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				1 Seminar <i>Funfest 6:30 pm</i>	2 Farmers Market First Friday	3							1
4	5 Labor Day CLOSED	6 <i>Dwtwn 8 am</i>	7 Seminar	8 SBDC Schmooze <i>Funfest 6:30 pm</i>	9	10 Funfest	2	3 <i>RT 6pm</i>	4	5	6 Anniversary Celebration	7 First Friday	8
11 Funfest	12 <i>RT 6pm</i>	13	14 Seminar	15 Red Carpet Breakfast Mixer	16 <i>COG 8am</i>	17	9	10	11 <i>WN 8 am</i>	12	13 <i>Funfest 6:30 pm</i>	14 SBDC	15
18	19 <i>Board 4 pm</i>	20 <i>CP 8 am</i>	21 Seminar	22	23	24	16 Tastes of Greater Hazleton	17	18	19	20 Mixer	21 <i>COG 8am</i>	22
25	26 Legislative Trip	27 <i>CA 8 am</i> Women's Lunch	28 Mixer	29 Seminar	30		23/30	24/31	25 <i>CA 8 am</i>	26	27 Awards Luncheon	28	29

*\*Italicized font indicates committee meetings*

Do you have a community event you would like to add to our online calendar? If so email information to [lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org](mailto:lfallabel@hazletonchamber.org)

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- G.H.A. Civic Partnership
- Mt. Council of Governments
- Leadership Hazleton
- Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress



*Hazleton area's largest free family festival!*

Saturday Sept. 10 and Sunday Sept. 11 – Downtown Hazleton



Presented by  
**MOHEGAN SUN**  
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A two-day community celebration featuring crafts, food, rides, entertainment and more!

**Platinum & In-Kind**  
Service Electric Cablevision Inc.

**Gold**  
DBi Services  
Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Luzerne County Convention & Visitors Bureau

**Saturday, September 10**  
12 p.m. - 3 p.m. . . . Kids Activities, Senior Activities, and Special Events on Broad Street Car Show  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. . . . The British Invasion Experience – covering the career of the Beatles and hits from other British groups

**Sunday, September 11**  
10:30 a.m. . . . . . CommUNITY Faith Service  
12:15 p.m. . . . . . Celebrity Obstacle Course  
2:30 p.m. . . . . . Parade  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. . . . . . Monsters of Rock – The Ultimate 80's Tribute Band

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## Nominate Your Business, Another Business or Individual for the 2016 Business & Community Awards

To nominate your business, another business or to nominate an individual for ANY of these awards contact Leann.

We will contact them and ask them to complete an official application.

All applications **MUST** be received by Friday, September 16th

### SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to appreciate and recognize a small business in the Greater Hazleton Area and to promote the importance of small businesses to the economy and welfare of the entire community. Eligible applicants include any Chamber member business which has no more than 50 full-time employees and is located in the Greater Hazleton Area. Judging will be based on staying power, growth, community contribution and overall management philosophy.

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### LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to appreciate and recognize a large business in the Greater Hazleton Area and to promote the importance of large businesses to the economy and welfare of the entire community. Eligible applicants include any Chamber member business which has more than 50 full-time employees and is located in the Greater Hazleton Area. Judging will be based on staying power, growth, community contribution and overall management philosophy.

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### PRIDE OF PLACE OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize a local business or organization whose exterior property physically improves or enhances the community and environment in the Greater Hazleton Area. Eligible applicants include any Chamber member business that is located in the Greater Hazleton Area and the structure must be a commercial or public building.

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### HEALTHY WORKPLACE OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize businesses in the Greater Hazleton Area that are adopting wellness practices in their workplaces. Three awards will be given in this category: one for a small business (1 to 49 employees), one for a large business (over 50 employees) and one for continuing excellence, which will recognize a past award recipient who continues to pursue workplace wellness. Eligible applicants include any Chamber member business located in the Greater Hazleton Area. Judging will be based on strength and creativity of their workplace wellness initiatives.

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### ROCCO COLANGELO, SR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to extend appreciation to and honor an individual volunteer within the Greater Hazleton Area and promote the importance of volunteerism to the community at large. Eligible applicants include any resident of the Greater Hazleton Area that participates in volunteer work or community service within the Greater Hazleton Area.

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### GREEN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to recognize a business within the Greater Hazleton Area who is adopting "green initiatives" in their workplace. Eligible applicants include any Chamber member business located in the Greater Hazleton Area. Judging will be based on strength and creativity of their workplace "green" initiatives.

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### YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

The purpose of this award is to promote the development of future business owners and operators. Eligible applicants include any entrepreneur between the ages of 13 and 35 who resides in Greater Hazleton. Judging will be based on staying power, growth and community contribution.

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### BUSINESS & COMMUNITY AWARDS LUNCHEON

All winners will be honored at a special Awards Luncheon **Thursday, October 27th 11:45 am** Genetti's Catering, Hazle Township

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# Upcoming Chamber Events

**DATE**  
Wednesday, September 28th

**TIME**  
5 pm to 7 pm

**LOCATION**  
Heritage Hill Senior Community  
800 Sixth Street  
Weatherly

**COST**  
Free to attend!

**Networking Mixer**

Chamber members, employees, co-workers & guests are invited to enjoy a casual, after-hours event, networking with the business community of Greater Hazleton & the Carbon County Chamber! Join us for an "end of summer", luau-themed get together! Attendees will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, sangria, mocktails & doorprizes!

**DATE**  
Thursday, September 29th

**TIME**  
8:30 am to 10 am

**LOCATION**  
Chamber Office  
20 W. Broad Street  
Hazleton

**COST**  
\$10 members  
\$15 non members

**Automate Your Marketing Seminar**

This seminar will help you learn the difference between automated messages and autoresponder campaigns; decide where autoresponders can help you do better marketing communications; understand key actions that trigger emails to be sent; identify what steps to take to design effective autoresponder campaigns; design the "evergreen content" that works best for your audiences & more!

**DATE**  
Thursday, October 6th

**TIME**  
5 pm to 7 pm

**LOCATION**  
Carmen's Country Inn & Gardens  
364 Freedom Road  
Drums

**COST**  
Free to attend!

**Annual Anniversary Membership Celebration**

All Chamber members, your employees, co-workers & guests are invited to join in the celebration and attend our Annual... Anniversary Membership Celebration! We are kicking off October as Chamber of Commerce Month and in doing so, we invite you to join us as we continue a tradition, and honor our long-standing members of the Chamber who are celebrating a special anniversary with us in 2016!

During this mixer-style event, each business will be recognized during a brief program and will also receive a gift from the Chamber. Everyone will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine.

**70 YEARS** - Snyder & Clemente  
**60 YEARS** - CAN DO Inc  
**55 YEARS** - Lloyd & Associates LLC  
**50 YEARS** - Butler Enterprises Inc, Fairway Motors Inc, Bemis Company Inc, A to S Metals Inc, Highway Equipment & Supply Co, Benjamin Real Estate  
**45 YEARS** - PQ Express Inc, Bognet Inc  
**40 YEARS** - Fellin's Jewelers, Thomas Kitchens Inc, Zenier's Automotive, Rosenn Jenkins & Greenwald LLP, McDonald's, Pelly Dental Inc PC, United American Security

**35 YEARS** - Ehrlich, Century 21 Bernstein Real Estate Co  
**30 YEARS** - Citizen Publishing Co, Mountain View Real Estate LLC, Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton, Luzerne County Community College-Hazleton  
**25 YEARS** - D'Angelo Dental, Visintainer Nursery, Jack Williams Tire & Auto, Banyas Dental, Fritzingertown Senior Living, Sign Spot, Mtn City Health & Rehabilitation Center, Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Society  
**20 YEARS** - Hutchison Construction LLC, Singley Welding & Fabricating, Giant Food Stores LLC, John Diana Insurance, Bonanza Steakhouse, PenTeleData, Hazleton Careerlink, BB&T, T J McGeehan Sales & Service

**DATE**  
Sunday, October 16th

**TIME**  
12 noon to 3 pm

**LOCATION**  
Health & Wellness Center at  
Hazleton  
50 Moisey Drive  
Hazle Township

**COST**  
\$18 in advance  
\$20 at the door

**Tastes of Greater Hazleton**

Enjoy samplings of various dishes from restaurants and businesses from throughout the Greater Hazleton Area! Cooking demonstrations & tons of doorprizes! Participating Businesses & Restaurants to date include: T. Verrastro Beer Distributor Carmen's Country Inn, Carmen's Bakery & Deli, Sam's Club, Edgewood by Sand Springs, Sand Springs Country Club, McDonald's, Simply Homebrew, Cinema & Drafthouse, The Valley Country Club, Brass Buckle Restaurant, Top of the 80s Restaurant, Coffee Service, The Pines Eatery & Spirits, Booty's Place, Theodora's Restaurant, Genetti's Catering & MORE!

**DATE**  
Thursday, October 20th

**TIME**  
5 pm to 7 pm

**LOCATION**  
Valley View Townhomes  
Alliance Drive  
Hazleton

**COST**  
Free to attend!

**Networking Mixer**

Chamber members, employees, co-workers & guests are invited to enjoy a casual, after-hours event, networking with the business community! This is an exclusive opportunity to tour the quality construction of the Valley View Townhomes. Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages!

**DATE**  
Thursday, October 27th

**TIME**  
11:45 am

**LOCATION**  
Genetti Catering  
1345 N. Church Street  
Hazle Township

**COST**  
\$25 per person

**Business & Community Awards Luncheon**

Honor the winners of our annual awards: Small Business of the Year; Large Business of the Year; Rocco Colangelo Sr Volunteer of the Year; Pride of Place; Green Business of the Year; Healthy Workplace of the Year; Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Women's Empowerment Grant Recipients.

**DATE**  
Wednesday, November 2nd

**TIME**  
5 pm to 7 pm

**LOCATION**  
FNCB  
340 W. Broad Street  
Downtown Hazleton

**COST**  
Free to attend!

**Networking Mixer**

Chamber members, employees, co-workers & guests are invited to enjoy a casual, after-hours event, networking with the business community! This is an exclusive opportunity to network with members from the Hispanic Business Association! Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres & beverages!

Simply a better bank.



# Upcoming Chamber Events

**DATE**  
Wednesday, September 7th

**TIME**  
8:30 am to 10 am

**LOCATION**  
Chamber Office  
20 W. Broad Street  
Downtown Hazleton

**COST**  
\$10 member  
\$15 non members

**Measure Your Marketing Seminar**

You'll learn how email open - and click - through reports can help you know which of your products/services are hot, which are not and how to test for best results; who is interested in what topics; the calls to action/messaging that actually WORK; best times, days and ways to get the response you want and much more!

SCORE | Northeast Pennsylvania  
**Constant Contact**

**DATE**  
Thursday, September 15th

**TIME**  
5 pm to 7 pm

**LOCATION**  
Providence Place Senior Living  
149 S. Hunter Highway  
Drums

**COST**  
Free to attend

**Networking Mixer**

Chamber members, employees, co-workers & guests are invited to enjoy a casual, after-hours event, networking with the business community of Greater Hazleton Chamber! Attendees will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvre's, beer & wine. Meet the staff, take a tour and enjoy the fall ambiance their the beautiful outdoor, third floor deck area has to offer!

**Providence Place**  
SENIOR LIVING

**DATE**  
Thursday, September 8th

**TIME**  
11:30 am to 1 pm

**LOCATION**  
El Pilon Restaurant  
101 E. Broad Street  
Downtown Hazleton

**COST**  
\$18 per person

**Schmooze a' Palooza**

Structured networking luncheon open to Chamber members, your employees & co-workers! One-by-one, in a relaxed, casual atmosphere, attendees introduce themselves and their business and services to the group. Bring your business cards, brochures, giveaways, etc to share. Limited to the first 20 reservations.

**DATE**  
Wednesday, September 21st

**TIME**  
8:30 am to 10 am

**LOCATION**  
Chamber Office  
20 W. Broad Street  
Downtown Hazleton

**COST**  
\$10 members  
\$15 non members

**Getting Started With Email Marketing**

New to Email Marketing? Want to learn how to use Constant Contact? We'll show you! This seminar is designed to train and guide Constant Contact users, or those interested in Constant Contact's suite of powerful digital marketing tools.

SCORE | Northeast Pennsylvania  
**Constant Contact**

**DATE**  
Wednesday, September 14th

**TIME**  
8:30 am to 10 am

**LOCATION**  
Chamber Office  
20 W. Broad Street  
Downtown Hazleton

**COST**  
\$10 members  
\$15 non members

**Harness the Power of Mobile Seminar**

Learn how to use mobile technology to promote your business. You'll learn why mobile makes local listings more important than ever; how to drive action with mobile marketing; how to create content with and for mobile and more!

SCORE | Northeast Pennsylvania  
**Constant Contact**

**DATE**  
Monday, September 26th

**TIME**  
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

**LOCATION**  
The Capitol Building  
Harrisburg

**TRANSPORTATION COST**  
\$45 per person

**Legislative Trip**

Join the Chamber as we venture to Harrisburg for an afternoon series of meetings with elected officials and representatives from the Wolf Administration. This trip is coordinated through the office of State Representative Tarah Toohil.

**DATE**  
Thursday, September 15th

**TIME**  
7:45 am to 9 am

**LOCATION**  
Top of the 80's  
1 Top of the 80's Road  
Hazleton

**COST**  
\$20 members  
\$25 non members

**Red Carpet Breakfast**

Guest speaker is State Representative Tarah Toohil providing a legislative update on the 116th district.

**Heritage Hill**  
SENIOR COMMUNITY

**DATE**  
Tuesday, September 27th

**TIME**  
12 noon to 1 pm

**LOCATION**  
Keystone Job Corps Center  
235 W. Foothills Drive  
Drums

**COST**  
\$18 members  
\$25 non members

**Women's Luncheon**

Guest speaker will be Cathy Colangelo from Partners In Education, who will discuss how you and your business can partner with area school students and educators and assist in developing YOUR future workforce. In addition, a representative from the Keystone Job Corps Center will also discuss their internship program for businesses. Lunch, 50/50 drawing, doorprize drawings and business resource table.

**Job Corps**

## Please Welcome & Support Our Newest Members!

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## Happy Anniversary to these Chamber Members!

### September 2016 Anniversaries

**55 YEARS**  
Lloyd & Associates LLC

**50 YEARS**  
Bemis Performance Packaging

**10 YEARS**  
Eastern Insurance Group

**5 YEARS**  
Spherion

**1 YEAR**  
Premier Ink Systems  
CrossFit Drums

### October 2016 Anniversaries

**50 YEARS**  
A to S Metals, Inc  
Highway Equipment & Supply Co  
Benjamin Real Estate

**30 YEARS**  
Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton  
Luzerne County Community College-Hazleton

**25 YEARS**  
Fritzingertown Senior Living  
The Sign Spot

**20 YEARS**  
PenTeleData

**15 YEARS**  
DHD I LLC  
Partners in Education

**10 YEARS**  
Aggressive Realty & Rentals

**5 YEARS**  
Center for Landscape Design & Stewardship

**1 YEAR**  
Performance Biomedical LLC  
Accurate Personnel LLC  
Civil Air Patrol Squadron 203  
Good News Multi-Cultural Community Center  
Radio Esperanza DeVida

~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~  
2nd Annual  
Membership Anniversary Celebration

**Thursday, October 6th**  
**Carmen's Country Inn**  
**& Gardens**  
**5 pm to 7 pm**

See upcoming events section for complete details

## Advertise Your Business With the Chamber

**2 options for excellent exposure!**

### Newsletter Advertising

Provide us with 825 flyers, fold, stuff and mail them along with this bi-monthly newsletter.

*Marketing Investment \$250*

Now taking reservations for the November/December Edition!  
**Promote your business for the holidays!!!!**

Contact Linda to secure your space

### Website Advertising

Showcase your company logo, information & link to your website on our Chamber Homepage

Marketing Investment  
3 months \$150  
6 months \$275  
1 year \$700

Contact **Leann** to secure your space

## 49th Annual Golf Outing & On-Course Business Expo Completed



Leann Fallabel, VP of Marketing for the Chamber and Golf Tournament Coordinator, far left and Pat Verrastro, Chamber Golf Chairman from T. Verrastro Beer Distributor, are pictured congratulating the team comprised of players from DBi Services with team members (from left) Neal DeAngelo, III, Bobby Hillibush, Randy Kurzinsky and Bob Gorski for taking the Championship flight award during the Chamber's Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament was held at Edgewood by Sand Springs in Drums.

136 golfers took part in the tournament which featured trophies, prizes and awards.

Other winners in the tournament were: First Flight Winners representing Jones Kohanski & Co PC included Terry Jones, Eric Bleiler, Paul Brenner and John Moscon. Second Flight Winners representing BB&T included David McCarthy, Tony Cusatis, Jason Kline and Denise Ressler. Closest to the Pins were won by Jimmie Olson, PSI Container; Brian Costanzo, Lackawanna College; Emil Osif, Pulaski Club and Joe Baran, First National Bank. Closest to the Pin 2nd Shot on the Green was won by Dave McCarthy, BB&T. Women's Longest Drive award was won by Pam Polchin, Comfort Keepers and the Men's Longest Drive award was won by Jason Sallemi, T. Verrastro Beer Distributor. Rocco Colangelo Jr. sponsored the trophies for the winners and special competitions in honor of his father Rocco Colangelo, Sr. A cash prize was given to Jimmie Olson, PSI Container, who putted his way to the

final \$5000 putt attempt. Berger Family Dealerships provided a Hole in One contest and featured a two-year lease on a 2016 Buick Encore, a golf vacation, a Travis Mathew outfit and \$500 shopping spree and a set of Taylor Made Speedblade irons. Unfortunately, nobody got a hole in one.

Corporate sponsors for the tournament include: Hospitality Tent, United American Security by Wister Yuhas; Cocktail Hour, Harry's U Pull It; Cart Sponsor, BB&T; Beverage Cart sponsors, DBi Services, Gottstein Corporation, Karchner Logistics & Warehousing and Unique Paving Materials; Continental Breakfast, Luzerne Bank; Trophy Sponsor, Rocco Colangelo, Jr. in honor of Rocco Colangelo Sr.; \$5000 Putting Contest Sponsor, CTC Manufacturing/CTC Apparel Plus; Dinner Sponsor, ChamberChoice/On Demand Energy; Gift Sponsor, Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton; and Breakfast Beverage Sponsor, Innotech Computer Consulting.



Corporate sponsors pictured in the photo standing l to r: Helms Buchman, Luzerne Bank, Continental Breakfast Sponsor; Steve Peterson, CTC Manufacturing Inc, \$5000 Putting Contest Sponsor; Pat Verrastro, T. Verrastro Beer Distributor, Chamber Golf Chairman; and Dan Guldish, representing Harry's U Pull It, Cocktail Hour Sponsor.

Sitting l to r: Lisa Marie Halecky, Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton, Doorprize Sponsor; Toni Fritz and Dave McCarthy, BB&T Bank, Golf Cart Sponsor; and Tracy Karchner, Karchner Logistics, Beverage Cart Sponsor.

Missing from the photo: United American Security by Wister Yuhas, Hospitality Tent Sponsor; Rocco Colangelo, Jr. in memory of his father Rocco Colangelo, Trophy Sponsor; Gottstein Corporation and DBi Services, Beverage Cart Sponsors; and ChamberChoice/On Demand Energy, Dinner Sponsor.

Businesses who participated in the on-course business exposition included: Barry Isett & Associates, Butler Valley Manor, Edgewood by Sand Springs, Eye Care Specialists, First National Bank, Lackawanna College, Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton, M&T Bank, Phoenix Rehabilitation & Health Services, Sand Springs Country Club, Shenandoah Senior Living/Hometown Nursing & Rehab, Sophy Jewelers, Whole Life Center for Health and Woodforest National Bank.

Sign at tee sponsors include: Altadis USA, Community Bank, N.A., Geisinger, HawkMtn Labs Inc, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Lawn Specialties, MMI Preparatory School, Precision Design, PSI Container, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, Suburban Propane, UGI, Unique Paving Materials and Workforce Resources.

In-Kind sponsors include: Altadis USA., Citterio USA Corp, Giant Food Store, PSI Container and T. Verrastro Beer Distributor.

Thank you to our raffle prize sponsors Edgewood by Sand Springs, T. Verrastro Beer Distributor, Split Rock Resort, Mohegan Sun Arena, Blue Ridge Trail Golf Course, Eagle Rock Resort, Arc Electric, Tim Stasko/Ameriprise Financial, CAN DO and Web.com.

A HUGE thank you to our golf chairman, Pat Verrastro, T. Verrastro Beer Distributor and Leann Fallabel, VP of Marketing at the Chamber, who coordinated the event. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out for the day including Linda Mantush, Julie Ferry and Dan Guldish from the Chamber; Gary Danish, Video by UVP; Terry Malloy, Landmark Community Bank; Ross Valenti, Keystone Job Corps; Steve Peterson, CTC Manufacturing; Bev Bugda, Hazleton Auto Mall; Anna Hershey, Innotech Computer Consulting; Pat Ward and Rich Saullo, United Way of Greater Hazleton; Jennifer McCracken and Jane Krouse, Karchner Logistics & Warehousing; Neal DeAngelo, Jr., and Tiffany Coomer, Tri-Mountain Ventures; Cheryl Heft, OnDemand Energy; Cathy Colangelo, Partners in Education; Al Onus-chak and Terri Pollock.



Berger Family Dealership Hole in One Sponsor. Pictured in the photo from the left is Gary Danish, Chamber Golf Committee Member from Video by UVP; Pat Verrastro, Chamber Golf Chairman from T. Verrastro Beer Distributor; Jim Kennedy, Sales Manager for Berger Family Dealerships; Dan Guldish, Chamber Golf Committee Member and Chamber Membership Director and Earl Berger, Owner of Berger Family Dealerships, Tournament Hole in One Sponsor

# F u n f e s t & A f f i l i a t e s

## Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress

We are happy to announce that the downtown's outdoor mural painting is now underway. Artist Mary Veronica Sweeney, has been selected to paint the mural. Sweeney, a Hazleton native, is a professional artist who currently teaches art at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Work began the week of August 22nd and will likely continue for 3 to 4 weeks, weather depending. Sweeney's mural, titled "Creative Voltage" will recognize aspects of the city's history while conveying optimism for the future.

A "Meet the Artist" reception will be held Friday, September 2nd from 5-7PM at the Pines Eatery & Spirits for anyone interested in meeting Ms. Sweeney and learning more about the project. Enter a raffle to win working sketches of the mural signed by the artist.

The Downtown Hazleton Beer + Brats Walk will take place during First Friday on October 7th from 5 to 7 pm. The event is sponsored by Tap Humboldt Beer & Depot. This self guided walk will begin at City Park on the corner of Broad and Laurel Streets and attendees will enjoy a variety of craft brew samples paired with food tastings from 10 participating downtown merchants and organizations. Cost is \$10 per ticket in advance or \$12 the day of, with limited tickets available. Those who have their map stamped at each location will be entered to win food and drink raffles.

For more information on everything happening with the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress visit [downtownhazleton.org](http://downtownhazleton.org).

## Mountain Council of Governments

The Mountain Council of Governments is holding their **Annual Auction and NEW this year it has been expanded to a Consignment Sale**. This is an excellent way for municipalities and businesses to get rid of excess inventory. The event will take place on Saturday, September 17th at 9 am at City View Park in Hazleton.

**Any local Government or Chamber member business interested in participating** must contact Dan Guldish at the Chamber prior to that day at 570.455.1509. Pictures and descriptions of the items must be provided in advance. Items must be delivered the day before the event. MCOG and the auctioneer receive 20% of the final sale.

Auctionable items include: any type of vehicle: trucks, cars, fire engines, etc, nonvehicle items can include anything but TVs and monitors. For example: lighting, shop tools, lawn mowers, dishes, kitchen appliances, cleaning compounds, desks, furniture, sports uniforms, bicycles, generators, guns and ammo (we need to be informed of these prior to so we can make proper arrangements for the sale), any type of police evidence that has been cleared for sale.

## Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership



Governor Wolf recently announced the award of 30 Million dollars for 14 projects to reclaim abandoned mine lands (AML) in 10 Pennsylvania counties. One of the projects selected by the federal Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation is the "Eckley/Hazleton Rail Trail/Hazle Creek Cleanup". DEP Acting Secretary Patrick McDonnell said the Pilot AML projects targeted "Have an economic development aspect, more funding can be leveraged and more projects completed without additional state dollars." "Making impactful investments in PA infrastructure and communities is critically important to the future economic success of the commonwealth." said DCED Sec. Dennis Davin. The Luzerne county project is multi faceted including improved & restored water quality in Hazle Creek and Black Creek Twp., reclamation of 70 acres of AML facilitating the extension of the

Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails (GHRT) to connect with the Eckley Miners Village tourist site and to eventually connect with the larger Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, and improved opportunities for fishing, hiking and sightseeing. Bob Skulsky, Executive Director of the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership (GHACP) said that at this point much is unknown about how much funding will be coming to the GHACP and the details of what it can be used for in further development of the GHRT but meetings are ongoing with representatives of DEP and DCNR to get the details of the funding.



# Funfest - Saturday & Sunday, September 10th & 11th



## SATURDAY SCHEDULE

### The British Invasion Experience: 5 PM to 7 PM

"In this high energy performance, The British Invasion Experience pays tribute to the Beatles from their introduction on the Ed Sullivan Show throughout their career, ending on the roof top of Abbey Road Studios. Then experience the explosion of well known hits from other British groups such as The Dave Clark Five, The Hollies, The Zombies, The Yard Birds, The Kinks, The Rolling Stones, The Who, and many more, ending

with the psychedelic era of such groups as Cream and Pink Floyd. Inspired by these music icons, the members of The British Invasion Experience are dedicated to engaging their audiences as they flashback to the British groups of the 60's era, and how they have impacted music and our culture as we know it today."



Throughout the two days we will have local dance studios, karate demonstrations and other performers for your listening enjoyment

### FREE ACTIVITIES for ALL - Saturday, September 10th from 12 PM- 3PM

- Kids fun with Community Superheroes in the CAN DO Lobby, Broad & Church hosted by our friends at First Presbyterian Church. Kids of all ages will get to do a craft, meet and try on some superhero costumes!
- Cookie Decorating for All – thanks to Giant Foods we will once again have our cookie decorating contest from 12 to 3 pm on Broad Street between Laurel & Church. A crowd favorite for all ages, you get to both design & eat your superhero cookie!
- Calling all Bingo players! Join us at the Hazleton active Senior Center for few rounds of Bingo in air conditioning. Great prizes and fellowship for all.
- Car Show on Broad Street. Antique, classic, race cars and more will be part of the annual car show. Enjoy the food, games and vendors on Board street while checking out these incredible driving machines.
- Touch a Truck , 12 noon to 4 pm between Pine and Cedar Streets. Ever wonder what it was like to be in a fire truck, sit in the seat of public works bulldozer or check out the back of an ambulance? Well here is your chance! Personnel and the vehicles and tools our city SUPERHEROS use everyday to get the job done will be on display to see up close and personnel.



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 to 11:30 AM on the Premiere Funfest stage on Broad and Wyoming Streets the 2nd Funfest Unity Service, honoring COMMUNITY Superheroes of Police, EMT, Firefighters and other Public Servants. Local faith groups invite all in our area to join together and celebrate our COMMUNITY through prayer, song and our faith.

2:30 pm – the annual Funfest Parade will come down broad street with floats, bands and so much more! Larger than life balloons, a funfest tradition thanks to our friends at Service Electric, are sure to leave parade goers in awe!



Monsters Of Rock: 5 PM to 7 PM  
 "If you long for the days when bands like Journey, AC-DC & Van Halen ruled the planet, then you have to catch a Monsters of Rock show! Those were the days before rock turned to rap and we bring 'em back with a vengeance! Monsters of Rock delivers a high octane performance that you won't soon forget."

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU FUNFEST WEEKEND!**

## Business & Community Award Sponsors Recognized

Thank you to our Business & Community Award Sponsors! Pictured from left to: James Kelshaw, CAN BE, Young Entrepreneur Sponsor; Katie Kemmerer, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Workplace Sponsor; Joan Buff, M&T Bank, Rocco Colangelo Sr Volunteer of the Year Sponsor; Scott Kavlick, Kavlick Enterprises/McDonalds, Pride of Place Sponsor; and Terry Malloy from Landmark Community Bank, Chamber Awards Committee Chairman. Missing from the photo were representative from Comfort Keepers, Small Business of the Year Sponsor; Gottstein Corporation, Large Business of the Year Sponsor; George J. Hayden Electric Communications, Green Business of the Year Sponsor and Luzerne County Community College, Luncheon Program Sponsor.



See the upcoming events section of this newsletter for details on the luncheon program.

## Downtown Hazleton Car Cruise-In Was a Success

The Downtown Hazleton Classic Car Cruise-In took place in Downtown Hazleton on Friday, August 5th. The event was sponsored by Hazleton Auto Trade Association. Dash Plaques, provided by Lehigh Tire Company, and bags filled with goodies donated by various downtown businesses were given to the first 100 vehicles.



Jimmy's Quick Lunch sponsored live entertainment by The Legends. In addition, DJ Tony Pacelli and DJ Jim Dino also played music throughout the evening.

Media sponsors included the Standard Speaker, El Mensajero International, GEM 104, Panorama Community Magazine, Poder Latino, SSPTV, Telekaribe and WYLN are also media sponsors.

Pictured from left: Jim Grohol, cruise chairman; Earl Berger, Berger Family Dealerships; Charlie Ecker, Barber Ford; Dan Kisacky, Fairway Motors; Mark Charnigo, Lehigh Tire; Pete Gregor, car owner; Ron Feussner, Feussner Ford; Tony Servedio, Hazleton Automall; Bob Tunnessen, Tunnessen's Auto Parts; Chris Stash, Independence Toyota; Bill Spear, downtown committee chairman. Missing from photo: Joseph Kress, Harry's U-Pull It

## Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market Wraps Up for the 2016 Season

The Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market will be wrapping up for the 2016 season with our last market on Friday, September 2nd.



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our farmers and vendors. We hope to expand the market each and every year and cannot do so without your support.

Thank you to all our vendors for 2016 who included Burgers Farm, O'Haras Orchard, The Good Hive, CDLS Growing Markets, Atomic Hogs Pit BBQ, Lavender Express, Master Gardners, Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton, CEO and all of the other entertainment and special guests who joined us during the season! We will see you all again in 2017 on Broad & Laurel Streets in Downtown Hazleton!



## 9th Annual Tastes of Greater Hazleton

There is still time to be part of our SELL-OUT Tastes of Greater Hazleton event! Calling all restaurants and/or businesses interested in showcasing your signature dishes at our event taking place on Sunday, October 16th from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton.

It is FREE to participate for Chamber members and all the paper products are provided! Serve samples, offer coupons, distribute your menus... MARKET YOUR BUSINESS to HUNDREDS of potential customers!

**Contact Leann to participate, limited space is remaining!**



## Annual New Member Gathering



The newest members of our Chamber came together for our Annual New Member Gathering. The event was sponsored by the Residence Inn and Jones Kohanski, Co. The event provided an opportunity for new members within the last year to network with one another, introduce themselves and their business and services to the group, learn more about how the Chamber can better serve their businesses and meet the Chamber Board of Directors, Ambassadors and Staff!

## RailRiders Hazleton Night



Pictured is Frankie Fallabel, son of Leann Fallabel, VP of Marketing for the Chamber. Frankie threw one of the first pitches on behalf of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce at the Railriders Hazleton Night held in August.

The Chamber had an informational table at the event along with other Chamber members businesses who participated including Whitewater Challengers, Hazleton POWER! and Skuba Entertainment. In addition, The Girls on SSPTV taped their season premiere show, check it out on Channel 13.

## Women's Luncheon



The July women's luncheon program was sponsored by Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center and held at 3 Bobby D's Restaurant in Hazleton. Maria Jacketti from Mountain Laurel Copywriting & Content Creation presented "We Are What We Write -- How Professional Writing Can Catalyze Your Business". The next women's luncheon will be held September 27th, see the upcoming events section of this newsletter for more details.

Pictured in the photo are Chamber Women's Networking Committee Members (from left): Donna Barna, Billig-Helmes Insurance; De Ann Miller, Hawk Mtn Labs; Maria Jacketti, Mount Laurel Copywriting and event speaker; Anne Frey and Nina Bonus, DBi Services and Lisa Marie Halecky, Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton. Sitting from left from Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center, event sponsor is Amanda Mehalick, Amy Cheesman and Ting Oh, Owner.

## Edgewood by Sand Springs



A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to honor the completed renovations of the Edgewood by Sand Springs Bliss Ballroom.

Pictured participating in the ceremony front row from the left: Charles Altmiller, Butler Township Supervisor; John Shema, General Manager of Edgewood by Sand Springs General Manager; Charles Tuskes and Michael Tuskes, Owners and Dan Guydish, Chamber Membership Director. Back row from the left is Donna Barna, Chamber Chair; Lindsay Graziano, Assistant General Manager of Edgewood by Sand Springs; Samantha Perkowski, Wedding & Events Coordinator for Edgewood by Sand Springs; Melia Molinaro, representing State Representative Tarah Toohil and Vincent Kundrick, representing US Congressman Lou Barletta.

## Coordinated Health



Coordinated Health officially broke ground in Humboldt Station, Hazle Township on a 42,000 square-foot state-of-the-art medical campus and ambulatory surgical center in Humboldt Station at the intersection of Route 924 and Interstate 81. Humboldt Station is located in Hazle Township, adjacent to Humboldt Industrial Park.

Pictured celebrating the ground breaking ceremony from left was John Maddon, CAN DO Chairman; State Representative Gerald Mullery; Kevin O'Donnell, CAN DO President; Jim Toskanos, Coordinated Health President; Jessica Huber, Coordinated Health Regional Director; Emil Dilorio, MD Coordinated Health CEO and his wife Amanda Dilorio; Cassandra Coleman; NEPA Governors Action Team; State Senator John Yudichak; Mary Malone, Chamber President; Jim Montone, Hazle Township Board Supervisors Chairman; State Representative Tarah Toohil; Donna Barna, Chamber Chair; ? representing US Congressman Lou Barletta; Brian Poveromo, President of the Humboldt Park Association; Joe Lettiere, CAN DO Vice President; West Hazleton Mayor Frank Schmidt and Allison Keegan representing City of Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat.

## Valley View Townhomes



A ribbon cutting ceremony took place at Valley View Townhomes, which are located on Alliance Drive, off of the Airport Beltway. An office of Lewith and Freeman Real Estate opened in a townhome and it marked the beginning of Phase 3 of 5, with the total project being 55 units.

A Chamber Networking Mixer will be taking place on Thursday, October 20th. See the upcoming events section of this newsletter for more details.

## G Plus Deli



A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to recognize a new business in Butler Township, G Plus Deli! This brand new, family owned and operated deli located in Rittenhouse Plaza in Drums is now open from 9 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday and 12 noon to 6 on Sunday. The deli and café also serves soft serve ice cream and Richi's Italian Ice.

Pictured from left to right is Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat; Dan Guydish, Chamber Membership Director; Maryanne Petrilla, Butler Township Manager; Donna Barna, Chamber Board Chair; Jennielle Eger and Michael Lagana, owners family members; Kathy Lagana, Owner, holding Charlie Eger, family member; Tessa Eger, owners family member; Gary Lagana, Owner G-Plus Deli; Marisa Lagana and Gary Lagana, Jr and Ethan Lagana, owners family members; Dr. Frank Polidora and Charlie Altmiller, Butler Township Supervisors and Melia Molinaro, representing State Representative Tarah Toohil.

## Trident Management Group Inc



A ribbon cutting ceremony took place for Trident Management Group Inc. They are located in the Markle Building in Downtown Hazleton.

1st row L to R: Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat; Donna Barna, Chamber Chairwoman; Amanda

Cooke, Stephen Bolden, Mike Rivera and Jose Padilla, Trident Management Group; West Hazleton Mayor Frank Schmidt; Melia Molinaro, representing PA State Representative Tarah Toohil.

Back row: Qasim Ellis, Osbert Wheeler, Mike Figmic and Thor Murray, Trident Management Group and Vincent Kundrik, representing US Congressman Lou Barletta.