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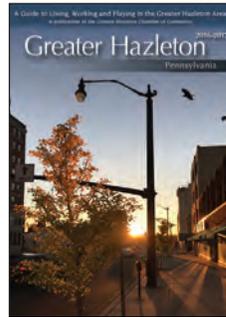
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**ON THE COVER:**

The sun rises on another day in downtown Hazleton where improvements completed over the past two years have seen the widening of Broad Street, new sidewalks, lighting and trees that line the city's main street. Many other improvements continue with the development of several buildings and a park.

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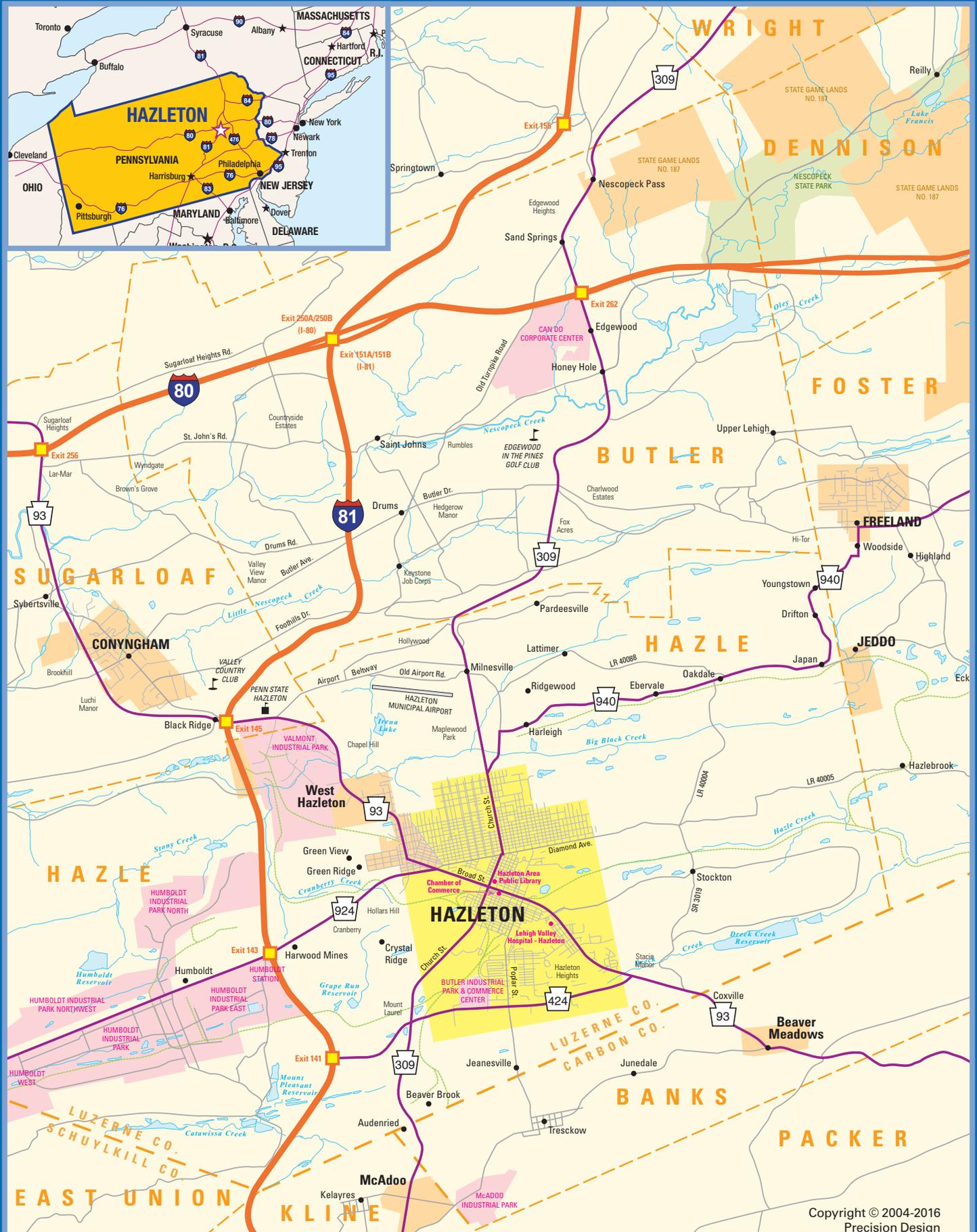
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# The Chamber

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Greater Hazleton! We are excited to give you a verbal and visual taste of our community through our image book. There is much to offer residents, visitors and businesses alike.



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 recreational activities, friendly churches, caring doctors, fine educational institutions and delicious restaurants are part of the package.

Our area offers a great deal of benefits for business and industry, too. Interstates 80 and 81 connect here, which links our region to the rest of the country. 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.

Whatever type of housing you are seeking, you will find quite a variety here, so get ready to get settled into your new home, sweet home. I have raised my family here and can attest that this is indeed a great place to live, work and play.

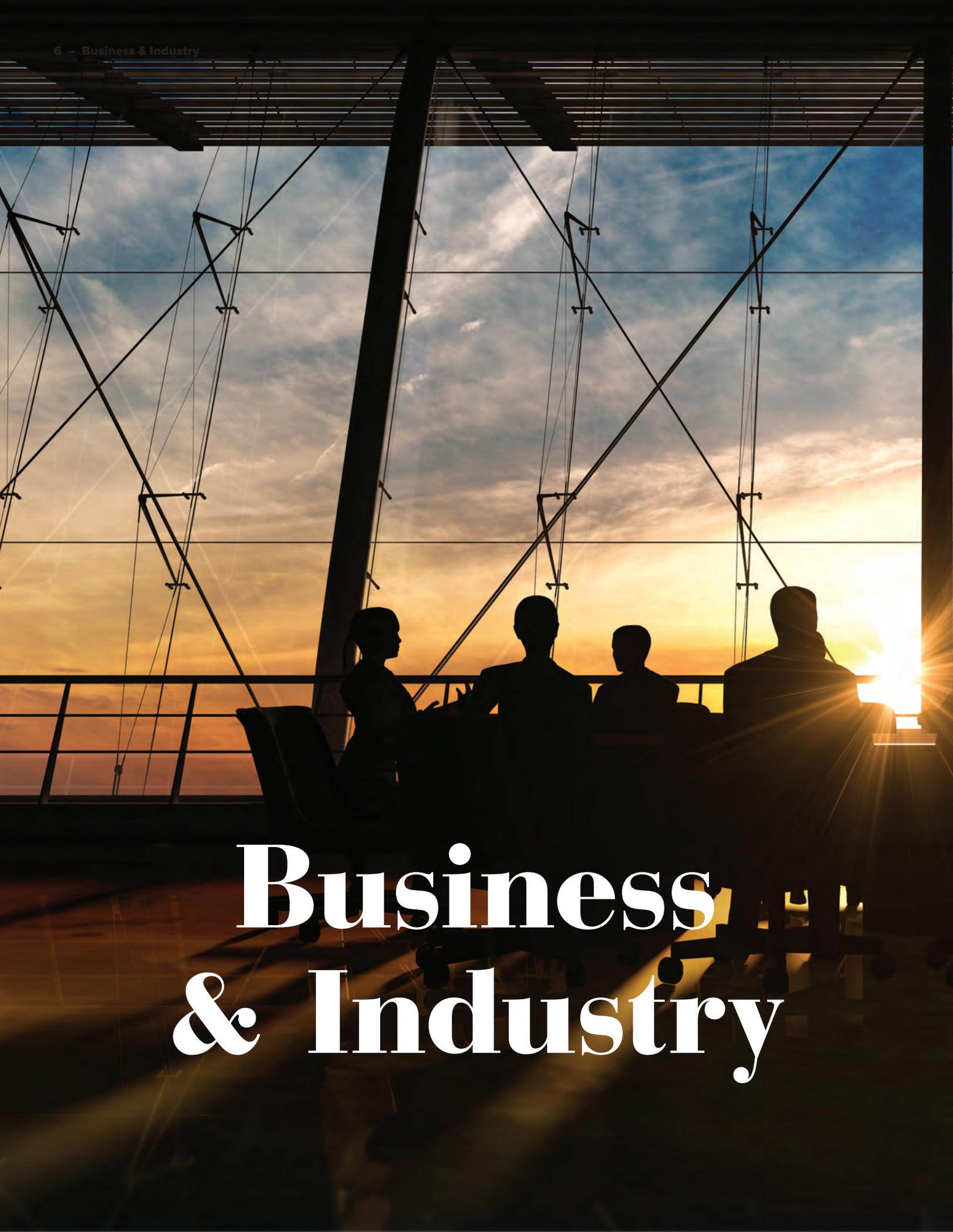
On behalf of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and our members, board of directors and staff, I would like to thank you for your interest in our community. We invite you to come see what the Hazleton area has to offer. Please visit our downtown Hazleton offices, call us at 570-455-1509 or visit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

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Mary R. Malone". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary R. Malone  
President  
Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

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The logo consists of the text "Come home to" in a script font, "Greater Hazleton!" in a bold sans-serif font, and "A great place to live, work, and play." in a smaller sans-serif font. A simple line-art silhouette of a house with a chimney and a window is positioned above the word "Hazleton!".

The image shows a modern office interior with a large window. Four business professionals are silhouetted against the bright sunset. They are standing and appear to be in a meeting or discussion. The window looks out onto a sky with clouds and a bright sun on the horizon. The office structure, including cables and beams, is visible in the foreground.

# Business & Industry



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ere at the intersection of Interstates 80 and 81, businesses and industries continue to locate in Greater Hazleton, bringing employment, shopping and dining opportunities to the area for our residents. Greater Hazleton is located within just a few hours of major cities and industry hubs, including Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York City, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Boston.

Home to Humboldt Industrial Park, one of the largest industrial parks in Pennsylvania that stretches more than five and a half miles long and two and a half miles wide at its widest point, our communities have continued to witness economic growth. Many Fortune 500 companies have chosen to locate here, having selected Greater Hazleton for a number of economic factors, including the area's ideal location at the crossroads of major trade arteries; its highly competitive, skilled workforce; and the support they receive from organizations such as the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and its many partners.

**8 – Business & Industry**

Rail service to Humboldt Industrial Park is provided exclusively by Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad, a three-time winner of Railway Magazine’s Regional Railroad of the Year award, and Valmont Industrial Park by Norfolk Southern.

The Hazleton Municipal Airport is equipped to handle corporate passenger jets when company executives need to fly into or out of Greater Hazleton. Airport officials recently renovated the pilots’ lounge. The airport currently accommodates business jets, charter flights and private planes and has plans to expand the runway to allow for larger jets. Greater Hazleton is also conveniently located within hours of major international airports, including the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia and Newark airports.

These advantages have been at the heart of what’s attracted the more than 200 companies that make up the area’s business and industrial base.

2016 marks 60 years since the Chamber of Commerce spearheaded the creation of an economic development organization that would become CAN DO, Inc., the Community Area New Development Organization. CAN DO is highly regarded throughout the commonwealth in economic development circles and several years ago was chosen as the top economic development agency in Pennsylvania.

Greater Hazleton has a rich tradition as a great place to live, work



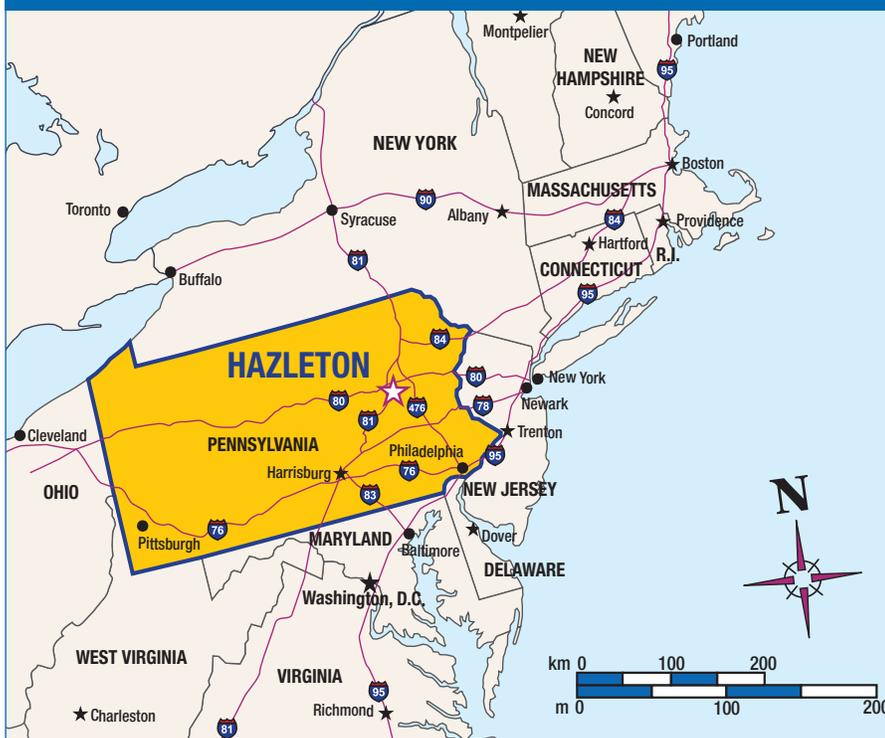
**Chamber, CAN DO, West Hazleton and state officials join members of CTC Manufacturing in celebrating the opening of the company’s expansion into the Valmont Industrial Park.**

and play. The area possesses a strong legacy of family-owned and operated businesses that have been in existence for more than 100 years. The longtime service of these prominent companies proves that Hazleton is a place where companies are proud to place their roots and remain a dedicated part of the community for decades.

The efforts of Greater Hazleton’s economic development organization have helped transform Hazleton from a booming coal town to an innovative business locale and were a factor in Luzerne County being recognized nationally by Material Handling & Logistics News as a top five logistical location for warehouse companies in the nation.

CAN DO built and manages Humboldt Industrial Park, Valmont Industrial Park and McAdoo Industrial Park; the CAN DO Corporate Center, a business park located near the intersection of

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Allentown, PA	46	1.0
Baltimore, MD	161	2.7
Boston, MA	335	5.5
Charlotte, NC	556	9.1
Chicago, IL	671	10.3
Cincinnati, OH	545	8.3
Cleveland, OH	345	5.3
Detroit, MI	497	7.7
Harrisburg, PA	81	1.4
Montreal, Canada	444	7.0
Newark, NJ	117	2.0
New York, NY	127	2.2
Philadelphia, PA	97	1.8
Pittsburgh, PA	266	4.6
Richmond, VA	301	5.1
Scranton, PA	46	0.9
Syracuse, NY	176	3.0
Toronto, Canada	420	6.9
Washington, DC	205	3.5
Wilkes-Barre, PA	28	0.5
Wilmington, DE	114	2.1

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These are just a few of the companies that CAN DO has assisted with obtaining the financing they needed to grow their businesses.

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CAN DO understands that, in business development, financial assistance often plays an integral role in the success of a project or growth of a business. Loans, grants and other services with the goal of creating jobs are available to assist businesses with their activities. CAN DO has nearly 60 years of experience in identifying the appropriate comprehensive funding resources that leverage federal, state, regional and local funding. Acting as a liaison between businesses and service providers, CAN DO provides tailored solutions to its clients.

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*Humboldt Industrial Park is home to many industries and is one of the largest industrial parks in Pennsylvania.*

Interstates 80 and 81; and Humboldt Station, a retail business center just off Interstate 81 that features a hotel and several fast food restaurants. CAN DO's parks have welcomed numerous companies across a variety of business and industrial sectors including food processing and packaging, distribution, logistics, manufacturing, plastics and e-commerce and technical support. These companies include American Eagle Outfitters, Amazon, Forbo Flooring, Auto Zone Distribution Center, Henkel (the maker of Dial soaps), The

Hershey Company, Atlantic Packaging, Pretium Packaging, First Quality Nonwovens, Graham Packaging, New Global Marketing and web.com.

In January of 2016, Governor Tom Wolf visited the CAN DO Corporate Center for the announcement of web.com's decision to reshore 74 tech support positions from the Phillipines to the Drums facility.

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The Chamber, along with area and state officials, were on hand for a tour of the facility and the announcement. CareerLink and CAN DO were instrumental in assisting with the project.

When American Eagle Outfitters opened its state-of-the-art facility in 2014, it brought an immediate influx of both new jobs and new technology to the area. At one million square feet, the company's facility is the largest building ever constructed in CAN DO's parks.

In addition to bringing major national and international corporations to the area, the Chamber and CAN DO are invested in growing small businesses through its subsidiary CAN BE, which operates a business incubator in Valmont Industrial Park and provides support for entrepreneurs to start and grow their companies. One of CAN BE's recent success stories is Performance Biomedical, which received a five-year government contract to expand its business in part through CAN DO's assistance.

CAN DO's parks are supplied with electricity from PPL and natural gas via UGI Utilities.

All four of CAN DO's parks are located within minutes of Interstates 80 and 81 and a short drive to Interstate 78 as well as the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-476). Travelers are less than 300 miles from major cities such as Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Local travelers rely heavily on bus routes available at Church Street Station, which is home to the Hazleton Public Transit system and provides residents with a central hub for local, regional and long-distance bus transportation. HPT's routes include stops throughout Hazleton, West Hazleton, McAdoo, Kelayres, Beaver Meadows,

## 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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Visitors to the area can take advantage of top-notch accommodations at a number of quality hotels including Fairfield Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn by Hilton and Residence Inn by Marriott.

The Chamber has many business affiliates that can assist businesses with many of their needs. In addition to CAN DO, a variety of local, regional and state economic development organizations assist the chamber in providing small business financing needs.

These affiliates include Luzerne County, Eckley Miners Village Association, Metro Action (which provides small business loans and business development assistance to companies throughout Northeastern PA), Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (which assists businesses and young job seekers in the area through its



*Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolfe speaks to reporters during a press conference at Web.com in the CAN DO Corporate Center announcing that the company was reshoring 74 jobs from overseas.*

Career Awareness Day and Educator in the Workplace program), Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center (which works with manufacturing clients on consultative engagements designed to address their unique challenges and maximize their profitability), Partners in Education (which helps students gain the academic, technical and employability skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century), the Small Business Development Center at Wilkes University (which provides confidential business consulting, training and education), SCORE (which helps entrepreneurs connect with a network of free, expert business mentors) and TecBridge (which strives to create and embrace entrepreneurial opportunities with the purpose of growing technology and biotechnology wealth within Northeastern Pennsylvania).

## Labor Market History

	Luzerne Co. Civilian		Hazleton / Scranton / Wilkes-Barre Civilian	
	Labor Force	Employed	Labor Force	Employed
1990	156,500	143,000	276,500	252,900
1995	157,800	144,100	277,500	254,300
2000	155,600	147,400	273,200	259,600
2014	159,500	146,700	277,900	255,700
<b>Unemployment Rates:</b>				
	Luzerne Co.	MSA	State	
1990	8.6%	8.6%	7.8%	
1995	8.6%	8.4%	5.4%	
2000	5.3%	5.0%	3.8%	
2014	8.0%	8.0%	6.0%	

## Business Parks

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**Valmont Industrial Park** – A 550-acre park that runs adjacent to I-81 and Route 93.

**McAdoo Industrial Park** – This park offers attractive land costs and is located less than a mile from Route 309.

**CAN DO Corporate Center** – A white-collar business park located in Drums at the intersection of I-80 and Route 309.

**CAN DO Multi-Tenant Buildings** – Other industrial properties that can be leased by start-up companies looking for a place to call home, but not wanting to build just yet.

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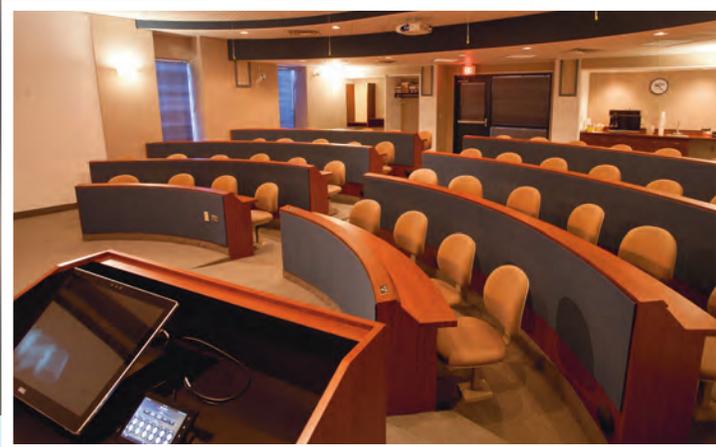
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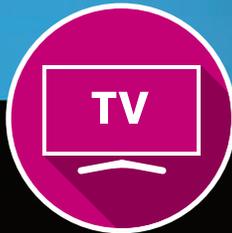
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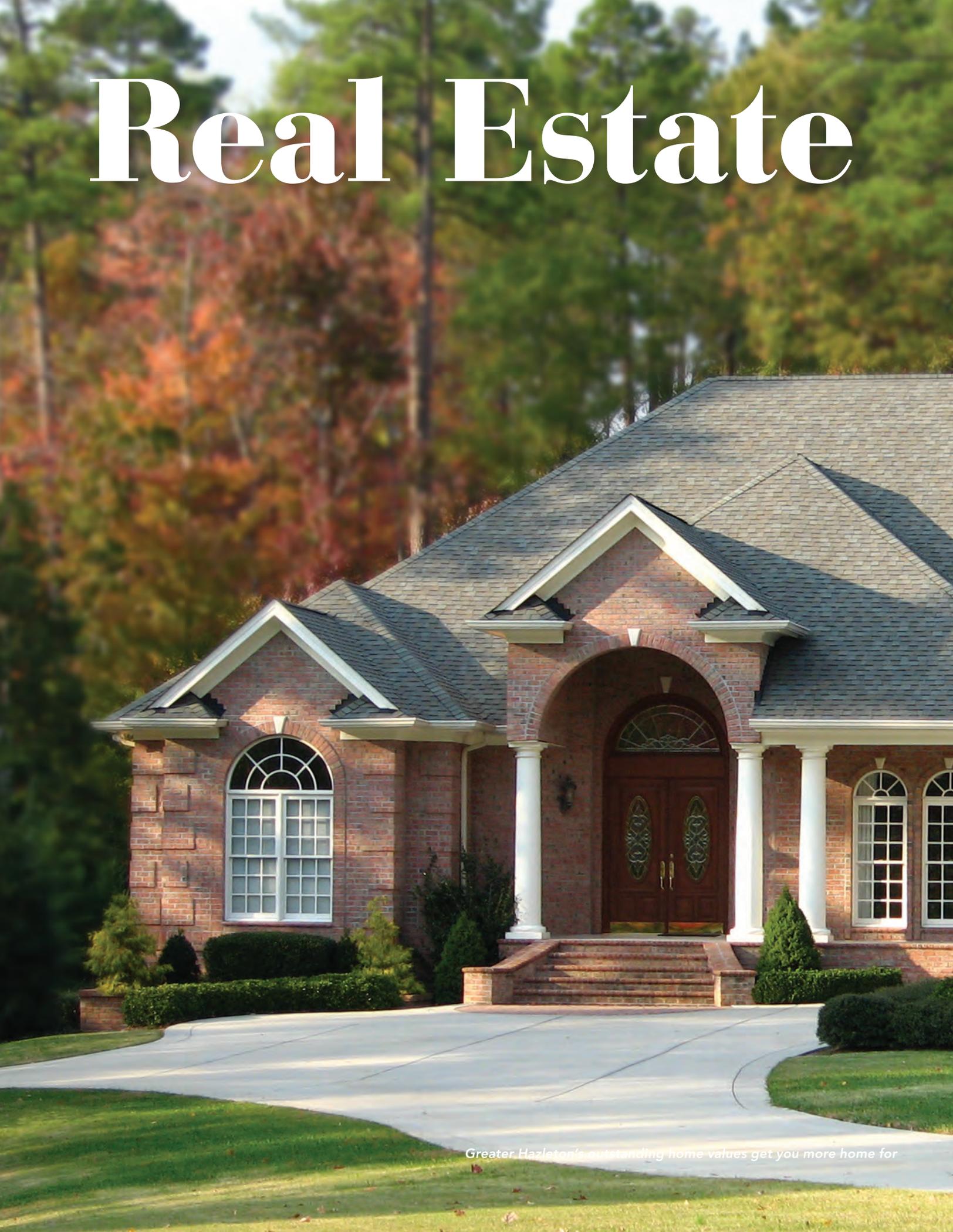
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## *Affordable homes and a low cost of living*

Not only is Greater Hazleton a beautiful place to live, it's an affordable location, too. The median cost for a home in Hazleton is \$87,100, according to the United States Census Bureau. That's well below the national average of \$221,900.

Real estate agents throughout Greater Hazleton, including Century 21 Bernstein Real Estate and Lewith & Freeman, are available to help residents find anything from apartments and senior accommodations to doubles and half-doubles, ranch homes and resort properties.

As you'll discover in this guide, Greater Hazleton has a rich history as a place with immense beauty and natural resources, quality education at all levels, a variety of arts and cultural activities, many places to worship among all religions, excellent medical care and endless options for shopping, dining and recreation. Greater Hazleton is a place where there truly is something for everyone.

Hazleton's historic downtown has undergone a renaissance of its own and is home to professional offices, retail outlets, restaurants and businesses. History is alive and well in the beautiful Victorian homes that line Diamond Avenue and Laurel Street. Quality two-story, bi-level and ranch homes in the Terrace section, among others, provide residents with a taste of the suburban life along with immediate access to the necessities of the city.

Laurel Gardens, Chapel Hill, Maple Manor and Northgate are some of the other friendly neighborhoods in the area. In addition to the



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housing options there, Hazle Township features residential developments and Community Park, which includes picnic areas, playgrounds, soccer fields, a trout-stocked lake and nature trails. West Hazleton borders the city with its own playgrounds, elementary/middle school, churches and stores.

Hazleton is supported by a full utility infrastructure and full-time police and fire protection. Hazleton has round-the-clock police protection and a K-9 unit. The International Association of Fire

Fighters Local 507 oversees five fire stations throughout Hazleton. In addition to paid firefighters, city residents are also protected by more than 300 volunteer firefighters. The city also supports a health officer and engineering, recreation and street departments.

Greater Hazleton's footprint stretches for miles and includes Hazle Township, West Hazleton, Drums, Conyngham, Sugarloaf, Freeland, McAdoo, Oneida, Sheppton, Tresckow and Weatherly. Each town features an ample number of homes and its own unique set of benefits. Most areas have their own police and fire departments.

The Valley cities to the north of Hazleton are dotted with farm fields, wooded land and natural scenic settings. Beauty abounds in housing developments like the Meadows and Brookhill, Eagle Rock and Beech Mountain Lakes private communities and the Sand Springs Resort golf community.

Residents have many opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy the

four seasons. Beaver Meadows has Lake Marie for fishing or ice skating, Conyngham features Whispering Willows Park and the neighboring Conyngham Valley Civic Organization swimming pool and Freeland offers a public park with an indoor pavilion adjacent to a vibrant YMCA that's replete with fitness activities and youth sports. Weatherly is home to Eurana Park, which has a playground, band shell and natural swimming area.



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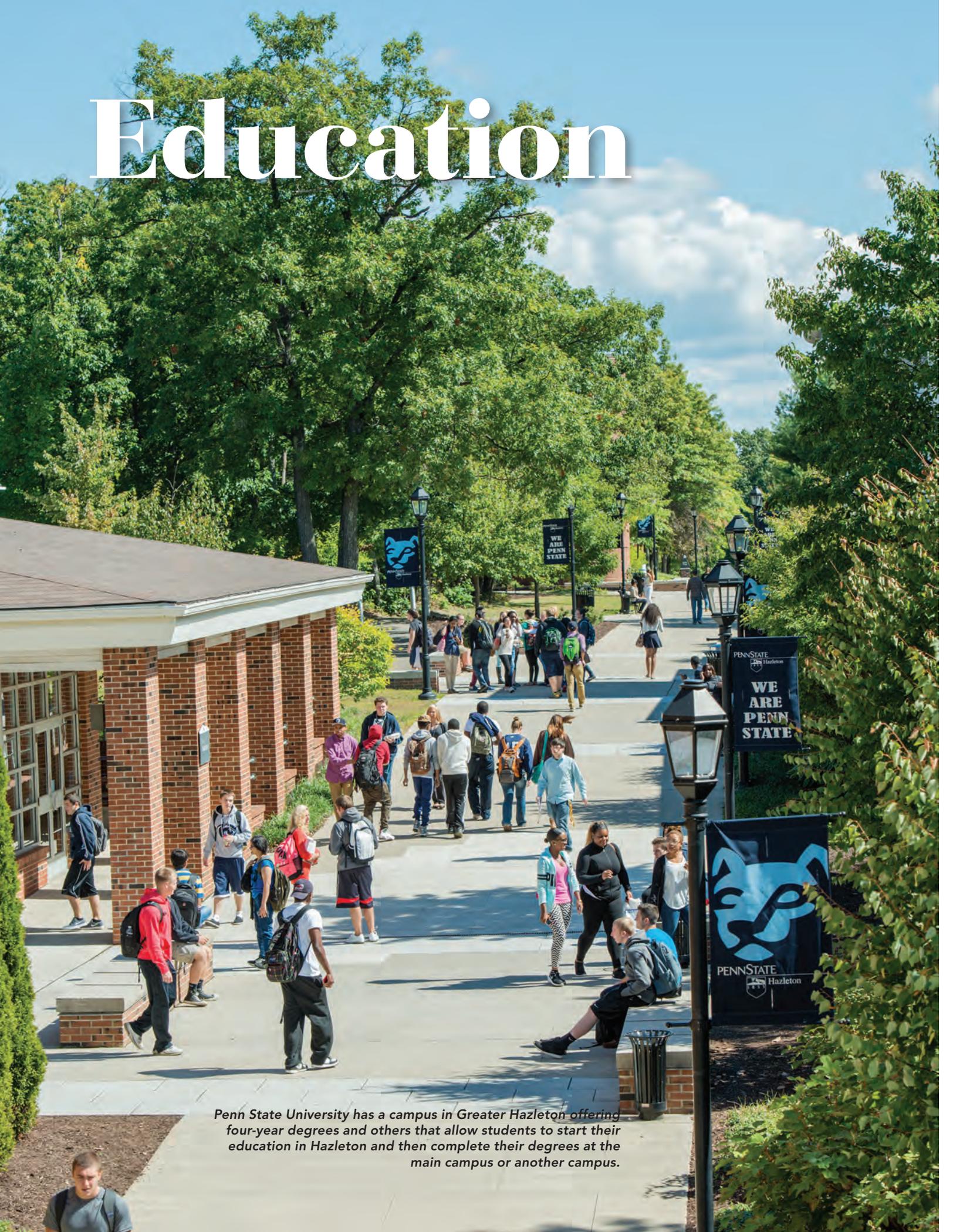
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# Education



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At the Hazleton Area Career Center across the street, students can take classes in a variety of trades, including child care, home construction, cosmetology, automotive technology and repair, electronics, welding, nursing, culinary arts, law enforcement and publishing.

In athletics, Hazleton Area High School teams are known as the Cougars and Lady Cougars. They field teams in more than 15 sports including basketball, water polo, volleyball and bowling that provide opportunities for young men and ladies alike. Hazleton Area High School home football games, played at Harman-Geist Memorial Field in downtown Hazleton, provide plenty of Friday night excitement during the fall.

The Hazleton Area School District Academy of Sciences opened in the fall of 2013. The school offers a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum and is located in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Butler Township. More than 300 students



**Students work in the science lab at MMI Preparatory School in Freeland. MMI is an independent school for grades 6 through 12 that has a long history of successful education.**

attend classes at the school, which is geared toward educating students for some of the most in-demand professions in today's business environment. College-level engineering and chemistry courses, taught by professors from local colleges, are among the offerings at the school.

The Hazleton Area School District consists of the following elementary/middle schools: West Hazleton, Heights-Terrace, McAdoo, Freeland, Valley, Drums, Arthur Street, Hazleton and Maple Manor.

Students in arts programs throughout the district take part in concerts, plays, art shows and more. The school district's music program features a chorus, marching band, concert band and jazz band that play in the 1,000-seat auditorium at Hazleton Area High School.



**Hazleton Area High School, above, is the central high school for the Hazleton Area School District.**

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Private schools provide more options for education in Greater Hazleton.

MMI Preparatory School, founded in 1879 as a school to educate coal miners in the evening after their workday, is now a college preparatory school for grades six to 12. As the school improved lives then, it continues to do so today through its outstanding academics and devoted teachers. Nearly all MMI graduates go on to college, including some of the nation's top universities.

MMI's campus is state of the art, yet historic. The facilities include the Old Main building with the cupola recognized as a symbol of MMI; the Century II addition initiated during MMI's centennial that includes classrooms, a kitchen and café; the science and technology wing, which features science and computer labs, a student lounge, gymnasium and stage; the Joseph A. Turri '45 Library and Learning Center; and new athletic fields for soccer, baseball and softball.



*The Hazleton Area School District recently completed the renovation of the former Bishop Hafey High School and conversion into the Maple Manor Elementary/Middle School.*

Courses at MMI include a solid background in science and mathematics along with exciting electives such as Chinese and journalism. MMI's student-teacher ratio is 11:1, allowing for individual attention. After school, students take part in a variety of sports and clubs. Some clubs also meet on Friday afternoons as part of the school day. Fifty percent of MMI students receive financial aid through contributions from generous alumni and supporters of the school.

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In Hazleton, Immanuel Christian School serves students from kindergarten to 12th grade with a focus on training the hearts and minds of children through a quality education based on biblical principles. The school was established in 1979 and in 1996 moved to the former Locust Street Elementary School, which an army of volunteers helped renovate. The small class sizes and dedicated teachers ensure that students receive personal attention at ICS, which is open to all students. The school also operates a large thrift store to help fund its operations.

Another option for education in Greater Hazleton is Holy Family Academy, which offers a Catholic education to children in preschool through eighth grade. The school is located in the former St. Joseph's School on Laurel Street. Holy Family educates students in a manner focused on challenging them while building character and integrity. Operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, the school welcomes the collaboration of faculty, staff and parents in supporting students' education and development.

Two Catholic high schools, Marian Catholic in Hometown and Holy Redeemer in Wilkes-Barre, serve students from Greater Hazleton.

Following high school, students don't have to leave the area to receive a college education. Penn State University's Hazleton campus allows students to earn one of eight bachelor's degrees in administration of justice; business; corporate communication; general engineering with an alternative energy and power generation track, a major Penn State only offers at the Hazleton campus; information sciences and technology; letters, arts and sciences; psychology; and rehabilitation and human services, or take the first two years of classes prior to transferring to the main campus at University Park or another Penn State campus.

Penn State Hazleton is located on the former estate of Alvan Markle Sr., built in 1924 and known as Highacres. Markle's relatives were among the founders of Hazleton. The estate's fieldhouse mansion is now the campus administration building, Pasco L. Schiavo Hall, where academic offices occupy each of the 32 rooms. Previously, the building had served as classrooms, a library, health services, a kitchen and a dining room.

Penn State Hazleton now includes several classroom buildings, including one with multimedia-style classrooms and an

amphitheater; three residence halls; a library; gymnasium building featuring exercise facilities and an Olympic-sized swimming pool; tennis courts and sports fields.

The scenic 125-acre campus overlooks the Conyngham Valley and includes a picnic area and several nature trails.

Concerts and lectures for students and the public are held on campus throughout the school year. Summer camps on campus introduce children to engineering, police work and other activities.

The Hazleton campus is just a two-hour drive from Penn State's main campus in State College, where students can transfer after two years to complete studies in just about any major one can imagine, head to Beaver Stadium to watch the Nittany Lions play, or take part in the annual THON weekend dance marathon, which raises money for research and treatment of children's cancer.

On the Hazleton campus, students have opportunities to assist their professors in research programs. Study abroad programs let students spend a week, a summer, a semester or a full year in other nations, while students from other countries come to study

in Hazleton through outreach programs at universities in their nations.

Luzerne County Community College and Lackawanna College both have a campus in the heart of downtown Hazleton. Luzerne holds its classes in the Broad Street Business Exchange, a bustling downtown building that also houses a café, small businesses and professional offices. The Hazleton Center provides a convenient location for county residents to obtain an associate's degree, take part in a career training program or take classes to transfer elsewhere. The college offers more than 100 occupational, liberal arts/transfer and career training programs. In Hazleton, students can take advantage of services such as tutoring, academic advising, career counseling and transfer advising.

Luzerne's main campus in Nanticoke features 15 buildings, including classroom buildings, a library, greenhouse, culinary institute, printing services, gymnasium and athletic fields on 167 acres. Luzerne offers a tuition waiver for senior citizens that applies after the college meets a minimum number of paid enrollments for a class.

The college offers hundreds of conferences, workshops and



*Lackawanna College offers an Act 120 approved police academy at its Hazleton Campus. Above, cadets drill and graduates pose for a class photograph.*

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customized training for business and industry at sites on campus and throughout the county.

Also downtown is Lackawanna College's Hazleton campus, located in a historic building that originally served as the city's post office. Lackawanna students can earn a degree in business studies, criminal justice, human services and liberal services at the Hazleton campus, or begin a degree in a field such as communication arts, computer information systems, sonography, early childhood education, emergency medical services, vascular technology or environmental studies that they finish at the main campus in Scranton. The Hazleton Center 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.

McCann School of Business and Technology's location in the Humboldt Industrial Park offers associate's degrees in specialized business and technology fields. The practical education at McCann is designed to guide students as they enter the workforce, with career placement services offered as well. Fifteen different programs are available at McCann's local campus, including business administration, medical assisting, medical billing and coding, early childhood education, surgical technology and welding. In addition, massage therapy students hone their skills at the Spa at McCann, which is open to the public. The spa offers massage and cosmetology services by students and master therapists at very reasonable rates.

King's College, Wilkes University, Misericordia University, Bloomsburg University, Marywood University and the University of Scranton are among the undergraduate and graduate schools just a

short drive from Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton is home to the Keystone Job Corps Center in Butler Township, which focuses on teaching 16- to 24-year-olds the necessary skills for employment and independent living. Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Keystone Job Corps students learn a variety of career, technical and academic training. They can specialize in masonry, carpentry, culinary arts, office administration, plumbing and more. All students who are studying advanced manufacturing, automotive and construction careers will receive training in a variety of green subject areas.

Keystone Job Corps offers GED preparation and classes in addition to English Language Learning classes.

Alternative education is readily available in the Hazleton area. Students can make up credits by enrolling in the school district's twilight program, which offers classes after the regular school day concludes. The district also offers cyber schooling for students who prefer to study that way.

Local residents can take classes to prepare them for earning their GED through the district's partnership with Luzerne County Community College.

GED and Adult Basic Education classes, designed to help improve math and reading skills for employment, are also available through the PA CareerLink at Hazleton. The CareerLink provides other training for job seekers and assists employers in procuring employees with the skills necessary for their open positions. It links county residents who are seeking jobs or wanting to upgrade their skills with the local businesses that are searching for qualified candidates.

The CareerLink is overseen by the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, which works with local companies to understand workforce needs and implement training to provide employees with the necessary skill levels. The L/S WIB brings industry, education and economic development together to determine the industry and educational requirements of the two counties and provide family-sustaining jobs in northeastern Pennsylvania. Youth outreach and industry partnerships help the WIB accomplish its goals.

Other programs, including Partners in Education, bring together representatives of local businesses and educational institutions, facilitating discussions on how education can provide what local employers need. Partners in Education holds an annual Career Awareness Day, when employees go in to schools to speak to students about their profession and the training and education required.

For small businesses, education is available for those just getting started. CAN BE provides help with entrepreneurship through its Greater Hazleton Business Innovation Center in Valmont Industrial Park. CAN BE also connects entrepreneurs with business experts who provide advice that will help them succeed.

Additionally, the Wilkes University Small Business Development Center conducts small business counseling through the office of the Greater Hazleton Chamber. The partnership with the Chamber has resulted in new business ventures for entrepreneurs in Greater Hazleton. The sessions are free and can be scheduled by calling the Chamber office for an appointment.



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# Our History



## Hazleton's history dates back

Punxsutawney Phil is known nationally as the groundhog that often sees his shadow and, subsequently, predicts six more weeks of winter. But it's another unnamed Pennsylvania groundhog, perhaps Phil's relation, that may have played a role in establishing the foundation of an entire city.

Legend has it that in 1826, John Charles, a hunter and War of 1812 veteran, first discovered coal in an area that would become Hazleton while digging for a groundhog. In some woods near a dirt road running from present-day Jim Thorpe to Berwick, he encountered the little black rock that would put Hazleton on the map. That wooded

area is now the site of the Hazleton Shopping Center on Broad Street.

Charles didn't just discover coal that day. He also unearthed an entrepreneurial spirit built on hard work that still defines Hazleton to this day. It was this spirit that would embody some of the most influential people in Hazleton's history.

Entrepreneur Jacob Drumheller, engineer and future coal baron Ariovistus "Ario" Pardee, mining engineer and innovator Eckley Coxe, bankers George Bushar Markle and his son Alvan Markle, businessman William Deisroth and radiologist and CAN DO founder Dr. Edgar L.



# Back to the very early 1800s

Dessen were just some of the many residents whose drive and determination built Hazleton from the ground up and defined its future.

Drumheller constructed Hazleton's first building in 1809 when he erected the State Hotel House at the intersection of what is now Broad and Vine streets. Although the area was nothing more than dense wilderness, Drumheller's intuition paid off when coal discoveries started popping up. In 1818, prospectors Nathaniel Beach and Tench Coxe had the area's first coal sighting near Beaver Meadows. This drew railroad developers to the region and Pardee was brought in from New York to survey the

land. He ended up remaining in Hazleton and founded the Hazleton Coal Company in 1836. Pardee's company would later build both the first school and first church in Hazleton.

Pardee also played a role in turning Markle into one of Hazleton's iconic citizens. Markle moved to the city when he was 22 and served as superintendent and bookkeeper of the Pardee family's company store. He learned the coal mining industry through the Pardees and went on to start his own company, G.B. Markle & Co., along with a colliery in Jeddo that served as a major supplier of anthracite coal during the Civil War. Markle's business

acumen continued to grow. In 1867, he opened the Pardee, Markle & Grier banking house along with partners Pardee and W.A.M. Grier. Before he died in 1888, George Markle would assume ownership of the Hazleton Sentinel newspaper, which was founded in 1866 and has undergone several mergers to become today's Standard-Speaker, the daily newspaper serving Greater Hazleton.

Eckley Coxe, the grandson of Tench Coxe, and his brothers inherited more than 80,000 acres of land that would prove to contain one of the most profitable coal veins in the area. Coxe, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with degrees in chemistry and physics and studied mining and mechanics in France, became president of Coxe Brothers and Company in 1865. Coxe and his wife, Sophia, dedicated their lives to improving the education and safety of local miners. In addition to opening a hospital in Drifton to treat injured miners, the couple founded the Industrial School for Miners and Mechanics in 1879 to give miners an opportunity to learn science, math and English. After fire destroyed the school in 1888, Coxe rebuilt it as Mining and Mechanical Institute, which is now the co-ed independent MMI Preparatory School in Freeland. This education allowed a miner to grow to become a certified miner, foreman or superintendent. Coxe earned more than 100 patents for his inventions, including his traveling-grate furnace that captured tiny pieces of coal to burn as fuel. The furnace helped the coal ignite and burn

without fracturing and eliminated the need to manually stoke the fire.

The town of Eckley was named after Coxe and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania named Eckley Miners' Village as a museum in 1975, introducing visitors to the lifestyle of coal miners in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Before the 1850s, the area was a forested community in which inhabitants used the woodlands to create shingles and sell them in neighboring towns. Once coal was discovered, the area quickly became home to immigrant miners from around the world with houses ranging from single-family dwellings to two-and-a-half-story double houses. The village of Eckley also featured two churches, a six-room schoolhouse, a hotel, a company store and a doctor's office.

After Eckley Coxe's death in 1875, Sophia carried on his legacy at MMI. The school, which originally held two-hour night classes six days a week, expanded and opened a day school that helped introduce the college preparatory curriculum. She helped subsidize costs to make the school affordable for everyone through her philanthropic spirit.

William Deisroth continued to build on Hazleton's entrepreneurial spirit when he started a grocery store in 1870 at the corner of Broad and Church streets. He moved into the clothing business several years later and eventually opened the iconic Deisroth Department Store in downtown Hazleton.

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*The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce dinner in 1918 brought together some of the finest business leaders in the land, including former President William Howard Taft.*

Hazleton's illumination took a literal turn when the Edison Illuminating Electric Co. of Hazleton turned on lights for the first time in 1884 at its generating plant on North Wyoming Street. Incandescent lighting began to spread across the town as Hazleton moved closer and closer to the 20th century. Thomas Edison developed several central stations to bring lighting to households using his patented three-wire system.

Hazle Drugs Inc. became the area's first pharmacy and compounding facility when it opened its doors in 1868 on the corner of Broad and Wyoming Street, downtown Hazleton's main business intersection at the time. Its Hazle Compounding division provides compounding services that include the preparation, mixing, assembling, packaging, or labeling of a drug or device to meet a doctor's prescription drug order. Hazle Compounding is America's oldest compounding pharmacy and the first pharmacy in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania to earn the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board's (PCAB) Seal of Accreditation.

During Hazleton's early days, Broad Street served as a passageway for military and commercial shipments as well as the stage coach, which served passengers and mail routes. Hazle Drugs was an important stage coach stop for medicine, food and lodging while on a long and dusty journey.

Hazleton was chartered as a city in 1891 and progress continued. Alvan Markle took over the banking business from his father and changed the name to the Markle Banking & Trust Co. In 1910, he had the company's office building on the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets demolished and began construction on the Markle Building. The 11-story structure was the first high-rise office building in the city and received a six-story

addition in 1923. It featured many professional offices along with a bank and restaurant.

But by 1998, the building had fallen into disrepair and was condemned. It was purchased by local businessman George F. Hayden, completely renovated and reopened in 2004 with just a few floors open while work continued on the other floors. Today, the building is known as the Hayden Tower at the Markle, sitting adjacent to office complex Citiscape, the home of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce.

Hayden formed a business partnership – DHD – with brothers Neal and Paul DeAngelo, founders of international company DBi Services. In the past several years, DHD purchased two multi-story former bank buildings downtown, with renovations ongoing. DBi will move its world headquarters into one of the buildings, bringing jobs through its company and others in the downtown buildings.

Another large building in Hazleton, the Duplan Building, was the world's largest silk mill. It opened in 1898 and was operated by the French firm, Duplan Silk Company. The factory covered 600,000 square feet along Diamond Avenue following two expansions and had 1,675 looms and 144,000 spindles. Duplan's founder, Jean Duplan, was an innovator and moved the company from individually dyeing yarn to piece-dyeing a completed woven cloth in order to consistently capitalize on the most current style demands. Duplan, which began manufacturing artificial silk (known as rayon) in 1911 and later produced nylon, operated other local plants in Kingston, Wilkes-Barre, Nanticoke and Dorranceton (a town that later merged with Kingston).

Motor Transportation, Inc. has been carrying people

around Greater Hazleton and beyond for more than 100 years but the company got its start in quite a unique way. Local businessmen William Veale, C.R. Stauffer, S.S. Oberrender and George B. Markle incorporated the company in 1914 in Tamaqua and started hauling coal from Harwood to Hazleton.

After two ownership changes, Leon Dotter purchased the company in 1925 and it remains in the family today. Leon started a mail route later that year from Lehighton to Stroudsburg and purchased the company's first two buses. Two years later, he moved the company to Hazleton. Motor Transportation's first foray into carrying passengers was transporting miners and factory workers to their jobs. In 1941, the company signed its first school bus contract and that became a vital part of the business in the 1960s and 1970s.

When the demand for coal began to decline after World War II, Hazleton started transitioning to the next industry that would define its legacy: manufacturing.

The decline of the local coal industry was most evident in the numbers. More than 13,500 men were employed in the mines in the late 1920s, but that number plummeted to just 6,000 by 1950. One man who would not let Hazleton disappear along with the coal mines was Dr. Edgar L. Dessen.

The Hazleton native obtained his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania when he was just 22 years

old. Dessen spent time in Bethlehem and Philadelphia to complete his internship and residency and served five years in the United States Army before returning to Hazleton to establish his radiology practice in the mid 1940s. Hurricane Diane blew through Hazleton in 1955 and flooded the local mines and much of what was left of Hazleton's coal industry. But the smart and intuitive Dessen would not be swayed by these winds of change. He spearheaded the organization of a group of local civic and business leaders to help Greater Hazleton's economy further move in a manufacturing direction.

The group worked with the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and formed the Community Area New Development Organization, or CAN DO, to match Dessen's philosophy that a "can do" attitude could save the great city. The organization created three fundraisers in an effort to build its economic development initiative and attract companies to the area. The "Dime-A-Week" campaign asked workers to contribute \$5.20 a year, while the Mile of Dimes campaign saw supporters tape dimes along Broad Street. The third campaign included red lunch pails used as piggy banks in which area residents could deposit their loose change. When the drives ended, CAN DO had raised \$14,000, which it used to buy 500 acres of land that is now the site of Valmont Industrial Park. A second initiative hoping to raise \$500,000 to construct shell buildings resulted in a windfall of \$760,000 toward the efforts.

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*Much like the annual Funfest Parade today, parades along Broad Street in downtown Hazleton were always a popular attraction.*

After CAN DO laid the foundation of its first industrial park with years of hard work, General Foam Corporation became the first company to open in Valmont Industrial Park and brought 100 new jobs to the area. Other companies soon followed and Hazleton was alive again with thousands of jobs generating millions of dollars in payroll. Economic development improved the quality of life in the area and resulted in more industries looking to locate in Greater Hazleton.

CAN DO's efforts didn't only showcase Greater Hazleton's physical location on the map, they also brought major highways to run through the area. The economic development organization lobbied political powers from Harrisburg all the way up to President Dwight Eisenhower to route Interstate 81 and Interstate 80 through the Hazleton area.

Local exits to both highways opened in 1965 and within three years, CAN DO began plans for Humboldt Industrial Park, which opened in 1972. The park was designed to provide many of the crucial amenities that industrial corporations look for in a prime location. It includes many important elements for businesses, such as utilities stretching right to the curb for easy access, a direct connection to freight rail lines and CAN DO's own sewage treatment facility.

CAN DO further expanded its imprint on Greater Hazleton when it opened McAdoo Industrial Park in 1989 and the CAN DO Corporate Center in 1995. The McAdoo park offered acres of industrial space for companies that didn't need a high-profile location next to

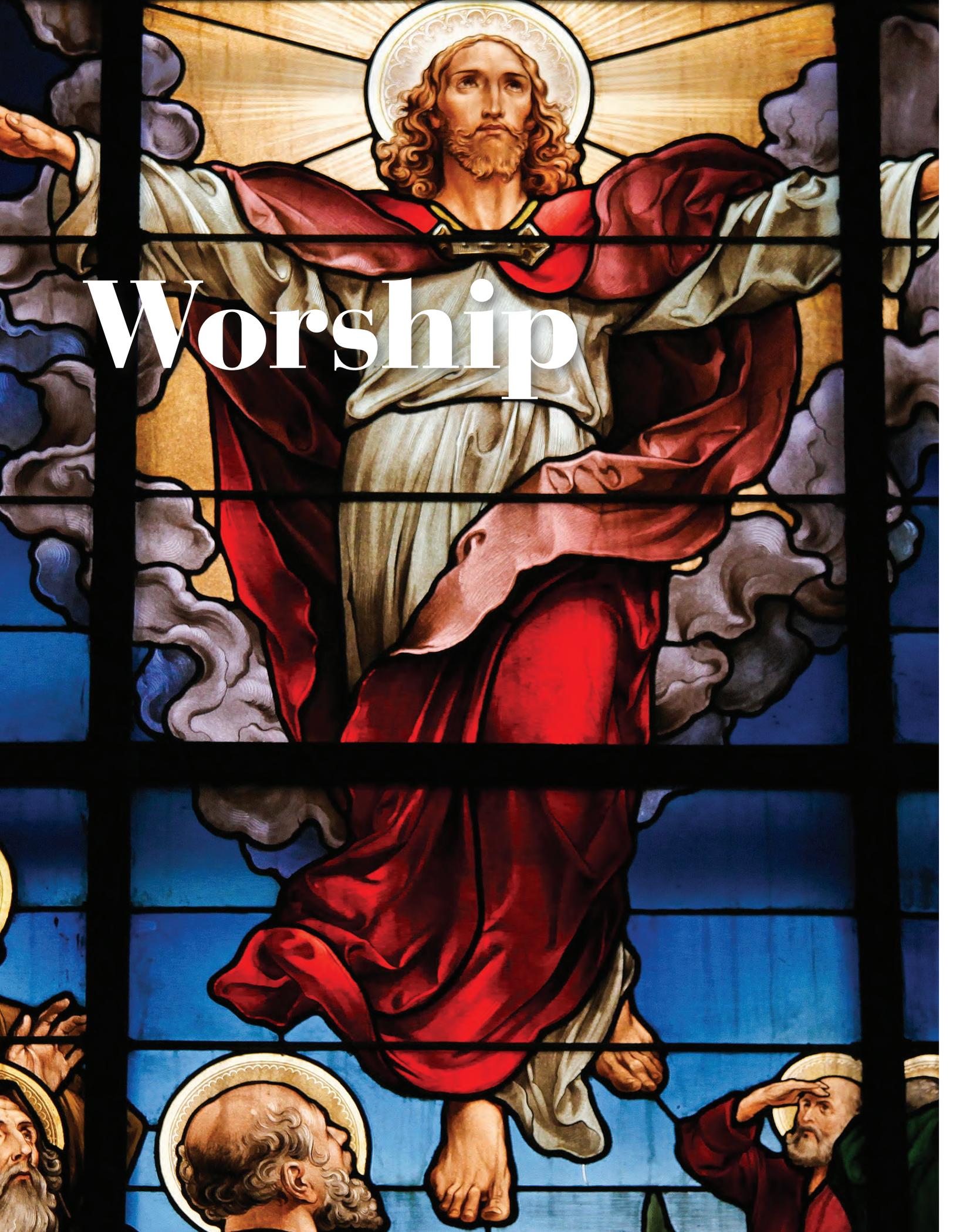
an interstate highway. The corporate center in Drums, adjacent to Interstate 80, was designed to house white-collar businesses and light assembly operations.

Joseph Gans, Jr. and his wife, Irene, were Greater Hazleton's cable TV pioneers. Joseph got his start in the business in 1950 working as an engineer at the Mountain City Cable TV Company, where he helped design and build one of the first cable systems in the state. Gans spent his free time building his own cable systems throughout Northeast PA.

He capitalized on his knowledge of the business and eventually owned and operated cable TV system franchises in more than 50 communities in five different states across the country. Locally, he owned WYLN-TV 35 in Hazleton and also founded the Pennsylvania Cable Television Network and Gans Multimedia.

The Ganses' philanthropic spirit led them to produce local broadcasts of the American Cancer Society telethon more than 35 years ago and the Helping Hands Society telethon. WYLN broadcasts the Chamber's annual **FUNFEST** Parade. Today, the station airs two news broadcasts and a variety of original programming.

The entrepreneurial roots of Hazleton and the surrounding towns remain strong nearly 200 years after the seed was first planted. The dedicated work ethic and sense of pride for family and the community continues to thrive today. Recent revitalization efforts in downtown Hazleton are a sign that the fire that burned so brightly in the days of the coal region will never be extinguished.



Worship

## Religious diversity

# Residents enjoy many houses of worship

Greater Hazleton residents are strong in faith and family, and they find both attributes at a countless number of churches and other houses of worship throughout the area. The diverse offering includes many non-denominational churches as well as those that feature Spanish and Latin masses.

The area has a longstanding tradition of religion. In 1838, the Rev. Richard Webster of Mauch Chunk became the first Presbyterian missionary preacher to come to Hazleton. He founded First Presbyterian Church near where it stands today on the corner of Broad and Church streets.

Early Hazleton settlers established churches to coincide with their ethnic identities. Holy Trinity served Germans, St. Joseph's welcomed Slovaks and Most Precious Blood held the title of Hazleton's first Italian Catholic church. Polish, Romanian, Tyrolean, Welsh, Greek Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic residents each had their own place to worship as well.

While this brought a tremendous sense of pride to those congregations, these churches eventually evolved to welcome congregants from all ethnic backgrounds. This evolution was further necessitated by the consolidation of Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton, which oversees most of the churches in Greater Hazleton, and the establishment of new names for several iconic Hazleton churches. St. Gabriel's, which holds two Sunday masses in Spanish, became Holy Annunciation Parish; St. Joseph's Church, founded more than 130 years ago, became Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish; Our Lady of Grace, which was founded by Italian immigrants in 1909, is now Queen of Heaven Parish; and Transfiguration Church, which includes congregants from the former St. Francis of Assisi and Ss. Peter and Paul churches in West Hazleton, is now Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Churches throughout Greater Hazleton include a variety of Protestant denominations such as Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist and Pentecostal.

Today, signs are abundant of the rich and diversified religious offerings that area faith leaders

provide in the Hazleton area. The Greater Hazleton Alliance of Christian Leaders invited 60 churches of all religions to an interfaith service it held during the annual Funfest weekend in 2015.

Churches and groups of all denominations and languages came together as a unit to bring faith, hope and peace to Hazleton residents.

These groups included Faith Assembly of God, River Mountain Church, Mountainview Community Church, Hill City Church, Restored Church, Immanuel Christian

School, Iglesia Buenas Nuevas/Good News, Iglesia Karios, Hazleton Community Church, Saved By Faith Church, Living Hope Community Church, Centro de Esperanza/Hope Center, Diamond United Methodist Church, Holy Rosary Church, Faith United Church of Christ and Word Family Church.

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.

Some newer 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. Religious communities live together at Holy Dormition Monastery and Holy Annunciation Monastery, both in Sugarloaf Township.

Members of the religious community in Greater Hazleton are known for putting their faith in action. At Diamond United Methodist Church, Bread Basket volunteers serve a free meal once a month to anyone who comes. Meals are also delivered to those who are homebound.

Each fall, members of four churches line the sidewalk along Main Street in Conyngham, forming a food chain for the Valley Food Pantry, which feeds people with low incomes.

Several churches collect items for their food



Faith United Church of Christ is located just off the Airport Beltway in Hazle Township.





Good Shepherd Church in Drums is just one of the churches that serves the Valley.

pantries and open the doors to those in need, or host meals on the holidays so everyone can enjoy a holiday meal. ESL classes are also taught at churches in the area. The Salvation Army of Hazleton serves lunch during the week.

Many local churches support the Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton by collecting donations and volunteering at the center, located in West Hazleton. The center offers educational programs, free pregnancy testing, counseling and necessary items such as diapers and baby clothing.

Church ministries include clothing distributions, help with household chores, summer camps for children or assistance for the elderly and homebound. Congregations also open their doors to blood banks and groups that need meeting rooms for classes, day care and programs such as music, theater and lectures to which the community is welcome.

Summer festivals, complete with delicious food, fun games and a chance to spend time with family and friends, are a staple of several Hazleton area churches. Some of the most popular gatherings are the Holy Name of Jesus Parish at Transfiguration Church picnic in West Hazleton and the Feast of St. Mauro at Queen of Heaven Parish at our Lady of Grace.



Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church is located in Beaver Meadows.

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# Arts & Culture



*The Krasnoyarsk National Dance Company performs at the Hazleton Area High School as part of the Greater Hazleton Concert Series.*

## *Artistic and cultural events abound in Greater Hazleton*

# From First Fridays to arts and concerts

Downtown Hazleton is quickly establishing itself as the arts and culture hub of Greater Hazleton, with other opportunities abounding throughout the area.

The Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress (DHAP) started a program in the summer of 2014 that aimed to get center city Hazleton buzzing with activities and entertainment one Friday a month. DHAP partnered with several other organizations and businesses to incorporate special programs, activities and events.

The program is known as First Friday as it's held the first Friday of every month. It features special events at a variety of locations and participating businesses throughout the downtown. Events at past First Friday celebrations have included musical performances, historic walking tours of Hazleton, specials at local restaurants, Meet the Artist events showcasing artwork, and live entertainment including theater performances and stunt shows.

In 2014, DHAP acquired the former Security Savings building on Broad Street in downtown Hazleton from Luzerne County. The



*Photo courtesy of Chris Adval Productions*

**A horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown Hazleton during one of the First Friday events.**

organization received more than \$500,000 in grants from the Luzerne County Local Share Account and the National Endowment for the Arts to fund renovations to the historic building that was constructed in 1909. The building will be the future home of the Hazleton Art League.

The Hazleton Art League, currently located at another downtown facility, offers a variety of programs for artists of all ages, including children ages 8-12. Children's classes include crafts, drawing and clay projects. The HAL also has several drawing, jewelry-making,

painting, sculpture and ceramic programs, as well as instruction in the art of Pysanky eggs and stained glass.

The Art League hosts a variety of gatherings and exhibits throughout the year in addition to its two signature events, "Peace Love and Chalk" and the Art Youth Expo (AYE). Peace, Love and Chalk is a free street chalk festival where artists spend a Saturday in August turning Broad Street into a display of chalk art. The Art Youth Expo is an annual arts festival held over a weekend in April.



**The Alice C. Wiltsie Center is the site of some major entertainers such as Bret Michaels who is seen here on stage at the center.**



*Photo courtesy of Chris Adval Productions*

*During a First Friday tour, participants visit the Sazon Latino Restaurant on Wyoming Street in downtown Hazleton .*

It focuses primarily on young artists and features the emerging artists competing in contemporary categories. The festival gives young artists a chance to hone their skills and have fun at the same time.

The Hazleton Integration Project (HIP) continues to unite the Greater Hazleton community through a variety of educational, cultural and athletic events at the Hazleton One Community Center on East Fourth Street. The center's founder, Joe Maddon, a Hazleton native and current Chicago Cubs manager, holds his annual Thanksmas dinner there every fall. The free dinner provides a warm meal for people in need.

The Hazleton One Community Center provides a full schedule of activities and events, including an after-school enrichment program in conjunction with Penn State University. The college students, who are studying to be teachers, gain experience working with English Language Learners and other multicultural students while providing mentorship to the local children who participate in the program. Other activities at the center include classes in English as a Second Language for adults, instruction in taekwon do and boxing, open sessions for basketball and swimming, guitar lessons and a reading program.

HIP also holds an annual unity day that brings the community together for a day of fun activities and entertainment. The signature event is the Unity Walk, which travels a nearly one-mile path around

the center. The day also features food, music, games and demonstrations from local karate and dance schools.

Good News Church on Allen Street in Hazleton operates the Good News Multi-Cultural Community Center.

Eckley Miner's Village, which is only a short drive from downtown Hazleton, takes visitors back to the time when anthracite mining ruled Greater Hazleton via a variety of celebrations throughout the year. Visitors get to see what life was like when miners and their families lived in the village, paying particular attention to the 1940s era.

Eckley's signature events include Patch Town Days in June, where people can experience the lives of the mining families that lived there from the 1850s to the 1940s. It features live dance and musical performances, historical presentations and exhibits, a fashion show by Queen Victoria's Court and tea at the Sharpe House. The 1940s Weekend held in July gives visitors an overview of the World War II era, complete with troops dressed in period uniforms and a military vehicle parade. The festivities also include military vehicles and antique cars on display, a look at civilian life on the home front, and 1940s music and weapons demonstrations. An evening swing dance is held at the Freeland Public Park.

Eckley's Fall Festival every October brings a taste of the country to the village. It features farm stands, craft vendors, a pumpkin patch, hayrides, a pie baking contest, music, pony



*Students perform at the Ferrwood Music Camp in Drums.*

rides and village and cemetery tours. Visitors can get in the Christmas spirit in early December during Christmas at Eckley. It gives people a glimpse at an old fashioned 1940s Christmas, complete with cookies and cocoa, a visit from St. Nicholas, 1940s radio broadcasts and Irish and German concerts.

Travel down the road from Eckley to Drifton and visit the Sophia Coxe Foundation and Education Center. Sophia Coxe took an active interest in the health and welfare of the miners and their families and donated 90 percent of her income through philanthropic endeavors. The foundation was established to keep her memory alive. The foundation gives guided tours of the Coxe house featuring a history of the house and its residents. Tea gatherings are regularly hosted. Visitors can also browse through the gift shop or take courses in activities like blacksmithing, engraving, spinning, weaving and woodworking. The Hazleton Garden Club maintains a garden on the grounds that contains flowers appropriate for the time period.

Hazleton has a rich history in orchestral music, which continues today with performances throughout the year by the Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hazleton Liberty Band and St. Ann's Band of Freeland. Gazebos and bandstands at parks in Hazle Township, Freeland, Weatherly and Conyngham offer a variety of locations for outdoor performances and events in the summer. The Philharmonic provides lessons throughout the year for young musicians who perform outdoor concerts during the summer at the historic Ferrwood Music Camp in Butler Township.

Talent abounds throughout the region, and Greater Hazleton has a number of amateur theater groups that spend countless hours planning and rehearsing their shows to entertain audiences. The Pennsylvania Theater of Performing Arts has been introducing delighted audiences to many of the area's most talented actors, musicians and dancers for more than a decade. The organization performs several shows throughout the year at the historic J.J. Ferrara Center for the Performing Arts on Broad Street. PTPA also offers a children's summer theater camp and youth workshops that teach various theater styles, acting techniques and a basic knowledge of theater.

The MPB Community Players and the Nuremberg Community Players stage plays and musicals throughout the year, and the Eckley Players perform skits at events held at Eckley Miners' Village and other locations.

The Sanctuary Stunt Studio is an all-purpose entertainment center inside the former Holy Trinity Slovak Roman Catholic Church on Wyoming Street. The facility is home for the full-contact theatrical arts, including the trades of professional wrestling, stunt acting and live event production. The center hosts frequent independent wrestling matches styled after world-famous WWE matches such as

"Monday Night Raw." It is also available for community events such as concerts, fashion shows, comedy shows and boxing matches.

Pennsylvania Premiere Wrestling (PPW), founded in 2013, is the leading independent wrestling company in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Their facility on Laurel Street in Hazleton hosts a variety of wrestling events featuring legends, Hall of Famers and future Hall of Famers, as well as international wrestling sensations.

When it comes to professional performances, the Greater Hazleton Concert Series, a nonprofit cultural organization, has been offering live entertainment to area residents for 80 years. Each year, the series offers six or seven diverse programs by nationally and internationally recognized performers. Recent programs have

included The Dallas Brass, The Lennon Sisters, The Texas Tenors, The Odessa Philharmonic, The Brothers Four, Roger Williams and The Letterman.

Programs are held in the modern and accessible auditorium of the Hazleton Area High School. Annual subscriptions are offered at a reasonable price and tickets for individual performances are also available. Each season, the Concert Series offers at least two student outreach programs provided by the performers in area primary or secondary schools. In addition, the Concert Series provides scholarships to area students for private music lessons each year. A new college scholarship in the performing arts has been endowed by the Concert Series and will be awarded annually.

For a deeper look into Hazleton's past, visit the Greater Hazleton Historical Society's museum on Wyoming Street. The museum has a countless number of items from Hazleton's past on display as well as an archive of newspaper pages and clippings, a variety of other print publications and photographs.

The Hazleton Area Public Library is another historic city institution that provides arts and cultural opportunities.

The library holds story and craft times for children at its main location in downtown Hazleton as well as its branch libraries in Freeland, Nuremberg, McAdoo and Conyngham.

Children can also tap into their love of performance art through several dance companies and music schools in the area. The groups routinely showcase their talents at recitals and charity benefits across Greater Hazleton.

Penn State Hazleton hosts several national music, dance and theater ensembles for performances open to the public throughout the year at its Slusser/Bayzick Black Box Theater on campus.

Other events and festivals take place in Hazleton throughout the year. The City of Hazleton honors the Fourth of July with its "Hold Your Flag High" celebration at Harman-Geist Memorial Field. The event features music, crafts and food and ends with a lengthy fireworks display.



***The former Security Savings building will become an arts center in downtown Hazleton.***

In October, the Eckley Players group scares visitors on Halloween Lantern Tours in Eckley Miners' Village; the Pardeesville Recreation Association operates a haunted trail; Maylath's Farm Market builds a corn maze and numerous other autumn-themed activities, and Burger's Farm Market sets up autumn displays and takes visitors on hayrides through its pumpkin patch.

The CAN DO Community Christmas celebration has been helping usher in the holiday season for more than 20 years. The event features musical performances by several local school orchestras and choirs at Christ Lutheran Church in Hazleton. The Sounds of the Season holiday concert is held annually at the Wiltsie Center and features performances from local orchestras and a sing-along of holiday music. Children gather for the city's tree lighting and the Chamber conducts its "Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus" event each year, featuring entertainment by local dance groups.

Only a short drive from Hazleton, venues such as the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre Township, the F.M. Kirby Center in downtown Wilkes-Barre and the Toyota Pavilion at Montage Mountain in Moosic host internationally known musical acts, while the Scranton Cultural Center also puts on well-known shows. Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe hosts numerous rock, country and tribute concerts. In downtown Bloomsburg, the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble stages professional productions of a selection of plays and original works each season at the Alvina Krause Theatre.

The Briggs Farm in Nescopeck has hosted nationally known blues performers every July for more than 15 years at its outdoor two-day blues festival.

Later, in September, many area residents head to the Bloomsburg Fair, the largest fair in the state. Fairgoers enjoy arts and crafts displays, musical entertainment, rides, live animal displays and more.

The Chamber of Commerce holds its annual **FUNFEST** street festival the second weekend of September in downtown Hazleton. **FUNFEST** features free entertainment, activities for people of all ages and a delicious array of food. Its signature events are a classic car cruise and a parade that begins in West Hazleton and marches along Broad Street to the downtown.

The Wiltsie Center at the Historic Castle, named for local art teacher Alice C. Wiltsie, is located in the auditorium of Hazleton Elementary/Middle School. The restored facility was once the auditorium of the former Hazleton High School, affectionately referred to as "The Castle" by many local residents. The building dates back to the 1920s and, after closing for several years, reopened in 2007 as Hazleton Elementary/Middle School.

The venue is a source of deep pride and wonderful memories for the many residents who fought hard to save it from destruction. A group of dedicated volunteers raised the remainder of the money necessary to renovate the auditorium, which opened in October of 2011. World-famous acts such as Chicago, Bret Michaels, Michael Bolton and Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers have performed at the Wiltsie Center. The center also provides another setting for local performance groups that take the stage year round in Hazleton.

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Funfest, which was started by a committee of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce in 1979, began as a community fair and parade. It has grown to become the largest event of its kind in Luzerne County and attracts thousands of people to downtown Hazleton each year.

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# Recreation



*Greater Hazleton offers many options for golfers from public courses to the Valley Country Club.*

## Greater Hazleton, Pennsylvania...

# Hiking, biking, golfing, skiing and more. It's all close to Greater Hazleton

Greater Hazleton is a place where those who love the great outdoors will feel right at home. Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Pocono Mountains and the Northern Tier have some of the most naturally beautiful scenic locations and popular recreation activities in the entire state.

Fans of all four seasons can always find something new to do and see, from skiing and snowboarding to golfing and nature hikes. Although some of the most popular tourist destinations in the country are just a short car ride away,

Greater Hazleton residents and visitors have plenty of great options right here in the area.

The Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails is a six-mile path that runs along abandoned railroad beds that were used during Hazleton's coal mining boom. The trail is frequented by runners, cyclists and nature buffs of all kinds. The Greater Hazleton Civic Partnership, which is an affiliate of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, oversees the trail, which begins right off East Broad Street near its intersection with Route 424. Plans for the trail call for its extension to the Lehigh Gorge Trail, which runs between White Haven and Jim Thorpe, for a total length of nearly 20 miles.

The Rails to Trails area has grown to include exercise stations, picnic benches, play stations for children, memorial trees, a demonstration garden of native plants and grasses and informative signs.

The site is one of the locations of the annual National Trails Day Hike and Bike held each June. The event features a group hike and bike along the trail as well as bike maintenance tips, free helmets for children and an environmental walk through the area. The Hike and Bike is popular with area residents because it provides a fun outing for the entire family.

Take a trip back in time with a visit to Eckley Miners' Village outside of Freeland. The village was formed in 1854 as a coal mining "patch town" that provided mining families with the basic necessities such as housing and medical care, as well as basic amenities like a store, a school and churches. Today, the town has

been preserved and transformed into a museum. Guided tours are available from Memorial Day into October. Admission to the museum includes a video providing an overview of the village's history and mining

families and entrance to the Visitors' Center exhibitions. Eckley's annual Patch Town Days festival in June kicks off its summer schedule and celebrates the more than 160 years of anthracite mining history and cultural heritage of northeastern Pennsylvanian patch towns. It features international music performances and a Victorian fashion show. Eckley also hosts a fall festival and special activities around Halloween and Christmas.

The Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau's comprehensive website, [www.tournepa.com](http://www.tournepa.com), features a host of recreation, entertainment and dining options as well as a list of the best accommodations across Northeastern Pennsylvania. It includes information on hiking and biking locations, historical attractions and sightseeing places, theaters, nightlife, parks and wineries. There's also a list of regional sports venues and other recreation outlets. The accommodations section provides information on bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, hotels and vacation rentals. Information on package deals is also available.

Greater Hazleton is within an hour's drive from more than a dozen state parks and forests. It's also close to several of the more than 25 National Natural Landmarks in Pennsylvania.



Events are held at various times throughout the year at the Eckley Miners Village.

These landmarks include The Glens Natural Area at Ricketts Glen State Park, which has many trees exceeding 100 feet in height and 22 waterfalls, and the Nay Aug Park Gorge and Waterfall in Lackawanna County.

Hickory Run, Lehigh Gorge and Nescopeck are the three state parks closest to Greater Hazleton.

They offer visitors a variety of activities including hiking, biking, swimming, bird-watching, fishing and boating, as well as a place for picnics and camping. The 3,500-acre Nescopeck State Park is just a 10-minute drive north of Hazleton in the scenic valley town of Drums. It has a nine-acre lake stocked with trout, bass and panfish for year-round fishing; access to hunting areas during established seasons; 19 miles of hiking trails featuring unique habitats across forests, fields and wetlands; cross-country skiing; snowshoeing and environmental education programs that teach people about the natural world and critical environmental issues facing society.

Nescopeck State Park hosts WinterFest every February and provides a day of ice-fishing and ice safety demos among other activities. Special events are held year-round at the park including a hiking series, the Hide-n-Seekers educational program for preschoolers, wildlife walks, boating courses, guided bird walks, kayaking lessons, a scavenger hunt and a stargazing party.

The many state game lands and wooded areas are home to a variety of wild animals including deer, bear, turkeys, grouse, rabbits and pheasants. Those who want to gear up for hunting can visit Whitetail Preserve Shooting Range, which features professionally designed skeet, trap and sporting clay fields. It is also the home of the Hazleton Area High School Shooting Club. Whitetail Preserve, along with the Pennsylvania Biathlon Club, conducts events for Special Olympic contestants on a specially created rifle range and running course for track snowshoes and skis. The Hazleton Archery Club maintains a facility just outside Hazleton in Drifton that offers indoor and outdoor target ranges and a three-dimensional course.

Many area groups and organizations sponsor annual adult runs and walks of various distances as well as kids' fun runs and walks. The Hazleton Town and Trail Race Series kicks off from the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails site and features 5K, 10K and half-

marathon runs and a youth one-mile race and fun run. The Valley Running Club provides members with information about the entire Festival of Races series, which includes nine races from April through October.

The series includes races sponsored by Lehigh Valley Health Network, Community Services for Sight, Beech Mountain Lakes and Penn State Hazleton, as well as the Valley Great 8-miler and 5K and the St. Mauro's Festival Run for the Cannoli.

Louis Schiavo City View Park is home to a BMX track where children as young as two years old learn to

ride up and down the hills

and bumps on the specially designed track. Races are held from April through September. Hazleton City View BMX members have competed at state championships at a variety of locations across Pennsylvania.

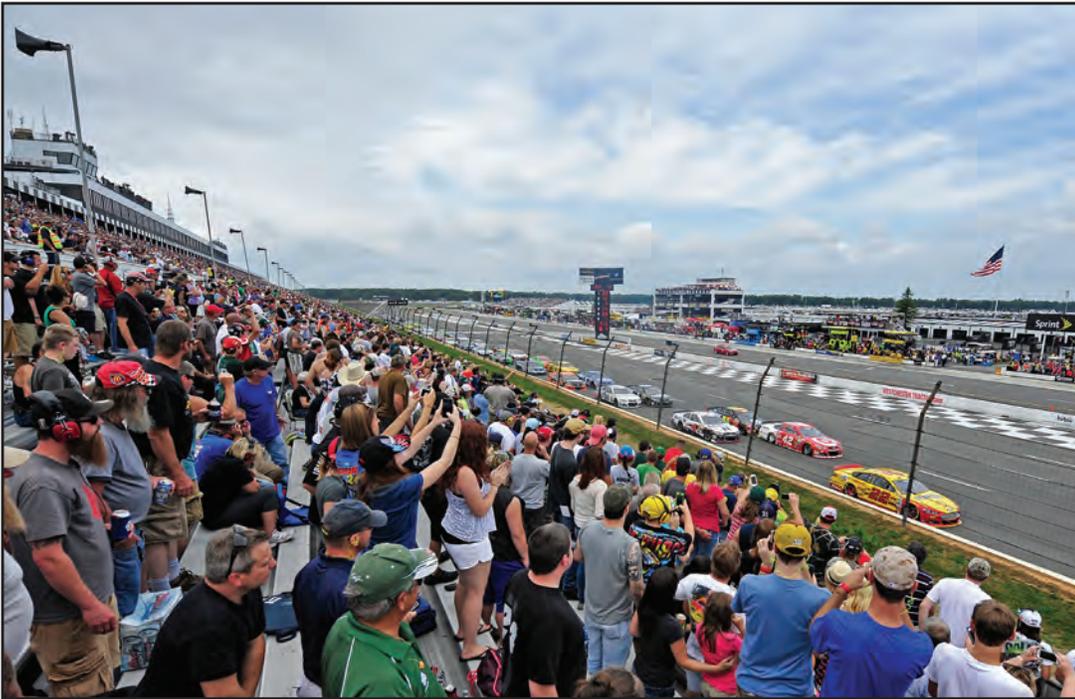
In addition to the BMX racing, youth can take advantage of sports leagues for Minor League, Little League and Babe Ruth baseball as well as softball, soccer, basketball, football, wrestling, street hockey and bowling. There are also many youth sports camps held in the summer months. Adults can take part in a variety of sports leagues as well or spend time outdoors at one of several pristine 18-hole golf courses in the area, including Sand Springs, Edgewood by Sand Springs, Split Rock, Blue Ridge Trail and Mountain Laurel.



*Nescopeck State Park is just a 10-minute drive from Hazleton.*



*Many ski resorts are less than an hour away, like Jack Frost and Big Boulder.*



Fans cheer at the Pocono Raceway during one of two annual NASCAR races.

There are opportunities for horse lovers to take horseback riding lessons at several stables in the Poconos and those looking for an adventure on the waterways can try out boating, kayaking or whitewater rafting at places like Whitewater Challengers. Thrill-seekers can take a guided tour down the wild and scenic Lehigh River Gorge or try their hand at ziplining or paintball.

Those looking for some high-flying action can complete a tandem skydiving jump with Above the Poconos Skydivers at the Hazleton Municipal Airport. Lessons and demonstrations are available for everyone from first-time jumpers to seasoned skydivers who are ready to become instructors themselves. The center is the oldest continuously running United States Parachute Association (USPA)-member skydiving center in the world. Owners and instructors Don and Darlene Kellner and Dave Price have a combined total of more than 65,000 skydives and 100 years of experience and are recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most jumps in the world.

Thrill-seekers can find more fun south of Hazleton at the Weatherly Hillclimb. Twice a year, racers navigate the impossibly steep hills and twisty turns. The course features uphill straights leading into hairpin turns, including one called "The Wall," and a jump where most cars leave contact with the pavement.

The fun in Greater Hazleton only gets better when the weather gets cold and snowy outside. Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing action can be found in full force at dozens of ski resorts across Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Blue Mountain Ski Area, Camelback Ski Resort, Montage Mountain Resort, Elk Mountain Ski Resort, Shawnee Mountain, Jack Frost/Big Boulder and Alpine Mountain. Blue Mountain near Palmerton has the highest vertical long runs in Pennsylvania and a mix of terrain over more than 39 slopes. Camelback is among the largest ski resorts in PA with 34 slopes and 42 snow tubing lanes. Montage Mountain has some of the region's steepest slopes and is centrally located near five interstate highways for easy access from neighboring states. Elk Mountain is one of the area's oldest resorts and still provides challenging

terrains.

Greater Hazleton also has several small community parks that give families a nice, peaceful place to relax and enjoy the outdoors. Hazle Township Community Park is home to Lake Irena, open for fishing, along with picnic areas, sports fields and courts, playgrounds and walking trails. Whispering Willows in Conyngham features baseball fields, tennis courts, a swimming pool, playground and open space for picnics and parties. Butler Township Community Park has baseball fields, playground equipment, walking and running paths and trails and a skate park.

Professional sports also offer many viewing opportunities in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders and Lehigh Valley IronPigs are Triple-A affiliates for the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies baseball teams, respectively, while the Reading Phillies are a Single-A affiliate. Hockey fans can head to Mohegan Sun Arena at



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Northeast Pennsylvania offers several options for year-round indoor water parks including Camelback's Aquatopia indoor waterpark.

Casey Plaza and catch the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, the Pittsburgh Penguins' American Hockey League affiliate.

Pocono International Raceway in Long Pond features NASCAR, Xfinity Series and IndyCar action every summer, while Wilkes-Barre's Mohegan Sun Pocono hosts horse-racing action in addition to a casino with slot machines and game tables, restaurants, stores, entertainment, a hotel and convention center.

Roller-coaster lovers can fly down the hills and get back in line over and over again at nationally known parks like Knoebels Amusement Resort, Hersheypark and Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom. All three also feature an assortment of rides for the whole family along with a host of water activities. Knoebels, which opened in 1926 in Elysburg and is famous for free parking and free admission, has six roller-coasters, including some suitable for small children. Dorney Park near Allentown boasts eight roller-coasters, 18 water rides and Planet Snoopy, a park-within-a-park for kids. Hersheypark has more than 74 rides, 13 roller-coasters and 14 water attractions. Adjacent to the park is the world-famous Hershey's Chocolate World, which is open year round and takes visitors through the process of making chocolate.

There are several other water parks throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania you can visit for more wet and wild fun in the sun. These include H2Oooohh Indoor Water Park at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, Camelbeach Mountain Water Park in Tannersville, Montage Mountain Water Park in Scranton, Great Wolf Lodge in Scotrun and Kalahari Indoor Water Park in Pocono Manor. Many of these are on the grounds of a resort, where parents can relax and enjoy the resort amenities such as spa treatments, dinners and shows after a day of fun with the kids at the water park.

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# Community



*Hazleton native Joe Maddon, manager of the Chicago Cubs and one of the founders of the Hazleton Integration Project, poses with a group of children. Another group gathers in front of the Chamber offices for a photo.*

*A community comprised of a very diverse population*

# Chamber embraces newest residents to Greater Hazleton

The foundations of Hazleton and the surrounding communities were built centuries ago by a diverse group of settlers from many different nationalities that each possessed their own rich history and traditions that remain here among their descendants today.

Greater Hazleton is returning to those roots as it moves further and further along in the 21st century.

Mexicans, Dominicans, Puerto Ricans, Indians, Chinese, Lebanese, Moroccans, Egyptians and Haitians are among the many citizens that now call Greater Hazleton home.

Organizations like the Hazleton Integration Project, Greater Hazleton Hispanic Business Association and Latino Media Group are working to help make Greater Hazleton a place where everyone can feel welcome and find peace and prosperity for their families and businesses.

Carmine Parlatore, a businesswoman who operates a store on East Broad Street, started the Hazleton Cares initiative to educate residents on how they can make their neighborhoods better. Bilingual information packets are handed out containing things like important emergency and non-emergency phone numbers, garbage pick-up dates, and deadlines for when to have their yards and sidewalks maintained to comply with city code standards. Organizations including the Hazleton Police Department, Catholic Social Services, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, the Hazleton Ministerium and the Hazleton Integration Project combined to provide information for the packets.

The Greater Hazleton Hispanic Business Association formed in December of 2014 to help local Hispanic small business owners obtain all of the information they need to succeed. The nonprofit organization unites the business owners in an effort to help one another and support the growth of Hispanic businesses and Hispanic entrepreneurs in Greater Hazleton. The group helps those who need English translation or interpretation of documents to establish their businesses and storefronts and also provides seminars and other educational services to its members.

Greater Hazleton has a rich Hispanic media presence that includes a television station, two newspapers and two radio stations. Telekaribe, the city's first Spanish-language television

station, began broadcasting in November 2015. The station began as a Dominican-oriented channel but plans to evolve to include all Hispanic cultures and be a resource for English-speaking residents to learn Spanish. It is available via Service



**Officials cut the ribbon for the city's first Spanish-language television station, Telekaribe, which began broadcasting in November 2015.**

Electric Cablevision's Hispanic channels tier and broadcasts local and international programming. The station is active 24 hours a day and delivers news, entertainment, music, sports, special programs, movies, comedy, employment notices, weather, religious programming and information about sales and services. El Mensajero is a monthly

Spanish newspaper that serves Northeastern Pennsylvania. Poder Latino news is a bilingual newspaper that is designed to inform and educate the Hispanic community in Northeast Pennsylvania. Radio Esperanza De Vida is an AM/FM radio station dedicated to the Hispanic community providing music, talk radio, and community service information. Kalegria.com is an online radio station that provides promotional information about Hispanic-owned businesses in Greater Hazleton.

The Latino Media Group is a film company located on Peace Street in Hazleton that was founded several years ago to showcase the growing integration of the Latino population in Greater Hazleton. The company has produced several films, including a documentary entitled Hazleton: The Immigrant's Mine of Dreams about the city's past, present and future and another film about the positive aspects of living and working in the Hazleton area.

Luzerne County Community College's downtown Hazleton campus is home to the LCCC Hazleton Multicultural Center. The facility is a place where English Language Learners (ELL) can receive programming to promote their academic, personal and professional achievement. The Multicultural Center, which receives funding through grants, has partnered with a variety of community organizations to help educate the Hispanic population. It provides programs and services that help bridge educational gaps for high school students, connect generations of learners to literacy, empower ESL learners to become self-sufficient and provide a pathway to employment and/or education.

# Health Care



## State-of-the-art health care

# Greater Hazleton has access to top health care at home

Greater Hazleton residents can feel at ease knowing they have quick and easy access to one of the top trauma centers in the state, two additional quality health networks with some of the best doctors in the country and three cancer treatment centers using state-of-the-art equipment and treatment plans.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton is accredited by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation as a Level IV Trauma Center. The designation means that LVH-Hazleton has the staff and facility necessary to assess and stabilize patients with critical and life-threatening injuries and then provide advanced care in the emergency room. The hospital has immediate access to all necessary resources to reduce the likelihood of disability or death in critically injured patients. Doctors, nurses and other LVH-Hazleton staff can work to diagnose injuries right at the patient's bedside and determine if they need to be transported to Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest's Level I Trauma Center for further treatment.

LVH-Hazleton is an award-winning facility and was recognized for its treatment of heart failure, stroke and coronary artery disease by the American Heart Association. It's a five-time recipient of the HealthGrades for Excellence in Patient Safety award and a three-time winner of awards for pulmonary care. It was Northeast Pennsylvania's first Primary Care Stroke Center and also received accreditation as a Chest Pain Center and Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence.

The 150-bed facility is equipped to handle inpatient acute care, rehabilitation at the Gunderson Rehabilitation Center, emergency care, maternity care and home care.

LVH-Hazleton received two awards from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) for its treatment of ischemic strokes in November 2015. It won the ASA's Get With The Guidelines—Stroke Gold Plus quality achievement award, which recognizes the hospital's compliance and best practice use of aggressive medications, for the seventh straight year and won the Target: Stroke Honor Roll-Elite award, recognizing the hospital's success at delivering fast thrombolytic therapy, for the fourth consecutive year. LVH-Hazleton was also recognized for conducting a smoking cessation program, another way to help patients lower their risk for ischemic strokes.

The hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program was recertified by the

American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR) in October 2015. New certifications are issued every three years and recognize programs that help patients with cardiovascular problems recover faster and improve their quality of life through means such as exercise, education, counseling and support.

LVH-Hazleton is also equipped with all of the supplies and treatment options to deal with burn victims. In June 2015, it served as a pickup location where 16 regional hospitals came to receive mobile carts packed with supplies to treat burn victims. LVH-Hazleton recently installed its own MRI unit on the hospital grounds, allowing patients to receive the test in a convenient setting on-site at the hospital.

The Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, located on the Airport Beltway in Hazle Township, has been the area's premiere outpatient service center since it opened its doors in 2007. The facility has more than 20 providers on staff and provides patients with quality and convenient service for a variety of needs including rehabilitation, occupational health, travel and immunization, laboratory services, cardiology services and imaging services. It

also houses a fitness center open to the public and an occupational health clinic.

In addition to operating the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, Lehigh Valley Health Network oversees the Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton, formerly known as

Alliance Medical Group. The group of physicians links Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton and the Health & Wellness Center with more than 40 physicians and advanced care professionals across 21 practice sites in northeastern Pennsylvania. Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton doctors can treat patients with cardiology, chiropractic medicine, endocrinology, family medicine, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery services.

Lehigh Valley Health Network's newest facility in Hazleton is the Lehigh Valley Health Network Cancer Center-Hazleton. The center is designed to treat patients who have a variety of cancers and blood disorders and provides a wide-range of services along a cancer patient's journey from diagnosis to oral and intravenous treatments to remission. Patients can receive chemotherapy and therapeutic



LVH officials cut the ribbon on the hospital's new Cancer Treatment Center

infusions, transfusion services, therapeutic phlebotomies and injections, on-site blood drawing and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-approved tests. They also have access to support services from nutritional counselors and financial coordinators.

Lehigh Valley Health Network cancer physicians have been providing care to patients in the Lehigh Valley for nearly 40 years. In addition to having access to those physicians, Greater Hazleton residents will benefit from the health network's alliance with world-renowned Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, the world's oldest and largest private cancer center. Local patients have access to the latest and most effective cancer treatments, including clinical trials, and the latest discoveries in cancer research without leaving the comforts of home.

Greater Hazleton residents also have access to two additional facilities for cancer treatment. The Cancer Treatment Center at Hazleton provides radiation treatment in a non-invasive and painless manner that allows patients to return to their daily routine with minimal side effects. The center services a wide range of cancer patients, including those with brain tumors, lung tumors, breast cancer, metastatic cancer and prostate cancer, and treats early-stage, recurring and advanced cancer with a machine that generates high-energy X-ray beams.

Geisinger Medical Center's Hazleton Cancer Center offers chemotherapy, IV infusions, injections, hydrations, blood transfusions and bone marrow biopsies as well as an on-site lab. A social worker/patient navigator is available to help patients navigate their cancer care and obtain access to various resources and support

systems. The facility is designed to treat patients with various cancers including breast, gynecologic, brain, spine, nervous system, blood and bone marrow, lung, esophageal, colorectal and GI, head and neck, melanoma and skin, prostate and musculoskeletal.

Patients who need to see a doctor immediately but have non-life-threatening conditions have access to many walk-in health clinics in Greater Hazleton. Hazleton Urgent Care Center in downtown Hazleton is overseen by a doctor who previously served as the medical director for two hospital emergency rooms, along with other medical professionals. The center can provide treatment for a variety of ailments, including fever, flu, earaches, coughs, nausea, dizziness, minor bone fractures, sprains, lacerations and non-severe asthma attacks, without patients having to go to an emergency room.

Additional local walk-in health clinics include Lehigh Valley Health Network's ExpressCARE facility in the Hazleton Shopping Center on Broad Street and Geisinger Carework's clinic next to Staples in West Hazleton.

The Coordinated Health network operates nearly 20 facilities across Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley. The Hazleton location has a walk-in care facility with staff who can treat minor injuries and illnesses. Coordinated Health's physicians also specialize in family medicine, imaging, occupational therapy, rehabilitation and chiropractic and psychiatric care for the spine.

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Greater Hazleton has numerous facilities available that provide quality care for the area's senior population. Some of the many nursing homes and assisted living facilities offer semi-independent living options and also accept patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia. These facilities include Providence Place Retirement Community, The Laurels Senior Living Community, Fritzingertown Senior Living Community, St. Luke Village, Mountain City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Corrigan House, Heritage Hill Senior Living Community, Weatherwood Nursing Home, Shenandoah Senior Living Community and Hometown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Home health care is available from several sources including Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton, Maylath Valley Health Systems, All Care Home Care, Bayada Home Health Care, Comfort Keepers and R&L Helpmates. Bayada Pediatrics cares for children with special needs in the hospital, at home or at school.

Pathway to Recovery provides counseling and educational services to those working to overcome drug and alcohol addictions. Its range of clinical services include a confidential evaluation process; individual, family and marital counseling sessions; a life skills group for those starting over after addiction; a relapse prevention program and an employee assistance program. The organization also runs a DUI program that receives referrals from county DUI Central Intake centers and a tobacco cessation program that includes free brand name nicotine replacement patches and lozenges.

Greater Hazleton has a number of specialists including chiropractors, physical therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists. In addition to the

Health & Wellness center and local general practice physician offices, lab work and medical testing is conducted at Northeastern Laboratory Medicine and Quest Diagnostics. Hazleton Imaging provides a range of services under the guidance of elite radiologists including x-rays, MRI and CT scans, ultrasounds and digital mammography.

Greater Hazleton residents can reduce their chances of needing the services of medical professionals by using one of the area's many gyms and fitness centers. The Hazleton YMCA/YWCA offers a wide range of fitness equipment, exercise classes and youth camps and sports instruction. The YMCA has a 4,000 square-foot fitness center with more than 60 pieces of equipment, a gymnasium, two indoor swimming pools and a number of fitness classes including aerobics, cycling, yoga and Zumba. The facility's center for youth features video game consoles, laptop computers, a sound system, flat screen TVs and billiards and ping pong tables. A day care center on site is staffed by certified and trained employees and is state licensed by the Department of Public Welfare. Youth can learn basketball and swimming or attend the Camp Discovery summer camp that teaches confidence, teamwork and leadership.

The Freeland YMCA conducts several youth basketball instructional programs, two youth basketball leagues, an indoor youth soccer program, a youth dodgeball program and a winter men's basketball league. Other local gyms and fitness centers include Core Fitness, Gerrie's Fitness Center, Mystic Power Yoga, Iron House Gym, CrossFit and Healthy Rhythms. These facilities promote a healthy lifestyle with a wide array of programs including yoga, aerobics, CrossFit training and Zumba.

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# The Chamber



Chamber staff includes President Mary Malone, seated left, and Vice President of Marketing Leann Fallabel, seated right. Back row, from left, are Marketing Assistant Linda Mantush, Membership Director Dan Guydish, Bookkeeper Nancy Zolota, and Administrative Assistant Julie Ferry.

*An advocate for business and industry*

# Greater Hazleton Chamber has been serving area since 1892

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce is known throughout the community as a tireless advocate for businesses in the region, a role it has taken since its founding in 1892 as the Hazleton Board of Trade. Ever since, the Chamber has worked diligently to enhance the business climate and quality of life for its member businesses throughout the area.

The Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing all the valuable information, services and networking opportunities that local business owners and their employees need to succeed. It actively supports the local business community through business development and economic, civic, cultural and educational programming.

After more than 120 years of service, the Chamber remains focused on serving its members through its core goals. The Chamber acts as a centralized and accessible source of business, legislative and community information and communication through its newsletter and enables communication between the business community and government officials by holding a monthly Red Carpet Breakfast series that features local, state and federal lawmakers as guest speakers.

The Chamber provides a wide range of valuable products and services, including its biannual Image Book, which is published in alternating years from the Chamber's comprehensive map of Greater Hazleton; a Chamber member directory and free small business counseling services through Wilkes University's Small Business Development Center.

A variety of educational seminars covering timely topics to help owners and



**Federal, state and local officials join Chamber officials in cutting the ribbon on the Broad Street Corridor project.**

their employees build a better business are held throughout the year. One of the most popular is the Human Resources Seminar, which the Chamber has held for more than 10 years. This half-day seminar consists of three sessions, two of which are breakout sessions where attendees can choose from two topics going on simultaneously, as well as a keynote speaker, breakfast and lunch. This seminar is geared toward anyone in the human resource

field, as well as small to mid-size business owners or anyone who is interested in learning more about the topics being offered. The seminar has been approved for 3.75 credit hours toward PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI).

Chamber members also benefit from access to the ChamberChoice health care and energy pool programs. ChamberChoice offers individual and group health insurance plans that comply with the Affordable Care Act along with Medicare products, dental and vision insurance, human resources solutions, business insurance dividend and energy savings programs and voluntary benefits and personal insurance.



**Chamber President Mary Malone addresses guests during the Chamber's annual dinner celebration.**

ChamberChoice offers an expanded portfolio of health insurance coverage options for small, medium and large businesses, as well as sole proprietors, and a full spectrum of supporting employee benefits. The energy pool program is an exclusive program with ChamberChoice, OnDemand Energy and Direct Energy. It has plans that help businesses save money on the electric bill for their business, organization and home.



*Throughout the year the Chamber sponsors a wide range of seminars to assist businesses and industries in keeping up with the latest trends and regulations.*

There are also residential options that are open to the public.

The Chamber holds two monthly networking mixers throughout the year to give businesses a chance to showcase their products or services and facility. The events allow all Chamber members, their employees, co-workers and guests an opportunity to enjoy a casual, after-hours networking event with the business community of Greater Hazleton. In addition to mixers, quality business networking opportunities are offered through the Chamber's annual Dinner and Executive Business Exposition and two annual golf tournaments that give members a chance to meet other members and promote their businesses.

The Chamber's goals also include improving the local business and economic climate by addressing economic development issues, promoting businesses and facilitating partnerships. It hosts two annual regional job fairs featuring some of the largest employers in Greater Hazleton and throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. Between 500 and 800 jobseekers interact with more than 50 employers seeking full, part-time, temporary or summer workers. Employers can offer information about career fields and employment opportunities, conduct interviews and promote their businesses during the event. Several community colleges and technical institutes are also on hand to provide information for those looking to further their education or embark on a new career path.

The Chamber recommends its member businesses to residents all across Greater Hazleton and assists new businesses with ribbon-cuttings and groundbreakings. The Chamber also provides a member-to-member discount program. Additionally, the Chamber monitors local, state and federal legislative issues of concern to the business community through its Government Affairs committee.

One of the Chamber's main focuses is the drive to enhance the physical, social, educational and cultural elements of Greater Hazleton through events such as the annual Car Cruise-in and **FUNFEST** street fair, which bring thousands of people to downtown Hazleton; the Great American Cleanup of PA, which helps beautify the region; and Community Reading Day, when business professionals read to area elementary students to promote literacy and strengthen the partnership between business and education.

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce provides more networking and community service opportunities through its variety of committees. Business professionals from across Greater Hazleton volunteer their time with these groups. Committees include the Chamber Ambassadors, which is a public relations arm of the chamber and welcomes new members into the organization; the

Community Awareness committee, which fosters a greater understanding of the area's resources, activities and opportunities; the Downtown committee, which works to promote downtown businesses and the downtown as a whole; the Funfest committee, which meets year round to plan the September festival; and the Women's Networking committee, which brings together a diverse group of businesswomen to plan networking mixers and special events.

In addition to networking luncheons and socials, the Women's Networking Committee presents several Women's Empowerment Grant awards annually. This grant was established to encourage women to pursue training or education that will help them start or advance a career. The target of the grant is women who are currently working and want to advance in their career through education or training, are returning to the workforce, or are seeking to change their current career path and pursue something more in line with their interests or passions. It is intended to be available to those who would not necessarily have access to scholarships or grants. Over the past eight years, nearly 30 women have received a total of \$22,500 in grant money through the awards program.

The Chamber's goal to unite Greater Hazleton for business and community events is on display a number of times throughout the year.

Hundreds of people attend the Chamber's annual Dinner and Executive Business Exposition, where they have an opportunity to hear about the progress of the Chamber during the past year and interact with other leaders of the Greater Hazleton business community. Chamber members can exhibit at the business expo and promote their company's goods and services to those in attendance. Dinner highlights include recognizing incoming and outgoing members of the Chamber's Board of Directors, presenting the Athena Award to the businesswoman of the year and honoring the latest Leadership Hazleton graduating class.

The Chamber's annual Business and Community Awards luncheon is another event that brings members together to celebrate the best and brightest businesses and community volunteers from the past year. Awards are handed out for Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, Rocco Colangelo Sr. Volunteer of the Year, Pride of Place, Healthy Workplace of the Year, Green Business of the Year and Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

In celebration of Chamber of Commerce Month in October, the Chamber holds its Annual Anniversary Membership Celebration to recognize long-standing members who are celebrating a special anniversary with the organization. In 2015, the Chamber honored Hazle Drugs, PNC Bank, PPL, Standard-Speaker and UGI Utilities for 100 years of membership. It also recognized Empire Cleaners (75 years), Genetti Catering (65 years), M&T Bank (65 years), PA Monument Company (55 years) and Pachence & Joyce Insurance (50 years). In 2016, the Chamber will honor Snyder & Clemente for 70 years of membership and Lloyd & Associates LLC for 55 years. Butler Enterprises Inc., Fairway Motors Inc., Bemis Performing Packaging, A to S Metals Inc., Highway Equipment & Supply Co. and Benjamin Real Estate are all celebrating 50 years of service in 2016.

One day each week during the growing season, the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market brings farm-fresh produce and other locally produced food items like breads, jellies and honey right to



*The Chamber recognizes businesses that excel at its Annual Business and Community Awards Program. Categories include Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, Pride of Place, Volunteer of the Year, Green Business of the Year, Healthy Workplace of the Year and Young Entrepreneur of the Year.*

downtown. The farmer's market helps promote the local economy and provides the community with fresh, organic products.

The Downtown Hazleton Classic Car Cruise-In also brings hundreds of people to downtown Hazleton every August for a night of classic cars, food and live entertainment. The family-friendly event is a longtime favorite for Greater Hazleton residents and helps to attract more attention to Hazleton's revitalized downtown.

Over a weekend in September, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce holds its biggest event of the year, **FUNFEST**. Planning takes place all year long for this massive celebration, which blends small-town traditions with big-time fun. Thousands of people congregate in downtown Hazleton to experience this family-friendly event. **FUNFEST** was named a "local legacy" by the Library of Congress.

There's no charge to attend the **FUNFEST** events, which offer something for every age group. Parking is also free. Whether it's the classic car show, craft show, street fair, senior activities, kids events, celebrity scooter race, "touch a truck" event for the kids or free musical entertainment, everyone is sure to find something to enjoy.

When it comes to food, those who go to **FUNFEST** can choose from more delicious goodies than they'd ever imagine. The festival features delicious foods for sale by local churches and organizations, as well as fair-style foods sold by vendors, including everything from funnel cakes to deep-fried Oreos.

The giant parade is one of **FUNFEST's** best-known attractions and one of the largest parades in all of Northeastern Pennsylvania. People crowd the sidewalks in West Hazleton and Hazleton to see the procession make its way down Broad Street, complete with large floats, community groups, bands from across the state and balloons reminiscent of those in Macy's Thanksgiving Day

parade.

**FUNFEST**, which was started by a committee of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce in 1979, began as a community fair and parade. It has grown to become the largest event of its kind in Luzerne County and attracts thousands of people to downtown Hazleton each year.

**FUNFEST** has about 40 volunteer committee members who plan the event during the year, then operate it during **FUNFEST** Weekend. Chamber staff members oversee the planning.

The Chamber's Community Awareness Committee sponsors Tastes of Greater Hazleton every October. The event features a sampling of signature dishes and products from participating restaurants and businesses throughout Greater Hazleton, as well as cooking demonstrations from some of the area's top chefs.

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce expands further on its goals through the partnership it has with its four main affiliate organizations: Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress (DHAP), Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, Leadership Hazleton and Mountain Council of Governments (MCOG).

Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, the driving force behind the long-term revitalization of downtown Hazleton, is continuing its efforts to make the downtown an exciting and vibrant place to live,



*Crowds gather in downtown Hazleton for the annual Classic Car Cruise-in that attracts many car enthusiasts.*

work and visit. The organization secured a \$100,000 grant from the Luzerne Local Share Account to begin work on a city park project at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets in center city. The first phase of the project included site and utility work, installing new sidewalks and street lights, adding grass and planting a 2,200-pound Canaan fir tree that will be used for the city's annual Christmas tree lighting. The second phase of the project calls for installing a fountain, paving,

landscaping and other amenities.

DHAP also received more than \$500,000 in grants to restore and transform the former Security Savings bank building into a city arts center. Under phase one of the project, the building will be renovated – including interior design changes – and brought up to code.

The Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership is a community organization dedicated to making Greater Hazleton a great place to live, learn, work, worship and play. It sponsors a variety of community events and projects including the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails, Gateway Beautification, Black Creek Township Alumni Association, Mountain Council of Governments and a community assessment.

The Civic Partnership Scholarship Program awards scholarships annually to qualified students who are attending a college, university or technical program. Past recipients have pursued degrees in fields such as industrial maintenance, engineering technology, medical technologies, engineering, computers, information technology and manufacturing technology. The program helps grow Greater Hazleton’s workforce by requiring recipients to return to Hazleton after graduation and remain employed locally for a minimum of three years.

The Leadership Hazleton program has been an affiliate of the Chamber of Commerce for 30 years. The program is run by volunteers helping to shape future business leaders and continues



*The Chamber recognizes the future of business with its annual Academic Achievement Awards banquet.*

today with a focus on its Junior Leadership Hazleton program for high school juniors. Junior Leadership gives high school students the chance to interact with other high school students, working

professionals and community leaders. Participants learn about community needs, opportunities, challenges and resources and develop leadership, communication and team-building skills.

The Leadership program began as a way to unite area residents with varying professions, interests, backgrounds and talents. Three separate programs fell under the Leadership umbrella: Leadership Hazleton for working professionals, Junior Leadership Hazleton and Silver Leadership Hazleton for retired and semi-retired professionals. Participants in all three programs came together because they expressed a concern for the future of the area and a desire to develop leadership, social, team building and professional skills.



*Conrad W. Schintz, Vice President of Community Relations for Geisinger Medical Center, right, welcomes Congressman Lou Barletta during the Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative breakfast.*

Mountain Council of Governments (MCOG) was instituted in 1991 to bring together local government bodies such as municipalities, school districts and authorities

to work toward achieving common goals and complete projects, including lowering costs through the joint purchase and sharing of equipment, supplies and services.

MCOG provides its parties with a neutral forum to discuss common issues and concerns. It also brings government services to the regional level and coordinates planning and regulatory activities.

Some of MCOG’s past accomplishments include the joint purchase of a sewer camera and tar kettle, the yearly joint purchase of road salt and several Gateway signage and beautification projects throughout the area.

Local business is the fabric of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. As the organization continues in its second century of existence, the Chamber remains focused on honoring the dedication, hard work and entrepreneurial spirit that have always been vital to Greater Hazleton’s business community.



*Representatives from non-profit organizations listen as a PPL representative explains the company’s philanthropic funding policies.*

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# Shopping & Dining

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# Dining and shopping options are many throughout Greater Hazleton

Hungry? Looking for specialty boutiques or well-known chain stores? The shopping and dining options in the area provide something for everyone.

Greater Hazleton residents and visitors have a multitude of businesses offering a wide range of goods and services locally. A glance through the Chamber's member directory shows how to find everything from antiques and collectibles all the way to sporting goods and trophies. Almost anything you can think of can be found at family-owned and -operated businesses and shopping malls around the region.

If you're in the market for a new or used car, stop by dealerships like Barber Ford, Berger Family Dealerships, Fairway Chevrolet/Subaru, Harry's U Pull It, the new Hazleton Automall along the Airport Beltway and Independence Toyota. All the car-care essentials for your new set of wheels can be found at Auto Zone, Lehigh Tire and Tunnessen's Auto Parts.

Fellin's Jewelers, in business since 1922, offers an array of fine jewelry, engagement and wedding rings and gifts at its locations in Hazleton and Conyngham. Chaskin Jewelers, Elsen & Company Jewelers and Sophy Jewelers also have many beautiful pieces customers are sure to enjoy.

Take a trip back in time with a visit to The Shop 2 consignment store and find antiques, art, gently used furniture and home décor.

Shopping malls such as Laurel Mall and Church Hill Mall, Valmont Plaza and the Hazleton Shopping Center provide a variety of stores in one centralized location. The Laurel Mall has undergone an extensive refurbishing in the last few years. The new look to the mall features a kid's play area, several seating areas to rest and relax, flat-screen TVs and a remodeled center court. Grand Central in the Hazleton Shopping Center has been providing household appliances and electronics to area residents for decades.

Greater Hazleton has a number of grocery stores ranging from large chains such as Giant Food Store to smaller, family-owned specialty stores such as Tarone's Market and the Cheese Store & More.

Greater Hazleton is also home to a number of businesses that offer home repair, insurance, accounting, real estate and financial planning services. Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (AC&R) Services installs and services heat pumps, gas and oil furnaces and

air conditioning systems for residential, commercial and industrial clients across northeastern Pennsylvania. Hayden Electric, Inc. has been family-owned for more than 40 years and offers a range of electrical services and repair work from simple home repairs and generator installation to medium- and high-voltage substation work. Arc Electric is another longtime family-owned and -operated electrical contractor offering commercial, industrial and residential services. They are also a certified Generac generator dealer.

For insurance of a variety of types, visit Dryfoos Insurance Agency. The company dates back to 1901 and handled insurance work for coal mining operations. Today, the agency deals with a long list of business insurance services, group health plans including vision and dental, and personal insurance plans such as auto, homeowner and



life insurance. And for accounting and financial needs, there's JonesKohanski CPA, Snyder and Clemente Accountants and Consultants, or Wagner and John, LLC, all of whom have been serving Greater Hazleton for decades. Another business and tax services company is Honest Abe's in Hazleton.

After shopping, rest and recharge at one of Greater Hazleton's many restaurants. There is something for everyone for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert. In addition to the all-American cheeseburger and fries, Greater Hazleton is home to restaurants serving Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Japanese, Dominican and Jamaican cuisine.

Hazleton is famous for hot dogs from Jimmy's Quick Lunch; cold pizza from Senape's Bakery, Frankie's Pizzeria & Restaurant, Carmen's Bakery & Deli and Longo's Bakery; and barbecue from

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The Pines Eatery & Spirits, which was brought back from the original Knotty Pines restaurant. In addition to Frankie's, popular Italian restaurants include Vesuvio's Pizzeria and Restaurant and Two Italian Guys Pizzeria. Hazleton is also famous for its Mexican and Dominican restaurants including Second Base Restaurant & Lounge and El Pilon.

Start off the day with a coffee and delicious baked treat from the Dragonfly Café, The Abbey Gourmet Coffee House or Seattle Style Coffee inside the Laurel Mall. Enjoy a gourmet meal at The Ovalon Bar & Grill, Martin's Restaurant, Top of the 80's or Theodora's. Grab a quick but satisfying lunch at Broad Street Deli, Mayme's Cafe & Catering or Biagio's Subs and Suds, or dine with neighbors at family-friendly establishments like Tom's Kitchen, The Brass Buckle Restaurant, Bonanza Family Restaurant, 3 Bobby D's and the Cinema & Drafthouse.

Catch up with friends after work at great bar/restaurants including Cusat's Café, Damon's Bar & Grill, BJ's Eatery & Pub and the Humboldt Beer Depot. Banquet and catering facilities like Capriotti's, Genetti's, Sand Springs Country Club, Edgewood by Sand Springs and Carmen's Country Inn & Gardens are the perfect place to host weddings, family parties and company holiday gatherings.

Church and fire company auxiliary picnics – known locally as bazaars – serve up delicious ethnic foods such as pierogies, halushki, halupki, cannoli and potato cakes. They also host chicken barbecues, pork and sauerkraut dinners, pancake breakfasts, strawberry socials and ice cream festivals.



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# Buyer's Guide

When you are looking for a particular service, please turn to this handy Buyer's Guide, which we hope you will keep on hand for future reference.

The businesses highlighted in this special advertising section have demonstrated their support of Greater Hazleton and the Chamber of Commerce, and we suggest you support them by considering each for your future business needs.

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Interested in having your business listed in a future edition of this book? Please contact The Chamber at 570.455.1509.

Thank you for supporting Chamber member businesses!

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## Accountants

### JonesKohanski & Co., PC

6 Brookhill Square South  
Sugarloaf, PA 18249  
570-788-7000 Fax: 570-788-7001  
Website: www.jk-cpa.com

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Website: www.ClementeCPA.com

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

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### Greater Hazleton Automobile Trades Association:

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1112 N. Church St., Rt. 309, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-454-2414

#### Berger Family Dealerships

508 Susquehanna Blvd, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-454-0856

#### Fairway Chevrolet ~ Subaru ~ UD-Trucks

1101 N. Church St., Rt. 309, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-455-7701 570-455-7733

#### Feussner's Ford, Inc.

470 South St., Freeland, PA 18224  
570-636-3920

### Independence Toyota ~ Scion

730 Airport Rd., Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-453-4141

### Kress Auto

1007 Winters Ave., Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-454-7211

### Tunnessen's Auto Parts

629 W. Green St., Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-455-7761

### Hazleton Automall

Website: www.HazletonAutomall.com

**Hazleton KIA** – 701 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-455-5800

**Hazleton Hyundai** – 703 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-455-4300

**Hazleton Nissan** – 661 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-455-4800

**Hazleton Honda** – 651 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-455-8500

## Cable TV / Broadcast

### Service Electric Cablevision, Inc.

380 Maplewood Drive, Hazle Township, PA 18202  
570-454-3841 Fax: 570-454-3652  
Email: hazletonoffice@sevcv.com  
Website: www.secvv.com

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## Commercial Real Estate

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570-823-1100 Fax: 570-823-0300  
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Website: [www.hazletoncando.com](http://www.hazletoncando.com)

*CAN DO, Inc. is a private, non-profit industrial and economic development corporation serving the Greater Hazleton Area. For more than 60 years, CAN DO has fostered economic activity throughout the community, assisting in the creation of thousands of jobs, leading to millions of dollars in investment and improvements. Since its inception, CAN DO has developed three industrial parks, a corporate business park and a retail development in order to meet the needs of all businesses looking to expand or relocate in the area. Additionally, CAN DO is a one-stop shop for business and industry offering business financing services and entrepreneurial assistance.*

## Delivery Service Provider

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Website: [www.caffreightservices.com](http://www.caffreightservices.com)

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570-459-1573

Email: [hazleton@lackawanna.edu](mailto:hazleton@lackawanna.edu)  
Scranton Campus: 501 Vine Street, Scranton, PA 18509  
570-961-7810

Email: [questions@lackawanna.edu](mailto:questions@lackawanna.edu)  
Website: [www.lackawanna.edu](http://www.lackawanna.edu)

*Lackawanna College is an accredited, private, non-profit educational institution providing opportunities for career and personal development within selected associate degree, certificate and continuing education programs. As a private institution, Lackawanna strives to keep its tuition affordable for students and their families. Lackawanna College's mission is to provide a quality education to all persons who seek to improve their lives and better the communities in which they live.*

### Penn State Hazleton

76 University Drive,  
Hazleton, PA 18202-8025  
570-450-3000 or 800-279-8495 Fax: 570-450-3182  
Website: [www.hn.psu.edu](http://www.hn.psu.edu)

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## Electrical Contractors

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235 East Maple Street, Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-455-6109 Fax: 570-455-5400  
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Website: [www.haydenelectric.com](http://www.haydenelectric.com)

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## Entertainment

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### Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc.

P.O. Box 2781, Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-788-4864

Email: [info@hazletonconcertseries.org](mailto:info@hazletonconcertseries.org)  
Website: [www.hazletonconcertseries.org](http://www.hazletonconcertseries.org)

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## Health Care

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472-474 S. Poplar Street

Hazleton, PA 18201

570-459-3002 or 800-353-3002

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Website: [www.allcarehomecareagency.com](http://www.allcarehomecareagency.com)

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1 W. Broad St., Suite 4, Hazleton, PA 18201

570-459-0222 Fax: 570-459-0225

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570-459-9730

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Geisinger Partners in Pediatrics

426 Airport Road, 6 Beltway Commons, Hazleton, PA 18202

570-501-7512

Geisinger Women's Health Hazleton

426 Airport Road, 6 Beltway Commons, Hazleton, PA 18202

570-501-7512

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### Hazleton Urgent Care

101 South Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-501-1017

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Website: [www.hazletonmd.com](http://www.hazletonmd.com)

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101 South Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-501-7226 Fax: 570-501-7232

Website: [www.hazletonimaging.com](http://www.hazletonimaging.com)

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50 Moisey Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202  
(Across from WalMart on Airport Beltway)  
570-501-6600

Website: [www.lvhn.org/hazleton](http://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; orthopedics services; an occupational health center; an international travel health program; 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 570-501-4624 to schedule your outpatient diagnostic testings.

### Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton

766 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-501-4949

Website: [www.lvhn.org/Hazleton](http://www.lvhn.org/Hazleton)

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### Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton

700 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201  
570-501-4000

Website: [www.lvhn.org/hazleton](http://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. 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 45 highly qualified, experienced and compassionate healthcare 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, Physiatry and Surgery. Providers within Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton have immediate access to all patient information, test results, ER visits and other information provided

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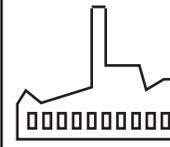
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- Great Valley Computer Collaborative Contest

### Community Development

#### Committees

Since its inception, the Chamber has been involved in virtually every significant community development activity in Greater Hazleton. Issues are addressed by three committees: **Community Development**, **Transportation**, and **Government Affairs**.

#### Program of Work

Every two years, members are asked to state their community priorities. This input is developed into the Chamber's Program of Work.

#### Committees/Special Projects

The Chamber embarks on special projects or creates committees based on the needs and concerns of its members.

#### Affiliated Organizations

Over the years, the Chamber has created organizations to address specific community needs and continues to work along with those entities. They include CAN DO, Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, Junior Leadership Hazleton, Leadership Hazleton, Mountain Council of Governments (COG), Partners in Education, Silver Leadership Hazleton and Eckley Miners Village Association.

#### Business Affiliations

Members become indirectly involved in the Chamber's growing network of business organizations, including the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, Penn's Northeast, Great Valley Technology Alliance, OSHA Alliance, NEPA Alliance, Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau, PA Council of Governments and International and Mid-Atlantic Festivals and Events Associations.

### Business Support Services

- ChamberChoice Health Plan
- Business to Business Mailings
- Referrals
- Newcomer Packets
- On-Line Chamber
- Certificate of Origin Service
- Spotlight on Members
- Small Business Counseling
- Business Start-Up
- Member to Member Discounts
- Certifichecks®

### The Chamber's Publications

- Chamber Member Directory
- Industrial Directory
- Clubs and Organizations Directory
- Image Magazine
- Greater Hazleton Map
- Newsletter
- Community Profile
- Municipal Dignitaries Directory
- Wage and Salary Survey
- Demographics Information

Business discounts, helpful information, professional gatherings and greater community awareness are just part of the Chamber package.

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