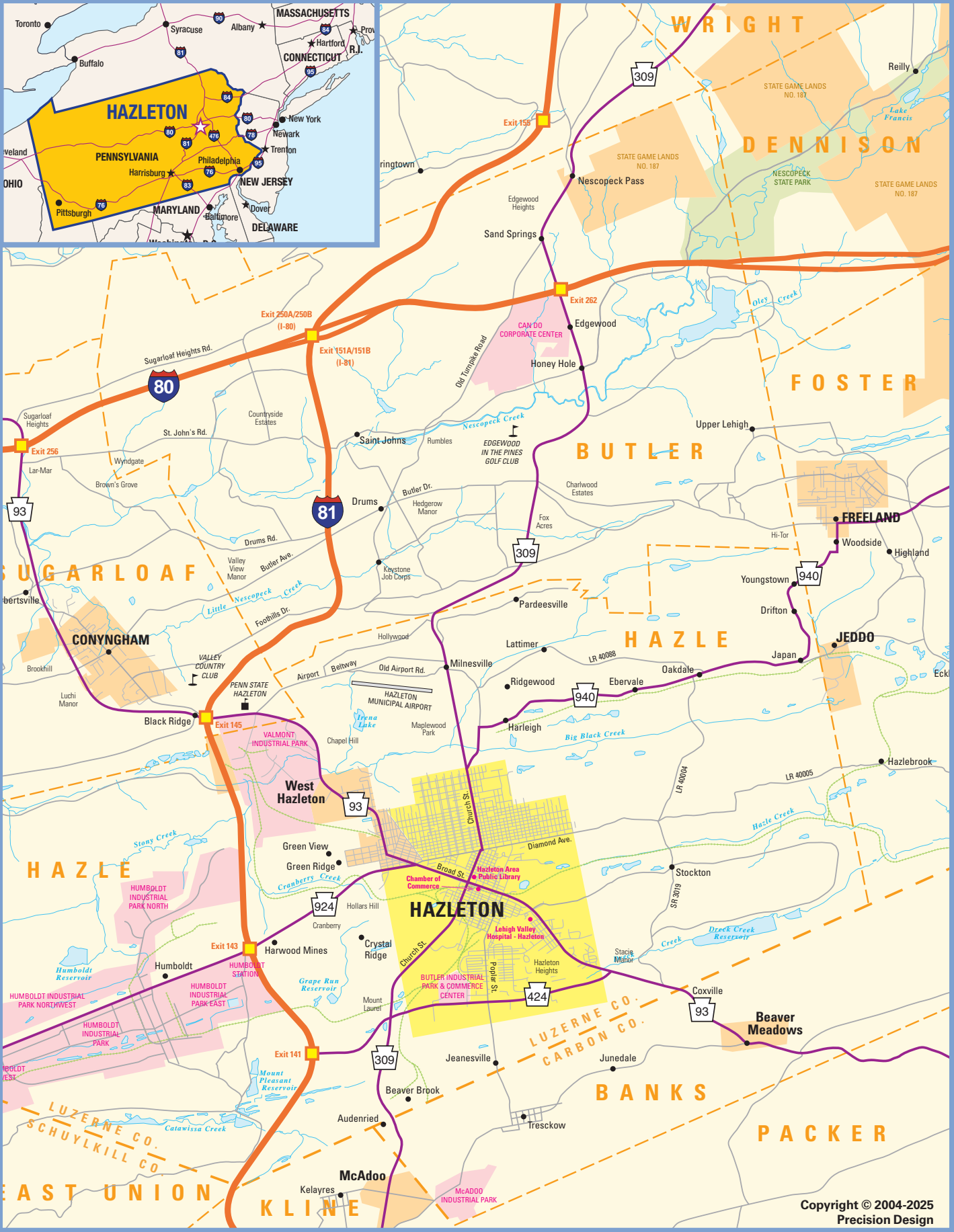
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Lineage Logistics, which specializes in cold storage, built one of its two new, fully automated U.S. superhubs in Greater Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton and NEPA recognized as one of the top 10 locations in the U.S.



Arcadia Cold Storage & Logistics chose Greater Hazleton as a hub for its Northeast U.S. operations.

Greater Hazleton continues to be a top location in the United States for companies looking to grow their business. Many nationally- and internationally-recognized companies choose to locate here because they realize the area's position within a day's drive of one-third of the U.S. population and half of Canada will help them get their products to markets and consumers quickly and efficiently.

The proof is in the rankings. In 2023, Site Selection Magazine, an award-winning magazine that's recognized as the leading publication in corporate real estate, facility planning, location analysis and foreign direct investment, ranked Northeastern Pennsylvania as one of the ten best locations in the Northeast U.S. for economic development projects for the third consecutive year.

In addition to our strategic location, Greater Hazleton is a hub for business activity because of its reliable utilities, dedicated workforce, and strong education network. This has resulted in an increase in jobs and capital investment

over the past several years, with many new companies setting up shop and others expanding their operations.

CAN DO, the region's premier economic development organization, welcomed several new companies to its industrial parks in the last few years. That activity alone resulted in new projects operating in over 1.4 million square feet of building space that created 520 new jobs in the area with a capital investment of nearly \$200 million.



German company Amapharm selected the CAN DO Corporate Center as the home for its first U.S. facility.

Arcadia Cold Storage and Logistics began operations at its 228,000 square-foot facility in Humboldt Industrial Park in the summer of 2023 and introduced nearly 100 family-sustaining jobs to the area. Arcadia's Greater Hazleton location is its third of a national cold storage platform the company

is developing in strategic markets across the U.S. The company planned this facility to serve as a frozen and refrigerated distribution center that will serve as a hub for the Northeast states with access to the large metropolitan markets of New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C. and the New England region.



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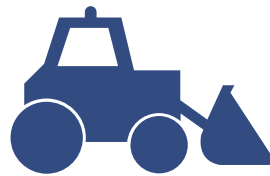
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By locating in Greater Hazleton, Little Leaf Farms has been able to significantly increase its growth along the east coast.

Arcadia officials chose Greater Hazleton because they feel it is a growing market in Pennsylvania and a natural consolidation distribution location. CEO Chris Hughes said this facility will play an important role in allowing Arcadia to serve food manufacturing and end user demand more quickly and efficiently. "The Arcadia Team is very excited to announce our third cold storage location in Greater Hazleton as part of our larger national greenfield platform strategy. We anticipate leveraging this strategic site to support our customers' need for a quality Northeastern U.S. regional distribution hub that offers a variety of value-added service offerings in this 30,000 pallet facility. We are grateful to CAN DO for their support in helping to bring this project to fruition and, most importantly, for helping to bring new, quality jobs to Hazleton and the surrounding area," he said.

German-owned nutraceutical manufacturer Amapharm LLC started production in 2023 in a 43,500 square-foot building CAN DO constructed for the company in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Drums. When it reaches its operational peak, Amapharm expects to create nearly 100 new jobs for the area. Although the company distributes its products in more than 75 countries, this new facility is Amapharm's first U.S. site.

Amapharm chose to locate in the CAN DO Corporate Center because it's recognized as a world-class business park that offered the company state-of-the-art infrastructure and a vibrant business ecosystem. Amapharm's decision to choose Drums as their U.S. base signifies their confidence in the local community.

Corrugated supplies manufacturer Ruskin Packaging began leasing 50,000 square feet of space in a building along Commerce Drive in Humboldt Industrial Park in the summer of 2022. Within less than a year, the company expanded to occupy 151,000 square feet of the 440,000

square-foot building it shares with Corrugated Supply Company. Ruskin Packaging expects to hire approximately 100 people and invest roughly \$1.5 million into the facility.

David Ortiz, Ruskin's VP of Operations, said opening a facility in Greater Hazleton is part of the company's strategic focus to expand its footprint throughout the country and grow its existing capabilities and customer base in the Hazleton, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia markets. "The Ruskin Packaging footprint continues to expand and we now have the ability to support both new and existing customers with great quality packaging in the Northeast part of the U.S.," he said.

Little Leaf Farms, the number one brand of packaged lettuce sustainably grown through controlled environment agriculture (CEA) in the country, opened its second state-of-the-art greenhouse in the McAdoo Industrial Park in 2023. The company owns 180 acres in McAdoo and has rapidly grown to be the largest producer of indoor-grown leafy greens in the state. The company opened its first 10-acre greenhouse in McAdoo in July of 2022 and, with the addition of the new greenhouse, now employs more than 170 people. Little Leaf plans to eventually add four more greenhouses to the site.

Paul Sellow, Founder and CEO of Little Leaf Farms, said, "We continue to build on our ambitious plans for growth and our expansion in Pennsylvania is a testament to how we've been able to continuously scale our efficient production and operations. Pennsylvania has been an excellent partner in bringing our vision for expansion to life. With its ideal location on the East Coast, we've been able to grow significantly to the Southeast and are now looking forward to even more growth in the Midwest to bring our delicious and fresh greens to more consumers, all still within 24 hours of harvesting for ultimate freshness."

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Greater Hazleton's access to markets brings growth with several companies expanding their facilities



EAM-Mosca's expansion includes a first-of-its-kind customer showroom that will bring clients from Latin America, Mexico, the United States and Canada to Greater Hazleton.

Once companies set up operations in Greater Hazleton, they find out just how quickly their business can thrive because of the region's access to key transportation routes and a dedicated workforce. This success leads to companies not only staying in the area but choosing to expand their facilities.

Several companies have executed major expansions over the last few years.

EAM-Mosca Corp., an international manufacturer of innovative, high-quality, fully automated end-of-line packaging machinery systems and plastic packaging consumables, is finalizing a \$9 million complete renovation of its new facility at 525 Jaycee Drive in the Valmont Industrial Park in West Hazleton, which is adjacent to its existing headquarters at 675 Jaycee Drive.

The reconstruction of the facility is scheduled to be completed with occupancy by February 2024. The new facility is part of a larger \$20.6 million strategic initiative to expand the company's operational footprint within Pennsylvania. EAM-Mosca, which is one of Pennsylvania's premier innovation-focused manufacturers, now operates out of a 283,000 square-foot, two-building campus set on 50 acres in Valmont. Its Greater Hazleton location serves as its Headquarters for the Americas and will assist clients across Latin America, Mexico, the United States and Canada. The building will also include a first-of-its-kind customer showroom, making the Greater Hazleton facility a more convenient midpoint for clients throughout the

Americas.

Jan Wessel, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer at EAM-Mosca, said, "This is the largest step taken in our growth trajectory, and we see it not as an isolated investment but as the continued evolution of our company. This is not just a one-time investment or expansion. Since 2017, we've already invested over \$20 million in our productive operations. This is just continuing our market success to reinvest and grow our business, bringing our total of recent investments in Pennsylvania to nearly \$50 million in less than 10 years."

John D'Ottavio, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer at EAM-Mosca, said the company is also committed to developing the local workforce, which benefits Greater Hazleton residents. "Part of that over \$20 million investment is the realization that we need to develop training programs to build the next generation of folks that will be able to both design and produce our machines and the strapping products. That's an investment in the community realizing that developing the workforce is critical to our future."

UK-based furniture manufacturer Muzo also expanded its operations in the Valmont Industrial Park. In addition to its main location at 360 Kiwanis Boulevard, which serves as the company's international headquarters, it's also leasing a multi-tenant building from CAN DO and now has a total of 60,000 square feet of space between the two facilities. Muzo, which makes furniture for flexible

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classroom learning and office solutions, first located its U.S. operations in the CAN DO Corporate Center in 2010 before expanding to Valmont in 2020.

Darren Buttle, Muzo's founder and CEO, said that he fell in love with Northeast Pennsylvania because it reminded him of his home in Yorkshire in the UK. When he had the chance to enter into a flexible lease agreement and move his operations to the Valmont Industrial Park, he knew he was making the right decision for the company's future. "We are a growing business. We've established ourselves in this region and we like the people and we like the area," he said. "Transportation routes are great here and our east coast business is very, very strong. We sell worldwide and will be exporting from here to a number of regions around the world. I believe our presence will attract business visitors from across the USA and from all over the world."

PFNonwovens also has its North American headquarters in Greater Hazleton and completed work on a \$75 million expansion to the facility in 2022. The company's 150,000 square-foot expansion included installing a new line in half of the space, while reserving the remaining 75,000 square feet for growth. PFN's facility now totals



With its expansion, PFNonwovens now employs 370 at its Greater Hazleton facility.

800,000 square feet and employs 370 people. The expansion allows the company to make more hygiene products for the North American market and increase production of its medical fabrics.

PFN CEO Cedric Ballay said, "This new line is key to our continued growth trajectory and will continue writing our great success story here in Hazleton and around the world. These fabrics continue to improve people's life on a daily basis, and help bring a more sustainable world."

All of the business expansion and new activity in the area, particularly in Humboldt Industrial Park, resulted in a road expansion as well. After several years of construction, an expansion project to Route 424 entering into Humboldt Industrial Park was finally completed at the end of

2023. The project was a joint effort between CAN DO and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The Route 424 expansion project not only relieves traffic on Route 924, which was previously the main access point to Humboldt, but also makes the park more accessible for emergency responders and allows trucks to easily access the industrial park from the on and off ramps of Interstate 81 at the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Beltway exit.



CAN DO and PennDOT collaborated on an extension project of Route 424 that alleviated traffic congestion and created greater access to Humboldt Industrial Park.

More developers investing in Greater Hazleton with millions of square feet of new buildings



Between its two facilities, Blue Creek Investments/Blue Rock Construction will create approximately 700 new jobs in Greater Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton Development

Business is booming in Greater Hazleton! Eight developers have completed or are working on constructing a total of more than 30 buildings over 25.8 million square feet of space across the area that would be ideal for manufacturing and distribution companies.

Blue Creek Investments/Blue Rock Construction

Blue Rock Construction and its development arm Blue Creek Investments completed construction on a 1.2 million square-foot manufacturing facility in 2022 that is the new home of Hillwood Properties/Samsung's Hazleton operations. The site is located along Route 309 behind Hazleton's Birch Knoll neighborhood on 100 acres of reclaimed mine land that was previously vacant for decades. Blue Creek Investments is now working on the second phase of the project, which is referred to as Hazleton Logistics South. This second building will be

approximately 500,000 square feet and is expected to open in 2024. Samsung's facility created approximately 400 jobs and it's anticipated this second building will introduce as many as 300 new jobs to the area.

NorthPoint Development

NorthPoint Development has plans to build six speculative buildings totaling more than 5.3 million square feet on the south side of Route 424 (the Arthur Gardner Beltway) between Route 93 and Route 309 in Hazleton and Hazle Township. The first building in the project – a 1.054 million square-foot facility – is expected to open in mid 2024 and create 352 permanent jobs. When the remaining buildings are added over the next few years, it's anticipated the entire project could create 1,750 new jobs.

Hazleton Creek Commerce Center Holdings LLC

Hazleton Creek Commerce Center Holdings reclaimed



Mericle Commercial Real Estate plans to construct 37 industrial and flex buildings as part of a four-phase project.

former mine land near Route 309 and Buttonwood Street and is planning to develop five buildings totaling 5.5 million square feet. The buildings will be ideal for wholesale, warehousing and manufacturing companies. Construction is underway on the first two buildings, a 1.4 million square-foot facility and another 550,000 square-foot building. The five-building project is expected to result in 1,100 construction jobs and between 4,000 and 6,000 employees.

Mericle Commercial Real Estate

Mericle Commercial Real Estate began work in 2023 to develop its CrossRoads East Business Park on 1,100 acres of land in Hazle Township near Interstate 81 and Routes 924, 309 and 424. Mericle will build the park in four phases and expects to ultimately develop approximately 37 industrial and flex buildings in a variety of sizes. Mericle anticipates a mix of manufacturing, distribution and light industrial tenants will move into the speculative buildings it constructs in the park.

The first phase of the park's construction will result in the creation of nine buildings totaling 1.75 million square feet that range in size from 37,000 to 45,000 square feet. It's anticipated that this first phase alone will result in the creation of hundreds of jobs.

More than 20,000 people work in the buildings Mericle has developed in business parks throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. In Greater Hazle, Mericle has developed 18 buildings totaling more than 6.5 million square feet. Sixteen are in Humboldt Industrial Park and two are in Valmont Industrial Park. The tenants in these buildings employ an estimated 4,500 people.

BlueCup Ventures Hazleton I LLC

BlueCup Ventures Hazleton plans to construct three or four buildings along both sides of Route 309 south of

Mericle's project between Beaver Brook and Hazle Village. The buildings, which will total approximately 4 million square feet, will be ideal for bulk distribution companies. Once they are completed and operational after the first quarter of 2024, the new facilities could be the home of 1,600 new jobs.

One Trinity Real Estate

One Trinity Real Estate has plans to construct a 600,000 square-foot building for light manufacturing on land behind the Valmont Plaza in West Hazleton. The firm also already renovated an 85,000 square-foot vacant storefront in the complex. Its additional plans for the area include constructing a 5,000 square-foot building near Big Lots in the plaza for a bank or fast food restaurant and developing more than 1.5 acres near Harbor Freight. One Trinity Real Estate has five other spaces in the plaza that are available for development and range in size from 2,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet.

Brewster Land Co. Inc.

Brewster Land Co. is planning to construct four buildings totaling 3 million square feet of space in Kline Township near the McAdoo exit of Interstate 81. The speculative buildings will be ideal for distribution companies.

Crossroads XOXO/Crossroads XOX

Crossroads XOXO and Crossroads XOX plan to develop four buildings totaling more than 4 million square feet on land near Tomhicken Road. Two of the buildings will be located in Sugarloaf Township and will be 1.056 million square feet and 1.275 million square feet. The facility in Hazle Township is expected to be 1.275 million square feet. The final building will be constructed in parts of West Hazleton and Sugarloaf Township and will be 254,000 square feet.



A map of Mericle's Crossroads East Business Park shows the various proposed phases of the development in Hazle Township.

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Greater Hazleton's access to transportation routes a major reason for the area's economic growth

In Greater Hazleton, it's easy to move both individuals and goods by plane, train and automobile which is another reason companies flock to the region to do business.

Hazleton Public Transit (HPT), which operates out of Church Street Station at 126 Mine Street in downtown Hazleton, offers both weekday and weekend bus service on 12 different routes, with stops that include Hazleton Heights, McAdoo, Kelayres, Beaver Meadows, Weatherly, Freeland, parts of Diamond Avenue, West Hazleton, Church Hill Mall, Laurel Mall, Walmart, Penn State Hazleton, Humboldt Industrial Park and selected locations in Mountaintop and Wilkes-Barre.

In late 2023, HPT opened a \$26 million bus storage and maintenance facility on the Old Airport Road in Hazle Township. The 44,000-square-foot facility houses its 12 full-size buses, three paratransit vans and service vehicles. It includes a bus washing station, work bays to perform maintenance, and many amenities for the bus drivers, including locker rooms, a kitchen area and a lounge. There is also a compressed natural gas fueling station on-site for HPT's buses. This new facility allows HPT to handle all of its bus functions in one central location.

HPT's Church Street Station operations center, which includes administrative offices, provides residents of Greater Hazleton with a central hub for local, regional and long-distance bus transportation. HPT passengers can board HPT buses, purchase bus passes, and obtain customer support services at the facility.



Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad provides freight rail transportation to Greater Hazleton.

With Greater Hazleton being home to some of the most well-known national and international companies, convenient access to corporate air travel is important. The Hazleton Municipal Airport serves as a hub for travelers who need to access the entire Northeast section of the country. Additionally, Global Air offers world-wide charter service from the airport.

The airport recently expanded its runway and can handle a variety of aircraft sizes including

single-engine airplanes, private planes, and large corporate jets. Being able to accommodate business travelers is a boost for both Greater Hazleton's business and industry sector as well as its economy, as these executives spend time in the community and eat and shop at local establishments while they are here. Some of the corporations who routinely use the airport include Niagara, American Eagle, Samsung, Blue Rock developers and Eagle Rock Resort.

Companies continue to choose Greater Hazleton to conduct

business because of the region's access to key transportation routes. With immediate access to six major interstates (I-81, I-80, I-84, I-476, I-380 and I-78), businesses can easily reach the more than 51 million people who live within 200 miles of Northeast Pennsylvania. Greater Hazleton is also within a day's drive of one-third of the U.S. and half of Canada and provides easy access to major metropolitan markets like New York City, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Boston. Additionally, companies can reach 80 percent of the U.S. population within two days or less.

This access to major interstates helps Greater Hazleton attract a skilled and reliable labor force from across Northeast PA. The entire region has a civilian labor force of more than 530,000 individuals and there are more than 50,000 students enrolled at more than 20 higher educational institutions in the area. In addition to the interstate highways, access to state routes like Route 309, Route 93 and Route 924, along with the local bus transportation, provide plenty of options for employees to get to and from work.

Businesses also find convenient access to freight rail transportation at all three of CAN DO's industrial parks. Rail service to Humboldt and Valmont Industrial Parks is provided exclusively by Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad. Intermodal transportation and trans-loading services are provided by the Hazleton and Northeast Rail Commerce Center.

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport in Avoca is centrally located in the region and provides access to air travel without the hassle of a larger airport. The airport offers approximately 40 daily arrivals and departures to six major hubs with one-stop service to more than 450 destinations worldwide, along with available cargo buildings.

Many corporations arrive to Greater Hazleton in corporate jets which land at the Hazleton Municipal Airport which is only minutes away from the area's industrial parks.

TRANSPORTATION

Major Roadways:

I-81, I-80, Route 93, Route 309, Route 924, Route 424

Railroads:

Norfolk Southern and Canadian Pacific, plus shortline freight rail services provided by Reading Blue Mountain & Northern and Luzerne County Rail Authority.

Airports:

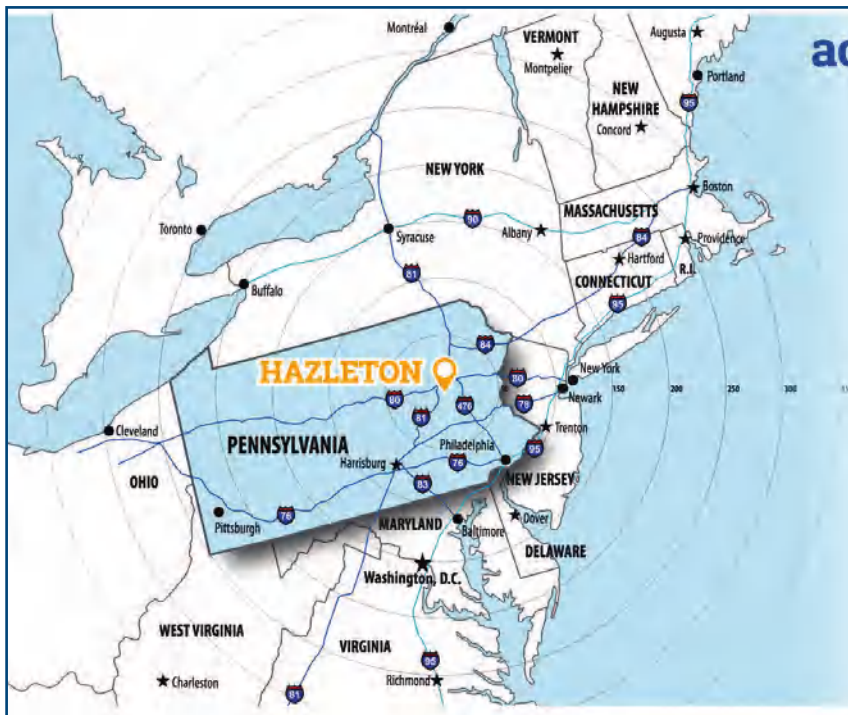
The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport is about 35 miles north. Locally, the Hazleton Municipal Airport can handle most corporate jets. Another major facility, the Lehigh Valley International Airport, is 45 miles southeast. A number of smaller municipal airports are scattered around the region.

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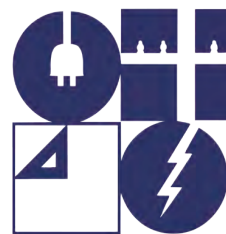
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Montreal, Canada	423	7.5
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CAN BE fosters entrepreneurship in the area

If you are launching a new business, want to expand a small home-based business or are looking to create a spin-off venture from an existing business, the CAN BE Innovation Center in the Valmont Industrial Park is the place to start.

Its primary mission is to foster entrepreneurship and new venture development in Greater Hazleton that leads to business expansion and diversity. The facility in Valmont is currently 100 percent occupied and features a mix of office and light industrial companies.

CAN BE is what those in the entrepreneurial development sector call a business incubator. As the name would suggest, incubators nurture new businesses and help them grow during their initial start-up period – which is the most vulnerable time for a new business. Statistics show that, while 66 percent of businesses fail within their first five years of operation, 87 percent of those that start in a business incubator are still operating after five years.

Entrepreneurs have access to everything they need at CAN BE. It provides business advice, access to financing and exposure to business and technical support services. The staff assists emerging companies and businesses in transition in developing business plans and business strategies and helps them to access a regional resource network by acting as a primary business development support system.

CAN BE is home to 14 tenants, including seven incubator clients that lease 70 percent of the facility's occupied space. Nearly 60 percent of the companies in CAN BE are women, veteran or minority-owned businesses. In addition to the clients in the Innovation Center, CAN BE staff works with dozens of businesses and entrepreneurs throughout Greater Hazleton through the incubator's virtual program.

CAN BE's newest tenants include Pure Beaver Hat Supply, Stray Threads and Pure Green BioAg. Pure Beaver Hat Supply is a local felt and hatter supply house that helps to supply the hat-making industry with premium products to help keep similar small businesses in the industry alive. The company operates a felt distribution warehouse and training facility for fellow hat-makers, sells custom-made hats and is looking to expand its training to offer hat-making classes to the public.

Stray Threads is a woman-owned screen-printing shop. Since it uses a manual press, Stray Threads can accommodate smaller production runs, which makes it an attractive solution for fellow small, local businesses that don't want to place



CAN BE provides the perfect space for companies that have smaller production operations like Stray Threads.

large bulk orders of custom apparel. Pure Green BioAg is working to revolutionize the way agricultural waste streams are organized. The company is driving a local renewable energy ecosystem by using Waste to Energy Technology to produce clean hydrogen and Sustainable Aviation (SAF) Fuels.

Business incubators like CAN BE are designed to help start-up companies launch a successful business with the ultimate hope of expanding into their own facility. Since its founding, CAN BE has had dozens of success stories, including

recent graduates VizVibe and Project Headway. VizVibe, a tech company specializing in interactive digital content creation and storytelling using augmented reality (AR), had such success and quick growth while operating out of CAN BE that it graduated to its own facility after just one year, which was much faster than the company originally anticipated.

Founded in 2021 by Charlee Murdock, Project Headway is a unique hair salon because Murdock partners with area homeless shelters to connect with individuals in need of services prior to major life events – such as job interviews. Her

decades of experience working within the beauty industry, coupled with her personal struggles with finding housing and employment, helped inspire her to start the business. Proceeds from the salon help fund the production of its product company, Salon Innovations by Project Headway. The company is also working on a

prototype through a partnership with Bucknell University's Engineering Department.

CAN BE also began accepting shared use agreements from regionally-based organizations to use the Innovation Center as a centralized location for business meetings and co-working space, which brings new attention to the facility and its tenants.

The CAN BE Innovation Center isn't just recognized in Greater Hazleton, it's also attracting statewide attention. In late 2022, State Senator David G. Argall and State Representative-elect Dane Watro toured the facility, which provided an opportunity for CAN BE staff to promote a shared vision of economic growth on a local level. During their visit, the lawmakers had a chance to have an open dialog with CAN BE tenants and learn about the opportunities and hardships that small start-up businesses experience every day.



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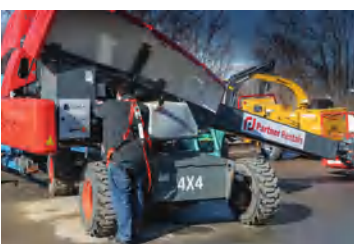
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Kitchen Incubator leads to many successes

Greater Hazleton entrepreneurs are cooking up success inside the Hazleton Kitchen Incubator. The Kitchen Incubator is located inside the Hayden Family Center for the Arts at the corner of Broad and Laurel Streets in downtown Hazleton.

The program is another entrepreneurial innovation from The Hazleton Innovation Collaborative (THInC). Budding entrepreneurs who want to open a food or beverage business can test out their idea in the Kitchen Incubator and have a low-risk opportunity to start small, test, develop and scale without the cost of equipping and maintaining their own commercially-licensed culinary facility.

One of the Hazleton Kitchen Incubator's many benefits is that it encourages growth in the local food economy by improving access to resources that are traditionally not available for everyone. It also improves food industry workforce training opportunities through hands-on training and access to commercial equipment.

The Hazleton Kitchen Incubator's newest program is the Food and Beverage Startup Lab. This is ideal for those who need help starting a restaurant, brewery, distillery, catering company or other retail food business. The lab is designed to help new entrepreneurs or those new to the food industry to navigate the process of getting their business up and running.

Through the program, entrepreneurs can develop ideas for the perfect food and beverage business, work on a customer development plan, and even learn about the licensing requirements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Many success stories have come out of the Hazleton Kitchen Incubator over the last few years. Dominique Pane turned her lifelong love of the art of food into a business when she launched Acacia Nay's – a woman, LGBTQ+-owned business offering catering and 'Grab-n-Go' elevated comfort foods in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

With her 14+ years of cooking experience, coupled with the resources provided by the Hazleton Kitchen Incubator and THInC partners like CAN DO, Pane hopes to eventually be able to grow her business and open a sit-down restaurant in the future.

Janna Cordero used the Kitchen Incubator to build up her client base and was able to successfully launch her



Janna Cordero built a client base for her bakery by starting out in the Kitchen Incubator.

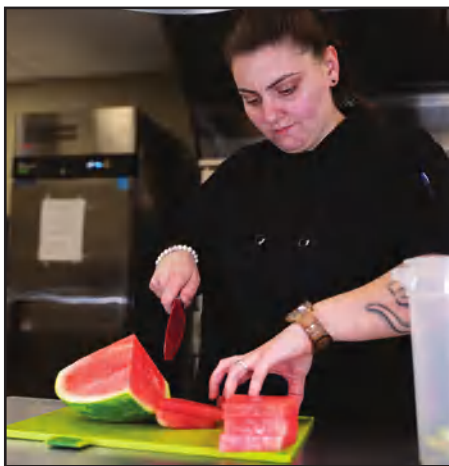
business, Little Treats and Cakes by Janna. Cordero launched 'Little Treats and Cakes by Janna' in 2015 after the company she used to work for closed while she was 33 weeks pregnant.

Making the most out of a tough moment in her life, Cordero took a leap of faith and decided to pursue something she had learned throughout her childhood:

baking. The gamble paid off and now she and her husband are the workforce behind 'Little Treats and Cakes by Janna', a bakery that specializes in celebration cakes, wedding cakes, and small, decorative desserts.

When Hazleton native Andrew Baranko and his family wanted to launch a location of their successful deli-style pizza business in their hometown, they found an efficient way to do it using the Hazleton Kitchen Incubator. Baranko and his family began making their own version of the cold, square-cut, deli/tavern-style pizza that originated in Hazleton and sold it as Baranko's Pizza at the Hunter's Community Market in Nashville and other pop-up locations in the city.

When local family and friends expressed an interest in trying out their pizza, they decided to open a Hazleton location. Using the Kitchen Incubator helped Baranko expedite the process of starting his business because it offered everything he needed to get started while keeping his start-up costs low.



Dominique Pane used the resources the Kitchen Incubator offers to launch her catering company.



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Hazleton Innovation Collaborative helping entrepreneurs launch successful businesses

Greater Hazleton has always been known as a business and industry hub for large corporations. However, over the past several years, the region is also placing itself at the forefront of entrepreneurial development. This growth in entrepreneurship is largely due to the combined efforts of nearly 20 organizations who came together to create The Hazleton Innovation Collaborative, or THInC.

THInC began in 2017 after Penn State Hazleton was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Invent Penn State initiative to establish an entrepreneurial program in Greater Hazleton. PSU Hazleton faculty and staff worked with CAN BE (CAN DO's entrepreneurial development arm), the Chamber, the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress and other community partners to establish the foundation of the program. Other vital collaborators include Ben Franklin Technology Partners, tecBRIDGE, the Hazleton LaunchBox supported by Pasco L. Schiavo Esq., and the Small Business Development Center at Wilkes University.

Since it was formed, the group of partners have overseen a massive growth of small businesses in the region and THInC has become synonymous as the place entrepreneurs go to start a business. THInC's primary focus is on providing entrepreneurial support to budding small business owners. The collaborative leverages the resources of its partner organizations to nurture the growth of entrepreneurship in Greater Hazleton and foster a culture that results in economic development, job creation, income growth, improved quality of life and

student career success.

The Hazleton LaunchBox, located at 13 West Broad Street in Downtown Hazleton, is the main hub for THInC's entrepreneurial activity. Whether you are just getting started with an idea, looking to acquire your first customer, or working to grow your business, you can find the resources you need through the LaunchBox, where entrepreneurs have access to mentorship and business start-up support, co-working space and an accelerator program.

Penn State Hazleton staff run the LaunchBox and oversee the educational portion of the program, while CAN BE screens applicants to determine if their idea can be turned into a viable business.

Have a business idea? Figure out how to turn it into a real business using the LaunchBox's Idea TestLab. The TestLab is a "customer discovery" deep-dive designed to help you better understand the customer problem you're trying to solve and how to use your business idea to provide value in a unique way.

After entrepreneurs complete the education program, they continue to receive follow-up assistance and mentoring from CAN BE staff, Penn State Hazleton faculty and community volunteers. Once an entrepreneur is officially ready to start their business, they can receive additional support from CAN BE through the services it offers entrepreneurs at the CAN BE Innovation Center in Valmont Industrial Park.



CAN BE helps inspire young entrepreneurs

CAN BE assists young entrepreneurs through its sponsorship of an annual Chamber award and a partnership with tecBRIDGE, a regional technology-based economic development organization.

CAN BE sponsors the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award that's given out at the Chamber's annual Business & Community Awards luncheon. The award's purpose is to promote the development of future business owners and operators in Greater Hazleton and recognizes a recipient's staying power, growth and community contribution. Award nominees must be between the ages of 13 and 35 and either reside in Greater Hazleton and have a for-profit business or attend school in the area.

Recent winners include Paul DeAngelo, Jr, owner of Collaborative Autism Movement; Brian Simon, a graduating senior from Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences who had success in two local competitions for young entrepreneurs; and Omar Alcantara, the owner of

family-owned home decor store and remodeling business Tabla Supply.

CAN BE staff has mentored several students who went on to become finalists in tecBRIDGE's High School Business Plan Competition (HSBPC). The HSBPC challenges high school and home school teams to create a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM)-based business. Teams conduct research in key areas required to build a successful business and tell their business story through a formal written response and presentation.

A select group of entrepreneurs, business professionals, and educators evaluate the submissions and identify finalist teams that move on to a live presentation round, where the finalists deliver their business plan presentations and answer judges' questions. The top teams are expected to develop sustainable and scalable concepts while demonstrating creativity, critical thinking, and strong presentation skills.

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Workforce development efforts promote careers in the area

CAN DO has placed a strategic focus on working with partner organizations to assist in the overall growth and development of Greater Hazleton's workforce. By joining forces with these organizations, CAN DO looks to improve the flow of information about the existing workforce and career initiatives throughout the area.

Some recent examples of these successful partnerships include CAN DO's work with the City of Hazleton, Partners in Education and Johnson College.

City of Hazleton officials worked with CAN DO to launch a community-wide survey called Hazleton Speaks that was part of a regional multi-municipal comprehensive plan. CAN DO staff helped to plan and execute a 10-week organic marketing initiative to promote the survey and encourage responses. In the end, the survey received 800 responses, which was almost triple the number of responses that were needed to consider the survey a success. This data will now be used to help guide the area's economic and workforce development initiatives.

CAN DO assisted Partners in Education (PIE), the PA CareerLink and other community partners in hosting the first Greater Hazleton Career Expo. During the event, 40 industry representatives met with more than 700 area students to educate them on their businesses and the workforce opportunities that are available right here in Greater Hazleton.

CAN DO also assisted PIE with its annual Girl Power in STEM program at Penn State Hazleton. During the event, nearly 200 students from schools throughout Greater Hazleton were introduced to women working in science, technology, engineering and math-related careers and had the opportunity to interact with the area's local industries.

Johnson College's decision to open its first satellite campus – Johnson College at the CAN DO Training Center – in the Humboldt Industrial

Park marked a milestone in CAN DO's long-standing goal to locate another technical school in the community after McCann School of Business & Technology vacated its facility on Maplewood Drive several years ago. This

partnership between Johnson College and CAN DO addresses the area's growing educational, economic and industrial needs.

As part of its ongoing workforce development initiatives, CAN DO is committed to increasing educational attainment and technical training throughout Greater Hazleton. The goal of this new Johnson College campus is to create unique and accessible academic experiences for students by working with industry leaders to prepare them



Johnson College's new Hazleton campus offers students access to area industry leaders.

for careers across the region. This includes designing program offerings to equip individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the local workforce and contribute to the economic vitality of the area.

As CAN DO looks ahead, it's placing a heavy emphasis on the workforce and rising workforce, primarily with regional education partners, to ensure that they are training a

ready workforce for the growth that is happening in the area. With this in mind, CAN DO plans to identify, facilitate and coordinate solutions to the workforce needs of the companies and organizations in our area with a strategic focus on a rising workforce.

It plans to increase its collaboration with Partners in Education and work together to build an advanced workforce along with

the public school system, higher education and industry, while also developing a long-term plan to address the career-readiness of our community.



CAN DO and Partners In Education are collaborating to place a strategic focus on training the area's rising workforce.

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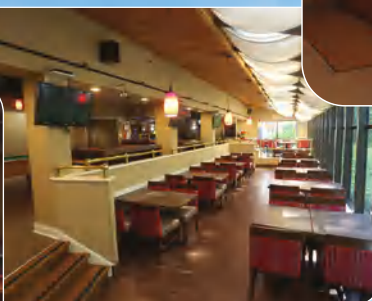
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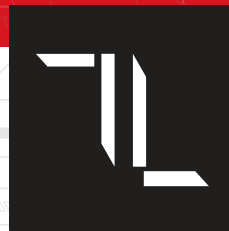
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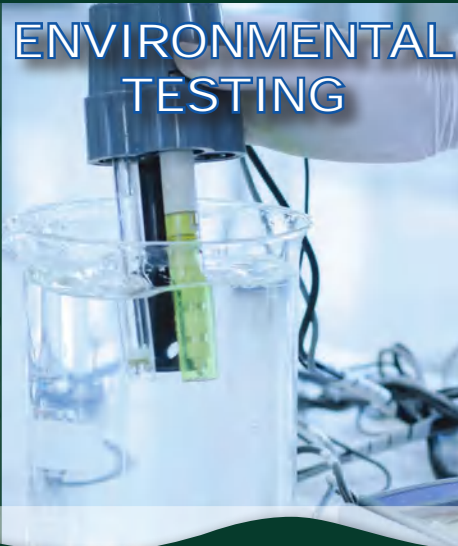
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Greater Hazleton: affordable and family friendly

Greater Hazleton has a rich history of being an affordable and family-friendly location to live, work and play. The region features a low cost of living, a variety of housing options and all the benefits of living in a rural community that also has immediate access to several major cities.

People who live and work in the area find that they receive a lot more for their hard-earned money because the cost of living in Greater Hazleton is well below the U.S. national average. Studies show that people living in large metropolitan cities like Philadelphia and Boston need to earn as much as 45 percent more in order to have a similar lifestyle to those living in Greater Hazleton.

The City of Hazleton, which has a population of more than 29,000, serves as the footprint of the region. According to statistics from Best Places, the cost of living in Hazleton is 20 percent lower than the national average. The median home value in Hazleton is just over \$77,000, making it much lower than the national average of \$176,700.

In addition to affordable rental and mortgage payments for homes and apartments, the cost of things like groceries and utilities is 10 percent less than comparable rates across the country. It's also convenient to travel around the area. The average one-way commute in Hazleton takes 20.7 minutes, which is well below the national average of 26.4 minutes.

The area also offers residents easy and reliable access to public transportation but with a much better overall quality of life than one would find in the bustling metropolitan areas. Area residents are within close proximity to six major interstate highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which makes it easy to travel to major cities like New York City, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington D.C. within a day's drive.



Greater Hazleton offers many beautiful and picturesque places to live, including the Conyngham Valley pictured above.

As Greater Hazleton's business and industry sector continues to grow exponentially, there has been an increasingly greater need for more housing in the region to accommodate the influx of new residents moving to the area to work. With this in mind, housing development activity has been robust in the area. Allen Ridge Associates has plans to construct approximately 328 townhouses, 196 apartment units and 11 single-family homes on 36 acres along North Wilson Street in Hazleton.

The City of Hazleton is planning to use federal funds to develop a street that has been laid out of maps but was never completed (also known as a paper street) called David Avenue in the city's Terrace section. This proposed street would run between Ferrara Avenue and East Broad Street and allow for private development of homes in the back portion of the land and commercial development along the road. City officials said the homes that will be built will be in the \$300,000 price range.



Real estate is booming in Greater Hazleton. Sand Springs Country Club in Drums recently constructed several luxury apartment complexes.

As the region's business and industry sector continues to expand, the real estate market continues to grow alongside of it. Developers continue to work on adding new apartment buildings, townhouses and homes across the area, most notably in the recent expansion of the Sand Springs development in Drums.

Post Road Construction is nearing completion on a long-awaited project to develop 67 market-rate

apartments in the former home of the historic Altamont Hotel at the corner of Broad and Church Streets. At Sand Springs Country Club in Drums, Tuskes Homes offers a variety of new luxury rental properties, including townhomes and apartments with one- to four-bedroom layouts. Recent construction has included two new luxury apartment complexes and homes in two townhome communities.



New construction can be seen throughout Greater Hazleton especially in the many housing developments.

Greater Hazleton is comprised of the City of Hazleton and the surrounding collection of charming cities, townships and boroughs, including Conyngham, Drums, Freeland, Hazle Township, McAdoo, Sugarloaf, and West Hazleton.

Hazle Township continues to grow and thrive from a business standpoint, with many companies choosing to relocate or set up shop there. Access to nature is readily available at Community Park, which includes picnic areas, playgrounds, soccer fields, a trout-stocked lake and hiking trails. West Hazleton, which also directly borders Hazleton, offers residents access to its own playgrounds, elementary/middle school, churches and stores. West Hazleton is home to two shopping centers, a movie theater and a youth sports complex.

The Valley, including Drums, Conyngham and Sugarloaf sit just outside Hazleton. These small, neighborhood communities feature many home styles and offer residents the opportunity to live in apartments, townhouses and single-family homes in private developments and golf course communities.

Drums has several parks and playground areas where residents can enjoy nature and children can play sports. It's also home to the Butler Township Community Gardens, which promotes both environmental and community sustainability

through public outreach, landscape-based education and demonstration.

The natural and scenic settings of Conyngham and Sugarloaf make people feel at home.

Take a trip to Conyngham and visit Whispering Willows Park and the neighboring Conyngham Valley Civic Organization swimming pool.

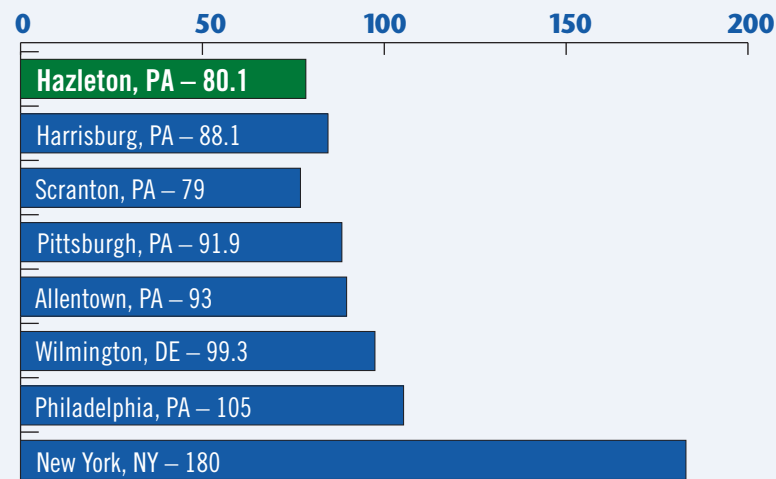
Freeland also has a public park that includes an indoor pavilion. The park is right next to the city's YMCA, which offers a variety of fitness classes and youth sports activities.

As you'll read throughout this book, Greater Hazleton truly offers something for everyone.

There are ample employment opportunities; public, private and parochial schooling options from elementary school all the way through college; religious services in many denominations; quality healthcare provisions; and a variety of arts, cultural and recreational activities. All this combines to really make Greater Hazleton the best place to call home. The entire area offers picturesque mountains, fertile farmlands, an abundance of green space and plenty of lakes, streams and hiking/biking trails.

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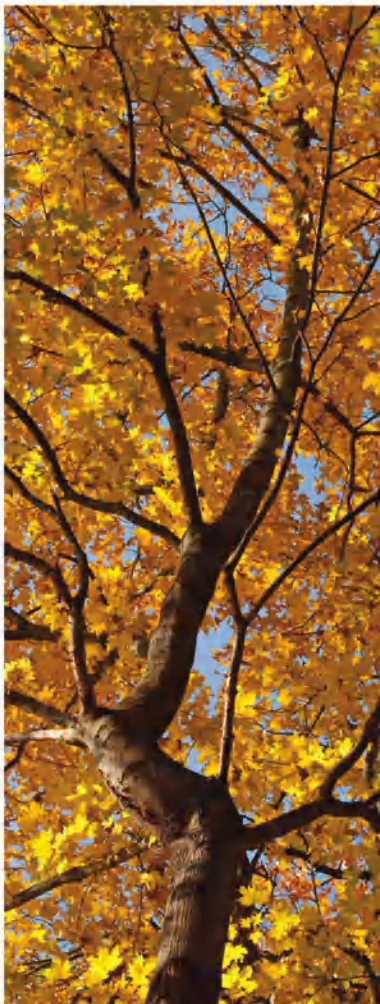
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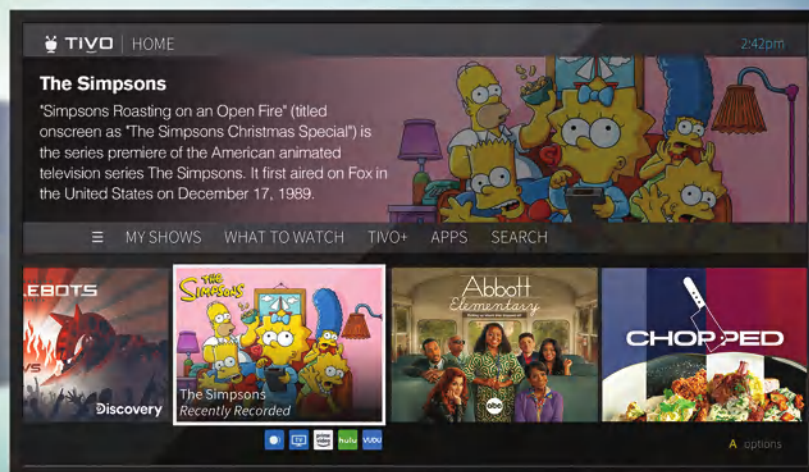


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Penn State has had a presence in Greater Hazleton since 1934. Today, the university, which is located on an expansive 125-acre campus just off of Interstate 81 overlooking the Conyngham Valley, offers more than 500 students from 20 states and 10 countries a variety of academic, athletic and student life opportunities.

Students can earn baccalaureate degrees in 11 majors, explore classes in four minors, and receive credit and non-credit certificates in a wide variety of disciplines. Students can also come to Penn State Hazleton to take the first two years of classes in 275 majors before transferring to Penn State's main University Park campus or another Penn State campus to complete their degree.

Penn State Hazleton's baccalaureate programs include business, computer science, corporate communications, criminal justice, engineering, health policy and administration, information technology, multidisciplinary studies, project and supply chain management, psychology, and rehabilitation and human services. Associate degree programs are available for business administration, information sciences & technology, multidisciplinary studies, medical laboratory technology and physical therapy assistant.

The university's special academic opportunities include an active Honors Program for students who want to take advantage of academically-enriching activities and classes. The program offers courses, encourages undergraduate research, provides scholarship funding and hosts activities and other events. Campus honors students also have the opportunity to apply to Penn State's prestigious Schreyer Honors College at the end of their first or

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Penn State's Student Services and Engagement Office provides students with many ways to get involved and stay connected on campus so they can achieve not only their educational goals, but their personal ones as well. To get the most out of their campus

experience, students have the opportunity to join 35 different academic, multicultural, student leadership and special interest clubs and organizations, as well as the Gamma Beta Phi, National Residence Hall Honorary and Alpha Sigma Lambda honors organizations.

Penn State Hazleton offers intercollegiate athletic

competition in eight sports (four men's and four women's) for full-time students. Student-athletes compete both locally and nationally through an affiliation with the Penn State University Athletic Conference and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association. Its men's sports offerings include baseball, basketball, golf and soccer. Women's sports options are basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. By participating in intercollegiate athletics, students can promote their academic success and personal growth through hard work and outstanding competition.

Through Penn State's Continuing Education courses and programs, individuals can enroll in a certificate program and begin the journey to earning an associate or bachelor's degree, or increase the skills and knowledge they need to advance in the workplace. Penn State Hazleton offers practical nursing, nurses aide, phlebotomy technician, clinical medical assisting and nurse management healthcare programs, as well as 13 workforce and professional development programs.



More than 500 students from 20 states and 10 countries attend Penn State Hazleton to take classes in 11 baccalaureate degree programs.

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The college's campus is located in the heart of Downtown Hazleton in the historic Traders Bank Building. There, students have access to several classrooms, a dedicated space for healthcare career training, a state-of-the-art police academy training facility, and a fully equipped computer lab.

At Lackawanna College, students pursue courses of study in more than 60 majors—across Bachelor's, Associate and Certificate programs – for 10 career pathways: agriculture and natural resources, business administration, criminal justice and police academy, education and training, hospitality and culinary, human services, information technology, manufacturing, the medical field, and professional studies and communication.

Bachelor's degree programs include business, criminal justice, human services, restaurant and food service management, and RN-BSN nursing. Associate degree programs include accounting,

business administration, business studies, criminal justice, cybersecurity, human services, petroleum and natural gas technology, and professional studies. Certificate programs include construction pre-apprenticeship, ESL, and customer service with Microsoft Word certification.

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The workforce development program involves communicating with local employers on what education and training they need their employees to have and then implementing these programs at the college. This is ideal for employees working in healthcare, finance and the trades.

High school students also have several options to begin taking college courses through Lackawanna College's high school program.

The Hazleton Center also serves the community through partnerships with many of Hazleton's local Latino organizations.



Lackawanna College works with area employers to offer the education and training courses they need for their employees through its workforce development program.

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Johnson College programs are designed to give students the knowledge and skills they need to excel in the local workforce.

The college offers students a two-year associate degree in electrical construction technology and one-year academic certificate programs in welding technology, industrial technology, and building and property maintenance.

They also offer continuing education training for medical assistants, computer support and security specialists, and Class A CDL driver training.

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LCCC classes are offered both day and evening in more than 100 academic degrees between the Center and Main Campus in Nanticoke. Plus, the College offers career counseling and advising, placement testing, tutoring assistance, and credit free short-term programs.

LCCC is affordable, offering the area's lowest tuition rate. Plus, LCCC's Hazleton Center provides ESL classes, manufacturing & science labs, three floors of classrooms, and faculty trained in numerous disciplines.


The Hazleton Center opened in the Broad Street Exchange Building on September 26, 2000. Prior to the Center opening, LCCC offered college classes in the evening at the Hazleton High

School. In the past 20 years, approximately 8,000 students have passed through the Center. Some arrived directly after graduating from high school while others worked and raised families before entering. For the Fall of 2023, 528 students were currently enrolled in college classes at the Hazleton Center.

Some students attend LCCC for two-year degrees while aiming at higher degrees from other colleges while others pursue certificates in various trades. Most students take basic classes and finish some programs entirely or move to the main campus in Nanticoke to finish studies in scores of other majors that LCCC offers. Many students in the local high schools, take advantage of LCCC's Hazleton Center's Early College program which allows them to start taking college classes while still attending high school.




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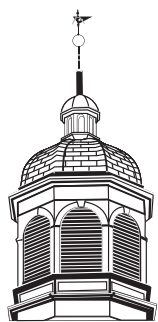



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MMI's curriculum includes courses in English, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign language, fine arts, and health and wellness.

The school's advanced course offerings include classes in computer programming, introduction to engineering and robotics, personal wealth and finance management, human physiology, and environmental science.

Students also participate in an assembly program that is designed to provide each student with the opportunity to explore varied subject areas not typically studied in the classroom while exercising their public speaking skills.

Additionally, students take part in a variety of sports and clubs as well as routinely advance to state and national finals for their club activities.

The school believes that education should be accessible to everyone

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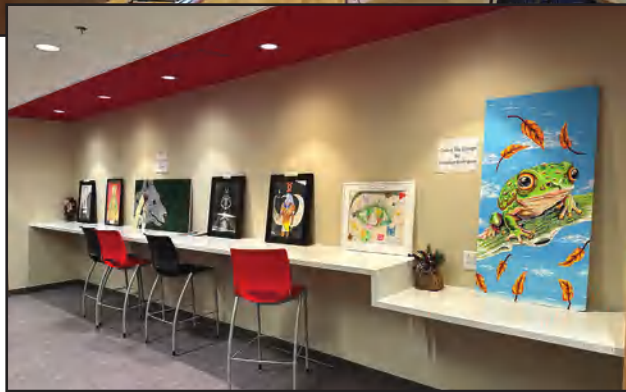
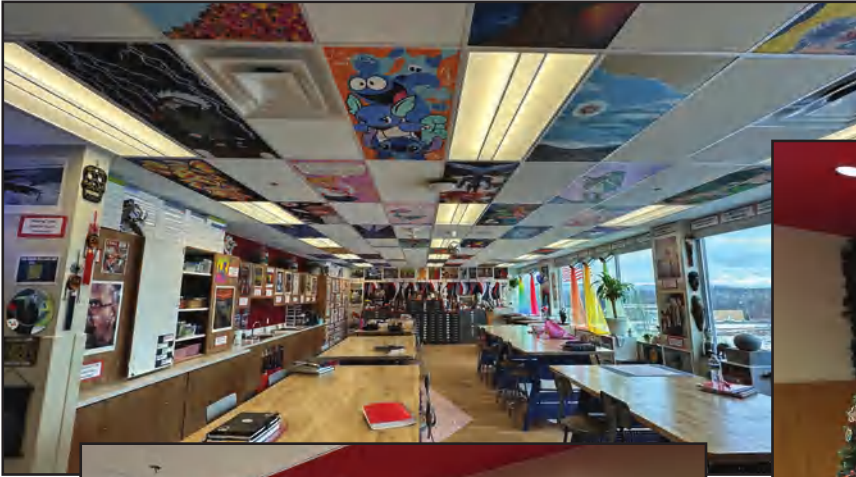
For parents who are looking to add a religious element to their children's education, Greater Hazleton residents can choose Immanuel Christian School, Holy Family Academy and Marian Catholic High School.

Immanuel Christian School, which has been serving Greater Hazleton for more than 40 years, is a non-denominational, non-public school for grades K-12 that believes a Christian education is much more than just chapel and Bible class. ICS provides an encouraging environment where students can grow in character, wisdom, and discernment to pursue the life God has called each of them to live.

Holy Family Academy, which is part of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School system, is an elementary and middle school that encompasses pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. The school's dedicated faculty and staff creates a nurturing learning environment that provides students with the opportunity to grow spiritually, academically, socially, physically and morally.

Marian Catholic High School's mission is focused on developing students by integrating the teachings of Jesus Christ with a value-centered curriculum. In a safe, family atmosphere, the faculty and administration challenge students not only to reach their highest academic potential, but also to adopt the disciplined work ethic necessary to become contributing, self-sufficient citizens who give witness to the Catholic faith. Marian Catholic serves those in grades 9-12.

Hazleton Area School District adds three new schools to meet growing enrollment and specialty programs



The Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy, began inside the high school and now has expanded to its own facility in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Drums.

More than 11,500 elementary, middle and high school students living in Greater Hazleton receive a quality education through the Hazleton Area School District and its 13 facilities.

The district is centered on the city of Hazleton and serves the surrounding municipalities of Freeland, Jeddo, Foster Township, Butler Township, Conyngham, West Hazleton, Hazle Township, Drums, Sugarloaf Township, and Black Creek Township, as well as parts of Schuylkill and Carbon counties.

Hazleton Area operates ten elementary/middle schools: Arthur Street (K-2), Arthur Street Elementary School Annex (PreK-2), Maple Manor Elementary-Middle School (3-8), McAdoo-Kelayres Elementary-Middle School (K-8), Drums Elementary-Middle School (K-8), Freeland Elementary-Middle School (K-8), Heights-Terrace Elementary-Middle School (K-8), Valley Elementary-Middle School (K-8), West Hazleton Elementary-Middle School (K-8) and Hazleton Elementary-Middle School (K-6). Students in ninth through 12th grades receive instruction at Hazleton Area High School, the Hazleton Area Career Center, the Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences and the Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy.

Through a dynamic partnership of educators, learners, and community members, Hazleton Area High School students develop the skills necessary to become life-long learners in a culturally diverse community. They are challenged to develop self-responsibility and reach their highest potential in a safe and supportive environment using technology in a comprehensive curriculum.

Students study a variety of required courses in English, social studies, science, math, world languages and physical education, and have the option to explore numerous different elective courses. They also have the option to take college-credit classes through the Hazleton Area School District's partnership with Penn State Hazleton, Lackawanna College and Luzerne County Community College.

In addition to the high school building, Hazleton Area's main campus on 23rd Street includes the Hazleton Area Career Center. At the Career Center, students receive career preparation in computer systems networking, broadcast communications, health careers, nurse assistant, dental assistant, collision repair technology, automotive technology, diesel technology, construction technology, electrical and industrial technology, HVAC/plumbing, precision machine technology, welding technology, computer-aided drafting (CAD), cosmetology, child care, culinary arts and law enforcement.

The Hazleton Area School District operates two academies in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Drums: one for students who want to focus on courses in science, technology, engineering and math, and another for students interested in arts and humanities courses.

The Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences STEM school prepares students for careers in the science, technology, engineering and math fields. Students also have the opportunity to explore a variety of electives and take college-credit courses at the school through a partnership with Penn State University. These specialty electives and courses include introduction to engineering design processes, principles of engineering, computer robotics, CAD drafting,



Students who need support in the areas of speech, hearing, vision and behavior can receive specialized instruction at the Hazleton Area Academy building at Pardee and 10th streets in Hazleton.

anatomy and physiology, college biology, college chemistry, STEM human disease, genetics, neurobiology, psychology, pharmacology, environmental biology, astronomy, introduction to computer science and programming, and digital design/web design.

Through the Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy, students can join the band or concert choir and also get an introduction to many specialty courses that will guide them in their future careers. These include historical philosophies and mythologies of ancient cultures, vocal studio, instrumental studio, visual arts studio, communication arts studio, drama studio, dance studio, computer

applications/keyboarding, personal financial literacy, crafts, speech and debate, journalism, world cultures, accounting, business law, web page design, painting, music theory/technology, principles of anthropology/world literature, historical and theoretical concepts in music, art history, modern theater production, American dance history, business principles and management, music appreciation,

creative writing, street law, sociology, psychology, and European history/literature.



Approximately 1,000 students study classes online through the Hazleton Area Cyber Academy.

The Hazleton Area School District also provides options for those who want to receive cyber education or need specialized learning.

The Hazleton Area Cyber Academy, located inside the Laurel Mall in Hazle Township, has 30 full-time staff members who assist approximately 1,000 students who study online. The space includes rooms for teachers to use for streaming classes online, as well as additional space

for counseling or testing needs, an eSports program,

registration that's centrally located in the community, and a school spirit store.

The district operates a newcomer center for children from kindergarten through sixth grade who have been in the United States for less than one year inside the Hazle Township Early Learning Center building on 23rd Street. At the center, students

concentrate on English while learning other subjects. After a year, most will pass to other schools. Staff members include translators, a bilingual administrator and paraprofessionals.

Hazleton Area provides Early Intervention resources through the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Early Intervention Program and pre-kindergarten classes at the Hazleton Area Academy building at Pardee and 10th streets in Hazleton. The Early Intervention program is a year-round, comprehensive and collaborative system that optimizes children's development, supports the family's responsibility and enhances their capacity to care for their child. Eligible young children receive a variety of need-based services in the least restrictive environment, which may include the home, preschool, Head Start, a specialized class or a combination of these.

Early Intervention Services range from direct to consultative in nature. Related services to children include support in the areas of speech, hearing, vision and behavior along with assistance with psychological evaluations and assistive technology. Services are

provided when the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines the child has a specific need for the respective services. These services are available to children ages 3 to beginners who meet the eligibility criteria of a 25% delay in one or more of the five developmental areas.

The academy building also contains Vital House, where students will learn to live independently, the district's Technology Department and a warehouse.

Hazleton Area students don't just excel academically, they also produce standout results athletically in more than 15 sports during the fall, winter and spring sports seasons. The Cougars and Lady Cougars field teams in football, baseball, basketball, softball, cross country, track and field, swimming, water polo, soccer, tennis, volleyball, lacrosse, bowling and cheerleading. There are freshmen football, basketball and baseball teams and junior high sports are offered in cross country, football, field hockey, soccer, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, track and field and softball.



Hazleton Area High School educates approximately 3,700 students in grades 9-12.

Keystone Job Corps offers education and job training

The Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums provides low-income individuals ages 16-24 with free career training so they can gain the skills and tools they need to be successful. At Job Corps, students can find a supportive community to lean on, earn a high school diploma or equivalent, and take their training and education and put them into action.

Students receive hands-on advanced career training and classes in academic subjects like reading and math. Training is offered in the following areas: bricklayer pre-apprentice, carpentry pre-apprentice, cement masonry pre-apprentice, certified nurse assistant, clinical medical assistant, culinary arts, electrical pre-apprentice, facilities maintenance, material handling and distribution operations, office administration, painting pre-apprentice, plastering pre-apprentice, plumbing pre-

apprentice, and security and protective services.

Keystone Job Corps offers students everything they need right on campus, including a cafeteria, wellness center and recreation area, as well as a safe and supportive community. Benefits include housing, basic medical care, nutritious meals, books and supplies, a living allowance, training clothing, and assistance locating child care. Students can take a break between classes or unwind after a day of training through a number of campus activities, student organizations and wellness and recreation activities that are offered

at the campus recreation center.

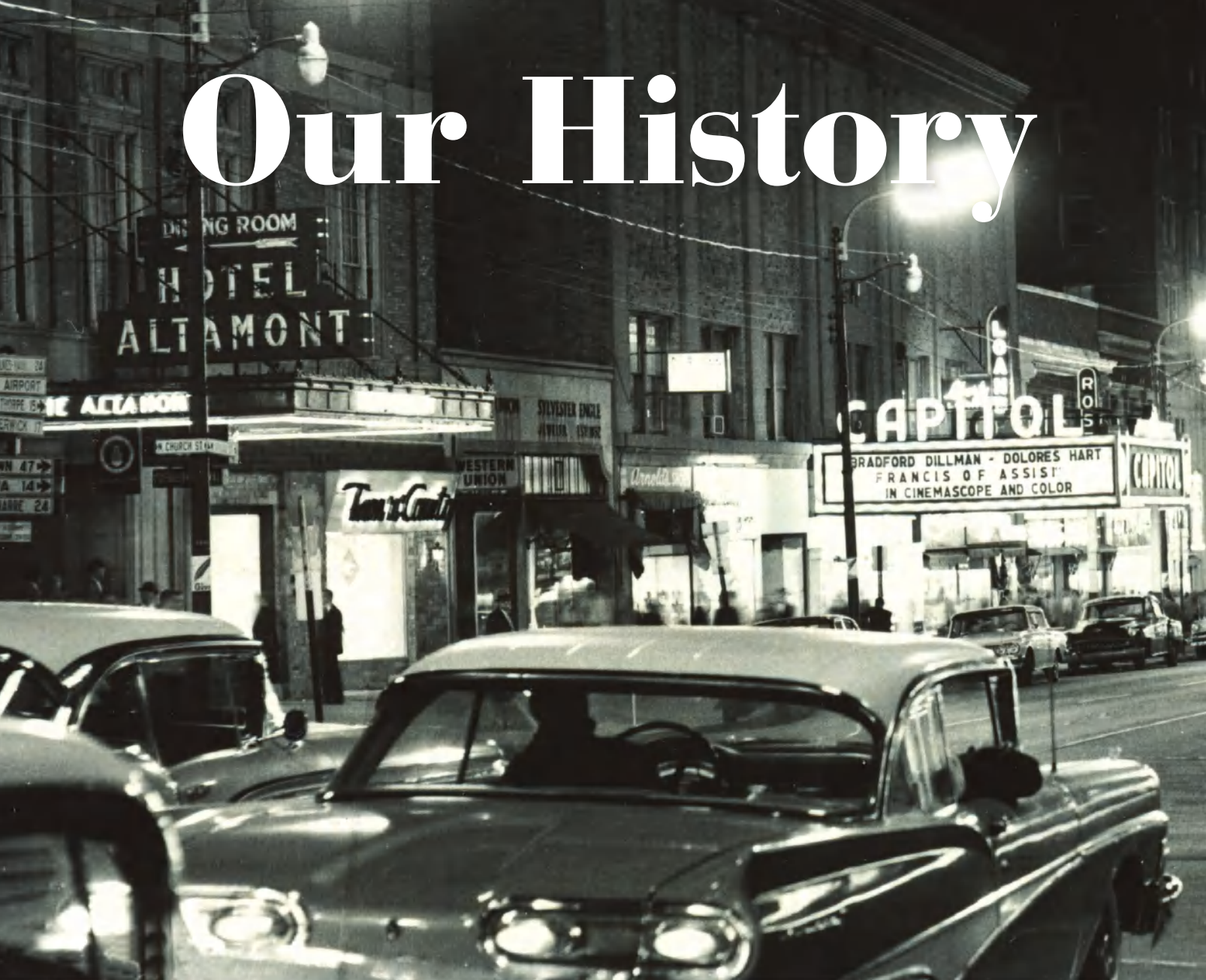
When they are ready to transition out of the program, Keystone Job Corps Center offers students job search assistance, career counseling, relocation counseling and a transition allowance.



Life at Keystone Job Corps

Keystone Job Corps students have access to a cafeteria, wellness center and recreation center right on campus.

Our History



Greater Hazleton's history began with coal and today it is a center for manufacturing

From its coal-mining glory days to its place in the forefront of both the development and widespread usage of electric lighting and cable television, Greater Hazleton's past is rich with history-making technological advances.

By piecing together the events that molded modern-day Greater Hazleton you get a true sense of this place we call home. So much of our rich past involves the discovery and mining of anthracite coal, but it's the spirit of today's descendants of coal miners that has us on a course for amazing prosperity.

The Area's First Settlers

Before our European ancestors carved out their

settlements, tribes of Native Americans flourished.

Members of the Iroquois, Lenni Lenape and Delaware tribes cut dozens of well-worn paths between the Lehigh and Susquehanna rivers. These routes were valuable for trade and control of them was hotly contested during early colonial times.

At the height of the American War of Independence, a company of Minutemen marched along such a path that meandered from Monroe County to the Wyoming Valley. Well-armed British Tories and Indians surprised the Minutemen as they rested at the base of Buck Mountain in Conyngham Valley. Ironically, it was this death and destruction along the Little Nescopeck Creek that

breathed life into the area now known as Greater Hazleton.

Many historians believe the first permanent settlers of Hazleton were sent to bury the fallen victims of this infamous Sugarloaf Massacre of 1780. Some of the soldiers settled in St. Johns, while others built homes along a “warrior’s path” that roughly followed the present-day Broad Street in Downtown Hazleton.

While our roots are stained red, it’s the black of coal that has long forged this region and tempered its mindset of achievement and growth. In 1750, a gunsmith 45 miles southeast in Nazareth received hard black coal stones in trade with an Indian from the Northeast. And just up the road in Wilkes-Barre, Obadiah and Daniel Gore burned coal in their forge as early as 1770. The search for the richest veins of coal continued for more than 150 years.

In 1791, a hunter named Philip Ginter stumbled upon coal stones in the area now called Summit Hill. Ginter understood the significance of his find 14 miles outside Hazleton; he put aside his hunting rifle and built the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.

The Beginnings of a Community

In 1804, about the same time Lewis and Clark set out on their famous westward expedition, the first major road connecting our region to larger population centers was established. The Berwick Turnpike -- today’s Route 93 -- was cut along an old trail that wound through the heart of our area. At that time, most of the “city” remained a dense pine forest with thickets of hazel. The settlement was little more than a tollgate along the turnpike.

The turnpike blossomed into a valuable crossroads for trade. But it was logging, not coal, that became the first profitable operation in the valley. By 1810, lumber was carried by horses or oxen down the Berwick Turnpike to the Lehigh and Schuylkill rivers. From there, it floated its way south to market.

Hazleton’s first tavern and hotel, The State House, was built at the corner of today’s Broad and Vine streets. The State House was an oasis of shelter for the missionaries and soldiers who passed through the wilderness on the road from Wilkes-Barre.

Coal Becomes the Region’s Calling Card

The War of 1812 stoked the young nation’s demand for coal. After all, real political and economic independence

from Britain would only happen when the colonies weaned themselves from the cheap coal they had been importing from England. This cause lit the fuse for domestic mining operations to explode upon the scene.

Greater Hazleton happened to be sitting on some of the deepest and purest veins of black gold. Railroad developers became interested in the area once the rumors of a coal discovery in nearby Beaver Meadows were validated.



Greater Hazleton’s beginnings date back to the late 1870s.

A young New Yorker named Arivistius “Ario” Pardee was hired to survey the area and to report the practicality of extending a railroad from Mauch Chunk (now Jim Thorpe) to Beaver Meadows. Seizing the moment, Pardee bought up land in present-day Hazleton. The investment proved extraordinarily lucrative thanks to a massive anthracite coal field. Historians have tabbed Pardee the founding father of Hazleton.

Pardee incorporated the Hazleton Coal Company in 1836. The coal baron then built the first school on Church Street (where Hazleton City Hall now sits) and the city’s first church, First Presbyterian Church, located at Church and Broad Streets. The Pardee Mansion was built on the north side of Broad Street, between Church and Laurel streets.

As these other institutions began to take root, Pardee opened several mines that straddled Hazleton’s mammoth vein of coal. The budding coal industry attracted a flood of immigrants. The Germans and Irish came first in the 1840s and ’50s. The next wave – from 1860-1920 – included throngs of Italians, Polish, Russians, Lithuanians and Slovaks.

Skilled labor became increasingly important. Pardee made significant contributions to the engineering and geology programs at Lafayette College in Easton. His patronage also extended to a number of other organizations, and he mentored the next generation of community leaders.

George Markle was one of Pardee's most inspiring success stories. Markle was born into a poor family and his expertise in mechanical engineering was largely self-learned. At the age of 14, he was sent to Philadelphia to work in a carpentry shop. An injury forced him to return home, where he learned to make saddles with his father. At 20, he went to work at a foundry.

The varied experience paid off. The newly married Markle started as a clerk in Pardee's company store at Broad and Wyoming streets. At age 22, Markle had advanced to hold the positions of bookkeeper and superintendent for Pardee's booming coal business. Before long, he was named general superintendent of all of Pardee's collieries.

Markle made his mark by improving almost every technical aspect of mining operations.

The modern coal breaker was invented by Markle, as was a new pump to keep mines dry and save lives during floods.

Pardee and Markle were true barons of the coal industry. They believed an individual with wealth had an obligation to serve as "a trustee for his fellow man."

Greater Hazleton Fuels the Industrial Age

The coal mined here in Greater Hazleton helped establish America as a world industrial power. Hard anthracite coal burns cleaner, longer and hotter than the softer bituminous coal found in other parts of the country – and that made it extremely desirable for industry. For nearly a century, coal was shipped in ever-increasing amounts from the Hazleton area to locations all over the world.

Hazleton is Born

Hazleton was incorporated as a borough on January 5, 1857. Its name was supposed to be spelled "Hazelton" but a clerk misspelled it on papers used during incorporation. It's been Hazleton ever since.

The area's first newspaper, the Hazleton Sentinel, was founded in 1866, the year after the Civil War ended. The borough's first fire company, the Pioneer Fire Company, was organized in 1867 by soldiers returning from the Civil War.

With its population soaring to some 14,000, Hazleton was incorporated as a city on December 4, 1891.

At the Forefront

Because of the wealth brought by coal and its related industries, Greater Hazleton was one of the first regions of the nation to enjoy many of the exciting and innovative

technological breakthroughs of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Hazleton became the third city in the world to install electric streetlights – and Thomas A. Edison himself personally signed the contract for the lights! The Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Hazleton was organized during a meeting at the YMCA on October 15, 1883. A generating plant was constructed at

Wyoming and Green streets and the lights went on inside the plant the following January. During the next few months, incandescent lights flickered on all over town.

In 1888, Hazleton received one of the earliest telephone exchanges. Before the turn of the century, the city laid claim to a trolley car system, glamorous theaters, a number of specialty stores, beautiful parks and a thriving industrial base. The majestic buildings anchoring the downtown business community date back to this golden era of the early 20th century.

Shifting Towards the New Economy

With the sudden availability of alternate heating fuels, demand for coal dropped in the 1920s and '30s. Some local businesses never fully recovered from the years of rationing made necessary during World War I. The Stock



One of Greater Hazleton's first great industrial success stories was the Duplan Silk Mill on Diamond Avenue in Hazleton.

Market Crash of '29 affected the whole nation with rampant bankruptcy and unemployment.

By the '50s, the coal mines and related industries were hurting. The U.S.

economy was almost entirely powered by other fuels. Luckily, a group of forward-thinking businessmen came up with a novel plan to ensure a productive future for their treasured home.

Their innovative plan: To create an economic development organization like none other and lure new

industry and jobs to the area. Founded by the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, CAN DO – the Community Area New Development Organization – addressed the need for quality jobs in the region and strengthened and

diversified the area's industrial base. They created the now-famous "Dime a Week" campaign, requesting small contributions from community members that would

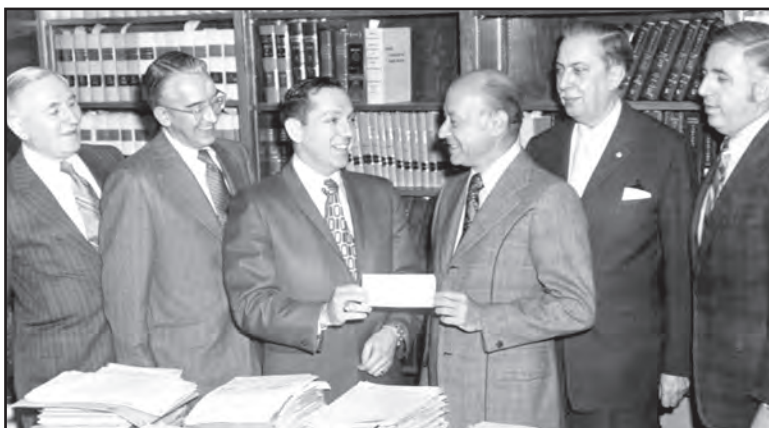
combine to make a big impact on area business and industry.

Today, the organization remains a vital part of the economic landscape in Greater Hazleton. A significant number of local residents work for companies brought to Greater Hazleton by CAN DO.

A Bright Future Ahead

Greater Hazleton continues to draw new residents who

share a lot with the waves of settlers from our proud past. The sense of community you'll find in Hazleton reflects the dreams and aspirations of resourceful people. It also reflects an optimism that makes the future so exciting.



The creation of CAN DO by Dr. Edgar L. Dessen and a group of forward-thinking businessmen helped Greater Hazleton recover from the demise of the coal industry.

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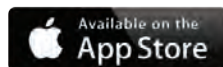
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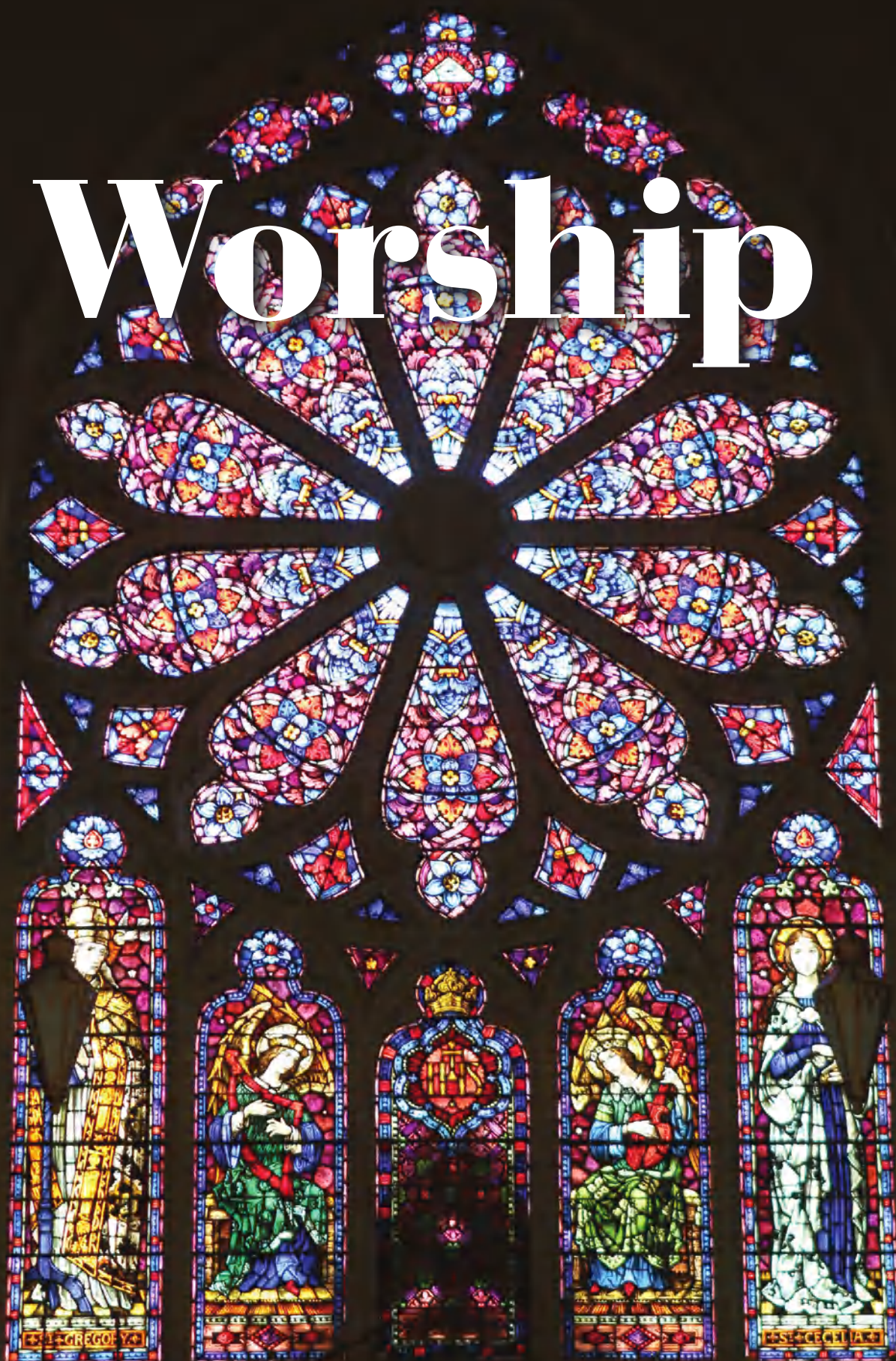
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The Rose Window at Saint Gabriel's Historical Church

Religious diversity

Greater Hazleton celebrates faith in many ways

Since the time the first settlers came to the region, Greater Hazleton has served as somewhere that people of every religious affiliation could feel welcome and find a place of worship to call home.

Residents will find a diverse range of religious affiliations right in Greater Hazleton, including Roman Catholic,

Orthodox Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, Byzantine Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Evangelical, Apostolic, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Baptist, Jewish, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and non-denominational churches where parishioners can find worship services in English, Spanish and Latin.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton oversees 13 churches throughout Greater Hazleton. They include SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish at St. Joseph's Church, Most Precious Blood, Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church, Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church and Holy Rosary Church, all located in Hazleton; Holy Name of Jesus Parish at Transfiguration Church in West Hazleton; Good Shepherd Church in Drums; St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Freeland.

Many of these churches date back to the mid- to late-1800s. The former St. Gabriel's Church was founded in the 1850s when Bishop John Neumann (who was canonized as a Saint in 1977) met with Father Michael Scanlon and a committee of others to discuss building a church in Hazleton. The original St. Gabriel's Church was completed in 1856 and a new one was erected in

1869 after the congregation outgrew the first church.

St. Joseph's Church was organized more than 140 years ago in 1882 by the Rev. Ignatius Jaskovic, marking it as the oldest Slovak Roman Catholic Parish in the Western Hemisphere. Most Precious Blood Church began in 1888 when Rev. Nasca was appointed the first pastor and

started to draw up plans for a small church for the growing amount of immigrants that had congregated in the area. The congregation raised money to purchase three lots on what is now Fourth and Seybert streets and built a modest church that was consecrated to the Most Precious Blood of our Divine Savior.

Good Shepherd began when Father

Francis A. Costello was instructed by Bishop Hafey in March of 1940 to start a parish to provide pastoral care of Catholics in Butler, Sugarloaf and Dennison townships and Conyngham borough. On Sunday, March 31, 1940, Fr. Costello celebrated the first Mass in the building that used to be the Green Gables Club. Bishop Hafey formally blessed Good Shepherd Church on Sunday, May 12, 1940. When the Catholic population of the Conyngham and Sugarloaf valleys became too large, families petitioned Bishop Jerome D. Hannan to construct a new church for them. After meticulous planning, construction began early in 1963 and on December 15, 1963, St. John Bosco Church was dedicated.

Greater Hazleton's Lutheran churches date back to the late 1700s. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church got its foundation in the 1790s. At the time, Lutheran and Reformed ministers visited this area and held services in private homes and provided some sort of itinerant



Roman Catholics can attend Mass at one of 13 churches throughout Greater Hazleton, including St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham.



Faith UCC Church is a nondenominational church that's filled with people of God from all walks of life.

ministry. A Reformed Church organized first in the fall of 1792 and, just seven years later, the growing Lutheran community met and organized their church, the day after Christmas, 1799. In 1800, both congregations met and decided to build a union church. By building one “union” church, two denominations could more readily afford its upkeep. They held their first services in the church in 1808.

The cornerstone for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hazleton was laid in 1862 by the Rev. R.S. Wagner. Church members originally belonged to the first German church in Hazleton but had a great need to identify as Lutheran, so they broke away to form their own. The congregation spent its early years working to transform into an English-speaking church to assimilate itself into the community. Its goal was to show a commitment to Christian education for everyone in the congregation.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hazleton was founded in 1876 by the Rev. John Wagner. The church

also operates its own school for children in pre-school and kindergarten. Other Lutheran/Evangelical churches include West Hazleton Trinity Lutheran Church, Salem Lutheran Church and Iglesia Buenas Nuevas/ Good News Church.

Area Methodist churches include Diamond United Methodist Church, Saint John's Primitive Methodist Church, Saint Paul's Methodist Church and Weatherly Centenary. The Methodist religion became prevalent in Greater Hazleton in the 1830s when Hazleton became a stop on a minister's traveling route as part of the old Baltimore Conference. When the minister came to Hazleton, he would deliver his sermon on the grounds of what is today City Hall. The group of community members that grew from these masses became the original congregation of St. Paul's Methodist Church. As Hazleton expanded over the next several decades, a portion of the city became known as the “Diamond Addition.” The Methodist residents of this area eventually decided to form their own church. After renting space around town for several years, Diamond United Methodist Church was built

and dedicated in 1889.



Members of the Jewish community attend services at Beth Israel Congregation in Hazleton.



At Faith Assembly of God Church, the congregation focuses on the values of growing, connecting, serving, and sharing.

Today, many local churches meet in a variety of venues, from traditional facilities to former storefronts. Some congregations have moved into buildings originally constructed for other churches, ushering in a new era of religion in Greater Hazleton. One of those, Maranatha Seventh-Day Adventist Romanian & Multinational Church, offers translation into French, Romanian, Russian, Serbian and Spanish. Valley Community Church meets in a storefront in the Rittenhouse Place in Drums.

Area non-denominational churches include Faith United Church of Christ, Faith Assembly of God Church and LCBC Church.

Greater Hazleton's nondenominational churches provide area residents with access to services that are focused on uniting the community in a joyous and peaceful celebration of divine faith and values designed for people to build relationships with one another.

Latino congregations have also reclaimed dormant church buildings, conducting services in Spanish or in both English and Spanish. Jewish congregations meet at Temple Beth Israel and Agudas Israel Synagogue, while Jehovah's Witnesses gather at their Kingdom Hall on the

Arthur Gardner Parkway.

Members of the religious community in Greater Hazleton are known for putting their faith in action. Several churches deliver meals to the homebound, serve meals to the homeless at local soup kitchens or collect items for local food pantries.

The Salvation Army of Hazleton, Catholic Social Services of Hazleton, United Charities and CEO Hazleton serve lunch during the week.

At Christmas, Holy Rosary Church holds a Christmas Community Dinner sponsored by the Greater Hazleton Ministerial Association and the United Way of Greater Hazleton. The Greater Hazleton Ministerial Association also joins the Hazleton Jewish Community Council to co-sponsor the annual Israel T. and Mildred Klapper Memorial Holocaust Essay Contest for high school students.

Summer festivals are a staple of several Hazleton area churches. Some of the most popular ones are the Feast of St. Mauro at Queen of Heaven Parish, Most Precious Blood Church's Madonna Del Monte procession, and festivals at Holy Annunciation, Holy Rosary, Holy Name of Jesus and Good Shepherd.



The Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts in downtown Hazleton has entered into a capital campaign to raise more

PTPA committed to providing access

The Pennsylvania Theatre of Performing Arts has been a hub for the arts and a vibrant and vital part of the community for more than 25 years, where people young and old can enjoy the magic of live theatre. Since 2008, the PTPA has operated out of the historic J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts Center on Broad Street, named after beloved local priest, the late “Father Joe” Ferrara, who also founded Hazleton’s Philharmonic Society and its music school.

Since its founding in 1997, the PTPA has entertained, educated, and inspired people of all ages and backgrounds through its productions, educational programs, and outreach initiatives. The PTPA is committed to enriching the cultural fabric of Greater Hazleton and providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can feel valued and supported. They strive to create opportunities for local artists to showcase their talent and for community members to participate in all aspects of theatre production, from acting and directing to stage design and management.



Through its programming, the PTPA seeks to entertain, challenge, and engage audiences with a diverse range of theatrical works that reflect the experiences, struggles, and joys of the human experience, while inspiring empathy, understanding, and social change.

As a nonprofit organization, PTPA is committed to providing affordable access to theatre arts and education and fostering a love of theatre for future generations by offering youth programs that develop artistic skills, teamwork, and self-confidence.



The PTPA puts a great amount of work into set

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more than \$1 million for the renovation and upgrading of its theatre which has provided entertainment for more than 25 years.

Access to theatre arts and education

Designed specifically for young performers, the PTPA Playground provides a nurturing environment for youth productions, workshops, and a dedicated summer program. These productions offer the youth of NEPA the chance to learn, grow, and showcase their talents in a supportive setting, free from the pressures of larger mainstage productions. The Playground focuses on the educational rehearsal process, utilizing games, character development exercises, and weekly acting, singing, and dance classes. This approach allows young actors to hone their skills while exploring a wide

range of characters, providing them with more opportunities for casting and growth. PTPA periodically features mainstage shows that require children actors and actively encourages Playground students to audition for these unique opportunities.

In addition to learning the art of theatre, PTPA is also a sponsor of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, participating in First Friday events each month. Also, children can study dance inside the Ferrara Center through Sherri O'Donnell and her All That Dancin' Studio. Children as young as three all the way to high school students have been receiving quality dance instruction in tap, jazz and ballet.

In 2023, the PTPA launched a capital campaign to raise more than \$1 million to fund much-needed upgrades, including renovating and modernizing its facilities, upgrading its technology and equipment, and expanding its outreach and education programs to better serve the community.



set design and management for its performances.



Hazleton Art League provides a variety of opportunities for artists of all ages

The Hazleton Art League is a thriving creative space where Greater Hazleton's arts and cultural community can participate, educate, and celebrate in the power of unique individual expression. The gallery is free and open to the public Tuesday through Sunday.

For more than 75 years, the organization has been providing adult



Children show off the artwork they created during the Hazleton Art League's Summer Art Camp for children ages 6-14.

and youth artists throughout the area a variety of instructional classes, including drawing, painting, photography, stained glass, fused glass, jewelry making, pottery, ceramics, and pysanky art. Art instruction is available throughout the year through the art league's winter, spring and summer programs. Children ages 6-14 can also attend the annual Summer Art Camp, an eight-week program that offers full-day and half-day art class sessions.

The Hazleton Art League is located inside the Hayden Family Center for the Arts near the corner of Broad and Laurel streets in the heart of downtown Hazleton. The facility includes a main gallery for artist exhibitions and musical performances, numerous studio spaces, a conference room, and a culinary kitchen

that is home to the Hazleton Kitchen Incubator program. The organization often rents out the facility to individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the area that are hosting private parties and meetings.

The Art League is always looking for new and exciting things to provide for both its members and the Greater Hazleton community. It's focused on being a welcoming place for diverse artists of all ages, genders and nationalities.

Many well-known artists have displayed their work at the Hazleton Art League, including Judith Joy Ross who has had major exhibitions in Philadelphia and several parts of Europe. Artists from around the area, including international artists who have ties to Greater Hazleton and some who live in other states, have also shown their work at the gallery.

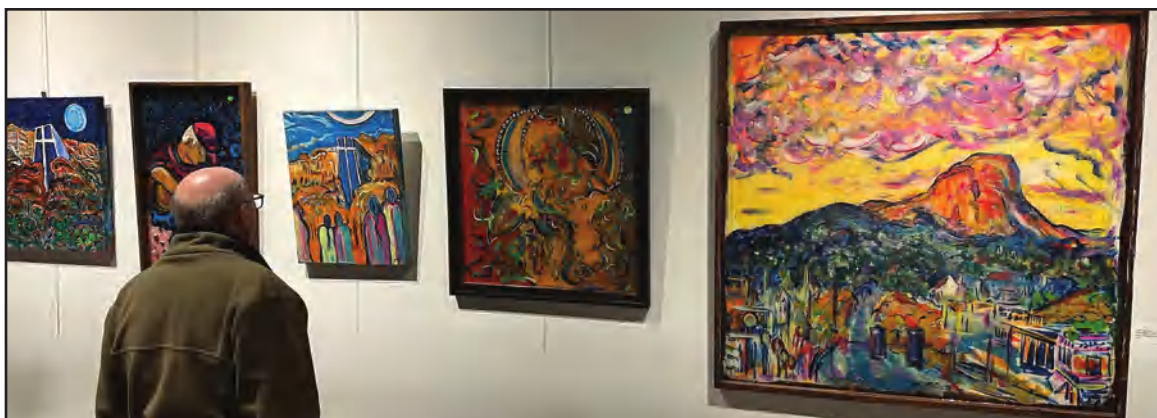
The Art League hosts many special events throughout the year, including its Member Show, Art Youth Expo and Peace Love Chalk festival. The Member Show is held every March and features the talented artists who are among its membership. Art Youth Expo is held in June and celebrates young artists ages 13-30. These artists exhibit their work and compete in the Youth (13-17) and Adult (18-30) categories. The two-day event features many activities

including an art festival, art contest with cash prizes, open mic night, fashion show, collaborative art projects, live art battle, and live music. The Peace Love Chalk festival, which is sponsored by Joe Maddon's Respect 90 Foundation, is held in September and features a chalk art competition. During the festival, artists grab their paper and chalk and create artwork in the moment.

In addition to its own events, the Hazleton Art League also partners with other art galleries and organizations for events, such as when they had a joint exhibition with the Wyoming Valley Art League at Luzerne County Community College's Schulman Gallery.



Artists create their masterpieces during one of the Hazleton Art League's many adult classes.



A patron views work in an art show inside the Hazleton Art League's gallery.

The Hazleton Art League believes in supporting artists of all levels and experiences. Artists who are looking to make a name for themselves can exhibit their artwork in the gallery, become a featured artist and sell their work through the art league's website, or become a teaching artist for classes and workshops.

Area theater groups offer variety of shows

Greater Hazleton is home to several theater groups that give children and adults with a love for plays and musical theater a chance to shine on the big stage.

Drama in Motion (DM) Performance Works is a theater company based out of Nuremberg that's dedicated to bringing quality shows to the area. The theater group puts on a variety of shows that appeal to audiences of all ages. The organization offers scholarships to those in financial need for lessons in all facets of the performing arts, and also offers a learning theater environment for its Performance Works Youth Academy members.

Through its Summer Theater Camp, students enjoy a week of theater fun filled with games, lessons and dance that culminates in a full-scale youth production – including costumes and lighting – at the end of the week. The camp is designed to help young performers prepare for mainstage and junior productions.

The MPB Community Players welcome performers of all ages who love to sing, dance and act. Since 1988, this community theater group has presented a variety of well-known musicals and productions, as well as an annual Christmas concert.

The MPB Players have also been partnering with members of the Hazleton Integration Project for community shows and a Children's Theatre Workshop. The beginner-friendly workshop is designed to help children ages 7-12 learn the basics of theater, including establishing a stage presence, singing in a group and using a script.

For the past 70 years, the Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra has been delighting audiences with its lush orchestral performances at venues across Greater Hazleton. The group's 50 members play a variety of instruments, including violins, violas, cellos and string bass.



The MPB Community Players have been presenting performances since 1988.

Historical societies preserve area's past

Residents and visitors alike can take a trip back in time by visiting the Greater Hazleton Historical Society on Wyoming Street in Hazleton and the Conyngham Valley Historical Society on Main Street in Conyngham.

Founded in 1980, the Greater Hazleton Historical Society & Museum has been dedicated to advocating and preserving the rich cultural, industrial, and architectural heritage of the City of Hazleton and its surrounding communities. It has focused much of its efforts on preserving Greater Hazleton's unique architecture, revitalizing Hazleton's downtown and residential neighborhoods, and interpreting the region's cultural past.

The Historical Society's three-story museum has its own rich history. It's located at the site of the former Borough Hall (later Hazleton's first City Hall until the completion of the present City Hall in 1912) and Pioneer Fire Company fire house. It offers visitors educational programs, guided school tours and access to an extensive collection of archives and exhibits.

Via its "Preservation through Revitalization" campaign, the Historical Society highlighted the importance of preserving Hazleton's architectural, industrial, and cultural

heritage by developing a historic preservation strategy to preserve the architectural character of the storied Church Street residential neighborhood near Downtown Hazleton.

The Valley towns just outside Hazleton also have their own rich cultural history. Visitors to the Conyngham Valley Historical Society (CVHS) can take a look back at the founding of the Conyngham Valley and its surrounding area, which dates back to 1769.

CVHS' museum features dozens of exhibits and artifacts from throughout Conyngham's history, including photographs, outfits, farming and household equipment, military memorabilia and books. The CVHS was founded following the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Conyngham's incorporation as a borough. Interest in the area's history was so profound that the town's residents expressed a desire to form a Historical Committee to further study the area's rich history.

Today, history lovers can visit the CVHS Museum, which is housed in the former Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) building, every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. CVHS also hosts many annual events both at the museum and throughout Conyngham, including a Mother's Day Tea, Concert in the Park series, Veteran's Day program and Holiday House Tour.



Tom Gabos, President of the Greater Hazleton Historical Society and Museum, stands in front of displays in the museum in Hazleton.

Concert Series features world-class entertainment

The Greater Hazleton Concert Series began more than 87 years ago bringing quality professional musical performances to the area. It is the oldest nonprofit cultural organization in the Hazleton area that provides professional performances at affordable prices.

The organization provides a diverse season of performances featuring artists from around the world. Recent performances have included The Doowop Project, The Bronx Wanderers, Real Diamond a Neil Diamond tribute, Max Frampton, The National Dance Company of Ireland, A Christmas Carol the Musical, The Kingston Trio and The Brothers Four.

Shows are held monthly in the Hazleton Area High School auditorium beginning in September and running until spring.

Annual concert series subscriptions are offered at a reasonable price and tickets for individual performances are also available.



The Greater Hazleton Concert Series offers monthly performances from around the world from September to early spring right here in Hazleton. Above, the music group Take3 played in the music classroom at Hazleton Area High School. The musicians performed and spoke with the high school music students as part of the Concert Series Student Outreach Program.

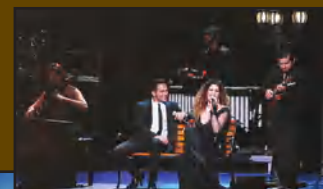
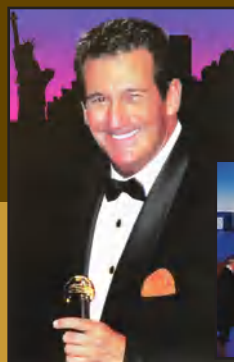


GREATER HAZLETON Concert Series



The Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc. is the oldest non-profit cultural organization — started in 1935 — in the Hazleton area that provides professional performances at affordable prices.

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Hazleton Area Public Library serves its communities from five locations

The Hazleton Area Public Library strives to inform, enlighten and entertain all people living in Greater Hazleton by providing access to books, programs and materials that foster community spirit, learning and growth. The library operates a main branch on Church Street right across from Hazleton City Hall, as well as satellite branches in Freeland, Nuremberg, McAdoo and Conyngham.

The library is not only a place to get your favorite books, in fact, today's library is about much more than just books; it offers public computers and free Wi-Fi, videos, mobile printing and much more.

Any resident of the Hazleton Area School District or Luzerne County is eligible for a library card at no charge. Library card members have access to a variety of services, including the use of

public computers at the library's locations.

In addition to its vast collection of books, the Hazleton Public Library accepts requests for books and periodical articles that the library doesn't own through its interlibrary loan program.

The library also provides many ways for young children to get engaged in reading and learning, especially through its Storytime program for toddlers (ages 2-3) and Preschool children (ages 4-5). Storytimes are thematic programs filled with stories, songs, activities and crafts designed to foster a love of books and reading.

The Hazleton Public Library hosts a variety of special events and activities throughout the year, including a Summer Reading Club and Storytime in the Park series.

Students enjoy two weeks at Ferrwood Music Camp



Students learn to play instruments at the camp.

Every summer, Ferrwood Music Camp hosts a two-week camp dedicated to providing children in grades 5-12 with a quality music program that is affordable and family friendly. The camp focuses on teaching young beginners who want to learn how to play a concert band instrument or sing with a chorus. At the end of their camp experience, the students perform a free concert that is open to the public. Father Joseph Ferrara started the Ferrwood Music Camp in 1969 as a compliment to his Hazleton Philharmonic adult orchestra. The site where the camp resides was originally founded in 1927 as the Luzerne County Fresh Air Camp for children predisposed to tuberculosis and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

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Recreation



Many outdoor options for all ages

Greater Hazleton is the perfect place to be for athletes of all ages, thrill-seekers and those who love to watch great sporting action.

Whether you enjoy golfing, children's sporting events, running, auto racing, skydiving or whitewater rafting, there is something for everyone in the region.

Golfers can hit the links at one of several pristine 18-hole golf courses in the area, including Sugarloaf, Sand Springs, Split Rock, and Blue Ridge Trail. There are also several miniature golf courses in the area that provide fun for the whole family.

There is an active network of youth sports leagues throughout the area that provide divisions for children of all ages. This includes baseball, softball, basketball and soccer leagues as well as cheerleading. There are also many youth sports camps for children who want to stay active in the summer.

Runners of all ages can take part in a variety of runs, walks and fun runs throughout the year. The Valley Running Club hosts a Festival of Races series that features several signature annual events. The club also routinely promotes many charity runs and walks that are being held in the area.

If you are into auto racing action, Greater Hazleton is less

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Greater Hazleton and the region offer many year-round recreational opportunities



Youth sports opportunities from baseball, soccer, basketball and more are available throughout Greater Hazleton.

Although Hazleton is known for being a bustling city and active business district, there are ample opportunities throughout the area to find green space and enjoy the great outdoors.

The City of Hazleton's Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 16 parks in the city and provides recreation and event programming to participants of all ages and abilities. These parks are maintained to provide residents and visitors with a way to explore the natural world that helps contribute to their overall wellness and prosperity.

The crown jewel of Hazleton's park system is City View Park. The 17.5-acre park, located at 700 South Poplar Street, includes a stage with a dance area, five lighted pavilions, a paved walking path, picnic areas, bathrooms, ample parking and a members-only dog park called Bailey's Bark Park. City View Park is the year-round gathering spot for a host of exciting events and activities, including the City of Hazleton's New Year's Eve and Independence Day Fireworks celebrations, Easter Bunny Trail, Halloween Trail of Treats and Winterfest with Santa Claus Parade.

City View Park Playground, Altmiller Park Playground, and Arthur Street Playground all have inclusive playground equipment for those with special needs. Additionally, the City of Hazleton recently invested millions into upgrading many of the parks and now offers places for Wiffle ball and pickleball lovers.

St. Stanislaus Park, located at East 17th and Hayes streets, is home to six new pickleball courts that can be rented out by the hour. Since they were installed, these courts have been consistently packed with pickleball players throughout the day. At Roosevelt Park, located near 17th and McKinley streets, a Wiffle ball field with artificial turf was recently added, along with places to play cornhole and horseshoes. Additional amenities at the City of Hazleton's parks include basketball and tennis courts; baseball and softball fields; skate ramps; a hockey rink; chess tables; picnic areas;

walking paths and plenty of grassy areas to play.

All parks/playgrounds are open from dawn to dusk and can be rented for parties and other special occasions. Rental applications for the parks and a Bailey's Bark Park membership application can be found under the Recreation section on the City of Hazleton's website.

Not far from City View Park is Greater Hazleton's other recreational treasure, the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails. This 5.6-mile stretch of land is maintained by the Chamber's affiliate, the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership. It's the perfect place for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and exploring nature.

In addition to its natural beauty and recreational benefits, the trail features five permanent exercise stations along the first mile as well as a Story Walk with 16 stations that feature a page from a rotating storybook that is maintained by the Hazleton Area Public Library. There is also a scenic overlook, pavilion with picnic tables and dog watering station along the trail at the end of the Dreck Creek Reservoir.



City View Park playground is the crown jewel of Hazleton City Recreation Department.

Area community parks offer many activities including sports, hiking, biking and more

One of the many benefits of living in Greater Hazleton is the access to nature through community parks no matter where you are in the area.

These parks offer year-round outdoor recreational opportunities for people of all ages, including hiking, biking, skiing, fishing and boating activities. The parks are also a great place for children to have fun on the playground or engage in an exciting game of baseball, basketball, softball or soccer.

CAN DO Community Park is located right in the center of Downtown Hazleton at the intersection of Broad and Laurel streets. The park, which is maintained by CAN DO and the CAN DO Community Foundation, features a paved plaza, walkways, a small lawn area, pedestrian lighting, and benches. The park is a gathering place for the public for many activities and events throughout the year, including First Friday celebrations and the annual CAN DO Community Park Tree Lighting ceremony.

Hazle Township is home to two parks – Hazle Township Community Park, located just off the Airport Beltway, and Inspiration Park, located at the corner of 23rd and Laurel streets. Lake Irena at Hazle Township Community Park is a popular fishing and hiking destination. The park also includes picnic areas, sports fields, playgrounds, walking trails and a band shell-like pavilion for outdoor performances.

Inspiration Park is the site of a beautiful gazebo and a garden with

more than 40 different kinds of plants and trees that was created by the Hazleton Garden Club.

Drums, Conyngham, McAdoo and Freeland all have their own community parks. Drums is home to both Freedom Park and Butler Township Community Park. Freedom Park is located on Butler

Drive near the Butler Township Community Center. The complex features baseball, softball and Babe Ruth fields that are used by the Valley East teams, as well as a basketball court and playground equipment.

Butler Township Community Park features walking trails, baseball and soccer fields, a basketball court, a skate park, playground equipment and an outdoor pavilion for picnics and parties.

Conyngham's Whispering Willows Park is located just off of Main Street in the heart of the town. It's near the

George E. Ernst Pool and John and Ruth Gould Recreation Center, which are both maintained by the Conyngham Valley Civic Organization. The park is home to the Valley West Little League and Babe Ruth complex and also features basketball courts, tennis courts, an open gathering space that is used for public and private events throughout the year, and Ryanne's Playground.

Freeland Public Park is adjacent to the Freeland YMCA on Front Street. It features walking paths, playground equipment, basketball courts, outdoor covered picnic areas, an indoor pavilion for parties and events, and military memorial monuments.



Greater Hazleton has many local community parks that offer fun for the whole family, including Whispering Willows Park in Conyngham.

Rails to Trails a great place to hike, bike and cross-country ski

The Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails is one of the area's greatest recreational treasures. This 5.6-mile stretch of land is maintained by the Chamber's affiliate, the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership. It's the perfect place for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and exploring nature.

Rails to Trails is located on the site of the former Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill rail line that supported the local coal mining industry. The trail currently runs from its starting point at the intersection of State Routes 93 and 424 in the southeastern corner of Hazleton to an area near Hazlebrook. The next planned extension will stretch the trail to Eckley Miners' Village. The goal is to one day have a full 16.4-mile trail that serves as a critical connection in the Delaware Lehigh (D&L) National Heritage Corridor Trail system.



Rails to Trails also has five permanent exercise stations and a Story Walk with 16 stations that feature a page from a rotating storybook that is maintained by the Hazleton Area Public Library.

We're a short drive to a variety of recreation

Greater Hazleton is just a short drive from some of the most exciting and exhilarating outdoor sports and recreational activities.

Cool off at a water park, fly down a ski slope, take in some family fun at an amusement park and check out Little League and Minor League baseball, Minor League hockey, horse racing or professional auto racing action all within less than a two-hour drive from Greater Hazleton.

Those who love to celebrate summer by visiting an amusement park can check out Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg, Hersheypark in Hershey and Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown. All three feature rides for the whole family and each one has a separate water park.

Knoebels has more than 60 rides and attractions for the whole family to enjoy, including the Phoenix roller coaster and Grand Carousel. The park is famous for its free parking and free admission. Hersheypark, the largest amusement park in Pennsylvania, includes 15 thrilling roller coasters and offers year-round activities and events, including the 11-acre ZooAmerica zoo and the famous Hershey's Chocolate World experience. Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom offers more than 60 world-class rides, one of the northeast's largest waterparks, live entertainment, thrills for children at Planet Snoopy, and amusement park-favorite foods including a build-your-own funnel cake bar.

You can also find some water park fun at H2Oooohh Indoor Water Park at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, Camelbeach Mountain Water Park in Tannersville, Montage Mountain Water Park near Scranton, Great Wolf Lodge in Scotrun and Kalahari Indoor Water Park in Pocono Manor.

Kalahari features 22,000 square feet of wet and wild fun for the whole family. It includes multiple water slides, a play area, a place to test your bodyboarding or surfing skills on a five-foot wave simulator, and indoor and outdoor spas. Camelbeach Mountain Water Park has 37 water rides and slides for all ages, an interactive area for toddlers and 170,000 square feet of indoor games.

Northeast PA is a ski-lovers paradise! Winter weather enthusiasts can enjoy skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing action at places like Jack Frost Big Boulder, Montage Mountain Resorts, Camelback Mountain Resort, Blue Mountain Resort, Elk Mountain Ski Resort, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area and Alpine Mountain Ski Area.

Jack Frost Big Boulder Ski Resort in White Haven features 38 trails, including 10 Easy trails and 15 Most Difficult trails so that there is something for beginners and the more experienced skier. Montage Mountain Ski Resort near Scranton has 27 trails that cover 140 acres. It offers beginner terrain

and some of the best expert slopes in Pennsylvania.

Baseball lovers can enjoy a day at the ballpark watching Triple A action with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders in Moosic and the Lehigh Valley IronPigs in Allentown, or Single A baseball games with the Reading Phillies in Reading. Hockey fans will find plenty of action when they check out the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, a minor league affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins, at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre.



Pocono International Raceway is less than 45 minutes away from Hazleton.

Auto racing fans are in for a treat at Pocono International Raceway in Long Pond, which is known nationally as the Tricky Triangle. The raceway hosts an entire weekend of action every July that culminates with the Pocono 400 NASCAR Cup Series race. The action also includes NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series and ARCA Menards Series events.

Wilkes-Barre's The Downs at Mohegan Pennsylvania offers the most thrilling live harness racing action from March through November. The Mohegan Pennsylvania casino features slot machines and game tables, restaurants, stores, entertainment, and a hotel and convention center.

Northeast PA receives international attention each year when the Little League World Series is held in Williamsport. More than 400,000 baseball fans visit the area to check out the tournament and cheer on their favorite team. The Little League World Series features 16 teams of players ages 10-12 from around the world who compete in 32 games over the course of 10 days for the chance to be named World Series Champion.



Ski resort options abound, many less than an hour away.

Eckley Miners' Village preserved as patch town



The movie, The Molly Maguires, starring Sean Connery, Richard Harris and Samantha Eggar, was filmed at Eckley Miners' Village.

Greater Hazleton has a rich arts and cultural history but what the region is most well-known for is the role it played at the epicenter of anthracite coal mining in the mid-1800s. That's what makes Eckley Miners' Village, which has been preserved to still depict much of what life was like then, such a cultural treasure for the region.

Eckley Miners' Village was founded in 1854 and named after Eckley B. Coxe, who was one of the area's most prominent coal barons. Some of the original partners, Sharpe, Weiss, Leisenring and Foster, ran the colliery until the Coxe Brothers, heirs to the original estate, assumed ownership. The village is located just outside Hazleton in Weatherly on a mountain perch that's at the center of the planet's largest concentration of anthracite coal.

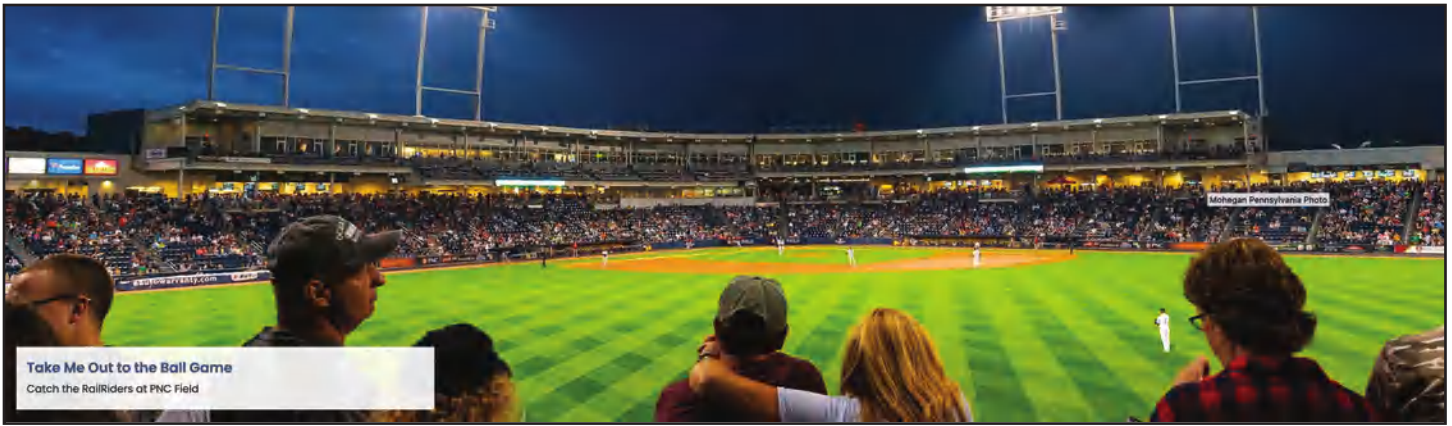
The hundreds of people who visit Eckley Miners' Village each year get to experience what an authentic 19th-century company mining town looked like and learn about the working-class families who lived there.

Eckley Miners' Village, which is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, engages diverse audiences by preserving and telling the story of anthracite coal mining, the social and physical history of patch towns and their residents, and the evolution of regional culture.

Mining companies built these "patch town" communities to keep their employees in close proximity to the collieries where they worked and also as a way to attract other mining families to live and work among the area's coal fields. By owning the village, the company had greater control over the lives of its workers. The village's stores, schools and churches served the economic, educational and religious needs of the villagers.

Eckley, which is spread across 90 acres, is the only historical site and museum dedicated to the daily lives of immigrant miners, their families, and their descendants. There are more than 100 buildings on the property, including a visitor center, historic miner homes and cottages, the owners' mansions, several churches, a social and sports club, the foundations of a hotel, the site of the company store, a breaker, mule barns, and the ornate Sharpe House.

Many people visit Eckley Miners' Village each year to attend their popular Patch Town Days, Halloween event and Christmas at Eckley celebrations. Patch Town Days is held annually in June and features a day of music, crafts, special presentations and anthracite heritage. Christmas at Eckley is a family-friendly event that offers activities and events for all ages. In addition to touring the historic buildings, visitors can view a Ukrainian Christmas Eve display and meet St. Nick.



Catch Triple A baseball action when the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders play at PNC Field in Moosic.

Find fun activities on the Visit Luzerne County website

The Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau's mission is to increase the number of visitors to Northeastern Pennsylvania and help both visitors and residents discover all the activities, events and entertainment the area has to offer.


The Visit Luzerne County website (www.visitluzernecounty.com) offers a comprehensive list of attractions, art walks, concerts, sporting events, festivals, fitness and relaxation options and farmers markets for you to check out. There's also information on the best places for golfing, hiking, biking, fishing and hunting, as well as things to do year-round, including fall foliage events.




You'll also find information on shopping and dining establishments, recreation venues and special events happening all across Luzerne County. There's even an educational section that shows you how to conduct genealogical research or find area historical societies and historic sites and museums.

The website also features tons of beautiful full-color photos and engaging videos that give you a deeper look at what you'll find across the region and an in-depth calendar of events that's continuously updated. You can also view the Visitors Bureau's 40-page Visitors Guide for more information on fun and exciting things you can find in Luzerne County.

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Greater Hazleton region is close to nearly 20 state parks

Greater Hazleton residents and visitors are fortunate to have access to some of the most beautiful state parks and recreation areas in the country. There are nearly 20 state parks, three state forests and one national recreation area near the region.

Nescopeck State Park in Drums is a 3,550-acre site that includes wetlands, rich forests and diverse habitats. The Nescopeck Creek winds its way through the park and is a big attraction for those looking for some great fishing action. There are also numerous hiking trails that allow people to really explore the vast natural beauty of the park.

The park is also home to an environmental education center that offers year-round educational programs for local schools and recreational programs for park visitors.

General park visitors can learn through programs that focus on the natural, historical, and cultural features of the park and region.

Hickory Run State Park in White Haven includes more than 40 miles of hiking trails, three state park natural areas and miles of trout streams across nearly 16,000 acres of land. The striking boulder-strewn area called Boulder Field is a National Natural Landmark. Boulder Field, which includes some rocks that are 26

feet long, dates back more than 20,000 years.

There are two lakes at the park: the smaller Hickory Run Lake near Boulder Field and the larger Sand Spring Lake, where people can swim within a designated area. There are also several natural and man-made waterfalls throughout the park including Hawk Falls, a 25-foot natural waterfall.

The park is also useful in the winter for hiking, sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating and snowmobiling.



Nescopeck State Park in nearby Drums

Lehigh Gorge State Park in White Haven is a 6,107-acre park that follows the Lehigh River from Francis E. Walter Dam in the north to Jim Thorpe in the south. The park is a deep gorge with steep walls that was carved out by the river and features thick vegetation, rock outcroppings and waterfalls.

The park is a favorite of people who love whitewater boating, biking, snowmobiling and fishing. Hikers enjoy walking along the Lehigh Gorge Trail, which follows more than 20 miles of the Delaware & Lehigh Trail. The Lehigh River flows for 103 miles through seven counties until it connects with the Delaware River in Easton. The 32-mile portion of the Lehigh River from the Francis E. Walter Dam to Jim Thorpe is designated as a component of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System.

* Many outdoor options *(continued from page 80, section cover)*

than an hour away from the Pocono Raceway, home to an annual NASCAR race. You can also check out Evergreen Raceway in Drums and the Weatherly Hillclimb in Weatherly. Evergreen Raceway is a 1/3 mile asphalt oval that hosts a variety of stock car and drag racing competitions every weekend from April to November

The Weatherly Hillclimb Association hosts two annual events sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America. The mile-long course consists of uphill straights and both sweeping and hairpin turns.

Spectators can safely watch from many of the turns on the course, or wander through the pit area to look at the cars and talk to the drivers.

Above the Poconos Skydivers/PA Skydive Center offers tandem skydiving sessions, weather-permitting, from April through September at the Hazleton Municipal Airport. Participants are harnessed to a highly experienced, U.S. Parachute Association-rated, tandem skydiving instructor for a fun and educational skydiving adventure. They also offer a Student Jump training class for people who have already made tandem or military jumps and want to learn how to move on to making non-tandem skydives and become a licensed skydiver. The center is the oldest continuously running United States Parachute Association (USPA)-member skydiving center in the world.

Whitewater Challengers in White Haven brings whitewater rafting action to Greater Hazleton and the Pocono Mountains. The trips are taken along the Lehigh River Gorge and range from easy to exhilarating. They offer several types of whitewater rafting experiences for those ages four and up, as well as solo or tandem kayaking excursions.

HARP indoor complex provides access to fitness and sports training

Hazleton Area Recreation Program (HARP) gives Greater Hazleton residents access to fitness and multi-sport training all in one location. Its indoor complex at 600 South Poplar Street in Hazleton is a full-functional training gym facility that includes six batting cages and a turf field.

HARP offers a variety of fitness classes, including Zumba, kickboxing and Strong Nation; a boxing program and a youth wrestling program. It also offers youth boxing instruction.

Anyone can sign up for a monthly membership and use the gym equipment six days a week or take advantage of HARP's class passes and personal training. HARP also makes the full turf field and batting cages available for rental.

As a community-centered business, HARP also holds many in-person and online fundraising events throughout the year for individuals and community organizations.

Community

A collage of five photographs showing community events. The top photo shows a man and a child in front of a large 'CHILDREN'S' sign with '2023' and 'Eat Sleep Craft & Repeat' text. The middle-left photo shows four people in orange 'Children's Festival' shirts under a 'HazletonPower.org' tent. The middle-right photo shows a crowd at an indoor event with a large robot. The bottom-left photo shows a marching band in red uniforms in front of a Christmas tree. The bottom-right photo shows three people wearing bunny ears.

Greater Hazleton has many community events throughout the year

Throughout the year, there are always numerous community events happening all across Greater Hazleton. The area's residents really know how to come together, whether it's to have a celebration or help those in need. Below is just a sample of some of the most well-known area events.

Bell'Italia

Hazleton's UNICO chapter has been holding its annual Bell'Italia Festival for more than 15 years. The iconic three-day event is held every September at Hazle Township Community Park. It features food, fun and entertainment for the whole family.

The festival features a variety of vendors, entertainment, fireworks, crafts, raffles, Spaghetti Eating and Best Meatball contests, Bocce and Fingers tournaments, and a Kiddie Korner with free rides and face painting. There is also a tribute to veterans where area veterans are honored with a patriotic ceremony and receive complimentary refreshments.

UNICO is the largest Italian American service organization in the U.S. and the Hazleton chapter has been in existence for more than 70 years. The organization's motto is "Service Above Self" and local members work selflessly to raise money that helps worthy charitable causes in the local community.

Casa Dominicana Dominican Parade and Festival

Nonprofit organization La Casa Dominicana de Hazleton (Dominican House of Hazleton) hosts a parade and festival in August at City View Park.

The vibrant celebration promises an unforgettable cultural experience for all attendees. The event includes live music featuring a

fusion of genres and styles to keep everyone dancing and enjoying themselves throughout the day.

La Casa Dominicana de Hazleton offers a course that prepares people to take the U.S. Citizenship test, teaches English as a Second Language (ESL), and offers family counseling, all free of charge. They also provide music class for kids, free basic

computer courses and various cultural and folkloric workshops for kids and adults.

Climbing For Lost Linemen

Every June, the National Sisterhood United for Journeymen Linemen (NSUJL), a nonprofit organization with a local chapter based in Freeland, holds its NSUJL Fallen Lineworker Benefit Rodeo at City View Park in Hazleton.

Crews gather from all over Luzerne County and as far away as California and Texas to test their speed, teamwork and technique in the pole climbing challenge.

All proceeds support families of injured or fallen lineworkers. The night before the rodeo, fallen lineworkers are honored in a lantern ceremony.

Hazleton Area Children's Festival

Hazleton POWER, a business networking organization, hosts the annual Hazleton Area Children's Festival in August at Hazle Township Community Park.

The event offers fun for the whole family and highlights the unique and abundant opportunities, activities and businesses that serve and benefit youth in Greater Hazleton. The festival includes many free activities, food vendors, craft vendors, tricky trays, a Touch a Truck event with local emergency personnel,



UNICO's Bell'Italia Festival features many food stands, entertainment and much more.



The Hispanic community holds several events throughout the year.



Thousands of people attended the annual Children's Festival sponsored by Hazleton POWER at Hazle Township Community Park.

a scavenger hunt, fireworks, a petting zoo and video game and spa trailers.

Hazleton Art League

In addition to the work it does with artists, the Hazleton Art League is a community gathering spot, both for its own events and those that it partners with other organizations to host.

The organization hosts free gallery exhibitions as part of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress First Friday events. It also hosts a free Coffee Talk series where artists come and talk about their philosophies, the concept behind their art and how they create art.

The Art League isn't only focused on the visual arts, it also has a deep passion for music. Every fourth Sunday of the month, it opens up its building to host Acoustic Jam sessions where musicians can come together and have a jam session. It also holds Open Mic Nights and brings in live bands throughout the year. The community is also invited to come to the Art League for yoga classes every third Thursday of the month.

You can also find the Art League lending a hand with numerous community and cultural activities and events. It partners with the Chamber and DHAP on many events, including offering hot cider and hosting children's dance performances during the city's holiday tree lighting event. The Art League also participates in a walk to support Special Olympics in Northeast PA every September.

Some of the multicultural events it hosts include a Dominican Republic Independence Day celebration, in partnership with Dominican House of Hazleton, in February; a Cinco de Mayo event in May for the Mexican community; and Mexican Independence Day festivities in September.

Hazleton National Night Out

The Hazleton Police Department hosts its National Night Out event in August at CAN DO Community Park in downtown Hazleton.

National Night Out is across the nation on the first Tuesday in August to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. The event provides a great opportunity to bring police, first responders and neighbors together under positive circumstances. It includes food, games, face painting, balloon animals, a magician, a bounce house, touch-a-truck, and entertainment.



Children take off for the start of the 10K run at the annual DeAngelo Independence Day Charity Event.

KAIGAN Fest

The KAIGAN Foundation holds an annual festival and cornhole tournament in August at Correale Grove on Deep Hole Road in Drums. The family-friendly event is open to the public and includes bands, food and drink vendors, tricky trays, raffles, children's activities and games, adult games, tournaments and more.

The KAIGAN Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Drums that's dedicated to providing awareness,

research and support for juvenile kidney patients. It was established by the Warner family in 2016 after their son Kellen Jumper Warner was diagnosed with a rare and incurable kidney disease called "IGA Nephropathy with Crescents."

In addition to awareness, research and support, donations help to fund patient medical equipment needs, gaming stations for kidney transplant recovery clinics and iPads for dialysis clinics, as well as KAIGAN Houses, camps, support groups and programs.

DHAP First Friday

The first Friday of the month is always a celebration in downtown Hazleton. The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress hosts its First Friday festivities, which always offers interesting things to do throughout the downtown for the whole family.

Every First Friday event has a theme and shops, restaurants and arts and cultural establishments in the downtown all take part in the fun. Typical events include art shows and musical performances at the Hazleton Art League, performances of plays and musicals at the Pennsylvania Theatre for the Performing Arts, food and beverage samples that are available at stores and restaurants along Broad Street, story time and crafts at the Hazleton Area Public Library and outdoor fun and games at CAN DO Community Park.

Since its inception in Hazleton, First Friday has served as a great way to bring the entire Greater Hazleton community together to have a night of fun, support local small businesses and restaurants, explore the area's vibrant arts and cultural activities, and celebrate the ongoing revitalization of downtown Hazleton.

Paul and Lisa DeAngelo Foundation Independence Day Charity Event

The Paul and Lisa DeAngelo Foundation holds a charity event every July 4 at City View Park to raise money to support the local autism



community, youth sports, cancer research and disabled veterans.

The event features a 10K run, 5K run/walk, family walk and youth race with an awards ceremony, and professional athletes are

on hand to sign autographs. The day also includes entertainment, an exotic car and truck display, silent auction, tricky tray raffle, children's activities, food trucks, a Kidz FUNZone with rides and activities for children, a cornhole tournament and dance performances by Faberge Follies dance studio.

Collaborative Autism Movement Cornhole Tournament

Nonprofit organization Collaborative Autism Movement (CAM) hosts its Autism Throwdown Double Cornhole Tournament in August at Sugarloaf Golf Course.

The event features a \$1,000 cash prize for the winner. It also includes live music, free draft beer and seltzers, free food, raffles, an airmail contest, and 50/50 cash and special prizes.



Officials from the Collaborative Autism Movement organization pose for a photo at the start of the Cornhole Tournament.

CAM's mission is to collaborate with community partners to support the inclusion and understanding of individuals with Autism and to focus its efforts on offering impactful resources to help support their needs in our community.

Rotary Beer and Wine Festival

Hazleton's chapter of Rotary International hosts the popular Beer and Wine Festival in August at City View Park. The festival is open to families to enjoy. Children may attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult. All children 12 and under get in free and there are activities for children, including face painting.

The event features more than 50 craft beers and various wineries and includes entertainment throughout the day, craft vendors and a variety of food available for purchase.

Rotary International's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Contestants warm up for the Cornhole Tournament that benefits individuals with Autism.

Hazleton Integration Project (HIP) engages children and brings unity to community

At the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, we are focused on bringing everyone in the community together. This is why, when we think of the word, we see it as commUNITY. Two organizations that are at the forefront of uniting the Greater Hazleton community are the Hazleton Integration Project and the Hazleton LaunchBox supported by Pasco L. Schiavo Esq.

The Hazleton Integration Project's (HIP) mission is to provide educational, cultural and athletic opportunities for economically underserved children. The organization provides programming designed to engage children in wholesome activities while fostering trust and respect among all the region's ethnic cultures.

At the Hazleton One Community Center, located at 225 East 4th Street, HIP offers a variety of fun and educational programs and events for the whole family. Its educational programs, which serve children beginning in pre-K, teens and adults, seek to foster curiosity and academic excellence as well as leadership, emotional intelligence and a sense of community. Highlights include the After School Scholars program, where students in grades K-8 are provided with a hot meal, the option of participating in a range of free-choice activities such as art, homework, and team-building games, and educational instruction from teachers.

HIP also offers a month-long summer camp every July that focuses on different topics ranging from art and science to athletics and leadership. Children get to experience a unique curriculum that engages their creativity, intellect and social skills through a variety of activities.

Its Future U: Teen College Prep & Planning project connects students in grades nine through twelve with area

college professors and other professionals who guide them as they craft a custom college plan. Through this program, students can consider different types of institutions, explore the true cost of college and how to pay for it, learn how to fill out college

applications and the FAFSA and master the writing and other skills needed to succeed in college. HIP also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and a four-month GED course for adults.

Some of HIP's special programs include the Eradicating Food Insecurity Project, which is an initiative dedicated to solving real-world problems by educating and empowering area high schoolers. The project's mission is to utilize a STEAM-based education model to eradicate food insecurity in Greater Hazleton. HIP equips hundreds of students with the tools to face and address the challenges of an increasingly

complex, technology-driven world, emboldening them to create legitimate change within the Hazleton community and the world as a whole.

HIP also offers a full interactive STEM Education Studio through a collaboration with Penn State University and the Martinson Family Foundation. The studio allows for an interactive learning experience where children play with robots, explore science, dabble

in math tactics and so much more.

Children at HIP also experience the power art has to foster communication, understanding and empathy between groups through HIP's Art Initiative. These young artists have taken part in painting murals and designing other creative projects inside the center and at various spots around Hazleton to brighten and inspire the community.



Time 2 Learn Pre-K activity at the Hazleton One Community Center.



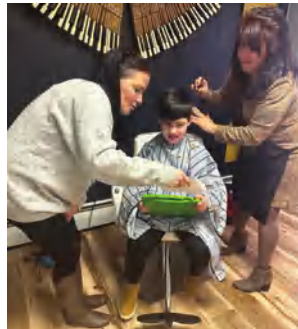
Joe Maddon visits kids at the HIP playground. (Photo Standard-Speaker)



Collaborative Autism Movement partners with local organizations, school districts and other nonprofits to support the needs of individuals with Autism in our community.

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Paul and Lisa DeAngelo Family Foundation

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The Paul and Lisa DeAngelo Family Foundation supports the local Autism Community, Youth Sports, Cancer Research, Disabled Veterans and additional organizations to benefit children.

Being involved in causes that help children, cancer research and disabled veterans is a priority to the entire DeAngelo Family.



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Health Care



Lehigh Valley operates a hospital and cancer center on its complex at 700 East Broad Street in Hazleton.



Geisinger Medical Center operates a multi-specialty clinic on Route 309 near the Airport Beltway in Hazle Township.



St. Luke's Hospital has a health center located in the Church Hill Commons complex on Route 309 in Hazle Township.



Area residents can get top-notch cancer treatment right in Hazleton at the Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton has access to top health care at home

Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton, located at 700 East Broad Street, is a community hospital that works hard to bring area residents new services, enhanced technology and access to quality care. The 800-plus full-time and part-time health care professionals live, work, worship and raise their families right here in Greater Hazleton. They see themselves as neighbors, friends and partners in health with the community and are dedicated to helping everyone in the area live their healthiest life.

LVH-Hazleton is there to support everyone's individual health needs and help the many community groups and organizations who need its support.

Providing Quality Care

Providing exceptional, high-quality health care to the community is LVH-Hazleton's top priority. It has received several certifications and recognitions for providing care that meets, and in many cases, exceeds national best practices.

The hospital is accredited by the American College of Cardiology as a Chest Pain Center, which recognizes its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients with chest pain. It was also certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care. This means the hospital is the preferred destination for local EMS with patients suspected of suffering from stroke.

LVH-Hazleton has received numerous "A" grades in patient safety from The Leapfrog Group. This quality measure reflects

the commitment of its colleagues – physicians, nurses, clinical and nonclinical teams – to ensure the safety of all patients.

The hospital has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® Heart Failure Gold Plus Award and Stroke Award for 14 consecutive years. These awards recognize a commitment to ensuring heart failure and stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines founded in the latest scientific evidence.

Caring for Patients in Emergency Situations

No one plans for an emergency, but LVH-Hazleton is ready in the event you need emergency care. The newly expanded emergency department at LVH-Hazleton is a Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation-accredited Level IV Trauma Center. For its patients, this means LVH-Hazleton has the resources immediately available to provide optimal care and reduce the likelihood of death or disability if you have been critically injured or have suffered a serious health event, such as a stroke.

Comprehensive Orthopedic Institute

LVH-Hazleton is the region's leader in joint, spine and orthopedic care and can get you moving again. The orthopedic team is stronger than ever and ready to meet all of your orthopedic needs with the combined expertise of local and regional clinicians who are part of the Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute.

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Lehigh Valley staff watches as a patient cuts the ribbon for the new cancer center.

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From competitive athletes to weekend warriors, and everyone else, Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute offers people more choices, locations, access and patient-focused programs to address their bone, joint and musculoskeletal care needs – all within the same health network. Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute's focus areas include orthopedics, chiropractic care, podiatry, pain management and physical medicine and rehabilitation (physiatry).

Lehigh Valley Orthopedic Institute now offers walk-in care for orthopedic injuries at its Station Circle facility in Humboldt Station, adjacent to the Humboldt Industrial Park.

Access to Advanced Cancer Care

Lehigh Valley Health Network is bringing personalized cancer care right to Greater Hazleton, which provides cancer patients and their caregivers with the care they need close to where they live and work. Now patients have access to radiation and chemotherapy treatments without having to travel out of the area to another Lehigh Valley facility.

LVHN, which previously operated a cancer center on the Airport Beltway, opened its new 32,000-square-foot, \$20 million Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton in August of 2023. The Cancer Center is located on the hospital's campus at 772 East Broad Street in Hazleton and is home to the Lehigh Valley Hospital Hematology Oncology-Hazleton practice group.

The new facility serves as one of 24 community-based satellite locations of Lehigh Valley Topper Cancer Institute, which provides state-of-the-art cancer care throughout Northeastern and Eastern Pennsylvania.

LVHN's Cancer Center offers a wide range of cancer care services, including radiation oncology capabilities and many advanced

offerings, facilities and technologies, including:

- An expanded infusion suite with private treatment rooms,
- A state-of-the-art radiation therapy program offering innovative technologies and treatments,
- Computed tomography simulation capabilities
- Stereotactic radiation therapy,
- Access to many Cancer Institute experts,
- Access to more tumor boards, and
- Expanded telemedicine services.

This new, expanded Cancer Care center also allows LVHN to offer services that were previously unavailable in Hazleton, such as treatment using a state-of-the-art linear accelerator that shoots a beam of photons that irradiates tumors from all angles but minimizes damage to surrounding tissue.

For patients who require chemotherapy, the new center has 14 infusion rooms, six more than it previously offered. There's also a telemedicine center where patients, doctors, social workers and other caregivers can talk together. Patients can also receive hematology/medical oncology services at the Hazleton location, as well as radiation oncology services from Allentown Radiation Oncology Associates.

LVHN is also working to connect patients with clinical trials that could provide them with even more specialized care and treatment. Pharmaceutical companies and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center are conducting more than 2,000 clinical trials.

The Cancer Institute is one of only three cancer centers in the country participating in the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Alliance, which provides patients with additional lifesaving care options close to home.

*See Lehigh Valley Hospital
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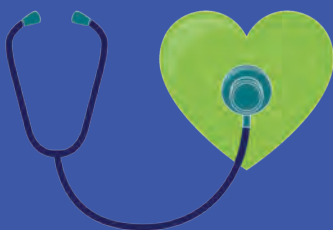
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disciplines both in-person and via telemedicine. Patients can receive pediatric cardiology and pediatric dermatology services, and adult cardiology, nephrology, urology, rheumatology, endocrinology, adult dermatology and laboratory services at the clinic. They can also secure outpatient appointments for general surgery, colorectal surgery, vascular surgery and neurosurgery.

The clinic has nine exam rooms and ample parking. Its telemedicine capabilities allow the clinic's providers to see patients at home or to connect them with other specialists while they are at the clinic.

The Geisinger-affiliated CommunityCare Hazleton Family Practice Clinic, located at 426 Airport Road in Hazle Township, brings primary, preventive and specialty services to the community seven days a week. The clinic offers services through a sliding fee discount program for both insured and uninsured patients based on the individual's income and family size.

Patients at the Hazleton clinic can receive everything from physicals and well visits, to follow-up care after illness or injury. Other services include: express care, lab, Ob/Gyn, optometry/eyewear center, pediatrics, primary care, ultrasound, and X-ray.

Geisinger's 65 Forward Health Center at 180 Susquehanna Boulevard in West Hazleton provides health care to those 65 and



Geisinger's 65 Forward Health Center at 180 Susquehanna Boulevard in West Hazleton provides health care to those 65 and older.

older. Patients receive more time with their doctor, same-day appointments and an entire care team dedicated to their health and well-being.

The facility brings together the health care services those 65 and over frequently need, all under one roof. Geisinger Gold (Medicare Advantage) members also have access to wellness,

fitness and social activities both virtually or in-person in a relaxing environment. Members also have access to a team of health care professionals, including nurses, nutritionists and a personal health care advocate who can assist with coordinating care between specialists, hospitals and insurance.

65 Forward enrollees can also receive lab, X-ray, behavioral health, community support, and outpatient services and pharmacy home delivery all at the same time, which leads to fewer trips to the

emergency room or hospital by managing their health within the doctor's office.

Geisinger's Hazleton Cancer Center, located at 1740 East Broad Street in Hazleton, offers more than a dozen services for patients dealing with cancer and hematologic diseases.

The facility offers chemotherapy, IV infusions, injections, hydrations, blood transfusions, bone marrow biopsies, hematology, and medical oncology, as well as an on-site lab. It specializes in assisting patients with lung and esophageal cancers and solid tumors and provides breast cancer patients with a breast care nurse navigator.

The clinic also has a dedicated social worker/patient navigator who is available to help patients navigate

their cancer care, providing access to various resources and support systems.



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St. Luke's Miners Campus

Since acquiring the hospital in 2000, St. Luke's University Health Network has transformed the St. Luke's Miners Campus by investing in its staff, updating technology and equipment and expanding services. Conveniently located at 360 W. Ruddle Street in Coaldale, just off Route 209, the Campus offers high-quality inpatient and emergency care, surgical and radiology services, and much more.

St. Luke's Miners Campus combines a state-of-the-art facility, technology and equipment with a great team of healthcare professionals to provide high-quality patient-centered care and a better hospital experience. Centered around the hospital, St. Luke's Miners Campus features advanced inpatient and outpatient services with full access to the latest treatments and technologies.

St. Luke's Miners Campus offers:

- Beautifully appointed, spacious, private patient rooms and a family-friendly emergency room designed for healing and comfort.
- A fully accredited Level IV Trauma Center that provides specialized medical services and resources to patients with traumatic injuries.
- St. Luke's Miners Campus is an accredited Primary Stroke Center and Chest Pain Center.
- St. Luke's Miners Campus is a Geriatric Emergency Center accredited through the American College of Emergency Physicians.
- The most advanced medical technologies from GE Healthcare, such as low-dose CT scanners and state-of-the-art 3-D Mammography services within a sensory suite.

In 2021, IBM Watson Health named St. Luke's Miners Campus in Schuylkill County a Top 20 Hospital in the Small Community Hospital category. Published in Fortune magazine, the annual ranking is based on a rigorous, objective evaluation of 324 health systems with multiple hospitals.



Patients receive primary care, urgent care and more at St. Luke's Health Center-Hazleton.

For more information, call 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537).

St. Luke's Health Center-Hazleton Offers Excellent Care, Easy Access and Exceptional Service

Offering an accessible location and extensive hours, St. Luke's designed the 8,600-square-foot St. Luke's Health Center in Hazleton with patient comfort and convenience in mind.

Open seven days a week, the center is located at the Church Hill Mall, 1097 N Church St., Hazle Township, just off Routes 309 and 940. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8 am-8 pm and weekends, 8 am-4 pm.

Services include:

- St. Luke's Hazleton – Primary Care with Ileana J. Perez-Figueroa, MD
- St. Luke's Care Now – Hazleton, an urgent care provider accepting walk-ins
- Imaging at St. Luke's Care Now - Hazleton
- Physical Therapy at St. Luke's. Therapists provide customized, patient-centered care to help patients improve mobility and performance following illness, injury or due to a chronic condition.
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- St. Luke's Laboratory Services - Hazleton

For more information or to make an appointment, visit sluhn.org or call 1-866-STLUKES (785-8537).



St. Luke's Miners Campus in Schuylkill County was recognized by IBM Watson as a Top 20 hospital.

From urgent care to chiropractors and more

When you need specialty or urgent care services, you don't have to look far in Greater Hazleton to find a quality specialist to meet your needs.

Sando's Whole Life Center for Health in Drums provides chiropractic, nutrition, massage, and hypnotherapy services. Dr. Stacie Sando wanted to be a chiropractor since she was four years old and graduated in 2003 from Sherman College of Chiropractic. She believes in the value and beauty in the Whole Life Center approach technique so much that she's even been a patient herself. Through her work, Dr. Sando is dedicated to providing a wide range of experience and training in chiropractic care. She is also a certified medical examiner and offers Department of Transportation physicals for commercial motor vehicle drivers.

At Whole Life Center, patients can receive gentle chiropractic care, craniosacral therapy, active mobilization release, cold laser therapy, zyto scans, massage therapy, nutritional response testing, meridian therapy and hypnotherapy.

Hazleton Urgent Care, located at 101 South Church Street in Hazleton, provides area residents with experienced care with shorter wait times than they may experience at a hospital emergency room. Dr. Paul Tayoun, who has years of experience as an emergency room physician and served as medical director for two hospital emergency rooms, provides walk-in medical treatment for patients of all ages from children to senior citizens.

Patients at Hazleton Urgent Care receive full-service urgent care for a variety of minor ailments, including: fever, flu, earaches, coughs,



Patients receive full-service care at Hazleton Urgent Care.

nausea, dizziness, minor bone fractures, sprains, lacerations and non-severe asthma attacks. You can also get flu vaccines and other immunizations without an

appointment. Hazleton Urgent Care also offers

general annual physicals for adults, as well as physicals for athletes and those who need one to return to work from an injury or illness.

DermDox Dermatology Center in Sugarloaf focuses on general dermatological care and the evaluation and treatment of both common and unusual skin ailments. The center announced in late 2023 that they are adding new luxury MedSpa and Mohs center. The practice is under the direction of Dr. Stephen Schleicher, a board certified dermatologist and the author of two books and over 100 journal articles. In addition to his work, he is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Geisinger Commonwealth Medical College and a Clinical Instructor of dermatology for physician assistant students at Kings College and Arcadia University.

At DermDox, patients receive care for a variety of common skin ailments, including: acne, rosacea, eczema, psoriasis, moles/melanoma and hair loss. Patients can also receive treatment for basal and squamous cell carcinoma, fungal infections, and rashes. Patients can also receive an array of cosmetic dermatology services that improve the skin's appearance, including microdermabrasion, laser hair removal, botox and fillers, facials and peels, and hydrafacials.

Dr. Schleicher also assists area physicians and nurse practitioners who need expert skin care consultations for their patients. This includes providing skin cancer diagnoses, biopsies and simple excisions, and diagnosing and treating acute and chronic rashes.

* Lehigh Valley Hospital (continued from page 96)

Since 2016, the number of patients who took their first course of cancer treatment in Hazleton grew from 90 to 365 people. This statistic is one of the many reasons LVHN expanded its cancer treatment in Hazleton. One of its main goals with the new cancer center was to assist people diagnosed with cancer during this vulnerable time in their lives and provide them and their families with mental and emotional support as well as medical care.

Optimizing Care Delivery Through Collaboration

In keeping with its efforts to provide area residents with the best health care close to home, Lehigh Valley Health Network formed new health care regions. LVH-Hazleton is partnering with LVH-Schuylkill and LVH-Carbon as part of LVHN's Northwest Region. The move provides patients with more services, better access to care and the availability of more clinicians.

In a strategic move to promote access to and delivery of your care close to home, LVHN formed new health care regions that will

collaborate on appropriate allocation and integration of resources based on the local population health needs to optimize the delivery of quality health care in our community.



Digital Access to Health Care

At LVH-Hazleton, patients are benefiting from secure telehealth technology that allows them to access and receive quality,

specialized care conveniently. For inpatients, LVH-Hazleton continues to increase telehealth services and currently provides virtual consults with specialists in psychiatry, maternal fetal medicine, palliative care, infectious diseases, neurology, advanced intensive care unit, burn, neurosurgery and toxicology.

In addition, LVHN makes it easier than ever for you to take control of your health care with its MyLVHN digital portal. Through MyLVHN, you can schedule appointments, message your clinician and even see an LVHN doctor or clinician from the comfort of home with a video visit.

Maylath provides quality home health care

When it comes to receiving the best home health care, Maylath Valley Health Systems provides extensive experience and a proven track record of satisfaction. Whether you are dealing with one of Maylath's highly trained nurses, counselors, therapists, or other medical professionals, you can be assured you'll get the most compassionate care and uncompromising service to help improve your quality of life and independence.

The staff at Maylath's treats every patient as if they were their own family and provides the care patients need so they can recover in the comfort of their own home.

Maylath's provides patients with 24/7 access to care and offers a wide variety of services that meet various healthcare needs, including: skilled nursing care;

physical, occupational, speech and nutritional therapy; social work, nursing aides, pastoral care, cardiopulmonary assessments, wound care, dressing changes, I.V. therapy, injections, blood work, and

diagnosis and medication education.

In addition to home health care and therapy, Maylath Valley Health Systems is a leading provider of hospice care. The staff provides patients and their families with hospice care that maintains a sense of hopefulness and allows you to make the best of each day. Hospice care can be provided in the patient's home or in a nursing home or assisted living facility.

Maylath's also has talented individuals who teach various courses such as CPR, AED, and First Aid Training, as well as educational training for OSHA bloodborne pathogens, fire safety and emergency preparedness. They also provide individuals with pre-employment and return-to-work screenings, including physical exams, vision and hearing testing, drug screening, serum lab

studies, and work task evaluation (such as lifting, pushing and pull per job requirements).



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Laurels Senior Living Community

Laurels Senior Living Community provides residents with the best support, independent living, and family-owned care and comfort from its facility at 23 Faith Drive in Hazleton, which overlooks the beautiful Butler and Conyngham valleys.



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Patients receive everything from independent living services to dementia care at area nursing and personal care homes.

Residents at the Laurels live in custom-furnished apartments with a private bathroom, and receive three balanced meals daily. They have access to laundry and linen services, a beautician, a barber shop, and weekly religious services on the premises. They are also provided with transportation service to and from doctor's appointments.

The Laurels offers a variety of social, cultural, and recreational programs to keep seniors active and engaged, such as book groups, baking classes, theater outings, and shopping excursions. They also have ample opportunities to enjoy the facility's beautifully decorated common areas and landscaped outdoor areas.

For those who can no longer live on their own but don't require 24-hour assistance, the Laurels provides individuals with the customized personal care assistance they need to live comfortably. This is ideal for those who need some assistance with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, and medication reminders.

The Laurels also offers respite care and short-term support for those recovering from a hospital visit or who have a caregiver that's taking an extended vacation.

Providence Place Senior Living Community

Providence Place Senior Living Community, located at 149 South Hunter Highway in Drums, provides services for residents seeking

independent living, personal care and assisted living, or memory support.

Independent living is for active seniors who don't require assistance with their personal care or health care, but find reassurance in community living. You'll have access to all the services you

need right at Providence Place, including personal laundry service, weekly housekeeping, on-site worship services, daily activities and entertainment, transportation to doctor's appointments and shopping, three daily chef-prepared meals, and on-site therapy services.



Providence Place Senior Living Community is located on Route 309 in Drums.

Personal care and assisted living is for those who may need help with daily living tasks, including personal grooming and hygiene, bathing, dressing, assistance at meals, help using the bathroom, and medication management. Memory care helps seniors living with Alzheimer's and dementia maintain their quality of life through daily living assistance and brain fitness activities. The specialized care includes supervision and assistance with bathing and dressing, caregiver support at mealtimes, nursing assessments and coordination of medical care, transportation to doctor's appointments, on-site rehabilitation and therapy services, assistance with medications, monitoring of health conditions, and individual and group activities.



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Community members came together to unfurl an enormous American flag at CAN DO Community Park as part of the 9/11 World Memorial "One Day That Changes Our World" exhibit.

Your Chamber... enhancing quality of life throughout Greater Hazleton

Although the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce is now nearly 135 years old, we are still growing every day and constantly assuming an even greater leadership role in the enhancement of business and the quality of life in Greater Hazleton through our business development services, and economic, civic, cultural and educational programming.

We are a small but mighty staff that is committed to seeing our member businesses succeed. We successfully adapted to the transformation that has taken place in the post-pandemic work environment and continue to offer new programs and special events that meet the needs of our members and celebrate our area.

We held two special events in the fall of 2022 that continue to have a lasting impact on the work we do in Greater Hazleton and showcase the special programming we work to provide not only for our members but for the community at large.

In September of 2022, we were fortunate to partner with Penn State Hazleton to host the 9/11 World Memorial "One Day That Changes Our World" exhibit for three days. More than 1,000 visitors viewed the exhibit, which gave everyone an opportunity to educate and reflect



Chamber staff includes President Mary Malone, center, Vice President of Marketing Leann Fallabel, left, and, Bookkeeper Nancy Zolota.

on the 21st anniversary of this transformative day in our nation. It also served as a way to gather and honor first responders from throughout Greater Hazleton who work tirelessly every day to keep us safe.

That October, we welcomed award-winning and nationally-renowned journalist Gary Rivlin to Greater Hazleton and celebrated the launch of his book *Saving Main Street: Small Businesses in the Time of COVID-19* with a special mixer at the Hazleton Area Public Library.

In the late spring of 2020, Gary visited Greater Hazleton to gather the background information for this project. While he was

here, he met Greater Hazleton business owners from Vilma's Hair Salon, Poppy Press, Fellin's Jewelers, Hazle Drugs and Jimmy's Hot Dogs.

During the mixer for the book launch, Gary summed up the tremendous impact and impression that Greater Hazleton made on him when he said "the grit, perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit was an amazing thing to behold."

We couldn't agree with him more and it's why we continue to be honored to represent each and every one of our Chamber members.

The Greater Hazleton Chamber offers a wide variety of benefits to its membership

There are numerous ways your business or organization will benefit when you invest in becoming a Chamber member. From member to member discounts and up-to-date information on our community, to tons of networking opportunities to promote your business and your online listing in our business directory, becoming a Chamber member is a recipe for the growth and success of your business.

As part of the Chamber's mission, we contribute to our members' business success by providing them with valuable information, services and networking opportunities and by taking active measures to help them improve their business climate and quality of life in Greater Hazleton.

With dozens of networking and annual events and our array of services and programs, the Chamber provides a multitude of ways for members to gather together to meet new people and advance their business and community goals.

The Chamber's signature networking events are highlighted by the monthly Red Carpet Breakfast and Women's Networking Committee Luncheon. The Red Carpet Breakfast brings Chamber members, guests and community members together to hear presentations from local, regional and state government officials. These presentations usually include details on some of the top projects these officials are working on that are pertinent to those living and working in Greater Hazleton.

The Women's Networking Committee Luncheons offer a great way for women in business to introduce themselves and their business to other women and hear from guest speakers working across Greater Hazleton. Attendees enjoy lunch at one of our local restaurants, enter into drawings, and bring business cards, brochures, coupons or giveaways to share on the Business Resource Table.

Other signature events include the Golf Outing & On-Course Business Exposition, Icebreaker Golf Outing, Business & Community Awards Luncheon, Anniversary Membership Celebration, Ladies Night Out and Business Exposition, Academic Achievement Banquet, and Great American Cleanup of PA.

Chamber members can showcase their products, services and facility by signing up to host a networking mixer. These events allow all Chamber members and their

employees and guests to meet and mingle in a casual, after-hours setting that includes beverages and light fare and provides an

excellent networking opportunity for the Greater Hazleton business community. They are a fantastic way to promote new products, programs or services that you are offering at your business in a way that gets the attention of our roster of more than 500 members. The conversations and connections that start at a Chamber mixer will have a lasting impact for your business.

In addition to networking events and marketing opportunities, hosting ribbon cuttings for member businesses is one of the many ways the Chamber is here to serve and represent the business community.

Whether you are planning a grand opening, marking the completion of an expansion project, or celebrating your newest location, we will assist you in planning the ribbon cutting ceremony and even coordinate the appearance of local dignitaries and secure media coverage. This is part of our efforts to promote Chamber-member businesses throughout the community.

There are plenty of reasons your business will benefit from joining the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce from our well over 60 networking and

annual events held throughout the year, to our array of services and programs available for your business.

Members can also take advantage of the Member to Member Discounts program, where Chamber members receive exclusive discounts on products or services from other Chamber member businesses. The Chamber further helps to promote our member businesses by only referring our member businesses to others and pointing the community in the direction of our online business directory, which includes a listing of every Chamber member.

Chamber members also have exclusive access to advertise on our

website, in our newsletter and in the biennial Chamber Image Book. There are also plenty of event sponsorship opportunities available throughout the year.

We also offer free small business counseling to members through our partnership with Wilkes University's Small Business Development Center. Chamber members also receive exclusive health insurance plans and energy reductions through our affiliates.



The Chamber honors some of the best and brightest students from schools throughout Greater Hazleton during the Academic Achievement Banquet.

Many events provide valuable exposure for members

In addition to our signature events, which you will read more about in this section, the Chamber also hosts many other events that benefit the workforce.

Dozens of local and regional companies attend our Greater Hazleton Job Fair every year looking to connect with new employees. The event provides participating businesses with an informal, yet confidential forum to discuss career opportunities and options with hundreds of individuals from throughout Greater Hazleton.

Participating employers may accept resumes, offer information about career fields and employment opportunities, conduct interviews, promote their businesses and share openings for internships, summer employment, and full and part time positions. The job fair is free to attend and open to the public and routinely sees approximately 300 to 500 job seekers walk through the door.

Our Annual Anniversary and Business Exposition brings Chamber members together to honor our members and board of directors for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and also recognizes our Athena Award Business Woman of the Year winner. This exclusive business-to-business opportunity hosts our entire membership, including the top business professionals from throughout Greater Hazleton.

The Academic Achievement Awards Dinner honors the top academic students from schools across Greater Hazleton. Students receive a certificate in recognition of their scholastic achievement

from the Chamber as well as local and state elected officials.

The Business and Community Awards luncheon is one of the highlights of the year, as it gives us the chance to celebrate some of the best companies and individuals from our business community. Each year, we honor the winners of our Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Pride of Place, Healthy Workplace of the Year, Charitable Organization of the Year, and Young Entrepreneur of

the Year awards, and the Women's Networking Committee gives out its Women's Empowerment Grants.

Every October, we continue a tradition and honor our long-standing members of the Chamber who celebrated a special anniversary with us that year at our Anniversary Membership Celebration. During this mixer-style event, each business is recognized during a brief program and receives a gift from the Chamber. No matter what milestone they achieve, every one of our recipients is special to us but we have been especially fortunate to honor some businesses who have celebrated 100 years of service to the community.



Up to 500 job seekers attended the annual Chamber of Commerce Job Fair at the Laurel Mall helping companies find workers.



The Chamber honors some of the best businesses, individuals and volunteers from across Greater Hazleton every year when it hosts the annual Business and Community Awards luncheon.

Chamber's affiliates are key partners

At the Chamber, we are able to continue our mission to make Greater Hazleton the best place to live, and play because of the assistance we receive from our four affiliate organizations: the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress (DHAP), Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, Leadership Hazleton and Mountain Council of Governments (MCOG).

The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress works to make Hazleton an exciting, safe and vibrant place to live, work and visit. The group consists of representatives from public and private sectors, including city government, the Chamber of Commerce, nonprofits, colleges and community groups.

DHAP is revitalizing the city by fostering business, education and entrepreneurship, as well as by supporting new restaurants, retail shops and cultural venues and through organizing a variety of community events. The organization's work is done under the guidance of Executive Director Yosara "Yoshie" Gonzalez.

Some of DHAP's recent projects have included ongoing phases of the revitalization projects for the property at 13-15 West Broad Street and CAN DO Community Park, as well as a new project to renovate the former St. Paul's United Methodist Church building.

The lower level of the property at 13-15 West Broad Street is the home of the Hazleton LaunchBox supported by Pasco L. Schiavo Esq. Phase IV of the revitalization process is focused on renovating the second floor to be used as a lab and biotechnology incubator. At CAN DO Community Park, plans for phase two include constructing a plaza area and phase three will look at adding a performance stage, among other site improvements, to the space to enhance the site's usability. St. Paul's United Methodist Church was built in the late 1800s but has been vacant since the church closed in 2004. DHAP purchased the building and is looking to raise funds to work with a young architect and convert the space into a cultural center.

The Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership (GHACP) is the primary entity that is responsible for caring for and maintaining the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails. The GHACP continues to work on expanding the trail and working to make upgrades along the trail.

The organization also awards the annual Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership Technical Scholarship. The scholarship awards \$4,000 per year for up to two years to a student who is pursuing technical study ranging from a certificate program of less than one year's duration to an associate or baccalaureate degree program at an accredited institution. Candidates must attend a school in the Hazleton Area School District, Immanuel Christian School, MMI Preparatory School, Marian High School or a school in the Weatherly Area School District. Adult learners residing within the

boundaries of the Hazleton Area School District are also eligible to apply. Programs of study that qualify for the scholarship include: industrial maintenance technician, manufacturing or industrial technology, information science and technology, medical technologies, nursing, engineering or engineering technology, or production technology.

Junior Leadership Hazleton is a leadership development and community awareness program for high school juniors. The program offers students the opportunity to work with adult leaders in their community through seven day-long seminars that are held once a month from August through February. It is designed to encourage students to recognize and develop the skills needed for leadership potential.

During their time with Junior Leadership, students plan and implement three community service projects that take place during the year. The curriculum introduces the students to community needs, opportunities, challenges, and resources. It gives them the opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills, and provides them with the opportunity to interact with students from other high schools and community leaders and decision makers.

Students from Hazleton Area High School, Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences, Hazleton Area Career Center, Immanuel Christian School, Marian High School (Greater Hazleton residents only), MMI Preparatory School, and Weatherly Area High School who will be juniors in the fall of the next school year are eligible to apply.

Mountain Council of Governments (MCOG) was formed to offer local government bodies a way to work together

to achieve goals and complete projects that they otherwise could not have done alone. It is comprised of members from three cities, seven townships, seven boroughs, two school districts and two authorities.

Some of MCOG's projects and accomplishments include providing a monthly forum for the discussion of common problems, offering grant writing assistance, and introducing group members to government seminars and guest speakers that will inform them of grant availability and new regional initiatives.

The group works together in an attempt to solve a variety of environmental issues and social problems, build economic relationships, address aging infrastructure, and deal with financial issues. By building on the collective strengths of municipalities, MCOG can coordinate and direct public resources and lower the costs of government by eliminating the duplication of services. Among its many other benefits, MCOG can provide a collective revenue base and help its member entities afford equipment they couldn't purchase on their own.



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From small, family-owned establishments to nationally-known chains, Greater Hazleton continues to offer a first-rate shopping and dining experience.

Greater Hazleton remains a prime location for some of the most well-known retail stores and restaurants. Both the Laurel Mall, located on the Airport Beltway in Hazle Township, and Church Hill Mall, located on Route 309 in Hazle Township, provide a variety of stores and restaurants in one centralized location.

From clothing and beauty, to jewelry and entertainment, The Laurel Mall is the place to be for shopping and leisure. Shoppers will find some of the top national retail outlets there, including Dunham's Sports, T.J. Maxx, Hobby Lobby, Planet Fitness, Old Navy, Aldi, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Bath & Body Works, Claire's Boutique, Dollar Tree, GNC, Regal Cinema, McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Subway. At Church Hill Mall, visitors can shop for items, check in with a healthcare provider, grab a bite to eat and pick up some groceries all in one convenient location, which is easily accessible from both Route 309 and Route 940. Top destinations in the complex include Ollie's Bargain Outlet, Family Dollar, Firestone, Key Food, Taco Bell and St. Luke's University Health Network.

Although Greater Hazleton is fortunate to have these name-brand establishments, the backbone of the local economy continues to be the many small businesses and family-owned restaurants that are located across the area. One of the most prominent and longstanding businesses in downtown Hazleton is Fellin's Jewelers, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022.

Since 1922, this now-third-generation jewelry store has been offering visitors a personalized shopping experience that's focused on providing exceptional quality, value and service. At Fellin's, shoppers will find the most exquisite jewelry and unique gift items, and can also bring in jewelry for repairs or resizing.

Fellin's Jewelers is located not far from the intersection of Broad and Wyoming Streets. Although Broad Street is the main thoroughfare and epicenter of the downtown business district, Wyoming Street continues to blossom with a number of retail shops and restaurants and is nearing capacity. As part of the ongoing Downtown Hazleton revitalization projects, city officials continue to aggressively seek state grants they plan to use to complete a streetscape project, which would include new lighting

and sidewalks along this bustling street.

The Chamber encourages everyone to Shop Local and support Chamber-member businesses. You can find them easily by visiting the Chamber's online Business Directory at web.

hazletonchamber.org/search.

After all that shopping, there is no doubt you'll have an appetite. Greater Hazleton has some of the best local dining establishments in the region, featuring every kind of food you could crave.

Places like Jimmy's Quick Lunch, Senape's Bakery, Carmen's Bakery and Deli, and Top of the 80's don't just offer amazing food, they are iconic restaurants that have been feeding families in Greater

Hazleton for generations.

Since 1937, Jimmy's Quick Lunch has been serving up hot dogs topped with their signature chili, french fries and old-fashioned milkshakes right on Broad Street in downtown Hazleton. Senape's Bakery is well-known in Northeast PA for its cold pizza. Senape's has been dishing up pizza, sandwiches and entrees from its location on 17th Street in Hazleton since 1908!

Carmen's is another iconic family-owned-and-operated staple of downtown Hazleton. The deli serves sandwiches, soups, salads, wraps and hot homemade specials, while the bakery is known for its cookies, cupcakes and cannolis. Top of the 80's is an upscale American restaurant and lounge that features sweeping views of the Conyngham and Sugarloaf valley from its windows and patio. It has been a Hazleton fine dining tradition since 1976 and features a mix of timeless favorites and enticing new entrees.

Other standout Greater Hazleton restaurants include Ovalon, Four Blooms, The Pine's Eatery & Spirits and Rostas Cafe. Ovalon was established in 1946 and offers Italian-American cuisine in a fine dining atmosphere. The menu includes traditional pasta and seafood dishes along with creative small plates and wine in a cozy environment. Four Blooms Restaurant in Drums uses the freshest ingredients (often sourced locally) to produce innovative and seasonal menu items and often hosts special events.

The Pines Eatery & Spirits is located in the historic Markle building in downtown Hazleton. It offers a variety of high-quality food and drink options at an affordable price plus hosts weekly



Sisters Andrea Kosko and Mary Celeste Kosko are third-generation owners of Fellin's Jewelers, which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

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live entertainment on Friday nights. Rostas Cafe on 15th Street in Hazleton has been dishing up delicious Italian and American lunch and dinner cuisine since 1950, including tavern-style pizza, sandwiches, burgers, salads, and pasta.

Station 33 Restaurant in Hazleton is known for its Dominican cuisine. This bar and restaurant is a popular spot to relax over drinks and snacks, including empanadas, yaroa, and chimis that go great with a cold beer or one of their fresh-pressed, natural juices or shakes.

If you are planning a wedding, anniversary or graduation party, or other special event, there are several catering companies that will host your event or provide off-site catering, including Capriotti's, Sand Springs Country Club, Edgewood and Carmen's Country Inn.

Capriotti's in McAdoo is one of the area's premier catering companies. Sand Springs in Drums hosts weddings and other special events across its complex in Drums, including in its signature Celebrations Ballroom. Sand Springs offers a picturesque location, gourmet menus, and a courteous and professional staff dedicated to making your day perfect.

Edgewood's beautiful scenery provides the perfect backdrop for the most beautiful weddings and special events. Carmen's Country Inn offers a secluded and sensual setting to host a remarkable wedding or special event. Carmen's offers guests an unforgettable dining experience and bar service that includes specialty beer and wines and premium liquor.



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Thank you for supporting Chamber member businesses!

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Accountants

Moore and Associates, PC

751 N Church St, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-455-9408

Email: rmoore@drmoorecpa.com

Website: www.drmoorecpa.com

Moore & Associates, PC is an accounting and advisory firm serving Greater Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming Valley, Lehigh Valley and all of Northeast Pennsylvania. We provide accounting services; attestation engagements; compilations, reviews, and audits; tax planning, preparation and compliance for businesses, individuals and estates; and CFO services. Contact Moore & Associates today and let us see how we can help you with your needs.

Snyder & Clemente, Accountants + Consultants

662 Main St., Suite 1, Sugarloaf, PA 18249

570-788-1012 Fax: 570-788-5808

Email: Mail@ClementeCPA.com

Website: www.ClementeCPA.com

Snyder & Clemente is a full-service accounting firm providing accounting, auditing, tax and consulting services with offices located in Kingston and Sugarloaf.

Apparel Distribution

American Eagle Outfitters

600 Oak Ridge Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-710-6200

Website: www.liveyourlifeloveyourjob.com

Our distribution center facilitates merchandise distribution to American Eagle Outfitters and Aerie stores in partnership with our buying, merchandise & inventory planning and stores teams. We also ship to over 81 countries and process more than 75,000 internet orders daily.

Automobile Dealers / New / Pre-owned / Leasing / Sales / Service

Greater Hazleton Automobile Trades Association:

Blaise Alexander Buick GMC of Hazleton

508 Susquehanna Blvd, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-454-0856

Website: www.blaisegmhazleton.com

Blaise Alexander Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Hazleton

703 Airport Rd, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-459-5450

Website: www.blaisejeephazleton.com

Blaise Alexander Mazda of Hazleton

701 Airport Rd, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-501-8701

Website: www.blaisemazdahazleton.com

Fairway Chevrolet

1101 N. Church St, Rt. 309, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-455-7701

Website: www.fairwaymotors.com

Fairway Subaru

1109 N. Church St, Rt. 309, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-455-7733

Website: www.fairwaysubaru.com

Feussner's Ford, Inc.

470 South St., Freeland, PA 18224

570-636-3920

Website: www.feussnersford.com

Harry's U-Pull-It

1010 Winters Ave, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-459-9901

Website: www.wegotused.com

Key Ford of Hazleton

1112 N. Church St., Rt. 309, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-454-2414

Website: www.keyfordofhazleton.com

LeadCar Toyota of Hazleton

730 Airport Rd., Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-501-5912

Website: www.leadcartoyotahazleton.com

Tunnessen's Auto Parts

629 W. Green St., Hazleton, PA 18201

570-455-7761

Website: www.tunnessensinc.com

Automotive Service

Partner Car Salon & Detailing

1049 S. Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

272-208-5950

E-mail: hello@partnercarsalon.com

Website: www.partnercarsalon.com

Revive your ride! Our professional vehicle detailing services will thoroughly clean your car or truck while being gentle on its finish. We specialize in detail services for all size vehicles, including commercial. Schedule your appointment today!

Super Gomas

1049 S. Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

272-208-5950

E-mail: info@tonysmusclecars.com

Website: tonysmusclecars.com

Super Gomas Used Tires provides brakes, muffler repair, new tires, used tires and PA state inspections to the Hazleton, PA area. We have over 10 years of experience in the auto industry. Call us for a FREE estimate today!

Tony's Muscle Cars

1049 S. Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

272-208-5950

E-mail: info@tonysmusclecars.com

Website: tonysmusclecars.com

A full restoration shop, we have a range of services from full frame-off rotisserie restorations to engine compartment detailing and interior overhauling. We provide full and partial restoration services as well as spec car builds. Our passion for buying, selling and restoring classic GM muscle cars is evident based on our attention to detail ensuring every customer is more than satisfied.

Beverage Distributor

T. Verrastro Beer Distributing Incorporated

126 N. Broad Street, West Hazleton, PA 18202

570-454-0816 Fax: 570-455-8022

Email: buybeer@tverraastro.com

Website: tverraastro.com

T. Verrastro Beer Distributing Inc. is a family owned beverage company that has been serving the community since 1961. We provide northeastern Pennsylvania with a diversified portfolio of high quality wholesale and retail beverages and related services. Setting high family standards for innovation and leadership, by delivering value to our customers. Our drive thru is open Monday-Saturday 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

Chiropractic

Sando's Whole Life Center for Health

600 N. Hunter Highway (Rt. 309), Drums, PA 18222

570-788-4484

Email: office@wlcfh.com

Website: wholelifecenterforhealth.com

Sando's Whole Life Center for Health is a multidisciplinary center where we offer chiropractic, nutritional testing, hypnotherapy, therapeutic massage, and more.

Commercial Real Estate

Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services

East Mountain Corporate Center

100 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

570-823-1100 Fax: 570-823-0300

Website: www.mericle.com

Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services is Northeastern Pennsylvania's largest full-service commercial real estate company. Mericle is a developer of industrial, office, and flex buildings and ReadyToGo!™ Sites. More than 20,000 people work in the more than 100 buildings Mericle has developed in the area. Mericle has developed buildings in Humboldt Industrial Park, Valmont Industrial Park and 15 other area business parks. Mericle also has a brokerage division that covers 20 counties in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.

Community / Economic / Business & Industrial Development

CAN DO, Inc.

1 South Church Street, Suite 200, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-455-1508 or 800-54-CANDO Fax: 570-454-7787

Website: www.hazletoncando.com www.canbe.biz

For over 65 years, CAN DO, Inc. has worked to improve the quality of life in the Greater Hazleton Area through the creation and retention of a full range of employment opportunities. Through the development of the organization's four business and industrial parks, CAN DO has assisted in the attraction of over 30,000 high-quality jobs within the region. In addition to a strategic focus on development and real estate, CAN DO offers a variety of services to promote economic activity and job creation in the community including business financing, small business and entrepreneurial consulting, and the facilitation of workforce development solutions.

Delivery Service Provider

Central Air Freight

20 South Powell Drive, Butler Industrial Park, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-455-7543 or 800-582-6318

Website: www.caffreightservices.com

Central Air Freight Services is the area's leading pick-up and delivery service provider. Our daily local pick-up and delivery areas include all of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Located within these areas we provide early morning, afternoon and evening sweeps to/from EWR, JFK and PHL airports and container freight stations. Our offices are located in Hazleton, PA. We offer a total of over 30,000 square feet of storage as well as a service fleet of over 30 trucks.

Distribution Center

Arcadia Cold Storage & Logistics

300 Parkview Rd, Hazle Township, PA 18202
570-582-2120

E-mail: HZL01-CS@arcadiacold.com

Website: www.arcadiacold.com

Hazleton Cold Storage is a distribution center facility designed to support high-volume throughput handling services, including case picking and container unloading. We are located west of Hazleton off US Interstate 81 in the heart of the Northeast distribution market. This location serves as a hub for Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York City, Baltimore, Washington DC and has the ability to supply customers in the New England region. The fully-racked facility has convertible rooms, ample dock space and doors to manage a wide array of distribution & fulfillment services. Our facility is perfectly suited for food manufacturers, retailers and foodservice companies looking for consolidation opportunities to reduce transportation costs.

Education / Schools / Universities

Johnson College

Hazleton location: 370 Maplewood Dr, Hazle Township, PA 18202

Phone: 570-342-6404 or 1-800-2WE-WORK

E-mail: hazleton@johnson.edu

Website: johnson.edu/hazleton/

Scranton location: 3427 N. Main Ave, Scranton, PA 18508

Phone: 570-342-6404 or 1-800-2WE-WORK

E-mail: enroll@johnson.edu

Website: johnson.edu

Johnson College is a private, two-year college focused on real-world, hands-on learning in a caring environment and prepares graduates to enter or advance in their careers. Since its founding in Scranton, PA, in 1912 as a trade school, it has evolved to college status. Its first satellite campus opened in 2023, in the 30,000-sq.ft. CAN DO Training Center inside the Humboldt Industrial Park in Hazle Township, PA. This location includes classrooms, laboratories, and administrative offices for courses such as Electrical Construction Technology, Medical Assistant, Welding Technology, and Class A CDL Driver Training, to name a few. The College also works with local industries to create custom courses to help upskill their employees. Its programs remain current as a result of keeping up with ever-changing technology. An experienced, dedicated faculty bring years of industry experience into the classroom from the industry world. The average student-to-faculty ratio is 8:1 allowing for a more personalized learning environment.

Keystone Job Corps Center

235 W Foothills Dr, Drums, PA 18222

570-788-1164

Website: https://keystone.jobcorps.gov

Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 to 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training.



Keystone Job Corps Center

Careers begin here

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Train

Connect

235 W Foothills Drive, Drums, PA 18222-2410

Call Job Corps today! 800 733-JOBS (800-733-5627)

Lackawanna College

Hazleton Center: 2 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-459-1573

Email: hazleton@lackawanna.edu

Scranton Campus: 501 Vine Street, Scranton, PA 18509

570-961-7810

Email: questions@lackawanna.edu

Website: www.lackawanna.edu

Lackawanna College's Hazleton Center is located on the corner of Broad and Wyoming Streets. The center is conveniently located in downtown Hazleton to directly offer education opportunities to Greater Hazleton residents and those throughout Luzerne, Carbon, Schuylkill and Columbia counties. Lackawanna students can complete Associate degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Studies, Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice-Police, Cyber Security, Human Services, Petroleum and Natural Gas Technology or Professional Studies in Hazleton. Students can also start all of the 30+ Associate Degrees and Bachelor Degrees in Hazleton and later complete them at the Scranton Campus. The Health Science Pathway was specifically designed for local students to start at the Hazleton Center, attend upper level courses in Scranton for a year and then complete clinical rotations closer to home. Lackawanna College Hazleton also offers Continuing Education courses that are designed to directly support the growing Hispanic population. Our ESL to Customer Service Program, ESL to Bookkeeping and soon to be released ESL to Manufacturing provides specific English instruction that leads into an industry specific certification. Our Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) program is a versatile training program that prepares students to work in Hospitals, urgent care facilities and doctors' offices. This in demand career, can be attained by Spanish Speaking residents as we have added an ESL portion to this program as well. The Hazleton campus is also home to a portion of the Lackawanna College Police Academy, where police cadets enroll in the training program required under Pennsylvania's Act 120 and become eligible to serve as police officers after graduation. Lackawanna Police Officers are in every police department in Northeastern PA.

Luzerne County Community College

Hazleton Center - Broad Street Business Exchange

100 West Broad Street, Suite 108, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-740-0790

Email: admissions@luzerne.edu

Website: www.luzerne.edu

Luzerne County Community College is a two-year public institution providing convenient and affordable college education opportunity to residents of Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania through day or evening classes. LCCC also offers customized business and industry training.

MMI Preparatory School

154 Centre Street, Freeland, PA 18224

570-636-1108 Fax: 570-636-0742

Email: admissions@mmiprep.org

Website: www.mmiprep.org

For more than 140 years, MMI Preparatory School has offered the finest education in Greater Hazleton. Each student is encouraged to reach their full potential through rigorous academics, athletics, and various extra-curricular activities. MMI is an independent, non-sectarian, coeducational college preparatory day school for grades 6-12. MMI fosters academic achievement, personal growth, and a commitment to community service through development of intellectual inquiry, critical thinking, and sound judgment.

Penn State Hazleton

76 University Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202-8025

570-450-3000

Website: hazleton.psu.edu

Penn State Hazleton offers a wide variety of educational and career opportunities for traditional and adult learners. Students can begin the first two years of a baccalaureate degree in Penn State's more than 275 programs before completing a degree at University Park or another campus. Students also have the option to stay at Penn State Hazleton and complete one of 13 baccalaureate or five associate degrees. The Office of Continuing Education offers a wide range of programs in

healthcare, workforce and professional development, youth and pre-college, professional certifications, and business training. Entrepreneurs can access the Hazleton LaunchBox supported by Pasco L. Schiavo, Esq., a no-cost startup accelerator and co-working space designed to provide early-stage startup companies with the support and resources needed to build a sustainable business and a viable plan for growth, located in downtown Hazleton. Penn State Hazleton also offers access to university and Big 10 resources, including library services, industrial research, technology transfer, and available technologies.

Electrical Contractors

Hayden Power Group

235 East Maple Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
1016 East 7th Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815
570-455-6109 Fax: 570-455-5400
Email: george@haydenpower.com
Website: www.haydenpower.com

Hayden Power Group is a 24/7 electrical contractor and service provider. With our two locations – Hazleton and Bloomsburg - we provide award-winning quality electrical and communications services to a variety of customers that include residential service up to multi-million dollar projects. Hayden is an innovative and competitive leader in a rapidly changing field. The company and its skilled professionals exceed customer expectations. They provide 24/7 emergency service, free estimates, and medium & high voltage expertise. Additionally, green energy solutions are available. See our 48+ years of experience and how power is our life by visiting our website, www.haydenpower.com.

Emergency Service

SERVPRO

125 N. Warren St, West Hazleton, PA 18202
570-714-3828
Email: hlazo@servpro10509.com

Website: www.servprohazletondallas-harveyslake.com

SERVPRO of Hazleton/Dallas/Harvey's Lake is a local independently owned Franchise. We are a trusted leader in Cleaning and Restoration. Some of our main key services include water damage, fire damage, mold remediation, and biohazard cleanup. Our team of technicians are trained and certified through the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) and follow standards set forth by OSHA. We provide 24-hour emergency service and are dedicated to responding within 60 minutes to your commercial or residential needs. Our crews are ready for any water or fire damage including boarding up your home or business. We are a full-service business, offering mitigation and reconstruction services. Our team is equipped to make water or fire damage to your home or business, "Like it never even happened." After we are done with drying out a structure or removing smoke-damaged materials, we can put your home or business back together like it was before the damage occurred. We work closely with Insurance Agents to support both residential and commercial customers. Owners, John, and Heather Lazo were born and raised in Hazleton and take pride in providing exceptional customer service, quick response time, community involvement and trained, professional employees. As a family-owned business, we find it rewarding to help a home or business owner through a stressful time.

Employment Services

PeopleShare

Robert Filbert, P.O. Box 50, Conyngham, PA, 18219
570-788-7654
Email: Robert.filbert@peopleshareworks.com
Website: peopleshareworks.com

Companies choose PeopleShare for candidates who will hit the ground running. We invest more time understanding your business and execute a rigorous screening process. Your employee is briefed on everything from what your company does, to what the job entails. We work with you to create best practices and take more tasks off your plate. We've built close relationships with some of the most successful and cutting-edge organizations, and as a result, we have insight on how these companies operate, their culture, and the types of people they hire. By aligning yourself with PeopleShare during your job search, you'll have access to this expertise, so that when the right

opportunity presents itself, you'll be in an excellent position to seize that opportunity.

Superior Recruiting Agency, LLC

457 Susquehanna Blvd, Suite 2, Hazle Township, PA 18202
570-454-2300
E-mail: info@superior-ra.com
Website: www.superior-ra.com

Superior Recruiting Agency specializes in providing temporary and temp-to-hire help to our clients. We understand our clients' needs and take pride in a creative approach to solutions to our clients' staffing challenges. Superior Recruiting develops different programs based on each client's situation. This includes on site management and flexible staff pull programs. We are constantly pushing to find new methods to attract qualified and motivated employees to satisfy our client's daily staffing needs. After selecting the very best candidates to be a Superior associate, our only goal is to retain them. We do that by offering them attractive programs. Superior carefully selects and evaluates each associate before placing them on an assignment.

Engineering Consultants

Twin Oaks Consulting, LLC

820 Evans Street, Hazle Township, PA 18201
570-956-0249 Fax: 570-455-9858
E-mail: info@twinoaks.biz
Website: www.twinoaks.biz

The Twin Oaks Consulting philosophy is to look beyond the surface to evaluate all aspects of a proposed project. By recognizing alternative methodologies, we can provide the client with the most cost effective alternative in both terms of design and construction costs. Twin Oaks values the relationship with our clients and always strives to provide the most cost effective consultant services available.

Engineering Firm

Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.

8 W. Broad Street, Suite 1100, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-455-2999
Email: info@barryisett.com
Website: www.barryisett.com

Barry Isett & Associates specializes in 14 engineering and consulting disciplines across our Design, Field and Public divisions. Our experts deliver exceptional work on projects of all types, whether through an individual, focused service, or a team-based approach on multiple fronts. We provide all design work necessary for roadway improvements, land development, new or renovated construction, and more, as well as inspections, code services and grantsmanship. We invite you to explore our site or call or email to find out how Isett can serve your project needs.

Entertainment

Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc.

P.O. Box 2781, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-788-4864
Email: info@hazletonconcertseries.org
Website: www.hazletonconcertseries.org

The Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc. is the oldest non-profit cultural organization — started in 1935 — in the Hazleton area that provides professional performances at affordable prices. The organization provides a diverse season of international and mixed genres.

Environmental Testing

HawkMtn Labs, Inc.

201 W. Clay Avenue, West Hazleton, PA 18202
570-455-6011
Email: reportsdept@hawkmtlabs.com
Website: www.hawkmtlabs.com

Independent- PA DEP Certified Environmental Laboratory for Potable/ Non-Potable Water & Soils; Field Sampling & Testing Services for Environmental; Materials/Concrete; Solid Fuel Industrial-Construction and Residential Clients.

Equipment Rental and Sales

Partner Equipment Sales

1049 S Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-931-3806

E-mail: info@partnereqs.com

Partner Equipment Sales offers a diverse range of equipment starting from the more versatile mini-excavators and skid steers to larger earth moving equipment such as loaders and excavators. Partner Equipment Sales prefers to work closely with our customers, ensuring their equipment needs are met in a timely manner. Our dedicated staff proactively manages our sales inventory, if we don't have what you're looking for we will work to find it for you.

Partner Rentals

527 S Church Street, Suite B, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-664-9999

E-mail: info@partnerrentals.com

Website: www.partnerrentals.com

Partner Rentals is an equipment rental company specializing in solutions for residential and commercial projects. We work hard to find the equipment you need, even when we don't have it in our stock. In addition to equipment rental, we also provide new and used equipment, parts and merchandise, hauling services, preventative maintenance and repair services, and training.

Financial Advisors

Lagana Wealth Advisory Group at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC

Laurel Professional Center, 631 Airport Rd, Ste 200, Hazle Township, PA 18202
570-455-6301 or 800-582-6330

Website: LaganaAdvisory-Janney.com

Serving the financial needs of Hazleton, Hazle Township, and our surrounding communities for over 70 years. No matter where you are in life — just starting out, in your peak earning years, nearing retirement, or contemplating your legacy — we are here for you. When you work with us, it's about going beyond investing. It's about connecting your life and your finances. We take a comprehensive and customized approach to your finances, by understanding your needs and goals and aligning your investment strategies to help meet those goals. Our depth of knowledge and experience, combined with our Firm's capabilities and resources, enables us to provide high quality service, while offering advice and executing financial solutions for every stage of life.

Food Processing

Cargill Protein

65 Green Mountain Rd, Hazle Township, PA 18202
570-384-8460

Website: <https://www.cargill.com/careers/locations/hazleton-pa>

Cargill is one of the largest employers in the Hazleton area. We produce beef products that are sold at grocery stores across the U.S. We have made a positive impact on the Hazleton community and strive to be an employer of choice for the area. At Cargill, everyone matters and everyone counts. Cargill is committed to creating and sustaining an inclusive and diverse work environment where all employees are treated with dignity and respect.

Garage Doors

F&L Doors, A Division of Pioneer Pole Buildings

286 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202
570-454-7254 Fax: 570-454-0831

Website: www.fldoors.com

F&L Doors has been specializing in garage door installation and garage door service in northeastern Pennsylvania since 1970. We're proud of our reputation for excellence, since we've developed it through years of hard work and dedication to our customers. F&L Doors offers a wide selection of commercial, residential and industrial doors and openers from global leaders in the garage door industry. Call us so we can discuss garage doors that will meet your budget and your style.

Golf Courses

Sugarloaf Golf Course

18 Golf Course Road, Sugarloaf, PA 18249
570-384-4097

Website: sugarloafigolfclub.com

A premiere public golf course that offers stunning views, beautiful naturalized areas, lush rolling fairways, and greens that are often considered the best in Northeast Pennsylvania. Choose Sugarloaf Golf Club for your next charity or corporate golf tournament, as well as for business meetings and your casual party, shower or wedding! Our Event Planner will guide you through the entire process.

Government

PA State Representative Dane Watro

145 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-453-1344

Website: www.repwatro.com

PA State Representative Dane Watro represents the 116th Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Luzerne and Schuylkill Counties. This includes part of Luzerne County consisting of the City of Hazleton, Hazle Township and the Borough of West Hazleton; and part of Schuylkill County consisting of the Townships of East Union, Kline, Mahanoy, North Union and Union and the Boroughs of Mahanoy City, McAdoo, Ringtown and Shenandoah.

Senator Dave Argall

145 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-521-9441

Website: www.senatorargall.com

Senator Dave Argall represents the 29th District, which now includes 102 municipalities in northeastern Pennsylvania including all of Schuylkill and Carbon Counties, and parts of Luzerne County including the city of Hazleton.

Green Energy

Hayden Power Group

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1016 East 7th Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815
570-455-6109 Fax: 570-455-5400

Email: george@haydenpower.com

Website: www.haydenpower.com

Hayden Power Group is a 24/7 electrical contractor and service provider. With our two locations — Hazleton and Bloomsburg — we provide award-winning quality electrical and communications services to a variety of customers that include residential service up to multi-million dollar projects. Hayden is an innovative and competitive leader in a rapidly changing field. The company and its skilled professionals exceed customer expectations. They provide 24/7 emergency service, free estimates, and medium & high voltage expertise. Additionally, green energy solutions are available. See our 48+ years of experience and how power is our life by visiting our website, www.haydenpower.com.

Legislative Offices to Assist with State Government



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Rep. Dane Watro
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Health Care

CommunityCare

426 Airport Rd, Hazle Township, PA 18202

Family practice: 570-459-9730

Pediatrics: 570-501-7512

Express Care

Website: www.pacommunitycare.org

If you live or work in Hazleton, you don't have to look far to find quality healthcare. CommunityCare Hazleton is an integral part of the community, and we continue to expand our services to meet our patients' needs, from physicals and well visits to follow-up care after illness or injury. We also offer the convenience of eye care and laboratory services on-site, and women's health and pediatric practices are right here, too. Our clinics are staffed by highly trained family doctors and specialists, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners and medical assistants, along with a comprehensive trained clinical staff and patient representatives who are ready to address your healthcare needs. Need urgent care?"When a sudden health issue pops up, turning to CommunityCare Express Hazleton can help you get the care you need quicker than a visit to the ER. You'll see highly trained, compassionate healthcare providers, who can help you with a variety of medical issues. Visit a CommunityCare Express location when you don't need emergency care but need help more quickly than you can see your primary care physician. No appointment is needed at our Hazleton walk-in clinic. Turn to urgent care for allergies; cold or flu; fever; sore throat; cuts; insect and tick bites; rashes; sprains or strains; and infections including sinus, skin, ear, urinary, respiratory and others. When you need urgent care, trust CommunityCare.

Dermox Dermatology Centers, PC

8 Brookhill Square South, Sugarloaf, PA 18249

570-459-0029

Email: info@dermdoxcenters.com

Website: www.dermdoxcenters.com

Medical and Cosmetic Dermatology.

Immediate appointments available.

Geisinger Multi-Specialty Clinic Hazleton

1525 N. Church Street, Hazle Township, PA 18202

570-751-5900

Website: geisinger.org

Care for the whole family in Hazleton! Conveniently located on 309 near the Hazleton Regional Airport, Geisinger Hazleton Multi-Specialty Clinic offers a variety of medical services for children and adults. You'll find specialty and healthcare services for the whole family — all under one roof. Think of us for skin care, heart care, surgery, endocrinology, kidney care, pediatrics, urology, blood pressure checks, injections and blood draw. We care for our neighbors in many nearby towns, including Milnesville, Conyngham, Drums, St. Johns and Sugarloaf. Come visit us at 1525 N. Church St. in Hazle Township.

Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation

700 E. Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

(Located inside Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton)

570-501-4600

Website: www.lvhn.org/hazleton

Quality inpatient rehabilitation services close to home. That is what the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation provides to northeast Pennsylvania. Located on the sixth floor of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton, our 16-bed unit features pleasant, home-like rooms and a bright, spacious exercise room. We provide inpatient rehabilitation in a supportive, hospital-based setting, which means you have access to professional medical and emergency care 24 hours a day. Our goal is to help you regain your mobility and independence and get you back to your life. Our highly-trained, professional rehabilitation team includes rehabilitation nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists; social workers and case managers; orthotic/prosthetic consultants; and nutritionists. Referrals to the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation are accepted from physicians, social workers, nurses, discharge planners, other healthcare providers or the patient and/or family members. Even if you will require inpatient rehabilitation

after a hospital stay outside the Hazleton area, you can still come home to the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation. Call 570-501-4600 for more information.

Hazleton Urgent Care

101 South Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-501-1017

Email: info@hazletonmd.com

Website: www.hazletonmd.com

Hazleton Urgent Care is a full-service urgent care center which is staffed by medical professionals, including a physician. Avoid the long hospital E.R. waiting times for non-critical illnesses. Walk-ins are welcome. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most insurances accepted.

Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton

50 Moisey Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202

(Across from WalMart on Airport Beltway)

570-501-6600

Website: www.lvhn.org/hazleton

The Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton is a "one-stop" facility offering highly personalized healthcare services with a customer-centered philosophy and décor that fosters relaxation, healing and well-being. As a service of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton, the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton provides an array of health and wellness services at one location including an advanced imaging and women's center; physical, occupational, speech and aquatic therapies; cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation and services; and a fitness center. A same-day surgery center and physicians' offices are also located on site. One can even enjoy a gourmet coffee from our café as you relax in our beautiful fireplace lounge. Easy access, plenty of free parking, and the availability of transportation through Hazleton's transit system or the facility's patient shuttle service complement these services. Call 888-402-LVHN to schedule your outpatient diagnostic testings.

Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton

668 N. Church Street, Suite 203, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-501-4949

Website: www.LVHN.org/Hazleton

There's no better place to recover after a hospital stay than in the comfort of your own home. Our knowledgeable, courteous, compassionate staff can assist you in making an easy transition from the hospital to your home. And our nursing staff is always available to fulfill your treatment needs. Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton is the Greater Hazleton area's only hospital-based home health agency. It has the full resources of Lehigh Valley Health Network at its fingertips. Our highly trained, professional staff of registered nurses; physical, occupational and speech therapists; social workers; and home health aides work closely with your physician(s) to provide unmatched individualized care. Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton provides services for patients of all ages, from newborns to senior citizens and everyone in between. Call 570-501-4949 for more information.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton

700 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-501-4000

Website: www.lvhn.org/hazleton

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton (LVH-H) part of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, is the major healthcare provider in the greater Hazleton area and is recognized statewide and nationally for its outstanding quality care. We offer quality continuum of care services beginning at birth in the Family Birthing Center, acute inpatient medical and surgical services, inpatient rehabilitation at the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation and home care through Lehigh Valley Home Care - Hazleton. We are now offering DaVinci and Vels robotic surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton. The brand new Cancer Center at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton is now open on the campus of LVH-Hazleton. The Cancer Center brings even more world-class cancer care to the Greater Hazleton region at one convenient location. Our state of the art emergency department is staffed with emergency-trained and credentialed physicians and is recognized for its rapid access MI Alert and Stroke Alert programs. In

2015, LVH-Hazleton was granted accreditation as a Level IV trauma center. Outpatient diagnostics testing and rehabilitation services are provided at LVH-H's outpatient facility, the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton. At LVH-H, we strongly promote prevention as the key to a long healthy lifestyle by offering numerous free community education, wellness and fitness programs. Our commitment is to provide the highest quality care by an experienced team of physicians, medical professionals and support staff.

Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton

Website: <http://hazleton.lvhn.org/about-us/lehigh-valley-physician-group-hazleton.html>

If you're looking for a provider in northeast Pennsylvania who is affiliated with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), your search has become easier. Welcome to Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton, a collection of more than 70 highly qualified, experienced and compassionate health care providers formed to give you access to high-quality care close to home. Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton is a subsidiary of LVHN and is designed to provide a full spectrum of health care services to patients from infants to seniors. With the implementation of the electronic health record at Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton's 21 northeast Pennsylvania offices – as well as Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton and the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton – we are now able to fully integrate your care and develop a comprehensive personal health record for you within the health network. Services represented by Lehigh Valley Physician Group in northeast Pennsylvania include: Cardiology, Chiropractic medicine, Endocrinology, Family medicine, Gastroenterology, Geriatric medicine, Internal medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and gynecology, Oncology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Psychiatry and Surgery. Providers within Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton have immediate access to all patient information, test results, ER visits and other information provided within LVHN's Hazleton-area health care facilities. This will help provide effective management of your medical conditions. Patients of Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton providers also will have Internet access to their health records and can correspond electronically with their provider through MyLVHN Hazleton. Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) is among the largest medical groups in the United States. In the Allentown and Bethlehem, Pa., areas, more than 700 physicians and more than 300 advanced practice clinicians represent 46 medical specialties in 142 practices. LVPG practitioners perform approximately 2 million visits annually in our practices, hospitals and other affiliated locations. LVPG was founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit subsidiary of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), one of the largest health systems in Pennsylvania. LVPG began as the faculty practice plan for LVHN, initially comprised of 24 physicians. The last decade has seen enormous growth in both medical practitioners and specialty practices. LVPG's health care professionals are working together to deliver care in increasingly innovative ways.

Maylath Valley Health Systems, Inc.

P.O. Box 103, 750 State Route 93, Sybertsville, PA 18251

570-708-2929 or 877-751-0080

Email: info@maylathhealth.com

Website: www.maylathhealth.com

Maylath Valley Health Systems is a leading provider of home health and hospice care, in-home and outpatient therapy, and CPR/First Aid training. Serving Luzerne, Columbia, Carbon, Monroe and Schuylkill counties, Maylath Health's highly trained nurses, therapists, and other medical professionals provide compassionate, experienced care in the comfort of your own home. When you need home health care services, ask your doctor for a referral to Maylath Valley Health Systems. Maylath Health also offers an Occupational Wellness program for pre-employment and return to work screenings, American Heart Association certifications, and educational trainings such as OSHA bloodborne pathogens, fire safety, and emergency preparedness. Browse our website to learn more about Maylath Health!

Sando's Whole Life Center for Health

600 N. Hunter Highway (Rt. 309), Drums, PA 18222

570-788-4484

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Website: wholelifecenterforhealth.com

Sando's Whole Life Center for Health is a multidisciplinary center where we offer chiropractic, nutritional testing, hypnotherapy, therapeutic massage, and more.

St. Luke's Cancer Center

1-866-STLUKES (785-8537)

484-503-HOPE (4673)

Website: www.sluhn.org/cancer

There are so many decisions to make when faced with a cancer diagnosis. Choosing a cancer center that offers the right team of experts, a personalized cancer treatment plan, superior radiation therapy technology and the best clinical trials is critical. At St. Luke's, our cancer patients benefit from all of that, plus an unparalleled level of support and compassion. You are not alone – we are with you every step of the way.

St. Luke's Health Center – Hazleton

1097 North Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18202

1-866-STLUKES (785-8537)

Website: sluhn.org

St. Luke's Health Center - Hazleton is the center of it all! Open 7-days per week, we have services such as Primary Care, Care Now, Physical Therapy and walk-in Lab. Excellent care, easy access and exceptional service is what you can expect at the St. Luke's Health Center in Hazleton!

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Home / Business Improvement

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Tabla Supply is a home and business improvement store that is family-owned and operated. We specialize in the sale of cabinets, cabinet hardware, flooring, quartz, granite, sinks and faucets, and a variety of other home items. Tabla Supply is committed to supplying our growing clientele with the essential remodeling supplies and materials to accentuate the beauty of their properties. With many years of experience under our toolbelt, Tabla Supply is ready to assist you with your remodeling supplies and needs.

Hotels / Catering Facilities

Comfort Inn

58 State Route 93, West Hazleton, PA 18202

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Surround yourself with the Pocono Mountains at the Comfort Inn family hotel in West Hazleton, PA near Interstate 81, 80 and 476. Amenities include free WiFi, free hot breakfast, free parking, fitness center and business center. Behind every great day is a great night at the Comfort Inn hotel.

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www.marriott.com/hzlf

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Hampton Inn by Hilton

1 Top of the 80's Road, Hazleton, PA 18202

570-454-3449

Website: www.hamptoninn.com

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Website: www.marriott.com/hzlr

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Industrial

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Gottstein Corporation, with its corporate headquarters located in Hazleton, PA, offers our worldwide clientele services in industrial food and beverage manufacturing. Our commitment to industry has proven us to be the leader in design, installation and maintenance of production lines worldwide. Gottstein Corporation offers a vast variety of skills that can easily provide turnkey solutions for small or large projects. Specializing in the Baking and Snack, Beverage, Meat and Poultry sectors, we also offer services in chemical and all other industries. Our Hazleton location is home to our corporate offices, featuring 27,000 square feet of fabrication area and our new on-the-job training center. We are proud to call Hazleton our home!

*Our Company is growing: **Lattimer Machine & Fabricating A Gottstein Company; Pipes R Us, LLC. A Gottstein Company; Boyd Industries A Gottstein Company.***

Polyglass USA Inc.

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*Polyglass is an ISO 9001:2015 Certified, leading manufacturer of high-quality modified bitumen roofing and waterproofing solutions, with over 30 years of experience in the USA. Committed to adding value through innovation, Polyglass utilizes the most technologically advanced manufacturing process in the industry with six state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities- five in North America and one in Italy which services all of Europe. Since 2008, Polyglass has been a part of the Mapei® Group, a multi-billion-dollar manufacturer in the building industry. Together we represent over 130 years of combined experience in the production and support of building envelope products and solutions, with 83 manufacturing facilities spanning 36 countries on 5 continents. Polyglass prides itself in innovative and quality waterproofing products which exceed the needs and expectations of its customers all around the world. This commitment is demonstrated daily by the people that work for Polyglass where the customers' needs always come first. We are **more than** a manufacturer - Our company's family-based culture puts our customers, their projects and success, first. Polyglass and Mapei are committed to those founding core values in addition to the Research & Development, and Innovation required to ensure the performance expected from our world class organization.*

Industrial - Airplane - Critical Shutdown

G-DADDY AIRWAYS

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Designing, manufacturing, and installing packaging equipment throughout the world over 30 years in business and over 50 years in the industries. You get the small business attention with the backup of over 150 employees qualified in many different fields to include permits, seismic permits, all types of welding such as dairy, bakery, agriculture, sanitized piping and many more. **Range of Mill Right and Manufacturing Experience:** Dismantled, moved, and reinstalled, designed, manufactured, and install complete Packaging Plants. Installed automatic Full Pallet Conveyor Systems. Design and manufactured inline, bin and pallet hydro-coolers, picking tote, bin dumps, and simple robotic dumps.

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Lattimer Machine & Fabricating - A Gottstein Company

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Our machine shop capabilities can provide you with prompt part fabrication and service. Our goal is to assure quality services, design standards, and critical lead times. In addition, we have the most innovative technology that provides us an advantage for producing parts. Our skilled machine technicians have years of experience in their field and understand that precision and quality are vital components to construct essential parts and instruments for your industry. State of the

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Industrial - Pipefitting

Pipes R Us, LLC. - A Gottstein Company

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I can offer customers options for a wide variety of coverage and services. You can depend on me to help you look at the big picture. I'm committed to helping Hazleton residents assess their immediate and long-term needs and choose options that will help them achieve their goals. When you want to explore options for protecting your home, personal property, or financial future, I'm available to answer your questions. Call me today!

Billig-Helmes Insurance

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Locals and Tourist Information Center

Visit Luzerne County

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Website: www.visitluzernecounty.com

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Manufacturers

International Paper Company

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PFNonwovens LLC

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PFNonwovens is a global leader in the manufacturing of nonwoven fabrics, catering to a wide range of industries. PFNonwovens is headquartered in Prague, Czech Republic, and operates five production plants worldwide: two in the Czech Republic, and one each in the United States, Egypt, and South Africa. We pride ourselves on having state-of-the-art manufacturing capabilities with best-in-class quality and customer-service. With a commitment to innovation and sustainability, PFNonwovens delivers high-quality products and solutions that exceed customer expectations. The company's innovative technologies and eco-friendly practices have established PFNonwovens as a trusted partner in the nonwoven industry.

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Nonprofit Community Organizations

Collaborative Autism Movement

100 N Conahan Drive, Hazleton, PA 18201
272-207-4409

E-mail: hello@camautism.com

Website: www.collaborativeautismmovement.com

Collaborative Autism Movement is a nonprofit offering valuable services to aid autism families. Our mission is to collaborate with community partners to support inclusion and understanding of individuals with

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Hazleton Area Recreation Program

600 S Poplar Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-233-4402

E-mail: Cprovanzoharp@ptd.net

Website: hazletonharp.org

The Hazleton Area Recreation Program (HARP) is a nonprofit athletic outreach program that challenges athletes to be their best. The 22,000-square-foot facility includes a gym, indoor turf fields and batting cages. We promote the physical and mental benefits of fitness for youth and adults in the Greater Hazleton area.

Paul and Lisa DeAngelo Family Foundation

2328 Aqua Vista Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
954-298-8784

E-mail: ilonawolpin@anolimanagement.com

Website: www.paulandlisadeangelofamilyfoundation.org

The Paul and Lisa DeAngelo Family Foundation supports the local Autism Community, Youth Sports, Cancer Research, Disabled Veterans and additional organizations to benefit children.

United Way of Greater Hazleton, Inc.

200 West Chapel Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-455-9515

E-mail: uwayhazleton@gmail.com

Website: www.unitedwayhazleton.org

The United Way of Greater Hazleton is dedicated to raising funds to help people in need in the most efficient, effective way possible. Today, the organization has 15 member agencies. Supporting the United Way is the best way to make the greatest impact and help the most people.

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Website: www.dcspest.com

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Website: www.dhdrealty.com

Owning several of downtown Hazleton's tallest and largest commercial office complexes, DHD Realty Holding, LLC, is a one-stop provider of Class A office space in the region.

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- The 8-story Hazleton National Bank Building, 101 W. Broad St., has been converted to Class A retail and office space. First floor retail space available.
- The 7-story Traders Bank Building, 2 E. Broad St., has retail first-floor space available and loft apartments. Lackawanna College Hazleton Center is located in this building.
- The National Penn Annex building has been leased to Lackawanna College. Class A office space on Wyoming Street directly behind the Traders Bank Building.
- The 2-story Center City Medical Complex, 20 North Laurel Street, has ideal medical office space available and is surrounded by private gated parking for both patients and employees.

Many offices available and ready for immediate occupancy. Convenient parking is available.

Public Library

Hazleton Public Library

55 N Church St, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-454-2961

Email: reference@hazletonlibrary.org

Website: hazletonlibrary.org

The Hazleton Area Public Library strives to inform, enlighten and entertain all people living in Hazleton Area Communities by providing access to books, programs and materials that foster community spirit, learning and growth.

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570-455-3533

Website: www.precisiondesignonline.com

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Retirement Home/ Assisted Living Facility

Providence Place

149 S Hunter Highway (Rt 309), Drums, PA 18222

570-788-7555 Fax: 570-708-1673

Website: www.Providence-Place.com

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Email: marketing@laurels-seniorliving.com

Website: www.laurels-seniorliving.com

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Biros Septic & Drain Cleaning, Inc.

1365 State Road, Zion Grove, Pa 17985

570-889-3738 1-866-889-3738

Website: birosseptic.com

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570-454-2100 Fax: 570-459-2116

Website: www.thelaurelmall.com

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570-455-5854 Fax: 570-455-9234

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Website: www.romarklogistics.com

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- Junior Leadership Hazleton
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- Mountain Council of Governments

Our Calendar

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Business & Community Awards
Networking Mixers
Women's Luncheon Programs and Ladies Night Out
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an On-Course Business Exposition
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