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ON THE COVER:

Plans for the continued revitalization of downtown Hazleton are moving forward with work beginning on the conversion of the former Security Savings building into a new arts center. At bottom, officials cut the ribbon on the new headquarters of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce.

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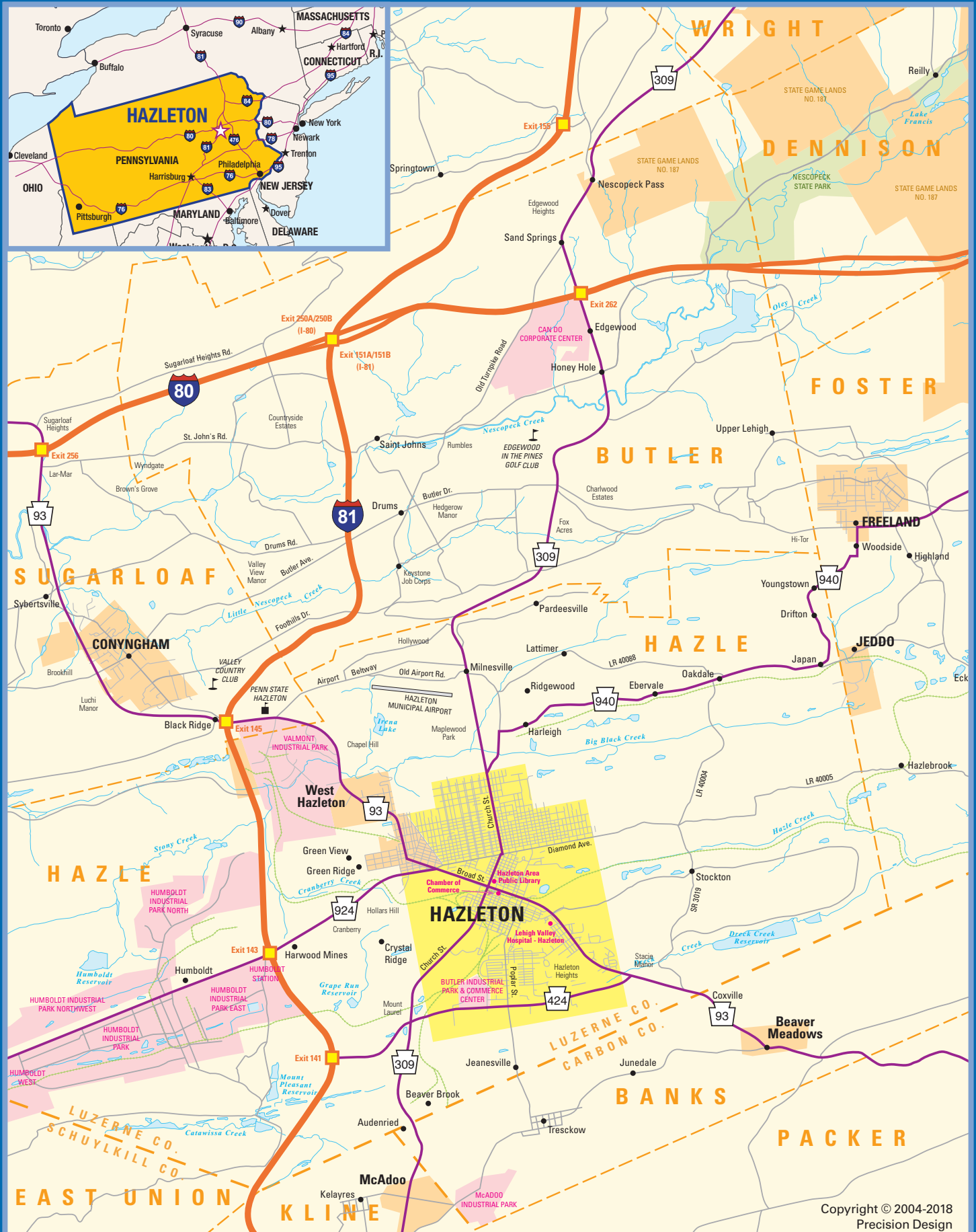
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Dear Reader,

Welcome to Greater Hazleton! We are excited to give you a 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, the board of directors, our staff, and more than 600 Chamber members, I would like to thank you for your interest in our community. We invite you to come see what the Hazleton area has to offer. Please visit our downtown Hazleton offices, call us at 570-455-1509 or visit us online at 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, written over a light, textured background.

Mary R. Malone
President
Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

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The logo features 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!".

Business & Industry



Greater Hazleton is home to a thriving and successful business community that ranges from entrepreneurs and small businesses that serve local customers to industrial corporations that ship their products across the country and around the world. The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce proudly serves more than 620 members and welcomed 68 new member companies in the 2016-2017 fiscal year alone.

Continuing our commitment to Greater Hazleton!



At left, work is progressing on Broad Street to convert a vacant building CAN DO purchased into an Irish pub and restaurant. At right, CAN DO's headquarters, the Renaissance Center, is located in the heart of downtown Hazleton.

Since 1956, CAN DO has been focused on its mission of attracting jobs for the residents of Greater Hazleton. At the same time, the organization has invested in our downtown, first constructing its headquarters right in the center city in the 1990s and now through further investments that are spurring the revitalization of our business district. Together with the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress and Penn State Hazleton, we're creating new opportunities for entrepreneurship in Greater Hazleton.

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Multiple national reports conducted in the last several years have proven that Greater Hazleton is one of the most cost-effective locations in the Northeastern United States for industrial corporations to operate their businesses, especially those in the food processing and plastics manufacturing sectors. In addition to the favorable cost of doing business, Greater Hazleton has a highly-skilled civilian labor force of more than 340,000 people within a 30-mile radius.

The Chamber of Commerce continues to be a driving force for business success throughout Greater Hazleton. Members have access to more than 60 networking and annual events and mixers that give members of the business community a chance to connect with each other, including the annual Dinner & Executive Business Exposition that celebrates the organization's success throughout the past fiscal year and provides member organizations with the option to set up trade show booths to market their companies.

The two annual job fairs that the Chamber hosts are a central example of the way that it partners with economic development and career placement organizations in the area to improve the business prospects for residents throughout Greater Hazleton. The job fairs attract between 500 and 800 jobseekers of all ages. These

individuals are able to interact with the more than 50 employers from throughout Northeast Pennsylvania that are on hand and looking to hire full time, part time or seasonal employees.

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 holds two monthly networking mixers throughout the year to give businesses a chance to showcase their products or services and facility.

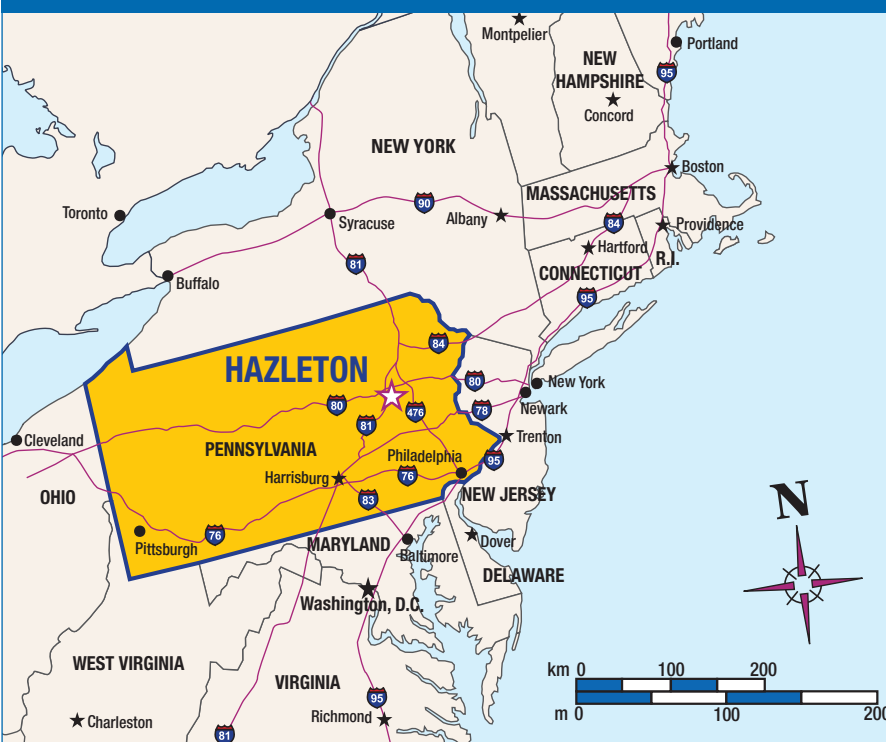
The events allow all Chamber members, their employees, co-workers and guests an opportunity to enjoy a casual, after-hours networking event with the business community of Greater Hazleton.

Additionally, the Chamber offers its members access to a variety of educational seminars covering relevant business topics to help owners and their employees build a better company. 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. Other recent seminars covered topics



The Hazleton Municipal Airport provides air access for planes and corporate jets.

ACCESS TO MAJOR CITIES



Destination	Road Miles	Avg. Driving Time (hrs.)
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



Humboldt Industrial Park is home to one of Hershey's production plants. In 2018, Hershey officials broke ground on an expansion that will increase its production capabilities of its famous Kit Kat bars by 30 percent and will provide family-sustaining jobs for more than 100 additional employees.

such as succession planning for small businesses, writing a business plan, evaluating workers' comp claims and time management.

Additionally, the Chamber offers several exclusive opportunities for members to connect with other members or offer one another special discounts. The Chamber's online business directory offers business listings, descriptions and contact information that's reserved only for Chamber-member businesses. The Chamber uses this directory to make referrals that will bring more customers into member businesses.

It also organizes the Member to Member Discounts program where discounts on products or services are offered exclusively to Chamber members by Chamber members. Chamber members can also advertise their offerings in the bimonthly Chamber newsletter, which is mailed to all Chamber members and available online.

For nearly 100 years, access to various transportation options has been a key component of Greater Hazleton's community and business success. In addition to being strategically located at the Crossroads of the East with Interstates 80 and 81, and having direct access to State Routes 309, 93, 924 and 424, Greater Hazleton is serviced by an industrial railroad system that connects industries throughout the city and those in our award-winning industrial parks with the major centers throughout the country.

Access to our interstate system means access to the major

population centers of the Eastern Seaboard. All four of Greater Hazleton's industrial parks are located within minutes of Interstates 80 and 81 and a short drive to the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. This puts industries less than 300 miles from major cities such as Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore and our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

Stretches of Route 309 and Route 93 in Hazleton have become the centers for a growing retail base. And, since the completion of the Broad Street Corridor project in 2014, downtown Hazleton has seen an increase in the number of new businesses that have opened their doors at the epicenter of Greater Hazleton.

Local travelers rely heavily on bus routes available at Church Street Station, which is home to the Hazleton Public Transit system and



Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad provides rail transportation to companies located in Humboldt Industrial Park.

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, Weatherly, Freeland, Mountaintop and Wilkes-Barre. It also offers transportation to the Laurel Mall, Church Hill Mall, Walmart, Penn State Hazleton and Humboldt Industrial Park.

Rail service to the Humboldt Industrial Park is provided exclusively by Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad, which counted its acquisition of the Humboldt rail routes as part of the 10

miles of new track it added in 2016. Intermodal transportation and transloading services are provided by the Hazleton and Northeast Rail Commerce Center.

The Hazleton Municipal Airport is equipped to handle corporate passenger jets when company executives need to fly into or out of Greater Hazleton. The airport currently accommodates business jets, charter flights and private planes and has plans to expand the runway to allow for larger jets.

CAN DO, Inc., the Community Area New Development Organization, operates three industrial parks and a corporate center within Greater Hazleton. The Humboldt, Valmont and McAdoo Industrial Parks; the Humboldt Station retail business center and the CAN DO Corporate Center are home to more than 200 companies across an array of industry clusters, including food processing, distribution/e-commerce, plastics and back office, and employ more than 13,000 people.

In the 2017 fiscal year, CAN DO played an instrumental part in creating and retaining nearly 300 local jobs. These jobs included welcoming 50 employees to Coordinated Health's 42,000-square-foot medical campus in Humboldt Station and 40 new workers at



The many shops, businesses and restaurants, including Irish-style pub and eatery Broad and Barrel (pictured here in an artist's rendering), are some of the many vibrant elements of downtown Hazleton.

The Packaging Wholesalers' 294,000-square-foot distribution and logistics center in Humboldt Industrial Park.

CAN DO's parks are home to many national and international corporations. These companies include American Eagle Outfitters, which built a one-million square foot state-of-the-art distribution center; Amazon, which employs thousands of people at its distribution center; Cargill Meat Solutions, a global meat supplier; Henkel Consumer Goods, the makers of Dial soap products; The Hershey Company, where all the Kit Kats are made for the entire United States, and New Global Marketing/bestcigarprices.com,

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which has an onsite retail store as well, just to name a few.

In March of 2018, The Hershey Company broke ground on a \$60 million expansion project at its Humboldt Industrial Park facility in Hazle Township.

The project involved the installation of a new Kit Kat manufacturing line and was expected to include the addition of more than 100 new jobs, which would expand the company's local workforce by 27 percent. The new line, which will increase the facility's Kit Kat production capacity by 36 percent, was expected to be in operation by the end of 2018.

In addition to the work it does within its parks, CAN DO has taken an active role in our city's downtown revitalization. CAN DO purchased a building at 21-23 West Broad Street in 2017 as part of its continuing commitment to the downtown. That building is the new home of Broad and Barrel, an Irish-style pub and eatery.

In February of 2018, Penn State Hazleton was awarded a \$150,000 grant for the operation of The Hazleton Innovation Collaborative (THInC) program, which, in cooperation with the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress and CAN DO, will function as a coordinated network of entrepreneurial services in southern Luzerne County. Within this program, Penn State Hazleton will play the important role of education provider and operator of the future downtown Hazleton incubator (THInC Downtown), which will be regarded as a new center for entrepreneurship/innovation education within the community.

The THInC Downtown center, which is expected to open in 2019, will be located at the site of a former bingo hall at 13-15 West Broad Street. The building, which was donated to DHAP by DHD Realty in 2017 specifically for this purpose, underwent Phase One renovation that same year. Concept design for the space has begun and second phase construction was expected to begin by the middle of 2018.

The THInC program, which is currently in development, will have several components. In addition to the future shared working space at THInC Downtown, office and light manufacturing space will be available at CAN DO's CAN BE Innovation Center in the Valmont Industrial Park and an information center will be established on the campus of Penn State Hazleton. Additional planned components of the program will include using the digital arts studio and makerspace inside the arts center that's currently under construction in the former Security Savings building, as well as a virtual program for those working from home.

In 2017, Penn State Hazleton was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Invent Penn State program for the development of the THInC program. Penn State Hazleton faculty and staff, together with CAN DO, DHAP and other community partners, have been working to establish the foundation of the program that is designed to further

grow the spirit of entrepreneurship in Greater Hazleton that began with the opening of the CAN BE Innovation Center in 2005.



Hazleton Public Transit Authority operates a bus terminal in downtown Hazleton with local and long-distance routes.

Penn State Hazleton will staff the THInC Downtown center. The CAN BE Innovation Center will serve as a resource as part of a mentoring collaboration that will also include community volunteers.

CAN DO's partnership with entrepreneurial support organizations such as the Wilkes University Small Business Development Center, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, TecBridge and Ben Franklin Technology Partners will be incorporated into the

program.

CAN BE will serve as the formal screening organization for entrepreneurs who decide to apply for the program. The entrepreneurial education curriculum is being derived from the Happy Valley LaunchBox curriculum at Penn State's University Park campus in State College. After entrepreneurs complete the education program, they will continue to receive follow-up assistance and mentoring from CAN BE staff, Penn State Hazleton faculty and community volunteers. They will also have the

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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opportunity to pitch their business plan to the THInC program advisory committee for a chance to receive a \$1,000 mini-grant that can be used to offset start-up expenses.

The Greater Hazleton Hispanic Business Association, the Society of Hispanic Professionals of the Hazleton Area and Latincubator members will help support Hispanic entrepreneurs by providing translation and business advice. Representatives from the Hazleton campuses of Luzerne County Community College and Lackawanna College have also offered to provide support to the Hispanic business community.

CAN DO also provides financial assistance to companies of all sizes in obtaining loans through local banks or assistance from government institutions to help them during start-up or expansion. Some of the grants and loans include land and building acquisition loans, Small Business First loans, machinery and equipment loans, workforce training grants and job creation and investment loans.

Acting as a liaison between businesses and service providers, CAN DO provides tailored solutions to its clients. CAN DO has been certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) as a community economic development organization (CEDO), enabling the organization to act as a conduit for state funding.

The Chamber has many business affiliates that assist companies 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 businesses with the resources they need to succeed.

These affiliates include Luzerne County, 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 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).

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	Labor Force	Employed	Labor Force	Employed
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
2018	158,400	149,300	278,100	261,200
Unemployment Rates:				
	Luzerne Co.	MSA	State	
1995	8.6%	8.4%	5.4%	
2000	5.3%	5.0%	3.8%	
2014	8.0%	8.0%	6.0%	
2018	5.7%	6.1%	4.8%	

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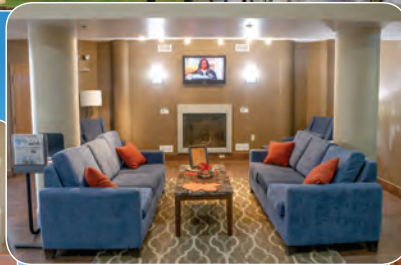
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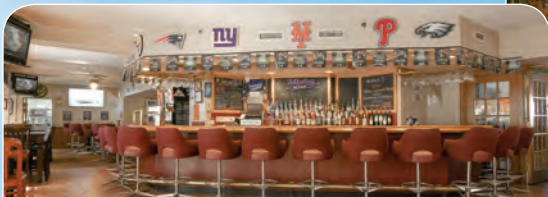
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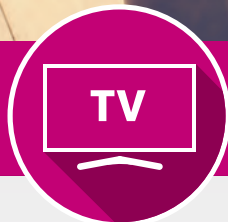
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Greater Hazleton is known for providing residents with all of the many conveniences of city life coupled with abundant opportunities to explore the region's immense beauty and natural resources.

In addition to Greater Hazleton serving as one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's business epicenters, this guide provides an inside look at the quality educational opportunities for all levels, houses of worship, arts and cultural activities, recreational outlets, health care choices, and shopping and dining establishments that give Greater Hazleton residents a high quality of life.

Greater Hazleton is a beautiful place to live but it's also an affordable one, too. The median cost for a home is currently \$89,450, which is well below the national average of \$368,300. Plus, it's a place brimming with history. Hazleton was recently awarded Keystone Community Main Street designation by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. A joint effort between the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress and the Greater Hazleton Historical Society is currently underway to establish a proposed Church Street Historic District to recognize the rich and incomparable history of this great city.

Besides Church Street, 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 suburban life along with immediate access to the necessities of the city. Some of the popular outlying neighborhoods include Laurel Gardens, Chapel Hill, Maple Manor and Northgate.

Hazle Township features many beautiful homes and is home to 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.

The City of Hazleton's many departments include code enforcement, zoning and streets employees. The city also features a full utility infrastructure and has full-time police and fire protection.

The City of Hazleton's Engineering Department maintains 120 miles of road, 180 miles of sewer lines, 15,000 traffic control signs and 26 signalized intersections.

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, Butler Township, Freeland, McAdoo, Beaver Meadows, 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.

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.

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, the 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.

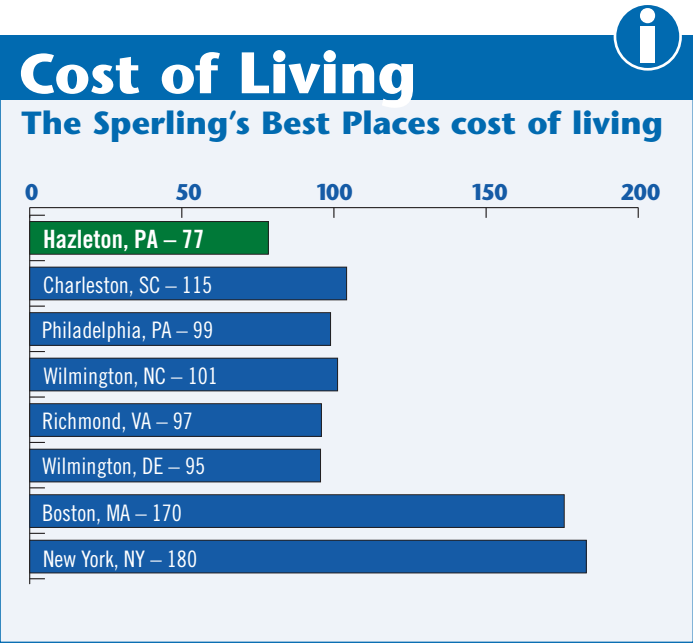
Real estate agents throughout Greater Hazleton are there to assist newcomers and current residents find everything from apartments and houses, to senior accommodations, ranch homes and resort properties. Top home and business real estate companies in the area include DHD Realty Holding, Lewith & Freeman and Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services.



The "Valley" – including Sugarloaf, Conyngham, Drums and Butler Township – offers a family-friendly rural lifestyle.



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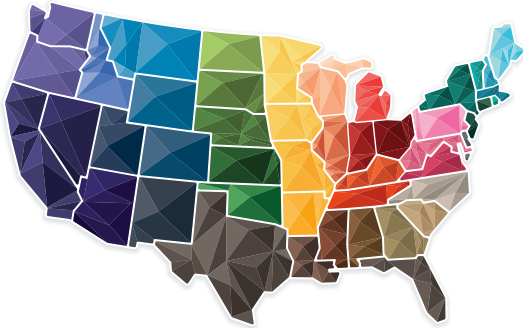
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Education

The Lackawanna College Hazleton Center moved into new facilities inside the former Trader's Bank Building in downtown Hazleton.

Learning opportunities for all ages...

Public, private and parochial educational choices abound

Education is the way to a better and brighter future and Greater Hazleton lives up to that standard by offering learning opportunities for all ages at public, private and parochial elementary/middle schools and high schools and top colleges and universities.

The Hazleton Area School District serves parts of Luzerne, Schuylkill and Carbon counties and has nearly 11,000 students enrolled in its schools. Students at Hazleton Area High School learn English, science, social studies and mathematics and can choose Spanish, French or German for their World Language course. The school also offers English as a Second Language classes. Students can select electives in business, fine arts, English, world language and physical education. They also have several choices of college-level Advanced Placement courses, allowing them to earn college credits while they are still in high school.

The high school features a gymnasium, laboratories, library and swimming pool.

The Hazleton Area School District has two academies that allow students to have a comprehensive focus in a particular field. The Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences, which is located in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Drums, offers students a heavy science and math curriculum, while the Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy inside Hazleton Area High School gives students a chance to let their visual and performing arts talents shine.

At the Hazleton Area Academy of Sciences, the science, technology, engineering and math (or STEM) curriculum offers a variety of learning opportunities, including onsite college courses at reduced tuition rates, project-based learning, individual and group work and many creative ways for students to demonstrate their knowledge.



MMI Preparatory School in Freeland is an independent school for grades 6 through 12 that has a long history of providing students with a successful education, with many going on to attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation.

College-level classes taught by professors from local colleges, including courses in engineering design, chemistry, biology and speech, are also available. Students may also qualify to take college courses at Penn State Hazleton, Wilkes University, King's College, Bloomsburg University and Luzerne County Community College that later count toward their college credits.

The Hazleton Area Arts and Humanities Academy opens students up to careers in the arts and humanities fields and showcases the creative spirit and academic and artistic talents of Greater Hazleton's young artists. Students will be inspired through an arts integrated, humanities focus to teaching and learning. In addition, students may also elect to audition for arts studio placement in visual arts, drama, dance, vocal music or instrumental music.

Students at the Hazleton Area Career Center develop the skills they will need to work in today's technology-driven industries. The Career Center holds a strong relationship among business, industry



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

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and education to ensure that the skills taught are the skills needed today.

Students can choose classes in a variety of trades, including automotive, collision, diesel, welding, electrical, precision machine, broadcast, computer-aided drafting, HVAC/plumbing, construction, culinary arts, child care, law enforcement, Microsoft Office, cosmetology, nurse assistant and health careers.

Hazleton Area High School athletic teams have made a name for themselves on the local, regional and state levels since the school's inception in 1992. The Cougars and Lady Cougars field teams in more than 15 sports, including football, baseball, basketball, softball, cross country, track and field, swimming and diving, water polo, soccer, tennis, volleyball and bowling. The school's football stadium, Harman-Geist, is located in the center of town and features an artificial playing surface.

The Hazleton Area School District is home to eight elementary/

middle schools – West Hazleton, Heights-Terrace, McAdoo, Freeland, Valley, Drums, Hazleton and Maple Manor – that offer students a quality educational and athletic learning experience.



The Hazleton Area School District has a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) school in Butler Township.

Arthur Street Elementary School (grades K-2), Arthur Street Annex (pre-K to 2) and the Hazle Township Early Learning Center (pre-K to 2) offer pre-kindergarten or kindergarten through second grade classes.

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.

MMI Preparatory School attracts students in grades 6 through 12 from throughout Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania because of its emphasis on providing a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum that helps prepare students to surpass the challenges they will face in college and beyond.

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MMI graduates have matriculated to some of the top colleges and universities in the country, including Ivy League schools such as Yale University and Brown University. Students annually earn more than \$5 million in scholarships. The school's 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio allows each student to receive individual attention.

MMI's curriculum includes courses in computer science and technology, fine arts, mathematics, sciences, social sciences, world languages and health and wellness. The school's advanced course offering includes classes in robotics, mythology and philosophy, accounting, marine biology, anthropology and Chinese. Students also participate in an assembly program that is designed to improve and enhance the communication skills that are important to students as they progress through high school, college and beyond. Additionally, students take part in a variety of sports and clubs and routinely advance to state and national finals for their club activities. More than 50 percent of MMI students receive financial aid through contributions from generous alumni and supporters of the school.

MMI has a state-of-the-art campus in Freeland that combines the best of modern technology with rich, historic beauty. 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 Carl D. Marotta Science and Technology Hall, which features science and computer labs, a student lounge, gymnasium and stage; the Joseph A. Turri '45 Library and Learning Center; tennis courts; athletic fields for soccer, baseball and softball, and the Cortese-Schiavo nature trail with space for outdoor classrooms.

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

Immanuel Christian School in Hazleton has been serving students in kindergarten through 12th grade for nearly 40 years. The small class sizes and dedicated teachers ensure that students receive personal attention at ICS, which is open to all students. By the time a student graduates from Immanuel Christian School, he or she will have taken four years of literature, at least three years of math and three years of science, composition, World and American history, civics, geography, Spanish and various Bible classes. ICS also offers art, music, computer and physical education classes. Extra-curricular activities, such as chorus, chess club, drama club, leadership, basketball and track and field, further enhance students' education.

Holy Family Academy is a middle states-accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The school,

which is located across from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish at the Church of St. Joseph on Laurel Street, focuses on challenging students while building character and integrity. The school is operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton and teaches students to extend their knowledge, hearts and hands in service to each other, their community and the world.

Marian Catholic High School serves students from 44 Catholic parishes in eastern Luzerne, Schuylkill and Carbon counties as well as students from other faiths. The faculty and administration challenge students not only to reach their highest academic potential but also to adopt a disciplined work ethic necessary to become contributing self-sufficient citizens.

More than 350 students are enrolled annually in grades 9 through 12 and graduates earn more than \$4 million in scholarships and grants. Marian provides financial aid, scholarships and discounts to students in need. In addition to general courses in English, math, science, history, foreign languages and health and physical education, students study theology and specialty courses, including music appreciation, driver's education theory, speech communication and career and financial development. There are

also a variety of academic and visual and performing arts electives available. Additionally, Marian has dual enrollment courses in conjunction with Luzerne County Community College where students can earn credits for both high school and college in intro to probability/statistics, college algebra and Spanish IV.

Greater Hazleton has an array of quality colleges, universities and technical schools where students learn the skills that are in demand in today's businesses and industries.

Penn State Hazleton's sprawling Highacres Campus consists of several classroom buildings, including one with multimedia-style classrooms and an amphitheater; three residence halls; a library; a gymnasium building featuring exercise facilities and an Olympic-sized swimming pool; tennis courts and sports fields.

Penn State University offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degrees, minors and credit and non-credit certificates in a wide variety of disciplines. More than 160 Penn State majors can be started here and completed at University Park or another Penn State campus. Additionally, eight baccalaureate degree programs and five associate degree programs can be completed at Penn State Hazleton. Students at the Hazleton campus have the opportunity to take part in research programs with professors or join a study-abroad program where they can spend a summer, semester or full academic year studying in another country.

The Hazleton campus is just a two-hour drive from Penn State's main campus in State College, where students can transition after two years to complete studies in just about any major one can



The Pennsylvania State University has a campus in Hazleton that offers several four-year degrees.

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.

Luzerne County Community College and Lackawanna College both have campuses in the heart of downtown Hazleton. Luzerne holds its classes in the Broad Street Business Exchange at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets. The Hazleton Center offers a convenient location for residents of the downtown and surrounding communities. Day and evening classes are offered and students can take advantage of career counseling and advising, placement testing, tutoring assistance and credit-free short-term programs.

In addition to academic and career improvement programs, LCCC Hazleton is the home of the LCCC Hazleton Multicultural Center. The Center provides English Language Learners the opportunity to receive excellent programming to foster achievement in academic, personal and professional growth. Partnering with various community organizations and funded through grants, the Multicultural Learning Center programs 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. Since its inception in 2004, the Multicultural Learning Center has impacted the lives of nearly one thousand students.

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

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

Lackawanna College's Hazleton campus is located in the former Traders Bank Building at the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets. The campus is conveniently located in downtown Hazleton to directly offer education opportunities to Greater Hazleton residents and those throughout Luzerne, Carbon, Schuylkill and Columbia counties. Lackawanna students can complete academic degrees in accounting, criminal justice, criminal justice-police, human services or liberal studies in Hazleton or start classes in Hazleton (and later complete them at the Scranton campus) for cardiac sonography, communication arts, computer information systems, diagnostic medical sonography, early childhood education, emergency medical services, environmental science or vascular technology. Lackawanna College Hazleton also offers GED classes and continuing education courses.

The Hazleton campus is also home to a portion of the Lackawanna College Police Academy, where police cadets enroll in the training program required under Pennsylvania's Act 120 and become eligible to serve as police officers after graduation.

King's College, Wilkes University, Misericordia University, Bloomsburg University, Marywood University and the University of Scranton are among the undergraduate and graduate schools that are just a short drive from Hazleton.

The Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums 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. In addition to career training, Keystone Job Corps also provides academic training, including basic reading and math. Courses in independent living, employability skills and social skills are offered to help students transition into the workplace. Job Corp students can also take GED or high school diploma classes or study in the English Language Learning program.

Keystone Job Corps provides career technical training in several vocational trades, including: bricklaying, carpentry, cement masonry, certified nurse assistant, clinical medical assistant, culinary arts, electrical, facilities maintenance, material handling and distribution operations, office administration, painting, plastering, plumbing and security and protective services.

The Pennsylvania CareerLink's Hazleton office offers job seekers free educational trainings and services, including resume workshops, career counseling, interview skills training, skills assessments and computer training. CareerLink also works with area businesses and industries to establish in-house apprenticeship programs that give area residents on-the-job training for today's in-demand skills and trades.

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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For more than 125 years, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce has dedicated itself to showcasing the region as the ideal place to live, work and play. The pages of this guide attest to the fact that Greater Hazleton has developed a reputation as a prime location for business and industry as well as a place for individuals and families to find quality housing, educational opportunities, health care, places of worship, arts, cultural, recreation and community activities and shopping and dining options.

For centuries, Greater Hazleton's growth and prosperity have been spearheaded by the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce staff along with many business, civic and community leaders. These groups have lobbied regional, state and federal officials about a countless number of initiatives designed to help Greater Hazleton define its place on the map but one of the biggest factors has revolved around the transportation sector.

As far back as the 1920s, there has been a focus on establishing and maintaining major transportation routes in the region. Today, six major state and national highways pass through or near Greater Hazleton. Interstate 80 and Interstate 81 intersect about six miles from downtown Hazleton and less than 10 miles from Interstate 476, the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Route 309 and Route 93 connect right in downtown Hazleton, not far from intersections with Route 424 and Route 924.

When these transportation routes were established in the area, it had a direct impact on Greater Hazleton's economic prospects. They brought with them an increase in attention from national and international businesses and industries that wanted to capitalize on a location with access to key shipping routes and the ability for employees from throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania to travel here to work.



largest silk mill in the world and was built by French silk magnate Jean L. Duplan.

Greater Hazleton's economic prosperity

As the size and scope of the project would indicate, the prospect of bringing interstates 80 and 81 to the area took decades to complete. Although the idea to develop this kind of crossroads was initially proposed at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in 1929, it took much persistent lobbying over the next three decades until it became a reality.

When the success of the coal industry began to dwindle in the 1950s, area business executives knew they would have to act fast to establish adequate transportation routes in the region that could attract the businesses and industries they hoped would become the future of Greater Hazleton's economic development. However, original plans called for interstates 80 and 81 to be positioned at least 40 miles away from the area. A group of executives, including representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and CAN DO, traveled consistently to interstate road hearings and

lobbied federal and state officials to consider moving the two routes closer to Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton became known as the "Crossroads of the East" in 1966 when the local portions of interstates 80 and 81 were dedicated. Several interchanges opened around the junction over the next 35 years, including the dedication in 1999 of the Route 424 exit on I-81 that is known as the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Beltway.

The Chamber played a significant role in developing Route 309, Route 93, Route 424 and Route 924.

Once Route 309 and Route 93 began evolving into bustling thoroughfares for area travelers, it necessitated the development of other intersecting roadways. The first section of Route 424 was constructed in 1980 to connect routes 309 and 93.

Chamber executives focused on Route 309 as one of their first highway projects and successfully lobbied state officials to take over the responsibility of maintaining the road and funding that helped generate a second section that was added in the 1990s establishing a connection between Route 309 and Interstate 81. Planning is underway for the third section, which will extend Route 424 into the Humboldt Industrial Park and provide additional access to Route 924, which is another Greater Hazleton roadway that the Chamber played an integral part in developing.

As a member of PennDOT’s transportation advisory committee, the Chamber pushed for Route 924, which provides direct access to the Humboldt Industrial Park and Eagle Rock Resort, to be expanded from two lanes to a four- and five-lane highway. This expansion played a crucial role in helping both Humboldt and Eagle Rock to expand over the past several decades, as well as making travel safer and easier for the thousands of Humboldt employees and Eagle Rock residents.

In recent years, the Chamber’s roadway initiatives focused heavily on the Broad Street Corridor Project. Broad Street is the section of Route 93 that stretches from Hazle Township and West Hazleton to Beaver Meadows and runs right through downtown Hazleton. Construction on the nearly \$30 million project officially got underway in 2011 but the planning phase was initiated in the late-1990s. When the renovations were

completed in 2014, travelers saw a wider five-lane highway with new turning lanes, LED traffic signals designed to last longer and be synchronized to improve traffic flow, renovated sidewalks and new street lights and trees.

The Chamber of Commerce continues to be a force lobbying for updates and improvements to the roadways in Greater Hazleton. Its Transportation Task Force attends the State Transportation Commission Hearings every two years to provide testimony designed to ensure local road projects are placed on the Transportation Improvement Priority list.

The Chamber’s prominence in establishing roadways in the area reflects back on its steadfast mission of more than 126 years. The Chamber was established in 1892 as the Hazleton Board of Trade to unite the local business community and address economic and community development. The organization began with a focus on developing the commercial, industrial and business interests of Hazleton and attract businesses to the area.

In August of 1915, the Hazleton Board of Trade voted to change its name to the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and began to focus earnestly on industrial development in the area. The Chamber created its Industrial Development Plan in 1929 and began advertising in the New York Times the following year to attract companies to the area. It touted Hazleton’s available labor market, affordable cost to live and work in the area, financial aid

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The Church Street Station, the intermodal transportation center in Downtown Hazleton, is the hub for Hazleton Public Transit buses that run throughout Hazleton and the surrounding areas. Church Street Station is the new terminal for longer-haul bus carriers, such as Susquehanna Trailways.

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incentives and transportation routes as reasons companies should consider relocating to Greater Hazleton.

The Chamber raised \$80,000 in 1941 for its industrial development initiatives and, several years later, approved the formation of the Hazleton Industrial Development Corporation, which was the precursor to CAN DO. The Hazleton Chamber of Commerce continued to focus on its business development goals for the area and, after adding “Greater Hazleton” to its name in 1953, approved a plan the following year to add an industrial park in Hazleton, which helped to bring about the creation of the Valmont Industrial Park.

In later years, the Chamber successfully spearheaded efforts to combine Hazleton with Scranton and Wilkes-Barre to make the official name of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) be “Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton.” Efforts like these placed further emphasis on Greater Hazleton being an ideal and cost-effective place for business operations.

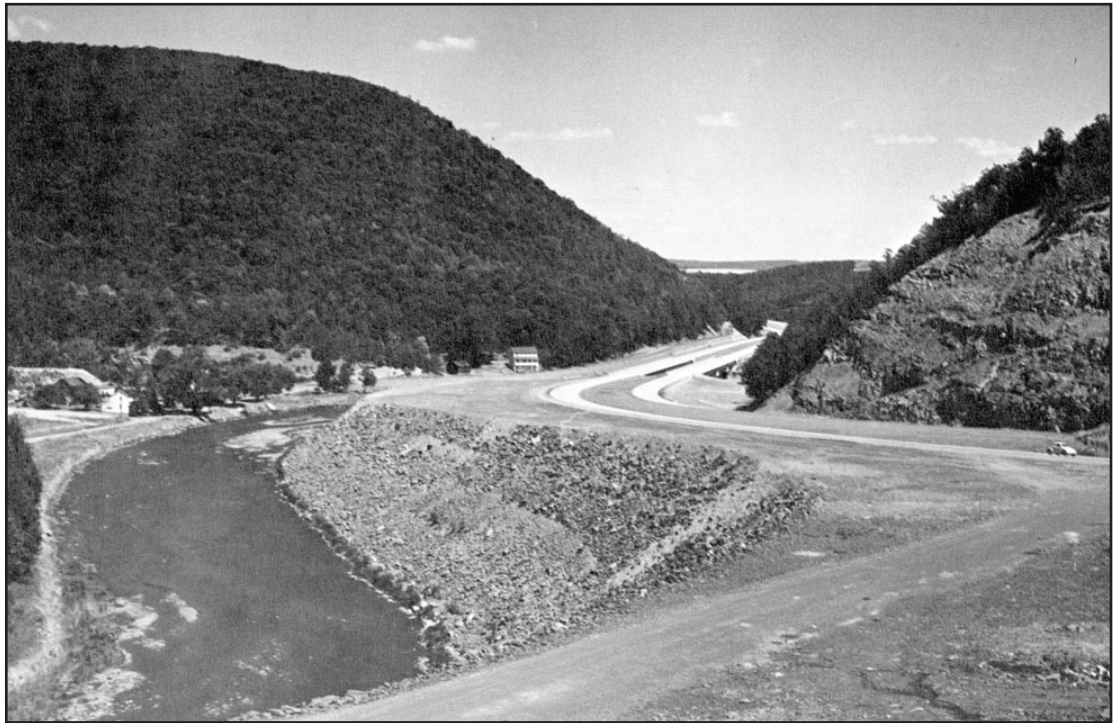
From its inception in 1892, the Chamber played a key role in developing downtown Hazleton as the city’s commerce epicenter. In those early days, the city was home to businesses that produced things such as stoves and caskets, to stores that sold a variety of general merchandise, to service providers like dentists and insurance agents. Hazleton always aimed to provide something for everyone in its business endeavors.

One of the city’s first businesses was established in 1891 when S.G. Seager, a local businessman, banker and property owner, opened the Fair Store on Broad Street. He built a new store 10 years later at the corner of Broad and Church streets on the site of legendary Hazleton businessman George B. Markle’s former home.

A prime example of Hazleton’s history to develop successful business owners comes from Damiano Genetti, who founded a horse and wagon food business in the city in 1901. Genetti followed the creation of his original business by opening 18 food markets, a bakery, a restaurant and two farms in Hazleton and surrounding towns. Damiano’s sons, August, Leon, Albert and Stanley, carried on the family business tradition when they opened a Broad Street market in 1923. A restaurant and bakery were added to the fold the following year and

the family completed the creation of a new supermarket, restaurant and bakery on Laurel Street in 1938.

The Genetti family’s business success was due in part to the 1922 defeat of a proposal aimed at leaving Pardee Square, the area located between the boundaries of Broad, Green, Laurel and Church streets, as a park. The proposal was defeated by a 2-1 margin and, by the time Hazleton turned 50 in 1941, the city had 39,000 residents and a large group of retail outlets and service businesses ready to assist them. Early downtown Hazleton merchants included stores selling clothing, furniture,



Greater Hazleton became known as the Crossroads of the East after a group of executives, including members of the Chamber of Commerce and CAN DO, lobbied to have portions of Interstates 80 and 81 constructed near Hazleton.

hardware, jewelry, appliances and food, along with auto dealers, insurance companies, beverage distributors and a photographer. In 1941, downtown Hazleton had five anchor department stores, Deisroth’s, the Leader, Charles, Bon-Ton and Kresge’s 5 for \$1. Several of these stores operated out of buildings that would become iconic symbols of the downtown for years to come. The Leader store was located at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets where the Center City Park sits today. Deisroth’s was just across the street in what is now the Broad Street Business Exchange.

These anchor department stores had mixed success over the next several decades. One of the many problems they faced as the years went by was the trend of businesses moving out of downtown areas and into suburban malls and shopping complexes. Downtown Hazleton’s first attempt at revitalization came in the early 1960s with the creation of the Hazleton Redevelopment Authority’s Downtown South Urban Renewal Project. Although all of its plans and initiatives didn’t come to fruition, the project resulted in cleaning up much of the blight in a

16-block stretch south of Broad Street. Several decaying buildings were demolished and replaced with a low-income housing project, two high-rise apartment buildings, a new YMCA/YWCA building, a bus terminal and a parking garage.

Interest in downtown revitalization was renewed two decades later with the launch of the Alliance to Revitalize Center-city Hazleton (ARCH) in the early 1980s. The organization coordinated several projects aimed at improving the visual appeal of the downtown in order to attract businesses to the area. It worked to obtain grants from Pennsylvania's Department of Community Affairs to fund the initiatives. ARCH

was able to revitalize two blocks of Broad Street between Church and Wyoming streets with the funding. The

improvements it made included installing brick-lined sidewalks, old-style streetlamps, benches and a clock.

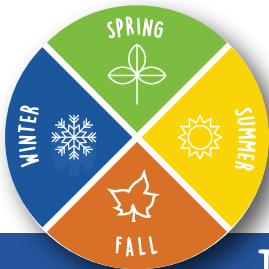
In the early 1990s, Hazleton focused its revitalization efforts around not only what it could do in the present but

what its plans envisioned for the future. The city developed the Comprehensive Plan that detailed its revitalization plans for the next 10 years. This included the creation of a downtown Hazleton business district designed to have amenities that appealed to both business people and shoppers. The plan contained strategies for continuing the streetscape project along Broad Street as well as a list of improvement ideas for things like renovating storefronts based on a unifying

theme, street alterations for better traffic flow and a park-and-shop program for businesses.



One of the lasting outcomes of the Alliance to Revitalize Center-city Hazleton was the start of the annual Funfest Parades. This photograph was taken during a 1980s celebration..



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Hazleton residents look on as workers pave Wyoming Street. Today, the street remains one of the main thoroughfares leading to downtown Hazleton.

Since the early 2000s, Downtown Hazleton's revitalization efforts have focused on revamping the city's legacy businesses and buildings. In 2002, Hazle Drugs, the iconic drugstore that has called the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets home since the 1860s, announced plans to demolish its original building and construct a new two-story pharmacy totaling 10,000 square feet.

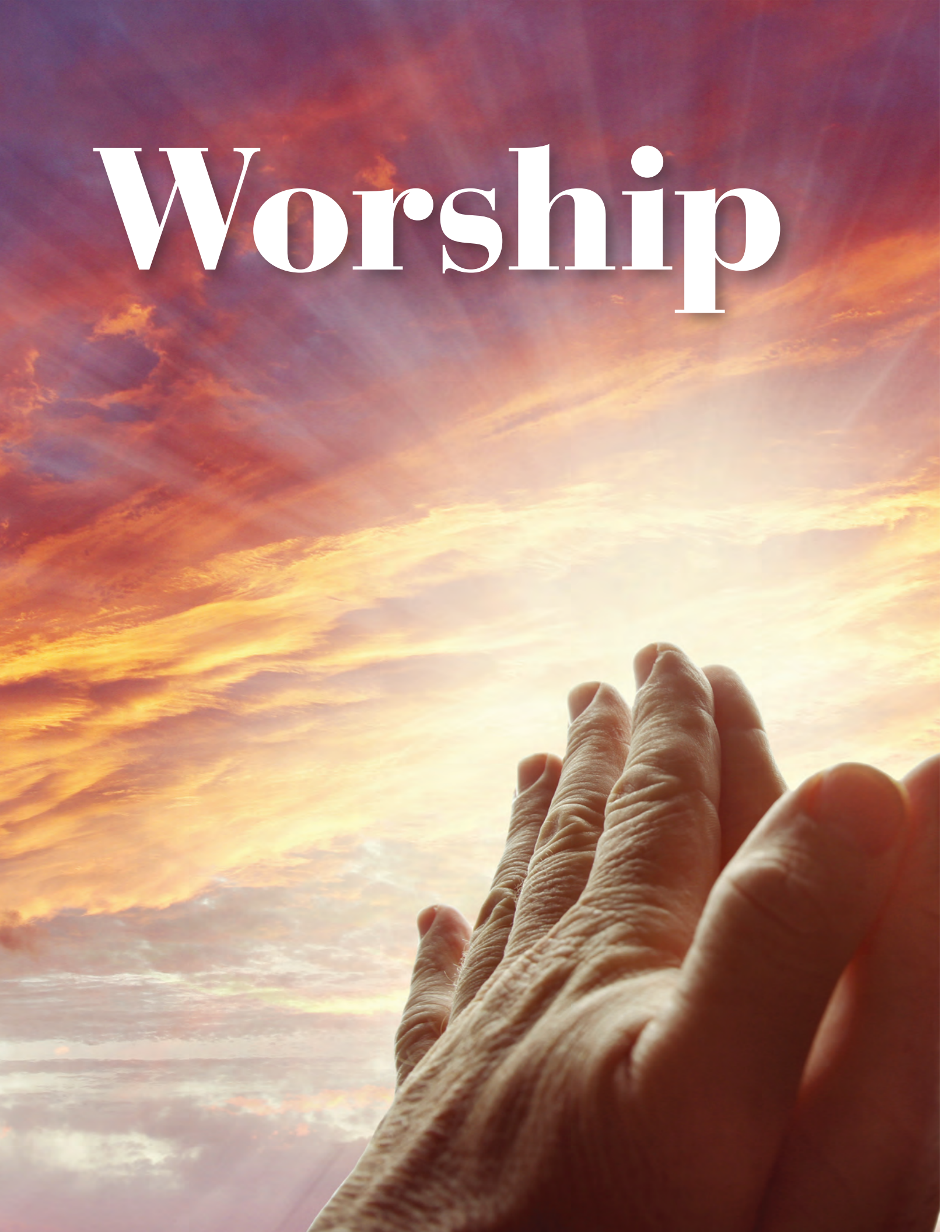
Around the same time, George F. Hayden, the president of Hayden Electric, purchased the historic Markle Building on the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets and saved the building, which turned 100 in 2010, from the wrecking ball. Today, the 11-story building houses a restaurant and several commercial, retail and professional offices. Many city leaders have reflected on salvaging the Markle Building as a catalyst for the next phase of transformation that the city saw through the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress (DHAP), which was formed in 2013. Construction is currently underway in two former downtown banking buildings – The Traders Bank and Hazleton National Bank – and a capital campaign is ongoing to fund the transformation of the former Security Savings bank building into the new Hazleton Arts Center.

Since its inception, DHAP has initiated a number of revitalization projects in the downtown, ranging from

building façade upgrades all the way to the completion of the beginning phases of the project that transformed the lot at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets, the former home of the Greco Centrum building, into the Center City Park. Other downtown building projects include converting the former bingo hall at 13-15 West Broad Street, which DHD Realty purchased and donated to DHAP, into a business incubator and the transformation of the former Remember When storefront at 21-23 West Broad Street, which is now owned by CAN DO, into a restaurant and tavern.

In addition to business, the Chamber has been a driving force for educational development throughout the area since its inception. The Chamber played an integral role in the construction of the former Hazleton High School, now the Hazleton Elementary/Middle School, in 1924 and created a vocational education committee in 1939 to address the vocational training needs of the area's workforce. In recent years, the Chamber had a hand in the implementation of four-year degree programs at the Penn State Hazleton campus, played a major role in establishing Luzerne County Community College's Hazleton campus and was a founding partner in the creation of CAN DO's CAN BE Business Innovation Center, which is focused on helping start-up businesses in Greater Hazleton.

Worship



Religious diversity

Residents enjoy many houses of worship

Greater Hazleton has a rich and diverse religious history and community members are proud to congregate at the church or house of worship they call home to share their faith and friendship. But as

the community increases in diversity, it's resulted in opportunities for interfaith celebrations that blend the best elements of each religion and its beliefs and practices.

This spirit of an interfaith celebration is on display each year at the annual CommUNITY Interfaith service during Funfest weekend. The spelling in the name is intentional

– the service is all about uniting the community in a joyous and peaceful celebration of divine faith and values designed for people to build relationships with one another.

The Greater Hazleton Alliance of Christian Leaders invites dozens of churches from throughout Greater Hazleton to participate in the event, which features prayer, teachings and music from congregations throughout Greater Hazleton, including: Faith Assembly of God, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, River Mountain Church, Restored Church, Mountainview Community Church, The Hope Center, Good News Church and Hill City Church.

The abundance of churches and the diversity of their religious offerings is a testament to the rich devotion that Greater Hazleton residents have towards their faith. Residents can find Roman, Orthodox, Ukrainian and Byzantine Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Evangelical, Apostolic, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Baptist, Jewish, and non-denominational churches dotting the landscape where parishioners can find worship services in English, Spanish and Latin.

The Diocese of Scranton oversees most of the Roman Catholic Churches in Greater Hazleton. It encompasses approximately 200 Roman Catholic parishes across 11 counties in Northeastern

Pennsylvania. They include SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish at St. Joseph's Church, Most Precious Blood, Annunciation Parish, Holy Annunciation Church, Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of

Grace Church, Holy Rosary Parish, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Good Shepherd Church, St. John Bosco and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

As the former St. Joseph Parish, SS. Cyril and Methodius is the oldest Slovak Roman Catholic Parish in the Western Hemisphere. It was organized in 1882 by the Reverend Ignatius Jaskovic, a pioneering Slovak Catholic priest. The day after Father Jaskovic arrived in Hazleton in November of 1882, he



St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Conyngham is one of the largest Catholic parishes in the area.

said mass at St. Gabriel Church (now Holy Annunciation Parish), which helped him discover the need for more churches in the community. The former St. Gabriel Church dates back to the 1850s when Bishop John Neumann (who was canonized as a Saint in 1977) met with Father Michael Scanlon and a committee of others to discuss building a church in Hazleton. The original St. Gabriel's Church was completed in 1856 and a new one was erected in 1869 after the congregation outgrew the first church.

Lutheran churches in Greater Hazleton include Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Hazleton Trinity Lutheran Church, Saint John's Lutheran Church and Salem Lutheran Church.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hazleton dates back to 1862, when the cornerstone for the church was laid by the Rev. R.S. Wagner. Church members originally belonged to the first German church in Hazleton but had a great need to identify as Lutheran, so they broke away to form their own. The congregation spent its early years working to transform into an

English-speaking church to assimilate itself into the community. Its goal was to show a commitment to Christian education for everyone in the congregation.

Area Methodist churches include Diamond United Methodist Church, Saint John's Primitive Methodist Church, Saint Paul's



The Beth Israel Temple

Methodist Church and Weatherly Centenary. The Methodist religion became prevalent in Greater Hazleton in the 1830s when Hazleton became a stop on a minister’s traveling route as part of the old Baltimore Conference. When the minister came to Hazleton, he would deliver his sermon on the grounds of what is today City Hall. The group of community members that grew from these masses became the original congregation of St. Paul’s Methodist Church. As Hazleton expanded over the next several decades, a portion of the city became known as the “Diamond Addition.” The Methodist residents of this area eventually decided to form their own church. After renting space around town for several years, Diamond United Methodist Church was built and dedicated in 1889.

Today, many local churches meet in a variety of venues, from traditional facilities to former storefronts. Some congregations have moved into buildings originally constructed for other churches, ushering in a new era of religion in Greater Hazleton. One of those,



First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Broad and Church streets in Hazleton is part of the Lehigh Presbytery.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, located on Church Street in downtown Hazleton, has been in existence in Hazleton for more than 100 years.

Maranatha Seventh-Day Adventist Romanian & Multinational Church, offers translation into French, Romanian, Russian, Serbian and Spanish. Valley Community Church meets in a storefront in the Rittenhouse Place in Drums.

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, and members of many congregations in the area serve meals at the local soup kitchens in Hazleton.

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

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

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.

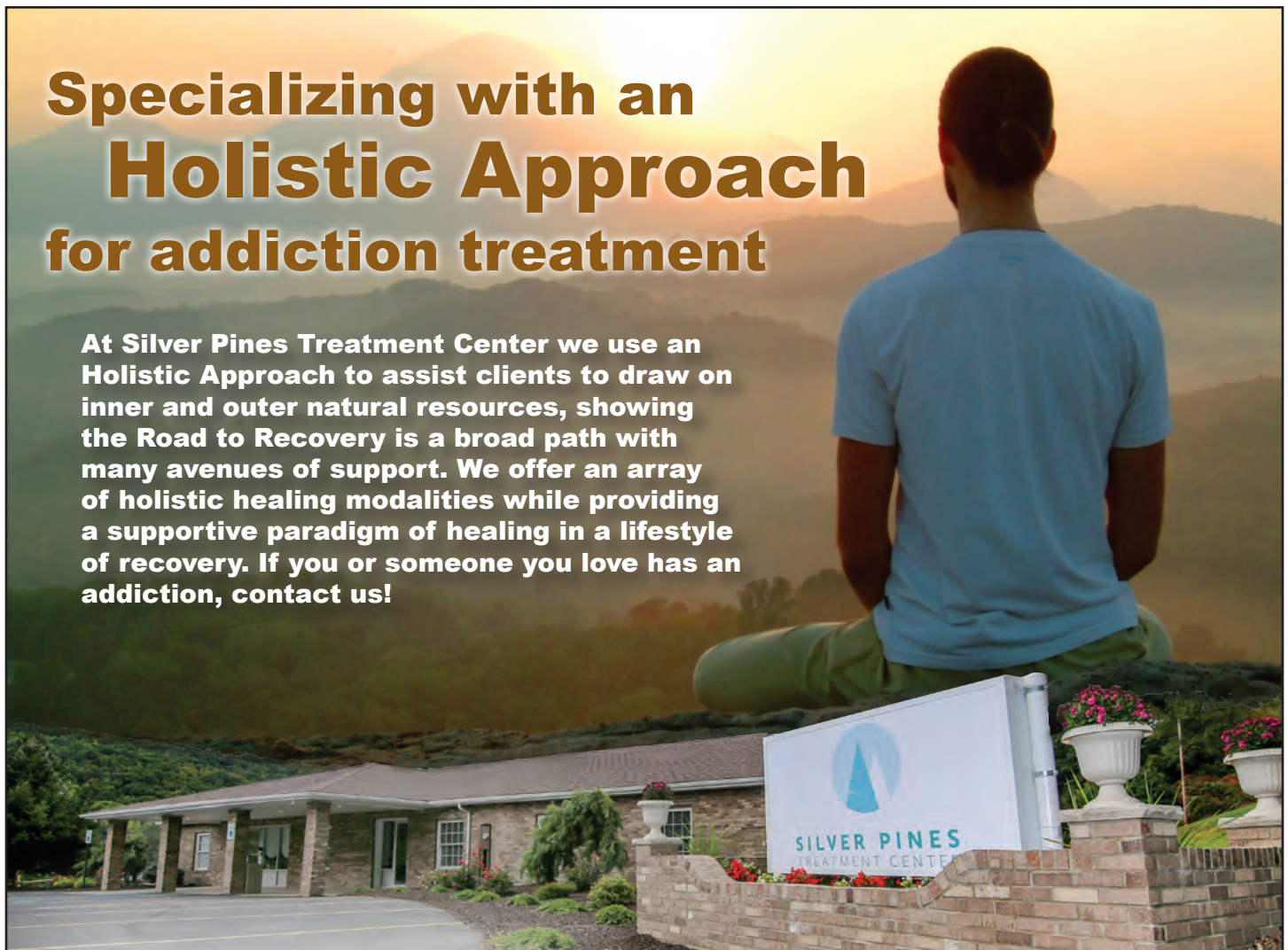
Summer festivals are a staple of several Hazleton area churches. Some of the most popular ones are the Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Good Sheppard Church, Feast of St. Mauro at Queen of Heaven Parish at our Lady of Grace, festivals at Holy Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church and Most Precious Blood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

Holy Name of Jesus Parish in West Hazleton offers four weekend masses, including one in Spanish on Sunday afternoons.



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Arts & Culture



Greater Hazleton offers an abundance

Greater Hazleton is an area rich in cultural heritage and thriving in the abundance of visual, musical and performing arts that it offers to area residents. There is truly something for everyone – from the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress First Friday events and ongoing mural projects, to historic walking tours and events at Eckley Miners Village, to community organizations such as the Hazleton Art League, Greater Hazleton Concert Series and Hazleton One Community Center.

Arts and culture collided in May of 2017 when the city dedicated its first mural, located on the side of the Hazle Drugs pharmacy at the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets. The mural is the first of many planned for throughout the downtown and celebrates Hazleton's rich history and bright future. It includes historical elements such as a coal miner, the former Feeley Theater, Hazle Drugs, and a lightbulb and depiction of Thomas Edison, who installed electrical service to make Hazleton the third city in the world with two-wire, three-phase streetlights in the mid-1880s.

The mural was created by Hazleton native and teaching artist Mary Veronica Sweeney. Future murals will be undertaken by Power City Arts, which is a partnership of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for

Progress, the Hazleton Integration Project, and Luzerne County Community College (LCCC). Power City Arts is a new jobs-training and community-building effort for future young creative professionals in Greater Hazleton, which is led by Sweeney and modeled after the Philadelphia Mural Arts program established in 1984.

The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress has aided in advancing the spirit of arts and culture by helping people start the month—and the weekend—off on a high note with its First Friday activities and events. Over the past several years, First Friday events have exploded in popularity and continue to attract large crowds to downtown Hazleton. The popular Wine and Chocolate Walk, which is held every June, continues to be a sell-out event that people look forward to each year.

Hazleton's First Friday celebrations are designed to energize the downtown and



First Friday activities include a tours, like this one featuring



Work is underway to convert the former Security Savings and Loan building on Broad Street into a new Center for the Arts

ance of arts and cultural activities

encourage people to support small businesses through featuring special events and highlighting merchant promotions. Events and activities are held throughout the afternoon and evening at locations all around downtown Hazleton. In addition to the popular walking tours, the offerings include art exhibitions, theatrical performances, live music and special annual events like the Greater Hazleton Farmer's Market and the Chamber of Commerce Car Cruise. First Fridays are a partnership between the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and Hazleton POWER!, with funding assistance and support provided by the Luzerne County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

First Friday's historic walking tours are done in conjunction with members of the Greater Hazleton Historical Society. Past walking tours have given walkers insight

into some of the city's historic cemeteries or showcased the city's architectural history through the paintings of Hazleton native Jim Moran. The Historic Church Street Neighborhood and Tour of Historic Donegal Hill in Hazleton's South Side were so popular that self-guided handbooks were produced so patrons can tour those areas any time they like.

The Greater Hazleton Historical Society has been working diligently for the past several years to have the Church Street neighborhood designated as an official historic district. The tour of this area gives people some information about the history of residential landmarks in the neighborhood. These include numerous blocks of Victorian, Tudor and Queen Ann homes. The guide tells the story behind the homes, their unique architecture and the families that occupied them in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Hazleton's South Side became known as Donegal Hill after the immigration of Irish settlers to the area in the 19th century. The guide for this tour educates walkers about the settlement of Hazleton's Irish population, the establishment and growth of St. Gabriel's Church and the story behind the urban redevelopment of



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The Hazleton Public Library offers a variety of monthly activities for children and teenagers, including storytime and music programs.

the region in the 1960s. It features many historic photos of the South Side and St. Gabriel's parish and former school.

The Greater Hazleton Historical Society was organized to collect, renew, and restore historical artifacts and memorabilia from the Greater Hazleton area and display them for the educational and cultural benefit of the present and future residents of the area. The basic intent of the society is to meet the need to preserve the history of the area.

The museum, which houses the largest collection of historical artifacts in Northeastern Pennsylvania, sits on Wyoming Street at the former location of the Pioneer Fire Company station and the previous site of Hazleton's Borough Hall. The museum showcases its three stories of artifacts and memorabilia through regular programming, tours and special events. Museum exhibits include anthracite mining items, Pennsylvania Indian artifacts, a large collection of historic photographs, a research library with a genealogy department and a variety of additional displays and items that celebrate the heritage of Hazleton.

Arts and culture combine once more as planning continues to move forward on the new city arts center, which will be located in the historic home of the former Security Savings bank on Broad Street between Laurel and Wyoming streets. In 2016, the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress received two \$500,000 grants—one from the Luzerne County Local Share Account and a Keystone Communities Grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development—to fund the initial phase of the city arts center. Bids were put out to fund future phases of the project.

Once complete, the Hazleton Art League plans to move into the building. The arts center is expected to include studios for painting, drawing, digital arts, glass, clay, photography and graphic arts. A children's studio is also planned. The Hazleton Art League 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 Art League also has several drawing, jewelry-making, painting, sculpture and ceramic programs, as well as instruction in the art of Pysanky eggs and Shibori dyeing, and working with pressed flowers and stained glass.

The Art League hosts a variety of gatherings and exhibits throughout the year, including live music shows, 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 for a friendly competition. Artists are positioned along the sidewalk and create their works of art on paper using solid pastels and chalk pastels. There is a junior division for artists ages 12-17 and an adult division for those 18 and over. The Art Youth Expo is an annual two-day arts festival held in April in downtown Hazleton. It features the work of artists between the ages of 13 and 30 in a competition in contemporary categories. The festival is designed to promote creative youth of Greater Hazleton and features multiple art shows, as well as food, live music and other entertainment.

Another time you'll find the perfect merging of arts and culture is the Chamber's annual Funfest celebration, which is held annually the second weekend in September. Funfest began in 1979 as a way to help nonprofit organizations in Greater Hazleton promote their services and raise the crucial money they would need to survive over the upcoming winter months. Funfest was inspired by a one-day Mummers Parade that would visit Hazleton each October and bring authentic Mummers from the Philadelphia area. From that inspiration, Funfest grew its own parade into the signature event that it is today.

Held the Sunday of Funfest weekend, the parade begins in West Hazleton and travels down Broad Street and right through downtown Hazleton. It has grown to feature high school marching

bands and other musical groups, cheerleaders, community organizations, police departments, first responders and military members. Cold-air balloons float down the street and employees from local businesses wave from corporate floats. On Saturday, classic cars, hot rods and sometimes even race cars roll into downtown Hazleton for the Funfest Car Cruise-in.

The hundreds of people who patronize Funfest have the chance to view the cars and decide which one they think will take home the grand prize trophy. Funfest features free entertainment, activities for people of all ages (including face painting and bingo) and a delicious array of food.

Greater Hazleton's cultural heritage as a prominent nineteenth century coal mining area is on display just a short drive from downtown Hazleton at the Eckley Miners Village Museum, which is located outside of Freeland. Eckley still features some of the original homes that

residents inhabited in the 1850s and educates visitors about the region's anthracite coal mining history through the preservation of the site and its vast collection of mining artifacts. Visitors can view exhibitions, learn more about the housing and daily life within the village, take a guided tour or experience a living history event.

Eckley hosts several signature events throughout the year. Every June, Patch Town Days gives people the opportunity to 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 shows visitors an overview of the World War II era, complete with troops dressed in period uniforms, a military vehicle parade, American-style food, musicians and dancers. 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. The Civil War Encampment features access to the museum and the reenactments, as well as an hour-long guided tour of the historic buildings throughout the village.

Eckley's Haunted Halloween Lantern Tours take visitors on a spooky adventure through the village as creatures lurk in the dark. The hour-long walking tour is filled with scary stories and enough ghosts and goblins to get everyone in the Halloween spirit. The Chamber played a role in the preservation of Eckley Miner's Village when its affiliate organization, the Anthracite Museum and Historic Site Corp., purchased Eckley in 1970 and turned it over to the state, who developed the village into the living museum it is today.

Christmas at Eckley brings with it a little something for everyone in the family. This old-fashioned Christmas celebration features carolers, cocoa, crafts and even a visit from St. Nicholas himself.

Eckley Miners Village also hosts a Swing Dance each summer in the Freeland Public Park.

Eckley Miner's Village is named in honor of Eckley B. Coxe, one of the region's most successful coal barons and engineers. He and his wife, Sophia Coxe, co-founded and established what is the modern-day MMI Preparatory School as the Mining and Mechanical Institute in the late 1800s. The school gave area coal miners a

chance to gain an education at night after their work in the mines was done for the day.

Just down the road from Eckley Miner's Village, you will find the Sophia Coxe Foundation and Education Center, which is housed in a beautiful Victorian home in Drifton that once belonged to the Coxe family. Sophia was known for taking an active interest in the lives of the miners and their families and is praised to this day for her philanthropic work. Sophia devoted 90 percent of her income to her charitable works. The foundation exists today to preserve Sophia's memory and the history of her and her husband, who are buried a few

feet beyond the Sophia Coxe House in St. James Episcopal Cemetery.

In 2017, the Greater Hazleton Concert Series celebrated its 82nd year of bringing quality world-class musical performances to the area. The Concert Series is the oldest non-profit cultural organization in the Hazleton area that provides professional performances at affordable prices.

The organization delivers a diverse season of international and mixed genres each year, including many international performers. Shows are held monthly in the Hazleton Area High School auditorium beginning in September and running until early spring. Recent seasons featured performances from acts including The River City Brass, Shades of Buble and The Accordion Virtuosi of Russia. Annual Concert Series 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.

Hazleton's rich history in orchestral music also includes the famed Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Society, which was founded in 1954 by Rev. Joseph Ferrara, known and loved by many simply as 'Father Joe.' Father Joe used his musical talent to forge a music education program for area youngsters. Students played an instrument akin to the flutophone and learned the foundations of music theory, notation and scales. Over the years, Father Joe's ambition and good will led to the creation of the Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra and Hazleton Philharmonic Chorus. Eventually, the demand for more



Ferrwood Music Camp, which hosts an annual music camp for children, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

musicians led to the opening of the Ferrwood Music Camp in 1967. The camp's location on Middle Road in Drums was recently commemorated as a National Register of Historical Places property.

Greater Hazleton has a number of amateur theater groups that delight audiences with all genres of shows throughout the year. The Pennsylvania Theater of Performing Arts has given local actors of all ages a place to shine for nearly two decades. The nonprofit 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. In addition to giving their audiences a great night of theater, these groups give local residents a chance to learn the behind-the-scenes roles of a production, including building sets and designing costumes.

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, including during the First Friday events, 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.

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.

The Hazleton Integration Project 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 who is the manager of the 2016 World Series Champion Chicago Cubs and a three-time manager of the year, holds his annual Thanksmas dinner there every fall. The free dinner provides a warm meal for people in need.

The Hazleton Integration Project 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 also runs the Good News Multi-Cultural Community Center.

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Recreation



Lake Irena in Hazle Township provides opportunities for fishing, hiking and picnics at one of the many pavilions.

Greater Hazleton, Pennsylvania...

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Greater Hazleton, along with the Pocono Mountains and many other parts of Northeastern Pennsylvania, is well-known for its natural beauty and the quality of life that residents will find here. This quality of life is amplified by the many year-round recreational opportunities people will find in this great region.

The beauty of all four seasons makes Greater Hazleton an outdoor delight, featuring opportunities near and far to engage in hiking, biking, skiing, fishing and boating activities, and many other recreational outlets that offer something for the whole family to enjoy.

Nature can be found right in downtown Hazleton, as Center City Park delivers green space right in the middle of the bustling downtown business section.

The park, which is located at the northeast corner of Broad and Laurel streets, includes a paved plaza, walkways, a small lawn area, pedestrian lighting and benches. Center City Park hosts the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market each summer and began a new tradition in 2017 when it became the new home for Party in the Park, the City of Hazleton's annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

Travel east down Broad Street and you will find the crown jewel of Greater Hazleton's recreational treasures, the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails, which features a six-mile path that welcomes 46,000 visitors annually for hiking, biking and nature walk activities. The Chamber of Commerce played a role in creating the Rails to Trails when it started the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, which oversees the trail.

In addition to the trail, the Rails to Trails area includes picnic benches, exercise stations, play areas for children, memorial trees, a demonstration garden of native plants and informative signs. The site is one of the locations of the annual National Trails Day Hike and Bike. The event is held each June and 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. Future plans for the Rails to Trails area include extending the trail to the Lehigh

Gorge Trail for a total length of nearly 20 miles.

Over at Hazle Township Community Park, which is located between Route 309 and Route 93 and adjacent to the Airport Beltway, nature seekers will find fishing opportunities at Lake Irena, along with picnic areas, sports fields, playgrounds, walking trails and a band shell-like pavilion for outdoor performances. The

Chamber helped Hazle Township Community Park become Greater Hazleton's first public park in 1960, when it entered into an agreement to purchase a 175-acre parcel of land.

Other local community parks include Whispering Willows Park in Conyngham. The park features baseball fields, tennis courts and open gathering space that is used for public and private events

throughout the year. New playground equipment was installed at the park in 2017 as part of Ryanne's Playground, which was created in memory of Ryanne Cara, a young girl from Conyngham who passed away from an illness in 2015. The George Ernst pool, owned and run by the Conyngham Valley Civic Organization, is located near Whispering Willows, making it a popular location for children and adults during the pleasant summer months. Butler Township Community Park features a basketball court, baseball field, playground area, picnic pavilion and hiking trails.

The Chamber also played a vital role in many improvements to Nescopeck State Park, which has been one of the hidden recreational gems of the area since the 1970s. Nescopeck State Park is comprised of more than 3,500 acres of land in Butler and Dennison townships. The park is managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It features 19 miles of trails that are open for walking, hiking and cross-country skiing; 200 acres of wetlands and forests, and areas for hunting and fishing, including at Lake Frances, a nine-acre man-made lake on Nescopeck Creek.

The Chamber advocated for an environmental education center on



Golfers will find a host of beautiful, 18-hole courses throughout Greater Hazleton.

the park grounds, which opened in April of 2005. Park staff provide year-round environmental education programming for local schools and interpretive programs for park visitors. The park's education program strives to teach people about the natural world and critical environmental issues facing society. Special emphasis is placed on the education and interpretation of Nescopeck's unique, natural biodiversity. A variety of interpretive and recreational programs are available for park visitors and focus on the natural, historical and cultural features of the park and region. In addition to offering quality educational programs, the park is an outdoor natural laboratory for visiting biologists, college interns and resource professionals involved in an array of research projects.

Greater Hazleton is within an hour's drive of more than a dozen state parks and forests, including Hickory Run and Lehigh Gorge. It's also close to several of the more than 25 National Natural Landmarks in Pennsylvania. These include The Glens Natural Area at Ricketts Glen State Park, which covers more than 13,000 acres of land across three counties and is home to 22 waterfalls, and the Nay Aug Park Gorge and Waterfall in Lackawanna County.

The Luzerne County Convention and Visitor's Bureau comprehensive website, 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 a runner's paradise. Many area groups and organizations sponsor annual adult runs and walks of various distances as well as kids' fun runs and walks. 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 the Lehigh Valley Health Network Run/Walk, Run for the Orange 5K, Community Services for Sight 5K/10K, Race for the Cherubs, Valley Great 8M and 5K, PSU 5K Run/Walk and Youth 1-mile Run, the Town and Trail Race

Series 5K/10K/13.1-mile run, the Freeland 5K and the Christmas in Conyngham Class 5K and Fun Run.

Area children can participate in a variety of sports through a number of local youth sports leagues. Leagues are available 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 Edgewood, Sand Springs, Split Rock, Blue Ridge Trail and Mountain Laurel.

Thrill-seekers have several opportunities throughout Greater Hazleton to get their adrenaline pumping. Those who love to fly 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 70,000 skydives and 100



Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails is a 10.7 mile roundtrip trail located near Hazleton, Pennsylvania that offers scenic views. The trail is rated as moderate and primarily used for trail running and mountain biking.



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



Pocono Raceway, the 2.5 mile, family-owned and -operated 'Tricky Triangle,' hosts seven national motorsports events a year, including two Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races and one Verizon IndyCar Series race.

years of experience and are recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most jumps in the world.

For those who like their thrill on the water, check out Whitewater Challengers in White Haven, where you'll be able to test your skills at whitewater rafting, mountain biking and paintball and enjoy hiking and camping.

If auto racing action is your thing, you'll find it just north and south of Hazleton in St. Johns and Weatherly. Evergreen Raceway in St. Johns offers a ton of racing action from spring through fall. You'll find races featuring everything from Late Model, Street Stock and Four Cylinder cars, to Junior Four Cylinder and Tour-Type Modified cars speeding around the track. In Weatherly, racers in the Weatherly Hillclimb navigate the impossibly steep hills and twisty turns twice a year. 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.

When the weather outside is frightful, Greater Hazleton has a solution for that as well. 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.



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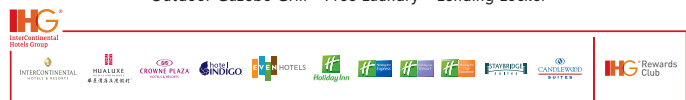
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If you prefer fun in the sun, hit one of the many regional amusement and entertainment parks. Roller-coaster lovers can fly down the hills and get back in line over and over again at nationally known parks like Knoebels Amusement Resort, Hersheypark 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.

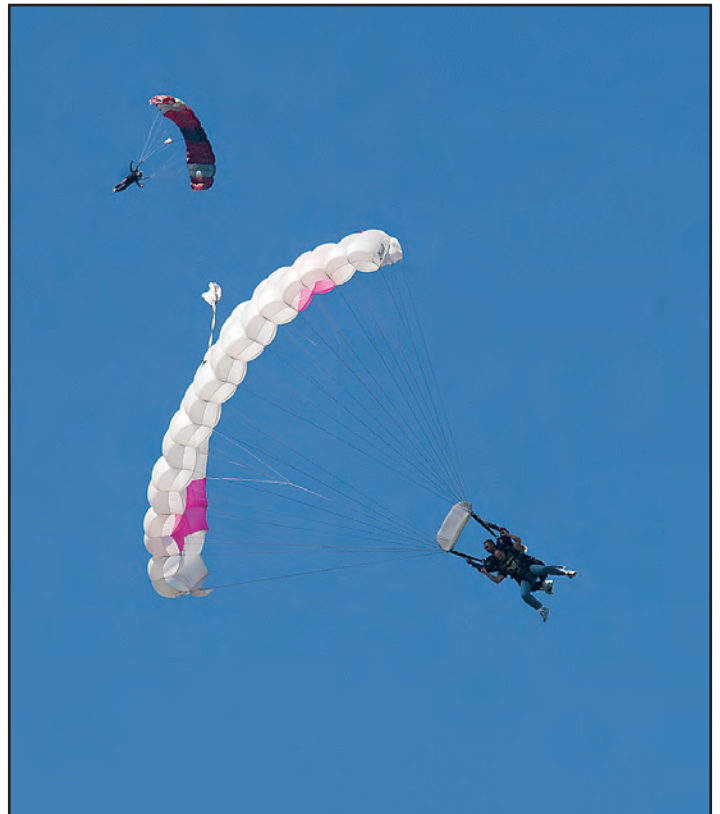
If you're craving Minor League or professional sports action, you'll find baseball, hockey, auto racing and horse racing action just a short drive from Greater Hazleton. The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders and Lehigh Valley IronPigs are Triple-A affiliates for the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies baseball teams, respectively, while the Reading Phillies are a Single-A affiliate. Hockey fans can head to Mohegan Sun Arena at 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.

Additionally, Greater Hazleton is less than two hours away from Williamsport, home of the internationally-renowned Little League World Series. More than 400,000 spectators flock to Williamsport each year to check out the games.



The 3,550-acre Nescopeck State Park encompasses wetlands, rich forests and many diverse habitats. Nescopeck Creek, a favorite of anglers, meanders through the park. Hiking trails follow the creek, climb mountains, pass through quiet forests and skirt wetlands.



The oldest USPA member skydiving center in the world is located right in Hazleton. The center's instructors have a combined total of more than 70,000 skydives and 100 years experience.



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Chamber embraces newest residents to Greater Hazleton

The Chamber of Commerce has stressed the unity that makes up the word community for the past several years through many Funfest themes and activities like the annual CommUNITY Interfaith Service during Funfest weekend. Uniting the many diverse nationalities that make up the Greater Hazleton community is a core component of the Chamber's continued initiative to build a thriving business community throughout Greater Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton's growing Hispanic population has helped to introduce professional organizations that, in addition to the Chamber of Commerce, provide Hispanic business owners with the information and services they need to build successful businesses. This has resulted in hundreds of small businesses opening their doors in the past several years and adding to the economic fabric of the Greater Hazleton business community and its entrepreneurial spirit.

The Society of Hispanic Professionals of Hazleton Area (SHPHA) is an organization whose mission is to have an impact on the integration of Hispanic professionals in the Hazleton area, with the objective that they can apply their knowledge in the community. Their objectives revolve around promoting the spirit of solidarity among all professionals. Its mission is to serve as the institution that gathers together as many professionals of Hispanic origins in order to help them to integrate and be a part of innovation, development and management in the Hazleton area.

The Greater Hazleton Hispanic Business Association was founded in December of 2014 to aid Hispanics who own small businesses. The organization offers many benefits to members, including a Hispanic business network with business-to-business discounts to encourage sales among Hispanics who support Hispanic-owned businesses. Additionally, the organization aimed to create a co-op that would loan money to Hispanic businesses and underwrite future entrepreneurial activities in the area.

The Dominican House of Hazleton, which was founded in 2005, is a nonprofit institution dedicated to helping the Hispanic community and promoting the Hispanic culture in Greater Hazleton. It offers a course that prepares people to take the U.S. Citizenship test. It also offers free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and family counseling. Other services include music classes for children, karate do classes, free basic computer courses and various cultural and folkloric workshops for children and adults.

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 tae kwon do and boxing, open sessions for basketball and swimming, guitar lessons and a reading program.

Radio Esperanza De Vida was the first Spanish-language radio station in Hazleton when it was founded in January of 2013. The community station is found at 99.1 FM and 1700 AM in Hazleton. The station operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

El Mensajero is a monthly newspaper that was founded in 2003 to serve the Spanish-language residents of Greater Hazleton. It delivers local, national and international news in Spanish and also serves as a link between service providers and the public. The newspaper is run by president and editor Amilcar Arroyo, who has been a prominent Hispanic entrepreneur in Hazleton for many years.

Poder Latino, also known as Latin News, is a monthly Spanish-language publication produced by Eddy Ulerio, the founder of the Society of Hispanic Professionals of Hazleton Area. The bilingual newspaper began its circulation run in 2013 and is available throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. It is a free newspaper with a mission to inform and educate the Hispanic communities.

Colleges throughout Hazleton offer opportunities for Spanish-speaking students to grow and share their culture in the area. Penn State Hazleton's Spanish Club offers an opportunity for students to foster their Spanish skills and to promote student awareness of Spanish language and culture.

Luzerne County Community College's Hazleton Campus is home to the LCCC Hazleton Multicultural Center. The Center provides English Language Learners (ELL) the opportunity to receive excellent programming to foster achievement in academic, personal and professional growth.

In the continued spirit of diversity and inclusion throughout Greater Hazleton, both Penn State Hazleton and Lackawanna College in Hazleton offer workshops for individuals who work with Spanish-speaking employees in the workplace and are seeking basic conversational Spanish skills for use in their day-to-day communications. The courses are designed for participants who either have no Spanish training or possess a limited Spanish education.

Health Care



Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton recently added robotic surgery.

State-of-the-art health care

Greater Hazleton has access to top health care at home

Greater Hazleton is known for providing quality medical care through a variety of outlets that range from a Level IV Trauma Center that treats hundreds of patients a day, to clinics designed to treat non-emergency patients, to dozens of general practitioners and specialty physicians, as well as three cancer treatment centers.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton is a 150-bed facility that has been accredited as a Level IV Trauma Center by the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation. The staff is trained to assess and stabilize patients with critical and life-threatening injuries and then provide advanced care in the emergency room or prepare them for transport to Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest's Level I Trauma Center to continue their treatment.

In addition to its emergency care, LVH-Hazleton is equipped to provide a variety of services to its patients, including: robotic surgery, ambulatory surgery, birthing and prenatal care, cardiac care, cardiac testing, endoscopy, home care, imaging and laboratory services, inpatient Rehabilitation at the Gunderson Center, medical acute care, outpatient care, pediatric services, sleep disorder treatment, stroke care, weight management programs and wound care.

LVH-Hazleton has been recognized for decades by the American Heart Association as an award-winning hospital for treating patients with heart failure, strokes and coronary artery disease, and won several awards for its pulmonary care. The hospital has been the recipient of several HealthGrades for Excellence in Patient Safety awards, was the region's first Primary Surgery Center and received accreditation as a Chest Pain Center and Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence. Additionally, the hospital has received awards from the American Stroke Association for its treatment of ischemic strokes and certifications from the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

In the past two years, the hospital added a vision award to its growing list of accomplishments when it received the SightLife Vision Award from SightLife, a global health organization that focuses on diminishing corneal blindness worldwide by 2040. LVH-Hazleton is the first hospital in Pennsylvania to receive the award, which recognizes performance and a demonstrate commitment to cornea donation and advocacy. According to

research from SightLife, the hospital achieved a conversion rate of more than 70 percent for cornea donations and helped give the gift of sight to 31 individuals in 2016. The staff works with the SightLife team to educate as many patients as possible about the opportunity to donate a loved one's corneas and give the gift of sight to another person.

Over the past year, the Lehigh Valley Health Network began a shift to a more collaborative, research-focused approach to treating cancer and heart disease and performing surgery with the formation of the LVHN Cancer Institute, Heart Institute and Institute of Special Surgery. The new collaboration focuses on



Dr. Anthony Carrato of Carrato Surgical Associated is a general/vascular surgeon who is board-certified in general surgery.

LVHN's treatment options, clinical trials and numerous specialists in the three areas and aims to attract doctors and patients from across the country. Patients throughout Greater Hazleton benefit by being able to receive these high-quality services close to home.

Coordinated Health is a specialized hospital and health network. Construction is currently underway on Coordinated Health's new 42,000 square-foot state-of-the-art medical campus and ambulatory surgical center in Humboldt Station at the

intersection of Route 924 and Interstate 81. Once complete, all the services that are currently offered at the Church Hill Mall location will be relocated to the new center. The expanded medical campus will also allow Coordinated Health to hire 20 additional team members in addition to the current 30 employees to support the ambulatory surgical center.

The Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, on the Airport Beltway in Hazleton, is designed to assist patients who require outpatient services. It provides a comprehensive list of diagnostic and rehabilitation services, including: imaging; cardiac/pulmonary care; laboratory services; weight management/bariatrics; rehabilitation; balance and vestibular rehab; pediatric physical, occupational and speech therapy services; concussion management; occupational health care and access to a fitness center. Patients with minor illnesses can also be treated at a Lehigh Valley Health Network ExpressCARE location, including one in the Hazleton Shopping Center on Broad Street.

Lehigh Valley Health Network also oversees the Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton. The group consists of more than 40

physicians and advanced care professionals across 21 practice sites in Northeastern Pennsylvania. In addition to family medicine, Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton doctors can treat patients across a variety of specialties, including: cardiology, chiropractic medicine, endocrinology, gastroenterology, geriatric medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery services.

Additionally, Lehigh Valley Health Network operates the newest of the three cancer treatment centers located in Greater Hazleton, which opened in 2015. Lehigh Valley Health Network cancer physicians have been providing care to patients in the Lehigh Valley for decades. 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, 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.

Geisinger Medical Group in Hazleton offers family practice care, an optometry/eyewear center and laboratory services from its complex on the Airport Beltway in Hazleton. Physicians at the facility specialize in family medicine, neurological surgery, ophthalmology, optometry and rheumatology. Available services include: acute care, anticoagulation therapy, cataract care, chronic disease management, contact lenses, DXA scan, eyewear center, hepatitis c treatment, nutrition, pediatric eye surgery, pediatric routine eye care and preventive care. The Geisinger Health Network also operates a walk-in clinic just off of Route 93 next to Staples in West Hazleton.

For those who require specialty care, 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 and Hazleton Radiology provides a range of services under the guidance of elite radiologists including x-rays, MRI and CT scans, ultrasounds and digital mammography.

In addition to the Lehigh Valley Cancer Center, 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.

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Patients seeking a walk-in health clinic for not-life-threatening conditions have multiple options. 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. At Hazleton Imaging's facility in downtown Hazleton, patients can receive x-rays, CAT scans, DEXA scans, digital mammography, ultrasounds, MRIs and PET scans, as well as nuclear medical testing that uses very small amounts of radioactive materials to diagnose and treat diseases.

Carrato Surgical Associates features both a board-certified surgeon. Patients receive dedicated and experienced care in vascular and endovascular surgery, vascular lab work, general and advanced minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery, thoracic surgery and wound care. Carrato Surgical is certified in robotic surgery, including the treatment of gallbladder disease, hernia repair, colon/bowel disease and severe acid reflux. For many procedures, Dr. Anthony Carrato uses the da Vinci Robotic Surgery System to offer his patients one of the most effective and minimally invasive surgical options. The robotic surgery is conducted through incisions that are only about the size of a dime and result in a shorter hospital stay, fewer complications and a faster recovery. Carrato Surgical is the only location in Greater Hazleton to offer the CoolSculpting® fat reduction treatment.

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.

Home health care is available from several sources including Maylath Valley Health Systems and All Care Home Care. These companies allow residents to receive quality healthcare in the comfort of their own home.

Silver Pines Treatment Center in Mahanoy City provides addiction treatment using an holistic approach. The center offers gender-specific comprehensive treatment and care through therapy, education, nutrition, exercise and meditation. During their time at the facility, individuals are able to focus on overcoming their addictions through a proven, structured treatment model.

Silver Pines programs include an inpatient/residential treatment plan with 24/7, around-the-clock care, a family program with family therapy sessions and education on addiction and recovery and a 12-step holistic treatment program that uses yoga, reiki and meditation.

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.

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The Chamber



Chamber staff includes President Mary Malone, second from left, and Vice President of Marketing Leann Fallabel, left. At right are Membership Director Dan Guldish and Bookkeeper Nancy Zolota.

An advocate for business and industry

Greater Hazleton Chamber celebrates 125th anniversary

In honor of its recent 125th anniversary, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce spent considerable time reflecting on its history and the more than 100 years of business and community service the organization has provided to the region. In the early 20th century, when the Chamber was known as the Hazleton Board of Trade, it marketed Hazleton as the “Power City” of the anthracite coal region. Today, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce remains the “Power Organization” for the area’s business community.

The Chamber continues to support its mission to be a contributing factor to the success of the Greater Hazleton business community by offering valuable information, services, networking opportunities and events to its members and taking active measures to improve both the business climate and quality of life in the area.

Popular Chamber events include two annual golf outings, the Business & Community Awards luncheon, the Anniversary Membership Celebration, Ladies Night Out and Business Exposition, Academic Achievement Banquet, Red Carpet Breakfast program and Women’s Networking luncheons. The Chamber also organizes the annual Greater Hazleton Job Fair and two key downtown events – the Funfest two-day street fair and the Downtown Hazleton Car Cruise-In.

The Chamber also creates and distributes “Welcome to Greater Hazleton” packets that are provided free to new residents, visitors and business prospects. The packets contain useful information to new residents in Greater Hazleton and refer only Chamber businesses for products and services.



Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat, far right, joins Chamber officials, board members and downtown developers at the ribbon cutting of the Chamber’s new office in downtown Hazleton.

Chamber members also receive access to quality health insurance and energy savings through the ChamberChoice programs. ChamberChoice provides time- and money-saving options, including multiple health plans and employee benefits; online shopping and enrollment; competitive electricity pricing; business insurance that returns premium dividends; ERISA and ACA compliance

guidance, reporting, documentation and support services; HR tools, and a dedicated customer service center.

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 members at a celebration of its 125th anniversary in 2017.

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

In addition to the Car

Cruise-In and Funfest, the Chamber works throughout the year to provide events that assist the community. These include 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.

Although they are well-known for their newsletter and the biannual Image Book, the Chamber produces a variety of other publications that are designed to bring value to Greater Hazleton residents and the business community at large. In addition to the member directory, the Chamber offers an industrial directory that is a comprehensive listing of manufacturers in local industrial parks and throughout Greater Hazleton and their contact information. The Annual Wage and Salary Survey booklet gives a detailed look at what new industries and individuals can expect in the range of wages and benefits. The Greater Hazleton Community Profile, which is produced in conjunction with the CAN DO economic development organization, offers a statistical look at Greater Hazleton and provides an overview of the community, including statistics, utility and industrial development information, attractions and more.

Business professionals from throughout Greater Hazleton have another chance to gain networking and community service opportunities by volunteering on one of the Chamber's 10 business and community committees. The Ambassador Committee is a public relations outlet that assists in welcoming new Chamber members into the organization and helping in the retention of existing members. The Awards Committee helps in the development of the Chamber's Annual Business and Community Awards Program. The Civic Partnership and Rails to Trails Committee



Congressman Louis J. Barletta speaks during one of the Chamber's Legislative Red Carpet Breakfast events.

works on a variety of initiatives, including a scholarship program, Rails to Trails, Gateway Beautification, Black Creek Township Alumni Association, MCOG and Community Assessment. The goal of the Community Awareness Committee is to foster greater public awareness of Greater Hazleton's resources, activities and opportunities. The Downtown Committee is geared toward promoting the downtown businesses and the downtown area as a whole.

The Funfest Committee assists in the planning and development of the annual free family festival conducted in downtown

Hazleton. The Great PA Cleanup Committee organizes the initiative where groups adopt an area roadway for the region's largest one-day clean-up effort. The goals of the Human Resources Committee include providing updates on changing HR issues, putting together informational seminars and forming a network to answer Chamber members' HR questions. The Marketing and Communications Committee is geared toward reminding Chamber members about available events and adding new services and events that benefit members. The Goal of the Women's Networking Committee is to plan networking opportunities as well as special events for the businesswomen of Greater Hazleton. Four sub-committees include Ladies' Night Out, luncheons, grant and holiday decorating contest.

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



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.



A panel discusses the opioid epidemic during a Chamber-sponsored event.

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 ten years, 36 women have received a total of \$28,500 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 purchase a table for 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.

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. At the third annual event in 2017, the Chamber honored dozens of companies that were celebrating as many as 95 years as a Chamber member. Honorees included: OneGroup Dryfoos Insurance (95 years), Joseph Miorelli & Co. Inc. and Penn State Hazleton (60 years), Coffee Service and Berger Family Dealerships (55 years) and Fabri-Kal Corporation and Altadis USA (50 years).

Since 2012, the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market has brought a taste of the country to downtown Hazleton each summer. Every Friday from mid-July through the beginning of September, local farms and vendors set up stands near the Center City Park at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets. Farmers bring fresh and organic produce and vendors sell homemade food items such as breads, baked goods and honey. The Farmers Market also features a variety

of special events, such as free cooking demonstrations featuring local seasonal produce, entertainment and guest vendors. The Chamber of Commerce operates the market with the support of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress.

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 bring the community to downtown Hazleton. The event attracts hundreds of classic car owners each year and the crowds walk along Broad Street to view all the cars stretching from Church Street to Cedar Street.

Funfest, the Chamber's grand event, celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2018. The two-day street festival, held annually the second Saturday and Sunday in September, is the Chamber's biggest event of the year and features two signature events – the Car Show and Funfest Parade. Planning takes place all year long for this massive celebration, which features children's activities, bingo games, activities centered around each year's unique theme, a Touch-A-Truck demonstration featuring emergency management and public works vehicles from Hazleton and West Hazleton, a community interfaith service, free entertainment on three stages and a wide variety of stands from nonprofit organizations and food, craft and home-goods vendors.

When it comes to food, those who go to Funfest can choose from a variety of festival favorites as well as some unique offerings. The festival features delicious foods for sale by local churches and organizations, as well as fair-style foods sold by vendors, including everything from cheese fries to chicken on a stick.

The Funfest Car Show is open to all classic cars, motorcycles and trucks that are street legal, licensed and insured. A panel of judges selects the twenty best cars and each owner receives a trophy. Although there are no classes, cars are rated on overall appearance or presentation based on five categories typically evaluated in car shows. The judges also vote for their choice as "Best in Show" and a special trophy is presented to the winner of that category.

The Funfest Parade is one of the event'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 to help nonprofit associations showcase their services and raise money to sustain their operations during the upcoming winter months. The parade was modeled after the iconic Mummers Parade that would visit Hazleton from Philadelphia every October. The Chamber oversees Funfest's approximately 40 volunteer committee members who plan the event during the year, then operate it during Funfest Weekend.

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce expands further on its community 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).

The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress (DHAP) continues to drive its revitalization efforts along Broad Street and has plans in place to expand its initiatives to other parts of the downtown area. Renovation work is underway in the former Security Savings bank building, due in part to several grants that DHAP has obtained in the past several years. Once the work is complete, the building will become the new home of the Hazleton Art League. DHAP received a \$300,000 grant from the Luzerne Local Share Account program that it plans to use to help fund streetscape improvements to six blocks of Wyoming Street's commercial district. Plans for the grant funds included new sidewalks, streetlights and crosswalks and road surface repaving.

DHAP is also behind the development of several mural projects, including the downtown's first mural, "Creative Voltage," which is located on the side of the Hazle Drug building at the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets. The latest mural project, which is under development, will be undertaken by Power City Arts, a partnership of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, the Hazleton Integration Project, Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) and the DeAngelo family, who has also donated funds to the project. Power City Arts is led by teaching artist Mary Veronica Sweeney. DHAP is also assisting the Greater Hazleton Historical Society with its initiative to create a Church Street Historic District and a plan for revitalizing the neighborhood is moving forward.

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. Its network of volunteers has completed several successful 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 received nearly \$700,000 in combined Abandoned Mine Lands and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources funds it planned to use to build the next three miles of the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails,

which would extend from where it currently ends in Hazle Brook to Eckley Miners' Village. Once this section is complete, the Rails to Trails will be nine miles long, which is half of the length of the total original proposed trails.

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 more than 30 years. The program is run by volunteers helping to shape future business leaders and continues 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.

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 been vital to Greater Hazleton's business community.



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Shopping malls and centers such as Laurel Mall, Church Hill Mall, Valmont Plaza, the Hazleton Shopping Center and Rittenhouse Plaza provide a variety of stores and restaurants in one centralized location.

The Laurel Mall has the look and feel of today's modern shopping complexes, with nearly 75 stores and destinations among its main facility and adjacent buildings. National retail outlets Dunham's Sports and T.J. Maxx opened anchor stores in the mall within the last two years. The Laurel Mall's revitalization efforts have transformed the mall into a prime place to shop, eat and catch up with friends. Its amenities include a kid's play area, several seating areas to rest and relax, flat-screen TVs and a remodeled center court.

Church Hill Mall has been conveniently located along Route 309 in Hazle Township for decades. The shopping center is flanked by anchor tenants Ollie's Bargain Outlet and Thomas' Family Markets. Additional tenants include a variety of stores and businesses and a restaurant.

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Committees

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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

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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, Mountain Council of Governments (COG), Partners in Education and Eckley Miners Village Association.

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