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Happy New Year! I am certain most everyone is familiar with the Frosty the Snowman Christmas cartoon...when the children put Frosty's hat on his head, he yells out..."Happy New Year!" Weed and Seed feels like this is a "frosty" moment...the MOSAIC is back in action so we begin with HAPPY NEW YEAR! As the Site Coordinator for the Easton Weed and Seed program, I am excited that we are again able to distribute the MOSAIC to all the families of students attending Paxinosa, thanks to the collaborative relationship that the program has with the school and with support by Mr. Hightower and staff. The MOSAIC is being funded by a grant through the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership and we thank them for their support.

If you are not familiar with Weed and Seed it is a community revitalization initiative that focuses on improving quality of life in the West Ward neighborhood (previously funded by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency). The program is now funded by the City of Easton. Programs are available to any Easton resident and their family though we heavily focus on the West Ward neighborhood (Paxinosa families). We work with the Easton Police Department and Blockwatch to facilitate dialogue and communication that will help keep the city clean and safe. A new Weed and Seed program partners with the Cops 'N Kids Reading Room located on the lower level of Easton Community Ctr. The Family Reading Program is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Weed and Seed provides a free continental breakfast and time for families to get free books (look inside this edition for more information).

Weed and Seed is planning exciting events this spring and summer and will be keeping everyone up to date with the latest news and information each month in the MOSAIC.

If you have any questions about Weed and Seed or about anything that you read inside these editions of the MOSAIC, please feel free to call the Weed and Seed office Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00pm at 610-438-2680. If we don't always answer please leave us a message and we will call you back.

It is great to be back in touch,

Sincerely,  
Laura Accetta, Weed and Seed Site Coordinator

Weed & Seed Office 1201 Ferry Street, 1st Floor ~ Call us at 610-438-2680 ~ Email us at [weedandseed@easton-pa.gov](mailto:weedandseed@easton-pa.gov)  
Feel free to contact us for additional information regarding our programs/committees, if you have comments or questions about the West Ward or would like to share an idea. View the West Ward Mosaic, as well as other important information pertaining to the community, online at [www.easton-pa.gov](http://www.easton-pa.gov) click on Weed & Seed. You can also become a FAN on FACEBOOK at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/weed-and-seed/119142324763079!!>



## THE EASTON ECCENTRIC

All about everything in Easton, all the time!

[Eastoneccentric.blogspot.com](http://Eastoneccentric.blogspot.com)

Got news? Visit the site and click "email us".

Family YMCA of Easton, Phillipsburg & Vicinity  
1225 W. Lafayette Street, Easton 610-258-6158



Join us for FLICK 'N FLOAT  
Float in the pool and watch a movie!



How to Train Your Dragon

WHEN: Friday March 1st

TIME: 6:30pm

Members: Free

Non-Members: \$3/person or \$8/family



## Of the Lehigh Valley

*Pregnancy Resource Center*  
Free Pregnancy Tests - Options Information  
Parenting and Life Skills Classes  
Serving men, women, & youth

All services are free and confidential.

1101 Northampton St., Ste. 202, Easton 610-821-4000

[WWW.PREGNANCYINFOLV.ORG](http://WWW.PREGNANCYINFOLV.ORG)

24-Hour pregnancy support 1-877-791-5475

## GARDENING CLASSES



WHEN: Tuesday nights, March 5 through March 26, 2013

WHERE: Salvation Army, 1102 Northampton Street

Free classes will be held from 6-8pm  
Dinner 6-6:30pm, Class 6:30-7:30pm, Q&A 7:30-8pm



Contact the Sophia Feller at West Ward Neighborhood Partnership  
610-515-0891 or [sfeller@caclv.org](mailto:sfeller@caclv.org) for more detailed information.

Let's think Spring!!!!

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 \* *Think Spring!* \*  
 \* Crime Victims Council \*  
 \* **PLANT SALE** \*  
 \* Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, and more \*  
 \* to brighten up your home or office! \*  
 \* **Order by Thurs. March 4th!** \*  
 \* CALL 610-437-6610 or \*  
 \* VISIT [www.cvclv.org](http://www.cvclv.org) \*  
 \* *All proceeds benefit local victims of crime.* \*  
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*ProJeCt of Easton offers convenient classes for all learning levels.*

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Free pre-school for children of enrolled adults

To enroll, call ProJeCt's Fowler Literacy Center: 610-258-1100, ext. 13



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320 Ferry Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
610-258-4361 •  
[www.projecteaston.org](http://www.projecteaston.org)

## PARENTS WHO CARE (PWC)



Parents Who Care is a 4-week parent workshop scheduled for Monday evenings at the Easton Area Community Center, starting April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm.

The PWC Program is based on the Active Parenting Now interactive video series, designed to help parents raise responsible and cooperative children. If you're interested in learning: what your "parenting style" is, how to avoid power struggles, improve communication with your children then PWC is the program for you!

Parents must PRE-REGISTER for this FREE program by calling Family Connection/ Lisa Bedoya at 610-250-2551 Ext. 24323.

\*PARENTS WILL RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CARD AFTER ATTENDING ALL 4 SESSIONS!

## NURTURE NATURE

518 Northampton Street, Easton 610-253-4432



Join us for a FREE family-friendly film screening

"The Legend of Sasquatch"  
Thursday March 7th!

Doors open for pizza at 5:30pm  
Movie starts at 6:00pm  
(suggested donation of \$3.00)



**CALLING ALL KIDS!!**

Visit the Reading Room for programs AND **FREE** books. Have fun through inspired stories and activities.

**Open every Thursday**

**11:00 a.m. -7 p.m.**

**First Saturdays & Third Saturdays**

**10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

## **Children's Literacy Program**

# **READING ROOM**



**EASTON AREA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**901 Washington Street**  
**Easton, PA 18042**

For additional information, contact us at 610-250-6562 or [copsnkidseaston@gmail.com](mailto:copsnkidseaston@gmail.com)



**DANCE-SING-  
ACT!**  
**Summer Camp**  
**M-F**  
**9am-3pm**  
**Ages 5-15**  
Students will write and  
star in their own per-  
formance.  
\$50 (family dis-  
counts available)



# School of Creative Arts

Announces

**Children's Dance Classes**

**Location: Teen Center** (Equipped w/Dance Floor & Mirrors)

**1101 Northampton St. Easton**

**Preschool Dance (3 1/2- 5 yrs.) –Mondays, 1:30-2:30pm**

Ballet, Tap, Tumbling. (\$35 per month plus a one- time \$15 registration fee which includes a Boys & Girls Club membership.)

**9-11 yrs.- Mondays, 4:00-5:00pm**Ballet, Tap

(\$35 per month plus a one- time \$15 registration fee which includes a Boys & Girls Club membership.)

**6-8 yrs. - Mondays, 5:00-6:00pm.** Ballet, Tap, Tumbling

(\$35 per month plus a one- time \$15 registration fee which includes a Boys & Girls Club membership.)

**12yrs. & up- Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm**

Hip Hop

(\$35 per month plus a one- time \$15 registration fee which includes a Boys & Girls Club membership.)

## School of Creative Arts

### New 2013-2014 Student Enrollment In Progress Now For Preschool & Kindergarten

Building academic skills through a Christ-centered arts-  
integrated curriculum

(Registered with the PA Dept. of Education as a private, non-licensed school)

#### Small Teacher to Student Ratio

(Classes held at 120 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St., corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & Spruce Sts.)



**The mission of School of Creative Arts is to educate, train, and release a new generation through a Christ-centered, arts- integrated curriculum which assists young people in the exploration, discovery, and fulfillment of their God-given purpose at home, in their city, and to the nations.**

**For more information or to enroll please call:  
Donna Ruggiero 610-217-8396**



## Children of Incarcerated Parents Group

**A group for children covering issues important to kids with an incarcerated family member.**



**Tuesdays at 5 PM at the KidsPeace Family Center.**

- Sessions to include
- Week 1: What am I feeling?
  - Week 2: Definitions: Incarceration related Terms
  - Week 3: My Family
  - Week 4: Grief and Loss
  - Week 5: Personal and Family Trauma
  - Week 6 Feelings and Thoughts
  - Week 7: Personal strengths and Growth
  - Week 8: Homecoming and Reentry

1650 Broadway  
Bethlehem PA 18015  
610-799-8600



The Center for Animal Health & Welfare has received funding from PetSmart Charities® to offer low-cost spay/neuter for pets (dogs and cats only) of residents in the West Ward District and South Side, Easton. We are partnering with Easton Animal Hospital, No Nonsense Neutering and the City of Easton on this grant initiative.

More information will be available by calling the CAHW at 610-252-7722 ext 8 or Weed and Seed at 610-438-2680.

**Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>** you may purchase a **\$10.00 voucher** to have your dog or cat spayed/neutered. Vouchers can be purchased at Easton Area Community Center located at 901 Washington Street Monday – Friday 10 am until 6 pm and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month 9 am until 12 pm.



**You MUST bring \$10.00 CASH ONLY to receive your voucher.**  
**Vouchers are valid through December 2014.**



### Early Childhood Development Center (Keystone STARS 4 Accreditation)

1350 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040, 610-250-7193

A quality program that offers a wide range of child care options to fit each families particular needs.

(Ages 6 weeks - Full Day DOE Kindergarten) Registration for 2013/2014 School Year opens March 1, 2013.

### Pre K Counts (Keystone STARS 4 Accreditation)

283 W. St. Joseph Street, Easton, PA 18042 610-438-6210

(Ages 3 & 4 Years) A quality preschool program that is funded by the State of PA to provide FREE preschool education to those families who qualify within the income guidelines. Registration opens for 2013/2014 School Year March 1, 2013.

### School Age Program (Keystone STARS 2 Accreditation)

1225 W. Lafayette Street, Easton, PA 18042 610-258-6158 x26

(Ages Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) A quality after-school program at the Main Y Facility offering a safe, positive, structured learning environment during out of school hours. Registration opens for 2013/2014 School Year March 1, 2013.

### 2013 Claire E Churchman-Kiwanis Family YMCA Day Camp Programs

Camp Kiwanis Youth Camp (Completed KDG – 12 Years)

Specialty Camps (Ages 6-12) Jr. LIT/LIT/CIT – (Ages 11-17) Busy Beaver Day Camp – (Ages 3-6)

For complete details about Day Camp Programs and locations visit our website at [www.familyymca.org](http://www.familyymca.org) or 610-258-6158 x26. Our camps are safe, fun & affordable. DPW regulated, Exceptional Counselors, Structured Days, Daily Recreational Swim, Weekly Field Trips or Educational Presenters, Weekly Specialty Camps, Keystone STARS 2 Accreditation. 2013 Summer Camp Registration Opens March 1, 2013.



## Head Start/Early Head Start

*"A leader in quality early education, birth to 5,  
ensuring every child is ready for school."*



## Now Accepting Applications! *Aceptando Aplicaciones Ahora!*

### What does Head Start/Early Head Start Offer? / Que Head Start/Early Head Start Ofrece?

- High quality preschool education and early childhood development, serving prenatal to age 5. / *Alta calidad de educación pre-escolar y desarrollo escolar temprano, sirviendo prenatal hasta la edad 5.*
- Scientifically based curriculum to help your child grow and develop. /



### Information Needed To Apply / Información Necesaria Para Aplicar:

Proof of Birth • Proof of Income • Proof of Lehigh Valley Residency • Health Records

*Prueba de nacimiento • Prueba de ingreso*

*Prueba de residencia en Lehigh Valley de Lehigh • Registros de Salud*

## Apply Today! *Aplica Hoy!* 610-437-6000 Ext. 2354

**“Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food”**

Those words were spoken by Hippocrates over 2000 years ago in ancient Greece, but are still as relevant today as they were back then.

Kellyn Foundation is excited to be included in the current version of Mosaic and will bring you a healthy lifestyles column and a kid-friendly recipe each month. Somehow in the last sixty years, food has become a commodity that is bought and sold with a focus on making money, rather than a focus on healthiness. Advertising and marketing dollars spent to convince us to buy unhealthy products overwhelm us.

It is time to listen to Hippocrates! It is time to listen to our bodies! It is time to ignore the advertisers.

Fried foods make you feel sluggish as your body attempts to digest the fat. Sugary foods pump you up temporarily then make you feel tired as your body crashes.

**Eat Real Foods!**

Fresh vegetables and fruits are available to you at local stores and your wonderful Easton Farmer's Market, which is now open year round. Don't just drink your fruits and vegetables, eat them the way they were meant to be eaten.

Whole grain breads, cereals and rice are healthier than foods made from processed flours.

Take control of your health by eating well. You will be amazed how your body feels after just a few months of eating a healthier diet.

Try the recipe in this newsletter. Have your children help you make it. The more kids are involved in growing and cooking real foods, the more they will eat them.

Be healthy,

Dr. Meagan and Sensei Eric  
Kellyn Foundation



**Veggie Burritos with Pico de Gallo**

Ingredients: Burritos

- 1 medium onion – red or white, chopped
- 1 sweet Bell Pepper – any color, chopped
- 2 cups Kale – chopped
- ½ cup corn – fresh or frozen
- ½ cup black beans
- 1 cup brown rice, cooked
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Shredded cheddar cheese – optional
- Non-fat, plain Greek yogurt - optional
- 4 whole wheat tortillas

Directions: Burritos - Makes 4 servings

Heat olive oil in large skillet. Sauté onion, pepper and kale until soft. Add corn and black beans to the skillet, cook until warm. Mix contents of skillet with cooked brown rice. Place mixture on whole wheat tortillas. Top with pico de gallo. Add shredded cheese and yogurt if desired. Wrap tortilla and enjoy!

Ingredients: Pico de Gallo

- 3 large tomatoes, chopped
- 2 large white onions, chopped
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 2 hot peppers, chopped
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- Salt

Directions: Pico de Gallo

Combine chopped tomatoes, onions, cilantro and hot peppers in a bowl (you may wish to chop ingredients with a food processor for smoother texture). Mix in lemon juice and salt (start with ¼ teaspoon of salt and increase if desired for taste). Let mixture sit in refrigerator for 4 or more hours and then serve.

Costs: (serves four)

- Farmers Market Cost – less than \$13
- Grocery Stores items – less than \$10 dollars
- Use your Easton Farmers Market Voucher and save \$10!

**FREE TAX PREPARATION**

for households with Income less than \$50,000 Call 610-691-5620 or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FAFAE2AA64-client>

You may qualify for up to \$5,751 with the Earned Income Tax Credit\*\*

\*\*If you earned less than \$50,000 a year, you may qualify for up to \$5,751 based on family size and income.

Sites are open Jan. 28th to April 15th

**Easton Area Public Library**

515 Church Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
Tuesdays 2pm-7pm  
Saturdays 9:30am-2:30pm

**Easton Area Community Center**

(St. Anthony's)  
901 Washington Street  
Easton, PA 18042  
Fridays & Saturdays 9am-12pm  
Weather permitting through April 13, 2013



Items you will need to bring with you:

\*Social Security Cards , \*Proof of identification , \*Accurate birth dates, Forms W2, W2G, 1099R, Forms 1099INT and 1099DIV, last year's tax returns, Bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposits, day care provider's info, College tuition, Form 1098T, Real Estate Taxes, Work-related expenses, New car, First Time Home Buyer, Energy Credits. \*Applies to everyone

A Service Provided by: Community Action Financial Services, a Program of Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service.

## LOCAL FOOD BANKS



**Salvation Army**, 1110 Northampton Street 610-258-9531  
**St. Vincent de Paul**, 841 Washington Street, 1st & 3rd T  
from 6-7:30 pm

**St. Pauls Lutheran**, 610 West Berwick Street, TH 6-7:30 pm. 610-258-2612

**ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.**, 330 Ferry Street, M & TH 10-12:30 pm & TH 1-3:30 pm. 610-258-4361

**Holy Temple of Easton**, 824 Ferry Street, TH 7-8 pm. 610-250-9886  
*For a more complete list you can also go to [www.shfbv.org](http://www.shfbv.org) or contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680.*



### Boys & Girls Club of Easton & The Easton Teen Center

Celebrating **NATIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK**  
**April 7 to April 13, 2013 – Join Us!**

Boys & Girls Club of Easton & The Easton Teen Center are offering a trial one week's FREE membership for all teens to get involved in the leadership, sports and academic programs offered at the Club. The trial membership will be held during National Boys & Girls Club Week, April 7<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>. **TRANSPORTATION** for **AFTER-SCHOOL Programs** at the Boys & Girls Club of Easton and The Easton Teen Center is available now at a minimum cost – please call the Club or email for more info.

2 locations at: Easton Teen Center, 1101 Northampton St & 210 Jones Houston Way. For more information call The Club at 610 253 1102, or email [stars@fast.net](mailto:stars@fast.net), & check out the Club's web site at [www.eastonpabgc.org](http://www.eastonpabgc.org),

**GREAT FUTURES START [HERE!](#)**

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

**EMERGENCY: 911 Weed & Seed: 610-438-2680**

- \*American Disability Act (ADA): 1-800-514-0301
- Childline-Suspected child abuse: 1-800-932-0313
- \*Code Violations & Vacant Property: 610-250-6723
- \*Crime Victim's Council: 610-437-6611
- \*EASD Anonymous Safety Hotline: 610-250-2400 X35411 for the purpose of reporting any safety concerns which may jeopardize the safety of staff or students.
- \*Easton School District: 610-250-2400
- \*Fire Non-Emergency: 610-250-6676
- \*Homeless Supportive Services: 610-433-6421
- \*Illegal Dumping: 610-330-2200
- \*Mayor's Clean & Safe Hotline: 610-250-6737
- \*National Alliance on Mental Illness: 610-882-2102
- \*Northampton County Assistance: 610-250-1700
- \*Northampton County Emergency Svcs: 610-252-9060 24-Hour Hotline
- \*Police Non-Emergency: 610-759-2200
- \*Protection from Abuse: 610-559-3061
- \*Public Works: 610-250-6680
- \*Social Security: 1-800-772-1213
- \*Turning Point-Domestic Violence: 610-437-3369 24-Hour Hotline
- \*Valley Wide Help: 610-252-4367
- \*Voter Registration: 610-559-3199

#### Easton Weed & Seed

Meeting/Program Schedule & Contact Information  
*Meetings Open to the Public*

**RESIDENT PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!**

#### Northampton County Re-Entry Coalition

Contact: Laura Savenelli/Re-entry Coordinator  
Location: Weed & Seed Office, 1201 Ferry Street, 1st Floor  
Office Hours: MTW 10AM - 3PM  
610-438-2680  
[lsavenelli@familyanswers.org](mailto:lsavenelli@familyanswers.org)

#### Northampton County Re-Entry Coalition Meeting Dates

March 13, 2013  
April 10, 2013  
May 8, 2013  
June 19, 2013  
July 17, 2013  
August 14, 2013  
September 11, 2013  
All meetings are held at 1:30PM at the Easton Area Community Center, 901 Washington St.



#### Easton Blockwatch

Contact the Weed & Seed Office at 610-438-2680 for meeting information.  
Location: Weed & Seed Office, 1201 Ferry Street, 1st Floor  
Contact: Lt. J. Remaley at 610-250-6752 or [jremaley@easton-pa.gov](mailto:jremaley@easton-pa.gov)  
OR  
Block Watch President/Scott Reiman [eastonblockwatch@yahoo.com](mailto:eastonblockwatch@yahoo.com)

#### Community Builders (CB)

Community Builders exists to be a "blessing" to the city of Easton (West Ward, Downtown, Southside). As people of faith we believe that as we have been blessed, we are called to be a "blessing" bringing about revitalization and reconciliation. CB seeks to do that through planned "service days" within our community and amongst our neighbors. We would love to have you join us! ALL skill levels and ages welcome & needed!  
Contact: Mike Hollenbach 215-264-7532. If you are in need of a service or would like to volunteer with CB please contact Laura Accetta at 610-438-2680 or [laccetta@easton-pa.gov](mailto:laccetta@easton-pa.gov) for more information.

For additional information contact  
Laura Accetta, Site Coordinator at (610) 438-2680 or  
[laccetta@easton-pa.gov](mailto:laccetta@easton-pa.gov)

#### Legislator Contact Info:

Representative Robert Freeman:  
<http://www.pahouse.com/freeman/contact.asp>  
215 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042, (610) 253-5543  
Fax: (610) 250-2645 or 207 Irvis Office Building, PO Box 202136, Harrisburg, PA 17120-2136 (717) 783-3815, Fax: (717) 783-2152  
Senator Bob Mensch:  
[bmensch@pasen.gov](mailto:bmensch@pasen.gov), <http://senatormensch.com/newsletter.htm>  
1701 Washington Blvd, Easton, PA 18042 (610) 250-5624, FAX: (610) 250-5628 or Senate Box 203024, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3024, (717) 787-3110, FAX: (717) 787-8004  
Governor Corbett's Office: 225 Main Capitol Bldg, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-2500, Fax: (717) 772-8284



PAXINOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is always collecting Box Tops for Education! The funds from this program are used to purchase school supplies, playground equipment, etc. Don't have a child in Paxinosa?? Call the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680, to make arrangements to drop off your Box Tops and we'll get them to the school for you!!