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Mission Statement ~ Foster a safe, flourishing neighborhood full of economic opportunities and community pride where diverse people are connected, supported and visible.



HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

SIGN-UP EVENT

**If you have not applied for your
Health Insurance
Through the Marketplace**

WE CAN HELP!!

**We will have two Counselors to help you with your
questions and help with navigating the
healthcare system.**

**DATE: MARCH 1, 2014
TIME: 10:00AM—NOON
PLACE: EASTON AREA COMMUNITY CENTER
901 WASHINGTON ST.
EASTON, PA 18042
610.253.8271**



Weed & Seed Office 1201 Ferry Street, 1st Floor ~ Call us at 610-438-2680 ~ Email us at 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 click on Weed & Seed. You can also become a FAN on FACEBOOK at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/weed-and-seed/119142324763079>!!

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Head Start/Early Head Start



FREE! High quality preschool education and early childhood development, serving prenatal to age 5.

GRATIS! Alta calidad de educación pre-escolar y desarrollo escolar temprano, sirviendo prenatal hasta la edad 5.

Information Needed To Apply

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

99Información Necesaria Para Aplicar

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

Bridge Community Church (BCC) VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What: PORCH RENOVATION/RESTORATION

Who: 16-24 volunteers each Saturday... little to no skill or tools are required... all are welcome! 2-3 professional painters or knowledgeable workers on site to give clear directions, advice and help.

When: 8:30am- 3:30pm April 5, 12, 19 (*note: this is Easter weekend), 26.

Where: TBD

If you have questions or would like more details... please email Mike Hollenbach at mhollenbach.bridge@gmail.com or call 215-264-7532!

Children's Literacy Program **READING ROOM**

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.



EVERY THIRD SATURDAY FREE FAMILY BREAKFAST

EASTON AREA COMMUNITY CENTER, 901 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042
For additional information, contact us at 610-250-6562 copsnkidseaston@gmail.com

PARENTS WHO CARE (PWC)

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 Who Care is a 4-week parent workshop scheduled at the following locations:

* **Easton Area Community Center** on Monday evenings April 7, 14, 28, May 5 from 5-7pm. School age children will participate in the center's after school programming. **Deadline to register is March 31st.**

***Cheston Elementary School**, Tuesday evenings March 18, 25, April 1, 8 from 3:30-5:30pm. No child care provided. **Deadline to register is March 11th.**

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!***

EACC Youth Entrepreneur Program (YEP)



T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!

shirt: LIGHT GREY lettering: RED
Cost is \$10: S, M, L, XL.
Cost is \$12: XXL

Purchasing a T-shirt will help the Easton Area Community Center support the YEP program where students are learning valuable and transferable life skills and core competencies including: effective communication, leadership, public speaking, decision making, idea development, project and financial management, market research, marketing & advertising and most importantly community building and impact. If you would like a T-shirt, they can be purchased at: EACC, 901 Washington St., Easton.

Cash only please.

Monday through Friday 11:00 - 6:00 and
the First and Third Saturday 10:00-12 noon

If you would like further information please call EACC at 610 253-8271 The Easton Area Community Center Youth Entrepreneurs appreciate your support.

Together we are **Educating and Creating Community**



What's Happening at the Easton Area Community Center?

Lehigh Valley Breastfeeding Moms Group meets at EACC on the second and 4th Tuesday of each month, weather permitting, from 10:30am -11:30am, in the Cops n Kids Reading Room. Please contact Liz Chang at 08chang@gmail.com or call 610-997-7918 for more information!

AARP will be at EACC offering free tax prep aid every Friday and Saturday, from 9am-12pm, weather permitting, until April 12th. This service is intended for seniors and low income individuals. No appointments will be taken. Walk-ins only. All tax returns will be done electronically this year. Please bring last year's tax return with you. If you have a tax question for AARP, please call 1-888-227-7669. Or visit www.aarp.org

EACC is still selling Spay/Neuter vouchers to Easton residents whose zip code is 18042. The grant does not include Williams Township. The cost of a voucher is \$10, cash.

The Cops 'n' Kid's Reading Room, located at EACC, is open to the public each Thursday from 11am-7pm. The Reading room is also open on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12pm for themed programs! Children must be accompanied by an adult, so plan to make it a family visit!

Easton Area Community Center, 901 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042
Call 610-253-8271, or email saints1@ptd.net "Like" us on Facebook! Website: www.eastonareacc.org

Dance Plus, Inc.



42 South 3rd St. 2nd Floor Easton, Pa
(484)619-0532

Get 3 weeks of boot camp at just \$100!!!

Call or email danceplusinc@yahoo.com for more info.

Now taking registrations for the New Year!!!

18 months-Senior Citizen

Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Gymnastics, Toddler, Dance Fitness, Yoga, and more!!

www.danceplusinc.com or follow us on Facebook!



School of Creative Arts

Location: 120 S. 12th St. Easton (Rose of Sharon Church building, corner of 12th & Spruce Sts.)

Student Enrollment Openings For Preschool & Kindergarten

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

(Registered with the PA Dept. of Education as a private, non-licensed K-12th grades school)

Small Teacher to Student Ratio (Classes held at 120 S. 12th St., corner of 12th & Spruce Sts.)

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



Children of Incarcerated Parents Group

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

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

Tuesdays at 5 PM at the KidsPeace Family Ctr.



Walk-in appointments M—F 9am-6pm

**1650 Broadway,
 Bethlehem, PA 18015
 610-799-8600**



West Ward Academy Training Services

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAINING

First Aid & CPR/AED
 Medic Mom/Medic Dad (Infant & Toddler Emergency Medical Care)
 Babysitter Training Program
 Healthcare Provider/Basic Life Support
 (American Heart Association certifications available)

PROTECTION SERVICES TRAINING

Principles of Personal Protection Training
 Third-Party Protection (the science of protecting others)
 Church Ministry
 Security Awareness Training
 Optional Specialized Courses

For more info: wwatrainingservices@gmail.com or 610-217-8396
 WWATS is a fundraising effort of West Ward Academy
www.thewestwardacademy.com

The NEW 10th Street Laundromat

Free Wi-Fi

939 Ferry Street, Easton PA 18042

Coin-Op

(Located on the corner of 10th St. & Ferry St.)

Carpeted lounge with comfortable seating, Snacks, Hot & Cold drinks, and unmetered free on street parking.



Wash & Fold Service NOW Available!



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Let Our Staff Wash/Dry and Fold Your Laundry!

Drop Off Service Only .70 per lb.

Pickup & Delivery Service is \$1.00 per lb. (Easton)

Pickup & Delivery Service is \$1.25 per lb. (Phillipsburg)

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(484)-903-9735 or (610)-258-3495

Open 7 Days a Week 7AM-9PM

Last Wash at 8PM





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Senator Lisa Boscola



*Frank Pintabone
President EASD*

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Best Western, Rts. 512 & 22, Bethlehem, PA

Mix and Mingle at 3:00 PM

Dinner Served at 4:00 PM

Tickets \$60.00 Per Person

Corporate Table (seats 10) \$1,000.00

For more information call EACC 610-253-8271

Fax: 610-253-5897 or Email: eacc@ptd.net

Tickets can be purchased at EACC – Mon. thru Fri. – 12 Noon to 7pm

Proceeds benefit Easton Area Community Center

a section 501(c) 3 charitable organization

www.eastonareacc.org

Corporate tables are available at a cost of \$1,000.00 per table. Each table will seat 10 individuals. Each corporate sponsor will have the opportunity to display a banner in the banquet hall and will also be recognized in the program book.

A reception will be held prior to the event, in which photo opportunities and autographs with the honorees will take place.

All Proceeds will benefit Easton Area Community Center.

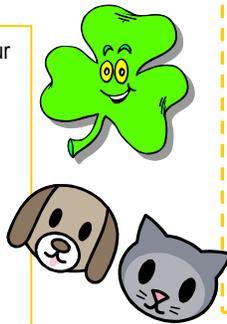


SERVICE AREA EXPANDED to ALL of 18042 (except Williams Township)!!

The Center
for Animal Health & Welfare
Finding Forever Homes for Homeless Animals

(Formerly Northampton County SPCA)
1165 Island Park Rd. Easton, PA 18042
Tel: 610-252-7722 ext. 8

We are doing a TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) program in your neighborhood. As part of a grant received from Pet Smart Charities and in cooperation with the city of Easton we are trapping 200 feral or street cats. Once fixed and returned to their neighborhood the population of stray cats will stabilize and there will be less fighting and spraying by the males. **Help us to Help You** by contacting the number below if you know of any caregivers who are feeding colonies of street cats. **CALL: 610- 252-7722**



Residents of the **EASTON AREA** can 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 St.,
M-F 11am-6pm

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

Call 610-438-2680 with questions.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It is a non-profit organization serving people with a mental illness, their family members, friends and professionals. NAMI's mission is to improve the services and the quality of life for people with mental illness.

For more information about FREE educational programs and other local support groups contact NAMI at 610-882-2102 OR email: info@namipalehighvalley.org OR www.nami-lv.org

NEED DENTAL CARE???

The Northampton Dental Initiative (NDI) provides free restorative and preventative care to people who have no dental insurance and meet the NDI financial qualifications. To be eligible to participate in (NDI) you must be a resident of Northampton County, Pennsylvania and your household income must be under 150% of the federal poverty level for 2013. (NDI) provides general restorative and preventative care including oral exams, x-ray's, cleanings, fluoride treatments, simple extractions, sealants, and oral health education. For more information on how to apply and determining eligibility, please call 1-866-903-9104.



Did you know that Easton has a computer center available for anyone to use for free?

The computers and programs are free for you to use (a nominal fee charged for printing). During our Open Lab hours, you may use the computers to job search, write your resume, take an online course, email, study, do research, etc. **Would you like to learn to use a computer? We have volunteers available to assist you.** You may call the Center @ 610-438-5434 or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/nestonheightsnnc> for more information. The location is 210 Jones Houston Way (in the same Community Building as the Boys & Girls Club).

The current lab hours are: Mon. & Tues. 9am-12pm, Wed. & Thurs. 1-4pm

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offered through Community Action of the Lehigh Valley

Sites now open and remain open through April 15th. Appointments are available at the Easton Area Public Library on Church Street. Make your appointment today by calling 610-691-5620.

Employment Opportunities

- WWW.JOBUNGO.COM
- JOBGATEWAY.PA.GOV
- PACAREERLINK.STATE.PA.US



WIC & You ~ Making Healthy Choices Together!

CALL TODAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY!!!

A family of four can make up to \$40,793 a year. **Contact us Today!** Easton WIC Center, 101 Larry Holmes Plaza, Suite 101 or call 610-258-6938.

Health Services Available ...

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL INFOLINK at 1-866-785-8537 Infolink is available 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday

Easton Phillipsburg Muslim Assoc.
1017 Lehigh St, Easton 484-903-4903 email:freeclinic@epmaonline.org
6:30 - 8:30 pm 1st THURSDAY each month

FREE Clinical Breast Exams and Pap Tests for Uninsured Women
APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
Call 610-969-2800 Weekly 8:30am-4pm

Safe Harbor Medical Clinic 536 Bushkill Drive in Easton
Call today to schedule an appointment! Hours: EVERY Tuesday 6 - 10 PM. Open to the public. 610-258-5540 www.safeharboreaston.com

THE
NURTURE
NATURE
CENTER

*A seat waits
for you.*

518 Northampton Street
Easton, PA 18042
610-253-4432

OPEN -
Saturdays: 10am-1pm
Wednesdays: 10am-1pm
Thursdays: 6pm-9pm

Featuring shows on our
six foot animated globe:
Science on a Sphere®!

UPCOMING EVENTS -

November 14th:
Thursday, 6pm-8pm:
**Food Forum run by Envision
Lehigh Valley and the Greater
Lehigh Valley Chapter of Buy
Fresh Buy Local.** What are the
needs for fresh food locally?
Come learn more and offer your
input into a new Fresh Food
Access Plan.

November 21st:
Thursday, 6pm-9pm:
**Art Opening Reception -
"Seasons and Signs"**
paintings by Isadore LaDuca.
Exhibit in Science Hall Gallery
through January 31st.

December 15th:
Sunday, 5:30pm-7:15pm:
Yoga Under the Sphere:
\$15.00 to benefit the
Shanthi Project, NNC, and
Easton Yoga.



SCIENCE



ART EXHIBITS:

Friday, November 11th, 5-8pm - Downtown Easton Art Walk
Nurture Nature Center hosts the **Hillcrest Camera Club Members' Exhibition, Resiliency**
Exhibit runs through December 15th.

Thursday, November 21st, 6-8pm
Art Opening Reception - Seasons and Signs, paintings by Isadore LaDuca.
Exhibit runs through January 31st.

A center for science, art and dialogue.

www.nurturenaturecenter.org

Easton Weed & Seed

Meeting/Program Schedule & Contact Information

Meetings Open to the Public PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!

For more info. contact: Laura Accetta, Site Coordinator at laccetta@easton-pa.gov
Or Dawn Cannon, Program Coordinator at weedandseed@easton-pa.gov or call the office at 610-438-2680.

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, Contact Laura Savenelli for meeting times and dates.

Easton Blockwatch - We are ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Heather Sutcliffe via email heatherp484@hotmail.com for more information. Contact: Lt. J. Remaley at 610-250-6752 or jremaley@easton-pa.gov.

Community Builders (CB)

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! If you are in need of a service or want to volunteer please contact Mike Hollenbach at mhollenbach.bridge@gmail.com or call 215-264-7532 for more information.

THE EASTON ECCENTRIC

All about everything in Easton, all the time! Eastoneccentric.blogspot.com
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Got news? Visit the site and click "email us"

Do you know how to contact your local Government Officials?

Governor Tom Corbett (R)
200 S. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-560-2640

Representative Robert Freeman (D)
215 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042
610-253-5543

Senator Lisa Boscola (D)
Main Street Commons, 559 Main St, Ste 270, Bethlehem, PA 18018
610-868-8667

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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

- *American Disability Act (ADA): 1-800-514-0301
- *Birth/Death Certificates - certified or non-certified contact Division of Vital Records, Phone: (724)-656-3100 or www.portal.health.state.pa.us
- *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 **to report 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 Svs: 610-252-9060 24-Hour Hotline
- *Northampton County Jail: **Lobby:** 610-923-4300 **Chaplain:** 610-923-4329 **Volunteer Coordinator:** 610-923-4449 **West Easton Treatment Center:** 610-923-1212
- *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: 2-1-1
- *Voter Registration: 610-559-3199

LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Salvation Army, 1110 Northampton St, 610-258-9531
St. Vincent de Paul, 841 Washington St, 610-253-0814
St. Pauls Lutheran, 610 W Berwick St, 610-258-2612
ProJeCt of Easton, Inc., 330 Ferry St, 610-258-4361
Holy Temple of Easton, 824 Ferry Street, 610-250-9460
Easton Area Neighborhood Center, Inc., 902 Philadelphia Rd, Southside residents only 610-253-4253
Greater Shiloh, (SOUP KITCHEN), 201 Thomas Bright St., 610-252-5640
Safe Harbor, (SOUP KITCHEN), 536 Bushkill Dr., 610-258-5540

For a more complete list you can also go to www.shfbv.org or contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680.

Animal Food Bank of the LV, NCC, Fowler Family Southside Center, 511 E 3rd St, Rm 73, Bethlehem, 484-851-8000, www.animalfoodbanklehighvalley.com

MEALS ON WHEELS of Northampton County, Inc.
4240 Fritch Drive, Bethlehem
610-691-1030
www.mealsonwheelspa.org

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HOMELESS?

During the winter months Greater Shiloh Church has an emergency overnight shelter offering a bed, dinner & breakfast to 20 individuals for 2 nights a week.

DOORS OPEN at 5:45pm &

DOORS CLOSE at 10pm

WHEN: Thursday & Friday Nights ONLY

WHERE: Shiloh Chapel Fellowship Hall, 201 Thomas Bright Ave.
For more info. Please call church office at 610-252-5640

FREE CYCLE, LLC
Free electronic recycling drop off

In Northampton County:
1120 S. 25th Street, Easton
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9:30am - 4pm
First Saturday of each month 9am - 12pm
Go to www.freecyclellc.com or call 484-866-0927 for a complete listing of what is and is not accepted.

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania wants to help make your dream of college or a new career possible. Apply for the **2014 AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Member Scholarship**. AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Children's Art Program ~ 2014 theme is "What does your family do together to stay healthy?" Available to MEMBERS ONLY. The application/entry form is on our website at www.amerhealthcaritaspa.com.
The deadline for applications or to submit your artwork is March 17, 2014. Winners could win a class pizza party and \$100 gift certificate.