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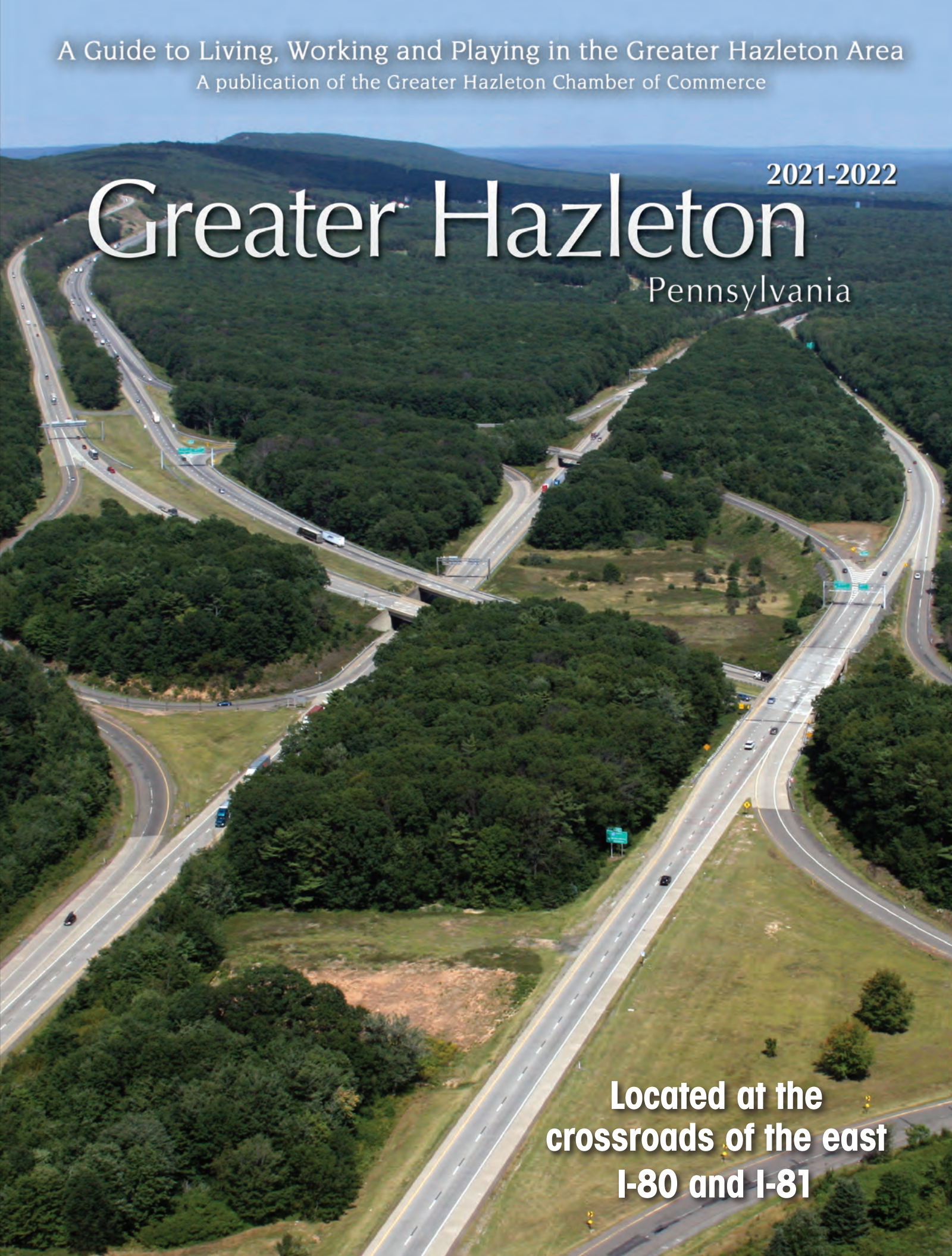

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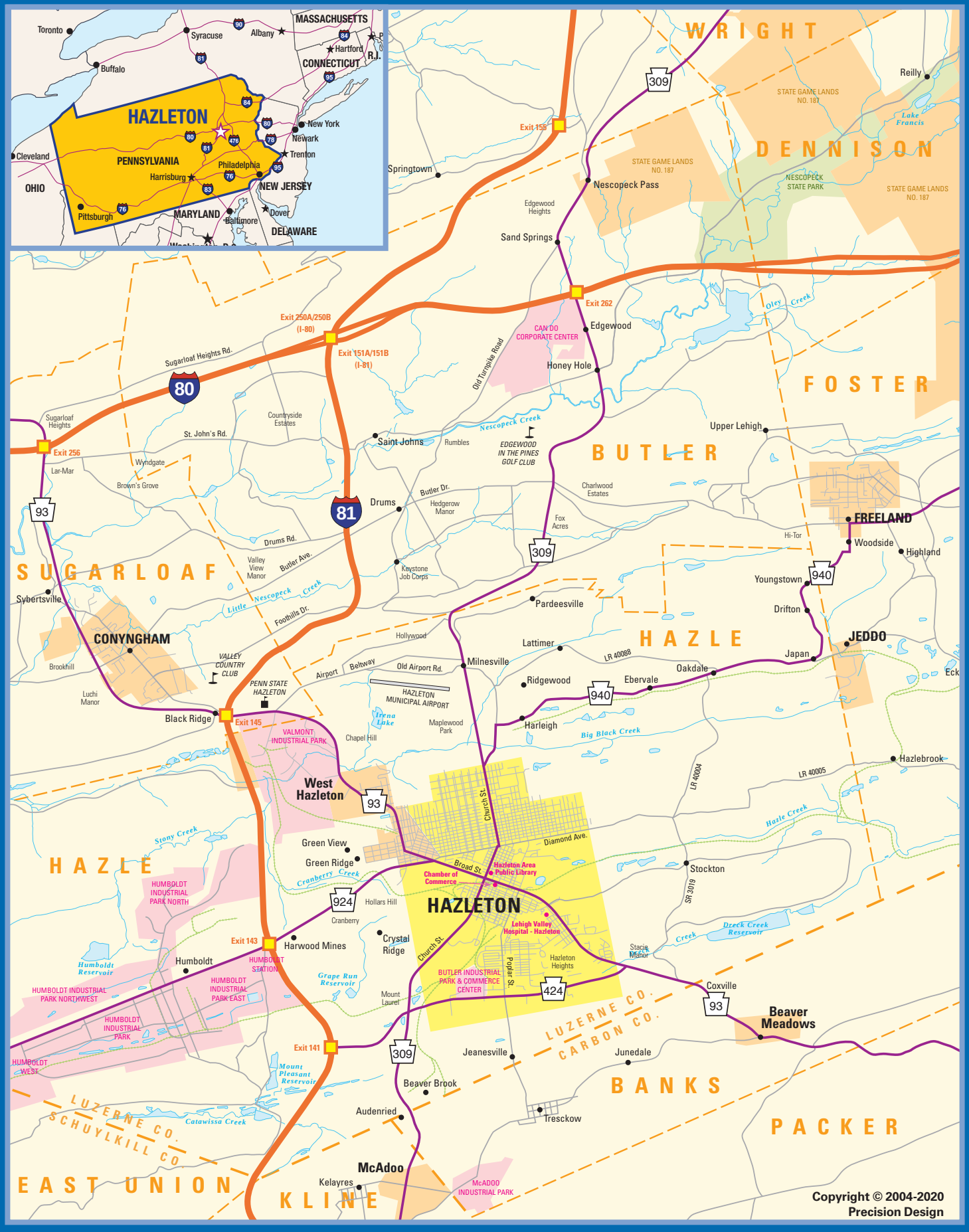

The Chamber

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.



The worldwide pandemic has created similar challenges in our area as across the United States. The hallmark of our community has always been partnerships to respond and move forward, and this is true with our response to COVID-19. At publishing time, many things remain in flux but our dedication to continuing our traditions and creating a community that is a great place to live and work for all remains steadfast.

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.

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.

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If you had to select one word to describe Greater Hazleton's business community, "progress" would be a really great choice.

Throughout the Chamber's nearly 130-year history, Greater Hazleton faced a wave of business changes and challenges and progressed through all of it to stand today as a prime location for companies to do business and an ideal place for families who want the beauty of a suburban area coupled with the perks of city life to live.



Greater Hazleton is filled with dozens of nationally- and internationally-recognized businesses and industries and is well-known as a cost-effective location to operate a business and a region that provides efficient access to customers throughout the northeastern United States and the entire eastern corridor.

Greater Hazleton's immediate access to six major interstates (I-81, I-80, I-84, I-476, I-380 and I-78) places businesses within easy access to the more than 51 million people who live within 200 miles of Northeast Pennsylvania and some of the major metropolitan markets in the northeastern United States, including New York, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Boston. The area is within 600 miles of 50 percent of the nation's population and 80 percent of the U.S. population can be reached within two days or less.

The region is a sought-after location for companies because it's a cost-effective place to both live and operate a business. Greater Hazleton is well-known in the business sector for its low annual operating costs and overall cost of living. Studies continuously show that it's more cost-effective to operate a



esses to international industries

facility in the Hazleton/Wilkes-Barre/Scranton metropolitan service area than any other regional MSAs.

As Greater Hazleton's business prosperity grows and more businesses open facilities here, it brings with it an influx of employees and their families moving to the area.

access to major markets

REGIONAL CENTER	ROAD MILES	TIME (HRS.)
Allentown, PA	47	1.1
Baltimore, MD	161	2.8
Boston, MA	331	5.8
Charlotte, NC	556	9.4
Chicago, IL	671	11.4
Cincinnati, OH	546	9.3
Cleveland, OH	345	6.0
Detroit, MI	497	8.5
Harrisburg, PA	80	1.5
Montreal, Canada	423	7.5
Mt. Pocono, PA	43	0.8
Newark, NJ	117	2.1
New York, NY	127	2.4
Philadelphia, PA	97	2.0
Pittsburgh, PA	249	5.1
Richmond, VA	301	5.6
Scranton, PA	46	1.0
Syracuse, NY	172	3.1
Toronto, Canada	416	7.3
Washington, DC	201	3.5
Wilkes-Barre, PA	28	0.4
Wilmington, DE	114	2.2

Speaking of population, did you know that Greater Hazleton is among the highest population centers in the state?

According to data from Penn's Northeast, Luzerne County's biggest population centers – Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Pittston – make up the largest population density in Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Population is one of the many reasons why Greater Hazleton is well-known in the business sector across Pennsylvania, nationally and internationally. The cost of living in Northeast Pennsylvania is lower than any of the other top ten metro areas in the state. So, employers and employees get to live in one of the most affordable areas in the state and their dollar goes further here than in any other Northeast metro area.

As you'll see throughout the Image Book, Greater Hazleton is home to companies in a variety of industry sectors, including manufacturing, distribution and e-commerce companies; real estate agencies; lawyers; accountants; education institutions and health care providers. The area is home to everything from home-grown start-up companies and multi-generational family-owned-and-operated businesses, to some of the most nationally-recognized companies and many internationally-headquartered industries.



Being located near the intersection of Interstates 80 and 81 has made Greater Hazleton an ideal location with access to major markets and thus has attracted many industries to its industrial parks.

Greater Hazleton is home to a number of legacy companies who have been in business for more than 75 years. They are neighborhood businesses that the community has come to know and trust and include Hazle Drugs, OneGroup Dryfoos Insurance, Smith Floral Company, Tunnessen's, Snyder & Clemente, Farmer's Dairy and Thoren Industries.

The Chamber's philosophy is to do what is necessary to accomplish the mission of taking a leadership role in the enhancement of business and the quality of life in Greater Hazleton through business development, economic, civic, cultural and educational programming.

Among its many initiatives to foster business development in the region, the Chamber acts as a centralized and accessible source of business information both for Chamber members and for those in the community who are looking to start their own business.

The Chamber hosts a variety of free and low-cost business seminars throughout the year, including hosting a series of informative sessions on starting and growing a business as part of Penn State University's annual Startup Week.

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These sessions include basic business considerations like the feasibility of a business idea, structure, licensing, registration and the steps needed to prepare a business plan and financial projections.

In addition to business seminars, the Chamber opens its doors once a month to staff members from the Wilkes University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), who host small business counseling sessions. During these free sessions, community members interested in starting a business can connect with SBDC staff and receive confidential business consulting, training and education supported by strategic relationships and specialized programs through a team of experienced professional consultants dedicated and motivated to strengthen, enhance, and empower the small business community.

The Wilkes University Small Business Development Center is a member of the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Center's statewide network. The Wilkes University SBDC provides entrepreneurs with the education, information and tools necessary to build a successful business. Consulting services are provided to individuals looking to start or grow a small business by a dedicated team of full-time professionals.

The SBDC staff help aspiring entrepreneurs develop a business plan and, if necessary, explore new business financing options, including traditional bank financing, micro-loan programs, angel investors, home equity loans and lines of credit. The SBCD also helps existing businesses with professional consulting, guidance and



In addition to easy access to major highway transportation routes, companies in CAN DO's industrial parks can receive shipments via rail service provided by Norfolk Southern and Canadian Pacific and Reading Blue Mountain & Northern.

Labor Market History

	Luzerne Co. Civilian		Hazleton/Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre Civilian	
	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
2019	157,700	148,700	276,500	261,700

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%
2019	5.7%	5.4%	4.4%

Business Parks

Our industrial/business parks offer ready-to-build sites and/or tax incentives.

Humboldt Industrial Park – A 3,000-acre park located at the on/off ramp of Exit 143, I-81.

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

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

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

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

Hazleton Commerce Center – The Center is located on State Route 424, with easy access to I-80 and I-81.

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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training, provided they are a manufacturer with less than 500 employees or a service/retail provider with less than 100 employees. They assist existing businesses with a variety of services, including: expansion, diversification, international trade, technology, marketing, management, human resources, environmental issues, growing pains and survival.

When you think "business" in Greater Hazleton, the first name that often comes to mind is CAN DO. Since 1956, CAN DO, Inc., the Community Area New Development Organization, has served as the economic development organization supporting Greater Hazleton and all of Luzerne County. Over the past six decades, the organization has brought more than 28,000 jobs to the area and made more than $1 billion dollars in private investment.

CAN DO operates the Humboldt Industrial Park and the adjacent Humboldt Station retail business center in Hazle Township, the Valmont Industrial Park in West Hazleton, the McAdoo Industrial Park in McAdoo and the CAN DO Corporate Center business park in Drums. More than 13,000 people work at the more than 200 companies that are located in those parks. CAN DO's parks are home to nationally and internationally known companies like Amazon, American Eagle Outfitters, The Hershey Company, Auto Zone, Bimbo Bakeries (the maker of Entenmann's cakes), Henkel (the producer of Dial soap products), Cargill, BestCigarPrices.com and Web.com.

In addition to being a developer and landlord, CAN DO is a utility provider and offers business financing services and entrepreneurial support. As a utility provider, CAN DO owns, operates and maintains three water systems that total nearly 2 million gallons per day and one sewer system that processes one million gallons a day.

As a Certified Economic Development Organization, through the Department of Community and Economic Development, CAN DO helps businesses in Greater Hazleton and all of Luzerne County obtain the funding they need for vital business projects.

CAN DO works alongside partners like DCED's Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA), NEPA Alliance, Luzerne County Office of Community Development and MetroAction to provide a variety of loans to businesses of all sizes. Eligible uses of these loans include land and building costs, machinery and equipment costs and working capital.

Throughout its more than 63 year history, CAN DO has helped companies receive millions of dollars in business financing to enhance operations, add additional employees and retain existing members of their workforce.

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CAN DO continually sees growth and expansion throughout its parks, including The Hershey Company's recent $60 million expansion of its Humboldt Industrial Park facility, which makes all of the Kit Kat bars that are sold throughout the United States.

The primary mission of CAN DO's CAN BE (Community Association for New Business Entrepreneurship) Innovation Center is to foster entrepreneurship and new venture development in the Hazleton area, leading to business expansion and diversity.

CAN BE is designed to help entrepreneurs who are launching a new business, expanding a small home-based business or creating a spin-off venture from an existing business.

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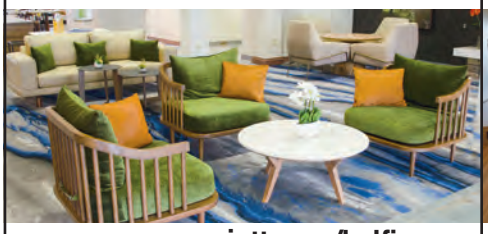

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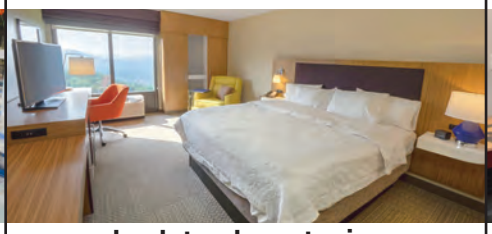

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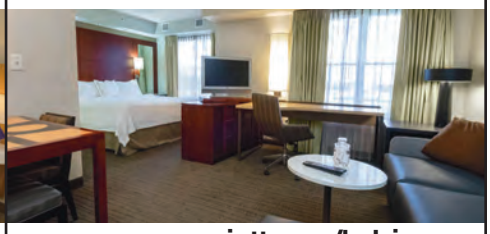

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Industrial growth on the rise in Humboldt Industrial Park

Signs of economic growth can be seen thoughout CAN DO's Humboldt Industrial Park. CAN DO's Marketing Department has been actively working with developers on several projects that are in various stages of the development process demonstrating the significant amount of development activity in the park.

IRIS USA, a leading manufacturer of high-quality clear plastic storage products, pet products and ready-to-assemble furniture, completed constuction last year on a 500,000-square-foot manufacturing and distribution facility along Commerce Drive in Humboldt Industrial Park East that will create nearly 100 jobs.

Bluewater Property Group (BPG) was also expected to complete construction on its 470,000 square-foot, Class-A, speculative development distribution facility on a 50-acre parcel in Humboldt East.

Another developer, MRP Industrial, was working on land development approvals to construct a 1.2 million square-foot industrial speculative building on a 91.63-acre site in Humboldt Northwest. The company hopes to attract manufacturing or distribution/logistics companies.

And, Mericle Commercial Real Estate, one of the first private developers to invest in Humboldt Industrial Park, is working on three more sites and has plans to construct speculative buildings on those sites.

Equilibrium Equities, another developer that has built in Humboldt, has plans in place to construct a 180,000 square-foot multi-purpose industrial facility in Humboldt North.

All of these projects will create new job opportunities for residents of Greater Hazleton.



Economic development growth in Greater Hazleton's industrial parks is in full swing despite setbacks in 2020 from the pandemic. Here, construction of IRIS USA's 500,000 square-foot manufacturing plant on Site 103 in Humboldt East is taking shape and was expected to be completed in late 2020.



CAN DO's industrial parks have attracted several speculative building developers. Right along Interstate 81 in Humboldt East, Bluewater Property Group is constructing a 470,000 square-foot speculative building that was also slated for completion in late 2020.

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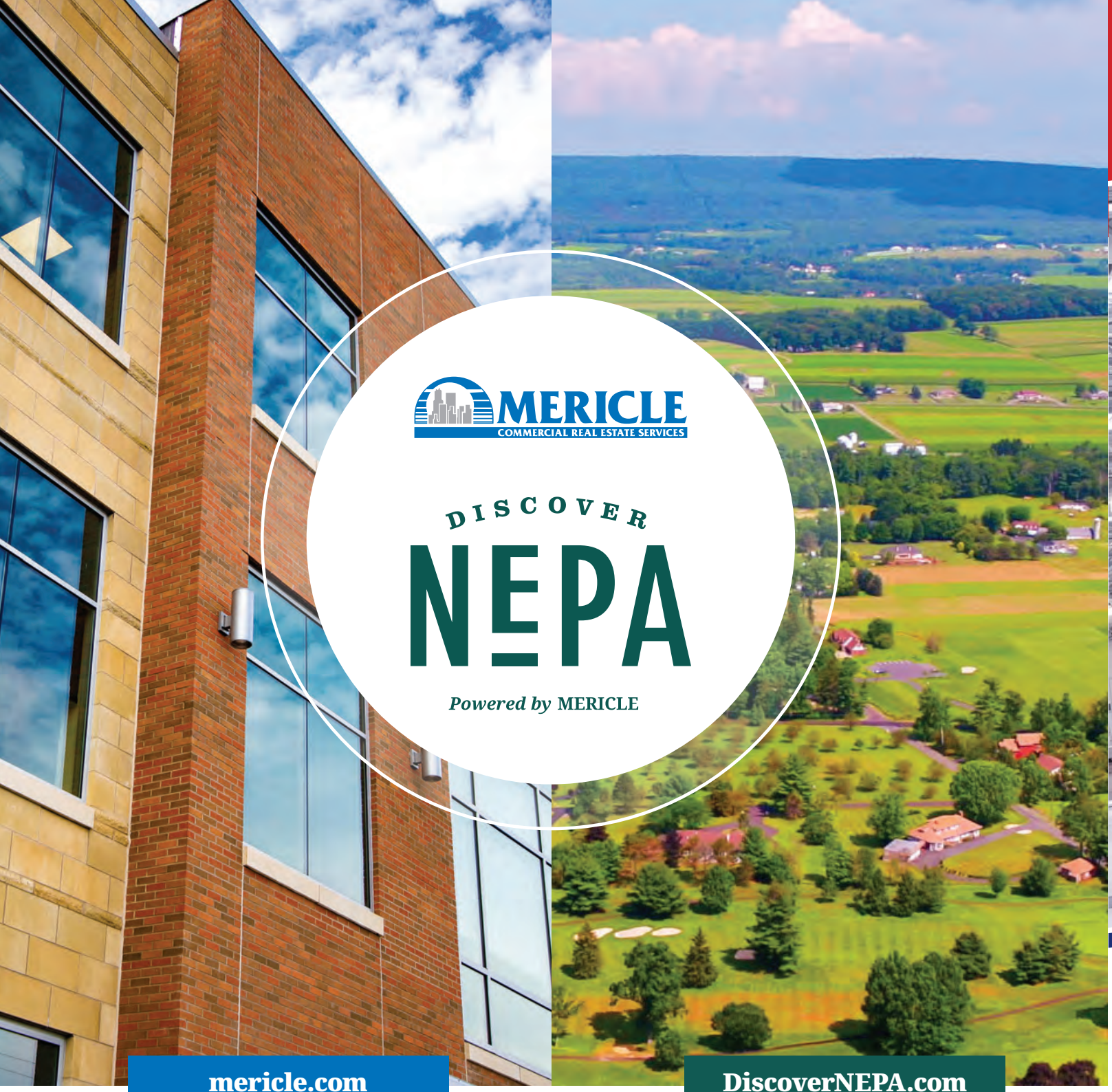

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CAN BE, in cooperation with the Chamber, Penn State Hazleton, the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress, Wilkes University, Ben Franklin Technology Partners and other strategic partners and associations, serves as a catalyst in bringing together new business interests and business development resources that lead to launching new businesses and new jobs for Greater Hazleton.

CAN BE is focused on generating a renewed spirit of entrepreneurship within the entire community and instilling in the community a sense that Hazleton is a preferred location for both launching new businesses and developing new careers. The organization assists emerging companies and businesses in transition in developing business plans and business strategies and helps them access a resource network by acting as a primary business development support system.



CAN DO has been working with several developers to complete land development approvals and construct speculative buildings in the Humboldt Industrial Park, including this 440,504 square-foot facility built by Trammel Crow in the Humboldt East section of the park.



To broaden its support of entrepreneurship in Greater Hazleton, CAN DO has partnered with the Chamber, Penn State University's Hazleton campus, and the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress to form The Hazleton Innovation Collaborative (THInC) program, which will operate primarily out of Penn State's Hazleton LaunchBox, supported by Pasco L. Schiavo, Esq. facility in Downtown Hazleton. The Hazleton LaunchBox is a no-cost startup accelerator and co-working space designed to provide early-stage startup companies with the support and resources needed to build a sustainable business and a viable plan for growth.

In addition to the shared working space at the Hazleton LaunchBox, office and light manufacturing space will be available at CAN BE 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 adjacent Hayden Family Center for the Arts, as well as a virtual program for those working from home.

Penn State Hazleton staffs and operates the Hazleton LaunchBox and the Chamber, DHAP and CAN BE serve as additional resources as part of a mentoring collaboration that also includes community volunteers. CAN DO's partnership with entrepreneurial support organizations such as the Wilkes University SBDC, TecBRIDGE and Ben Franklin Technology Partners will be incorporated into the program.

Entrepreneurs begin the process at the Idea Design Lab and Idea Test Lab, where they receive help determining if their idea can be turned into a viable business. The entrepreneurial education curriculum for this part of the program is derived from the Happy Valley LaunchBox curriculum at Penn State's University Park campus in State College.

After entrepreneurs complete the Idea Test Lab, they are enrolled in the PSU Accelerator Program, where they participate in an online curriculum that is supplemented by one-on-one mentoring as needed.

Following the completion of the formal educational program, CAN BE staff, Penn State Hazleton faculty and community volunteers provide follow-up assistance and mentoring. Entrepreneurs who complete the program have the option 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 startup expenses.

In addition to the THInC collaborators, the Greater Hazleton Hispanic Business Association, the Society of Hispanic Professionals of the Hazleton Area and Latincubator members help support Hispanic entrepreneurs by providing translation and business advice. Representatives from the Hazleton campuses of Luzerne County Community College and Lackawanna

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Penn State University President Eric Barron was joined by state and local officials, partners and community leaders as he cut the ribbon to open the Hazleton LaunchBox supported by Pasco L. Schiavo, Esq.

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College have also offered to provide support to the Hispanic business community.

The Hazleton LaunchBox is one of 21 innovation hubs that Penn State operates across Pennsylvania. They are all part of the university's Invent Penn State program, a Commonwealth-wide initiative to spur economic development, job creation, and student career success.

The goal of the LaunchBox is to provide entrepreneurs and innovators coworking space, accelerator programs, mentorship and business startup support. Its many services, programs and offerings include: product development services, business/consulting services, legal and intellectual property advice, coworking space, event space, a microgrant program, a boot camp/ accelerator, competitions, a Student Entrepreneurship Club, a mentorship program, a speaker series, community education programs and workshops, and a resource navigator.

Launched in 2015 by Penn State President Eric Barron, Invent Penn State is a $30 million initiative that redefined the university's land grant mission to include entrepreneurship and innovation programs, tools and resources that accelerate the movement of great ideas to the marketplace and make a substantial economic development impact in Pennsylvania and beyond. Each LaunchBox is unique and shaped by the distinctive needs of the campus and surrounding community. However, they are designed with a common mission: to inspire and advance innovation and entrepreneurship and to help transform great ideas into viable products and business opportunities

The Invent Penn State initiative had an immediate impact on economic development in Pennsylvania. In just its first two years of activity, and with only some of the innovation hubs open for the full year, the program engaged more than 5,000 faculty, staff and students in entrepreneurial activity; supported 2,000 community entrepreneurs; and developed 325 new products and startups. Notably, the innovation hubs have led to the creation of 45 companies, supporting nearly 500 student internships and jobs.

One important Hazleton LaunchBox initiative is a focus on programming for high school students. Three times a year, LaunchBox officials team up for several weeks with DHAP and other THInC members to host camps for students ages 14-18 where they offer an engaging evening program designed to inspire youth with the skills and mindset needed to transform ideas into action. Camperships, funded by local businesses, are awarded to 16 students each session, based upon application criteria.

During this program, participating teams and individuals explore their passions and identify problems in the community, discover personal strengths and limitations, develop business ideas and learn how to articulate and act on them. In addition to the educational component, the students have the opportunity to pitch their business idea and compete for cash prizes.

In addition to its initiatives with the Hazleton LaunchBox to recognize young entrepreneurs, CAN BE sponsors the High School Entrepreneur of the Year award, which is given out at the Chamber's annual Academic Achievement Awards Dinner, as well as the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, which is presented at the Chamber's annual Business and Community Awards luncheon.

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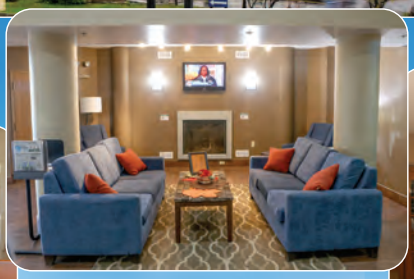









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In addition to recognizing the need to grow entrepreneurship in the region, CAN DO is also acutely aware of the fact that businesses want to act fast when selecting a new facility or another location to expand their operations.

With this in mind, CAN DO has been working with private developers for the past several years to construct speculative buildings and secure land development approvals for many of its most desirable properties, most notably several in the Humboldt Industrial Park. This development is part of an increasing interest by local and national private developers in land along the Interstate 81 corridor.

As mentioned before, in addition to the easy access to interstate highways, CAN DO's parks offer access to freight rail service and air transportation. Northeastern Pennsylvania's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport is served by American, Delta and United Airlines, with daily direct flights to Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Newark, and Philadelphia and non-stop flights to seven major destinations. And the region has easy access to Philadelphia International Airport and Newark International Airport — both airports are less than two hours away, and both offer daily direct flights to San Francisco, New York, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

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.

Rail service to Humboldt and Valmont Industrial Parks is provided exclusively by Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad. Intermodal transportation and trans-loading services are provided by the Hazleton and Northeast Rail Commerce Center.

Another perk of the region is that Greater Hazleton is home to a skilled and reliable labor force. The area has a civilian labor force of more than 342,000 individuals who are located within a 30-mile commute radius. Easy access to key transportation routes like the interstate highways and state routes like Route 309, Route 93 and Route 924, along with local bus transportation, provide plenty of options for employees to get to and from work.

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



Business executives who are interested in seeing how the labor market is developed in the region can look at Northeast Pennsylvania's 19 colleges and universities that have 40,000 students enrolled or consider the area's technical trade schools, including the Keystone Job Corp and the Hazleton Area Career Center.

The result of these business benefits in the region is most notable when you look at both the diversity of employment sectors in Greater Hazleton and the well-known company names you see as you drive around the area.

The Chamber has many business affiliates that can assist businesses with many of their needs. In addition to CAN DO, the Chamber has a variety of local, regional and state business affiliates that are available to help companies.

These affiliates include:

- 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,
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The region provides residents with a chance to experience all four seasons, with average temperatures ranging from the mid-20's in the winter to the mid-80's in the summer. And, on top of that, the average cost of living in Northeast PA is more than 21 percent lower than the rest of the country, according to data from Sperling's Best Places.

Greater Hazleton's easy access to major transportation routes and low cost of living make it an ideal place to live. Area residents are within minutes of interstates 80 and 81 and just a short drive away from the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-476) and interstates 84 and 380. This places Greater Hazleton within a day's drive of major markets like Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Another major perk to the region is its location just outside of the picturesque Pocono Mountains. Area residents can take advantage of the many attractions and amenities that are located throughout the Poconos, including beautiful lakes, rivers, forests and nature trails. Take to the ski slopes, test out your game on one of the dozens of golf courses or build your sense of adventure with everything from kayaking to rock climbing.

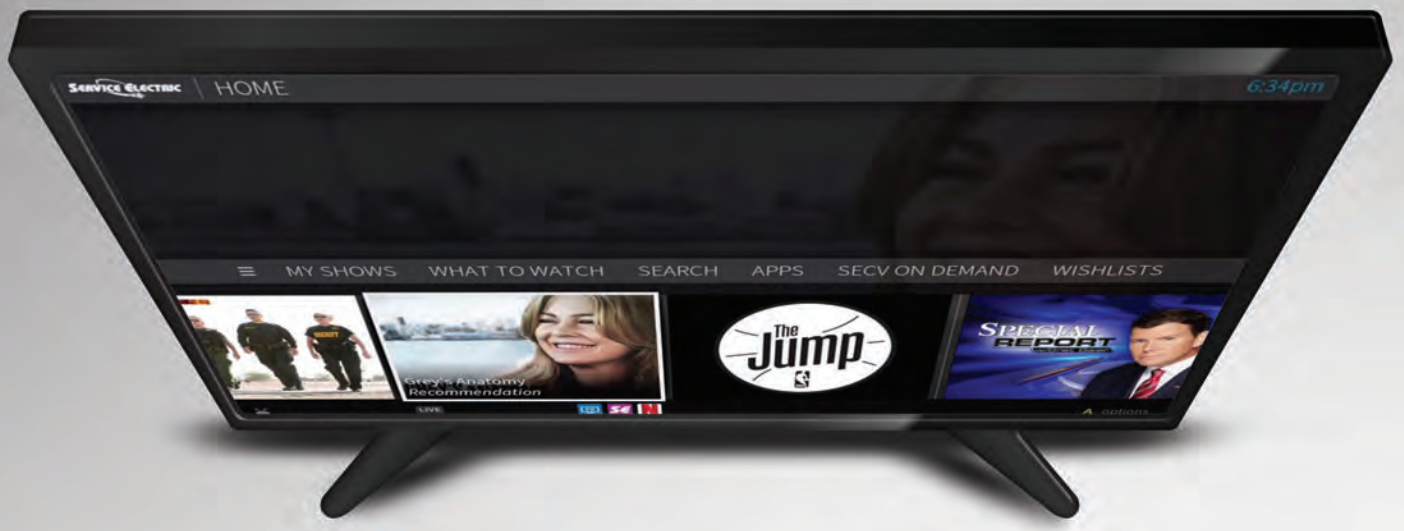
In addition to being a beautiful place to call home, Greater Hazleton is an affordable place to live, too. According to data from online real estate database Zillow, the median home value in Hazleton is $71,300. Hazleton home values have gone up 13.9% over the past year and Zillow predicts they will rise 7.3% within the next year. Median home values throughout Greater Hazleton are far lower than the national average of $234,400, including Freeland ($63,300), Hazle Township ($114,700), Butler Township ($158,500) and Sugarloaf Township ($173,000).

Downtown Hazleton, which was previously recognized with Main Street designation from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, continues to see incredible progress with its revitalization efforts. The Broad Street corridor in the downtown is lined with shops, restaurants, and arts and entertainment establishments and is a thriving business district.

CAN DO Community Park, situated at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets, offers beautiful green space for people who want to take a break while shopping and working in the downtown. Just next door to the park, work continues at the future home of the Hazleton Art League, which will serve as the epicenter of arts and cultural



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



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activity in Greater Hazleton. A few more feet down the block, the Hazleton LaunchBox business incubator is home to start-up companies who are looking to build a foundation for their businesses. This activity is putting Hazleton on the map as an ideal place to live and work with a vibrant downtown featuring something for everyone.

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

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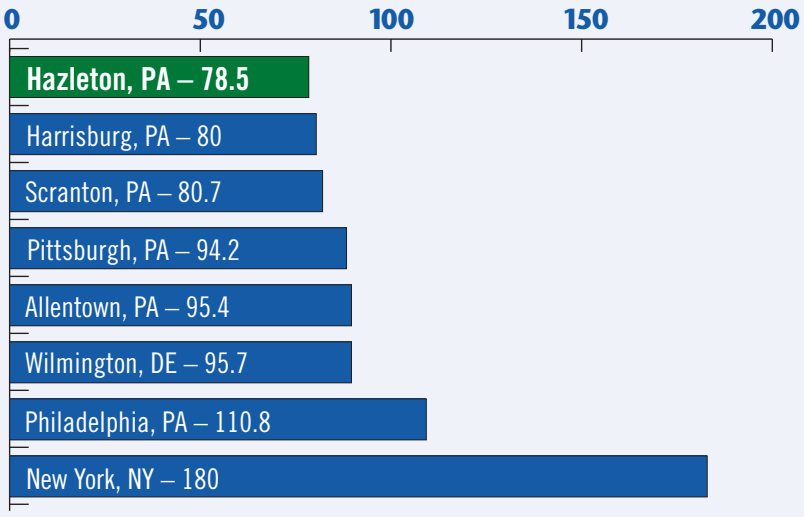

Hazle Township features many beautiful houses and is home to Community Park, which includes picnic areas, playgrounds, soccer fields, a trout-stocked lake and nature trails. West Hazleton borders the city with its own playgrounds, elementary/middle school, churches and stores.

The Valley cities to the north of Hazleton are dotted with farm fields, wooded land and natural scenic settings. Drums offers a variety of housing styles, price ranges and communities, including new construction, townhouses and single family homes in private developments and golf course communities.

Conyngham and Sugarloaf feature small, neighborhood communities and many residential developments. The natural and scenic settings give residents a sense of community and a place they want to raise a family. Conyngham features Whispering Willows Park and the neighboring Conyngham Valley Civic Organization swimming pool. Freeland offers a public park with an indoor pavilion adjacent to a vibrant YMCA that's replete with fitness activities and youth sports.

West Hazleton residents enjoy easy access to two shopping centers, a movie theater and a youth sports complex. Beaver Meadows has Lake Marie for fishing or ice skating, and Weatherly is home to Eurana Park, which has a playground, band shell and natural swimming area.

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 Lewith & Freeman, Pecora Realty, DHD Realty Holding and Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services.



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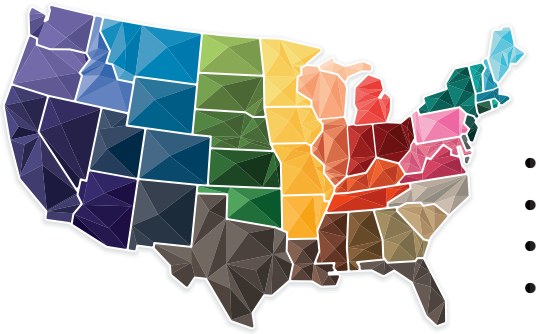

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Penn State Hazleton biology major William Quigley, left, performs undergraduate research with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dan Patel in the chemistry lab in the recently renovated Kostos Building. The $15.5 million project implemented cutting-edge technology and state-of-the-art classrooms throughout the building, along with collaborative working spaces/study rooms and new faculty offices. It also includes new engineering, physics, chemistry and biology laboratories along with more spaces for conducting research.

After graduation, students can advance to one of the region's 15 colleges and universities. Several of these post-secondary institutions also offer continuing education programs for adults looking to obtain a certificate or master additional skills.

The Hazleton Area School District is a public district that services students from parts of Luzerne, Schuylkill and Carbon counties. The district's nearly 11,000 students 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, as well as college-level Advanced Placement courses that help students earn college credits while they are still in high school.

There is also a diverse selection of electives students can choose from.

The Hazleton Area School District also operates 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.

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.



Maple Manor is one of the elementary/middle schools in the Hazleton Area School District.

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humanities focus to teaching and learning. Students may also elect to audition for arts studio placement in visual arts, drama, dance, vocal music, instrumental music and communication arts.

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 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 are well known on the local, regional and state levels. The Cougars and Lady Cougars field teams in more than 15 sports, including football, baseball, basketball, softball, swimming and diving, water polo, soccer, tennis, volleyball and bowling.

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. 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.

Parents who are looking for the hands-on experience a private school education brings turn to MMI Preparatory School in Freeland. MMI, which celebrated its 140th anniversary in 2019, 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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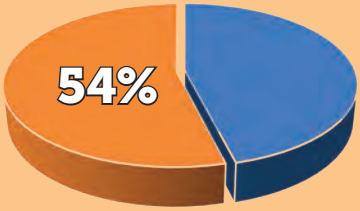

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Additionally, students take part in a variety of sports and clubs and routinely advance to state and national finals for their club activities. More than 50 percent of MMI students receive financial aid through contributions from generous alumni and supporters of the school.

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

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 (ICS) in Hazleton is a Christ-centered pre-K through 12th grade school and provides a financially-accessible, grace-based, quality education that informs and shapes students to be lifelong learners and selfless community servants. In 2019, ICS celebrated its 40th year and relocated to a newly-remodeled educational space at 40 West Hemlock St. in downtown Hazleton.

In the past few years, ICS has grown from 85 students in 2015 to 150 students in the 2019-2020 school year. Students attend from school districts across parts of Luzerne, Schuylkill and Columbia counties. Small class sizes make a difference in that students who might have fallen through the cracks at a larger school now get individualized attention and support. In the extra-curricular area, ICS prioritizes music and the arts and offers piano, strings and choir and Art I, Art II and Studio Art classes, as well as drama club.

A new initiative at ICS is workforce development. ICS is building relationships with local business and manufacturing organizations to provide exposure and connection for youth as they consider their future career paths. A new initiative is to have job shadowing available for every high school student on a rotation, so that by the time a student graduates he or she will have had exposure in multiple industries and careers.

Holy Family Academy is a middle states-accredited school for students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The school's mission is to envision, embrace and proclaim Jesus Christ through the spiritual and academic excellence of its students and all members of its Catholic School Community. Holy Family, 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 gathering of students and faculty from this wide geographical area, as well as from varied cultural and religious backgrounds, helps to generate the school's unique spirit. 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. 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, and surrounding areas in Northeast PA, 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 offers 10 baccalaureate degree programs and five associate degree programs on its 125-acre campus near Interstate 81 in Hazleton. Its baccalaureate degree offerings include corporate communications, information sciences and technology, project and supply chain management, psychology and health policy and administration. Associate degree programs include business administration, medical laboratory technology and physical therapy assistant.

More than 160 Penn State majors can be started here and completed at University Park or another Penn State campus. 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.

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.

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 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.

Lackawanna College and Luzerne County Community College both have campuses in the heart of downtown Hazleton.

Lackawanna College's Hazleton campus is located on 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.

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.

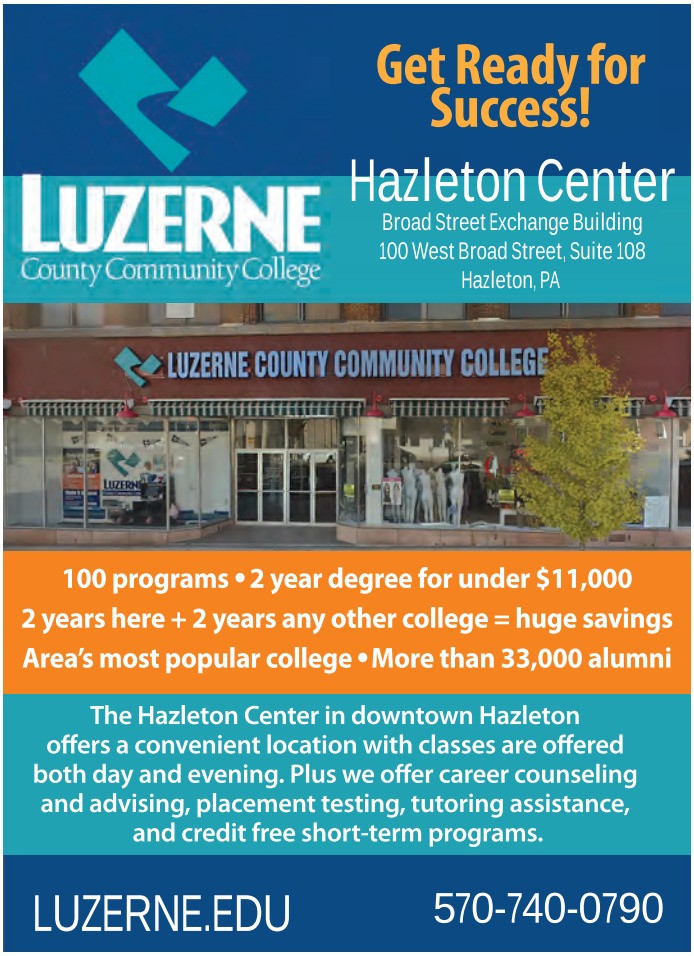
Luzerne's main campus in Nanticoke features 15 buildings, including classroom buildings, a library, greenhouse, culinary institute, printing services, gymnasium and athletic fields on 167 acres. Luzerne offers a tuition waiver for senior citizens that applies after the college meets a minimum number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

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.



Our History



Greater Hazleton's history dates back to the late 1700's

Since the early 1800s, Greater Hazleton has been a region defined by business leaders who brought an innovative approach and their own unique perspectives to the work they did.

Whether it was anthracite coal pioneers like Ario Pardee and Eckley Coxe, who were fueled by the many ways coal mining could transform the region, or well-known business figures like Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, who knew the growth of business and industry could counteract the demise of the coal industry, Greater Hazleton developed under the guiding hand of innovative leaders who saw great potential for this area.



At 600,000 square feet, the Duplan in Hazleton was the world's largest silk mill.

But to get a complete picture of Greater Hazleton's history, we need to go back to the beginning, before there even was a Hazleton.

The Native Americans were the first to cross through the area. The first white settlers arrived during the Revolutionary War to bury members of a militia regiment slain by Natives and Tories during the Sugarloaf Massacre on September 11, 1780. Some of the soldiers then settled in St. Johns; others built homes along a "warrior's path" that roughly followed the present-day Broad Street in downtown Hazleton.

In 1804, the first major road connecting the region to larger population centers was established, primarily for the logging industry. The Berwick Turnpike, today's Route 93, was cut along an old trail that wound through the heart of our area. At that time, most of what is now designated as Hazleton remained a dense pine forest with thickets of hazel. The settlement was little more than a tollgate along the turnpike.

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

By 1833, when blacksmiths and others had recognized the value of anthracite as a fuel, a young New Yorker named Arivistius "Ario" Pardee was hired to survey the area and to report the practicality of extending a railroad from Mauch Chunk (now Jim Thorpe) to Beaver Meadows. The forward-thinking Pardee bought land in present-day Hazleton and is known as the founding father of Hazleton.

He completed the railroad in three years and incorporated the Hazleton Coal Company in 1836. Pardee then built the first school on Church Street (where Hazleton City Hall now sits) in 1837 and a year later, the city's first church, First Presbyterian, located at Broad and Church streets. He built his Pardee Mansion on the north side of Broad Street, between Church and Laurel streets.

Pardee's company, the largest shipper of anthracite in Pennsylvania, operated mines in Cranberry, Crystal Ridge, Jeddo, Highland, Lattimer, Hollywood, Mount Pleasant and Hazleton. Hazleton outgrew the other patch towns to become the commercial center of the region.

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

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

Another name synonymous with the area's coal industry history is Eckley Coxe. Eckley, the grandson of Tench Coxe, and his brothers inherited more than 80,000 acres of land that would prove to contain one of the most profitable coal veins in the area. Eckley, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with degrees in chemistry and physics and studied mining and mechanics in France, became president of Coxe Brothers and Company in 1865. He and his wife, Sophia, dedicated their lives to improving the education and safety of local miners. In addition to opening a hospital in Drifton to treat injured miners, the couple founded the Industrial School for Miners and Mechanics in 1879 to give miners an opportunity to learn science, math and English. After fire destroyed the school in 1888, Coxe rebuilt it as Mining and Mechanical Institute, which is now the co-ed independent MMI Preparatory School in Freeland. This education allowed a miner to grow to become a certified miner, foreman or superintendent. Coxe earned more than 100 patents for his inventions, including his traveling-grate furnace that captured tiny pieces of coal to burn as fuel. The furnace helped the coal ignite and burn without fracturing and eliminated the need to manually stoke the fire.

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

Hazleton was officially incorporated as a borough on April 22, 1856, and was chartered as a city in 1891. 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 everything from stoves to caskets, stores that sold a variety of general merchandise, and service providers like dentists and insurance agents. Hazleton always aimed to provide something for everyone in its business endeavors.

This brings us back to George Markle and his family, another family name deeply rooted in Hazleton's history.

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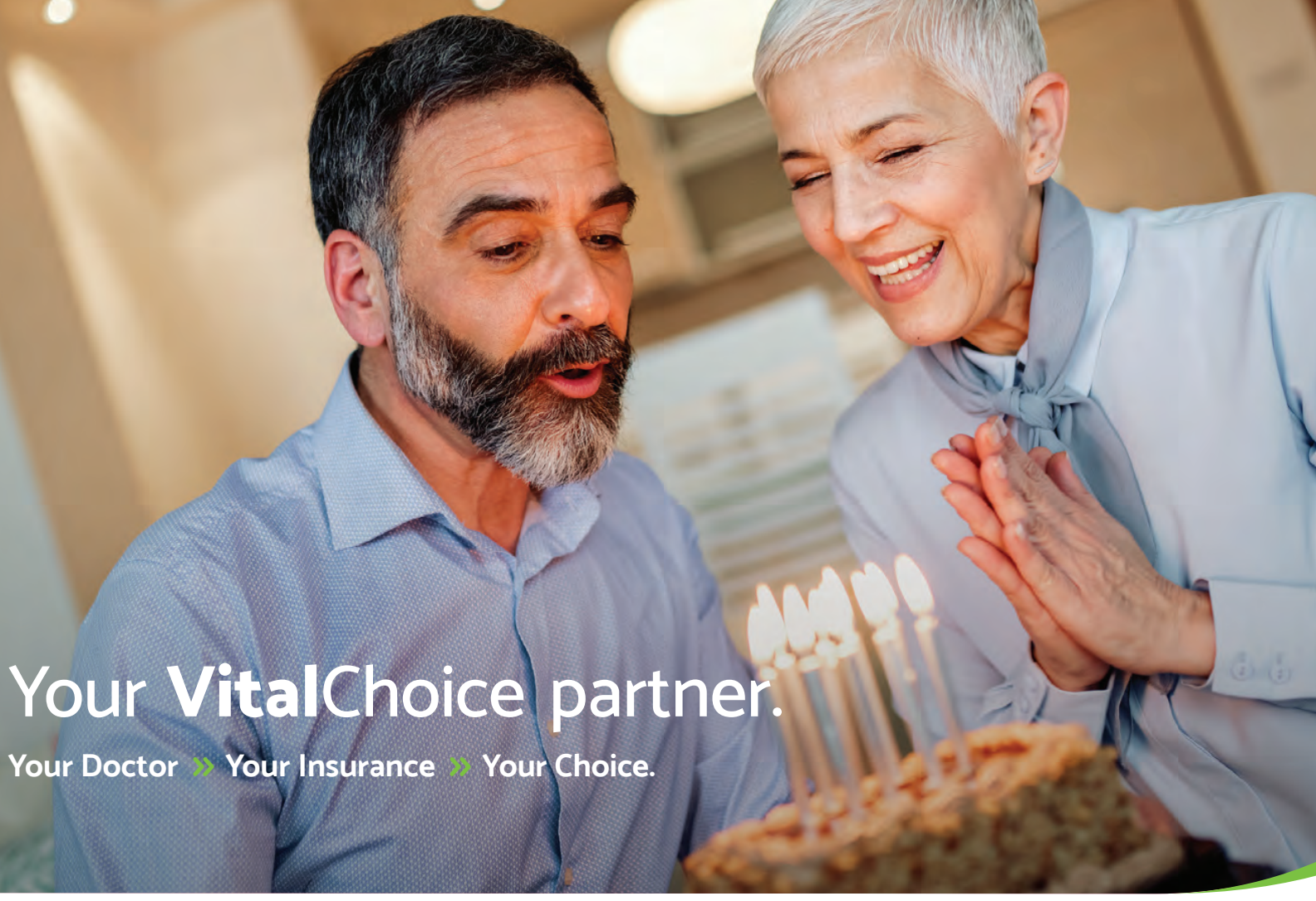

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Alvan Markle took over the banking business from his father and changed the name to the Markle Banking & Trust Co. In 1910, he had the company's office building on the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets demolished and began construction on the Markle Building. The 11-story structure was the first high-rise office building in the city and received a six-story addition in 1923. It featured many professional offices along with a bank and restaurant. Today, it remains one of the defining locations for business in downtown Hazleton.



Broad Street in downtown Hazleton, a stretch between Laurel and Wyoming streets pictured here was traditionally the epicenter of shopping in Greater Hazleton.

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

Despite these early efforts to diversify Hazleton's business sector, the region still felt a heavy threat from the demise of the anthracite coal industry, which began after World War I. In 1917, the record year for anthracite, more than 100 million tons were dug and more than 180,000 men worked in the mines in the region. From the end of World War I to the end of the century, however, the amount of anthracite mined and the men employed in mining declined, as oil competed with coal for the heating market.

World War II triggered a brief rebound for anthracite producers. When a strike was called in the middle of the war, President Franklin D. Roosevelt nationalized the mines in 1943 so coal remained available. Following the war, Americans preferred to run their furnaces on oil, a cleaner type of heat. Companies were removing less coal from the earth but paying more to pump water out of the mines. Floods overwhelmed the pumps after Hurricanes Hazel in 1954 and Diane in 1955.

The mines closed, costing Hazleton its major industry just after its second-largest employer, the Duplan silk mill, closed in 1953.

The decline of the local coal industry was most evident in the numbers. Facing unemployment that neared 23 percent in the city, the Hazleton area was at one of its lowest points. More than 13,500 men were employed in the mines in the late 1920s, but that number plummeted to just 6,000 by 1950. One man who would not let Hazleton disappear along with the coal mines was Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, a prominent local radiologist.

He spearheaded the organization of a group of local civic and business leaders to help Greater Hazleton's economy further move in a manufacturing direction.

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

After CAN DO laid the foundation of its first industrial park with years of hard work, General Foam Corporation became the first company to open in Valmont Industrial

Park and brought 100 new jobs to the area. Other companies soon followed and Hazleton was alive again with thousands of jobs generating millions of dollars in payroll. Economic development improved the quality of life in the area and resulted in more industries looking to locate in Greater Hazleton.

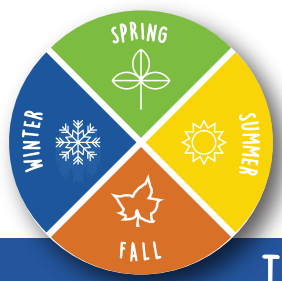
A crucial component of attracting these national and international companies to the area was having major transportation routes in place here. When the success of the coal industry began to dwindle in the 1950s, area business executives knew they would have to act fast to establish adequate transportation 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.

Within three years after the local portions of the interstates were dedicated, CAN DO began plans for Humboldt Industrial Park, which opened in 1972. The park was designed to provide many of the crucial amenities that industrial corporations look for in a prime location.

CAN DO further expanded its imprint on Greater Hazleton when it opened McAdoo Industrial Park in 1989 and the CAN DO Corporate Center in 1995. The McAdoo Park offered acres of industrial space for companies that didn't need a high-profile location next to an interstate highway. The corporate center in Drums, adjacent to Interstate 80, was designed to house white-collar businesses and light assembly operations.

In the early 1990s, Hazleton focused its revitalization efforts around not only on 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. Today, downtown Hazleton is the epicenter of business and entrepreneurship for a region that is well-known on a regional, state, national and international level.



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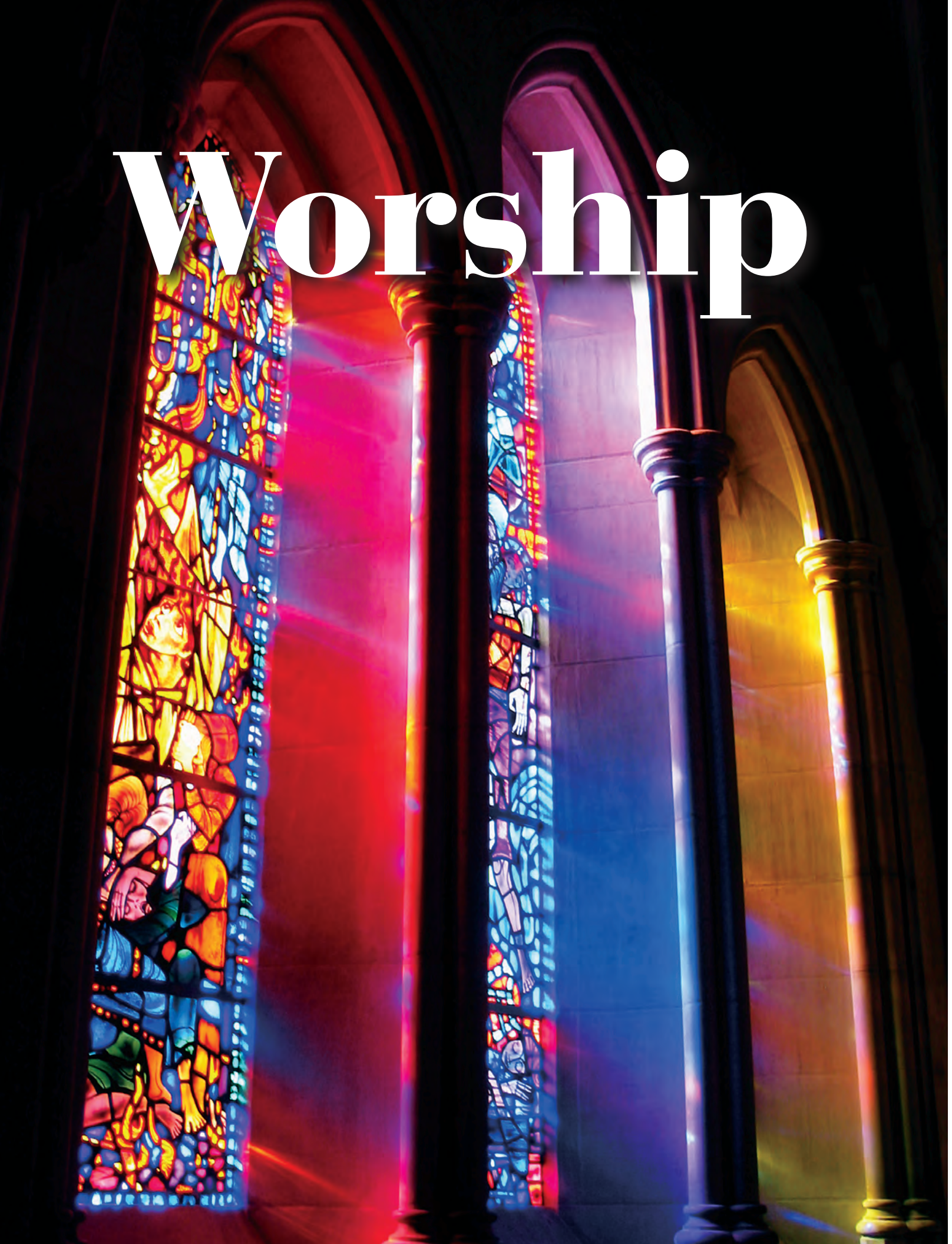

Worship

Religious diversity

Greater Hazleton celebrates faith in many ways

Since the time the first settlers came to the region, Greater Hazleton has served as somewhere that people of every religious affiliation could feel welcome and find a place of worship to call home.



Queen of Heaven Parish is located in the former Our Lady of Grace Church, a Romanesque-style building that dates back to 1932.

Residents will find a diverse range of religious affiliations right in Greater Hazleton, including Roman Catholic, Orthodox Catholic, Ukranian Catholic, Byzantine Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, Evangelical, Apostolic, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Baptist, Jewish, and non-denominational churches where parishioners can find worship services in English, Spanish and Latin.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton oversees 13 churches throughout Greater Hazleton. They include SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish at St. Joseph's Church, Most Precious Blood, Annunciation Parish at St. Gabriel's Church, Queen of Heaven Parish at Our Lady of Grace Church and Holy Rosary Church, all located in Hazleton; Holy Name of Jesus Parish at Transfiguration Church in West Hazleton; Good Shepherd Church in Drums; St. John Bosco Church in Conyngham and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Freeland.

Many of these churches date back to the mid- to late-1800s. The former St. Gabriel's Church was founded in 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.



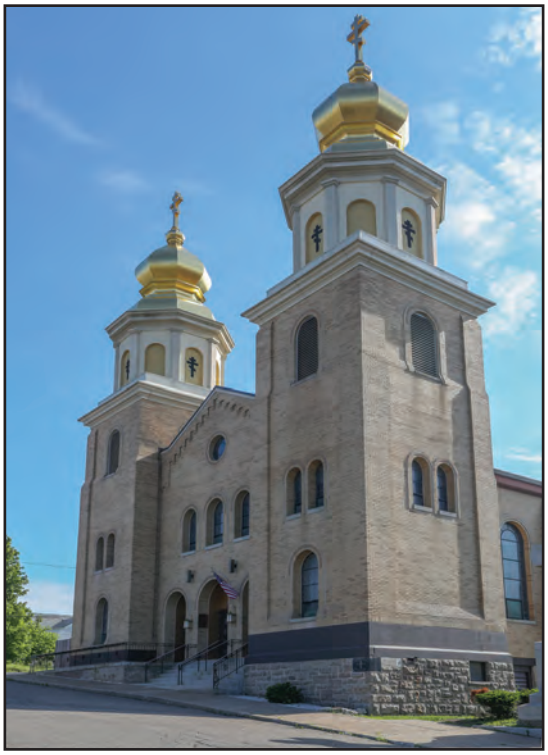
St. Joseph's Church was organized nearly 140 years ago in 1882 by the Rev. Ignatius Jaskovic, marking it as the oldest Slovak Roman Catholic Parish in the Western Hemisphere. Most Precious Blood Church began in 1888 when Rev. Nasca was appointed the first pastor and started to draw up plans for a small church for the growing amount of immigrants that had congregated in the area. The congregation raised money to purchase three lots on what is now Fourth and Seybert streets and built a modest church that was consecrated to the Most Precious Blood of our Divine Savior.

Good Shepherd began when Father Francis A. Costello was instructed by Bishop Hafey in March of 1940 to start a parish to provide pastoral care of Catholics in Butler, Sugarloaf and Dennison townships and Conyngham borough. On Sunday, March 31, 1940, Fr. Costello celebrated the first Mass in the building that used to be the Green Gables Club. Bishop Hafey formally blessed Good Shepherd Church on Sunday, May 12, 1940. When the Catholic population of the Conyngham and Sugarloaf valleys became too large, families petitioned Bishop Jerome D. Hannan to construct a new church for them. After meticulous planning, construction began early in 1963 and on December 15th, 1963, St. John Bosco Church was dedicated.

Greater Hazleton's Lutheran churches date back to the late 1700s. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church got its foundation in the 1790s. At the time, Lutheran and Reformed ministers visited

this area and held services in private homes and provided some sort of itinerant ministry. A Reformed Church organized first in the fall of 1792 and, just seven years later, the growing Lutheran community met and organized their church, the day after Christmas, 1799. In 1800, both congregations met and decided to build a union church. By building one "union" church, two denominations could more readily afford its upkeep. They held their first services in the church in 1808.

The cornerstone for Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hazleton was laid in 1862 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.



St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Freeland is the oldest Byzantine Catholic church in America.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hazleton was founded in 1876 by the Rev. John Wagner. The church also operates its own school for children in pre-school and kindergarten. Other Lutheran/Evangelical churches include West Hazleton Trinity Lutheran Church, Salem Lutheran Church and Iglesia Buenas Nuevas/Good News Church.

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

Area non-denominational churches include Faith United Church of Christ, Faith Assembly of God Church and LCBC Church.



Christ Lutheran Church in Hazleton has been serving area residents since 1862.

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.

Latino congregations have also reclaimed dormant church



Protestant church Iglesia Pentecostal Casa de Oracion is one of several houses of worship for the Spanish-speaking community.

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. Several churches deliver meals to the homebound, serve meals to the homeless at local soup kitchens or collect items for local food pantries.

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.

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

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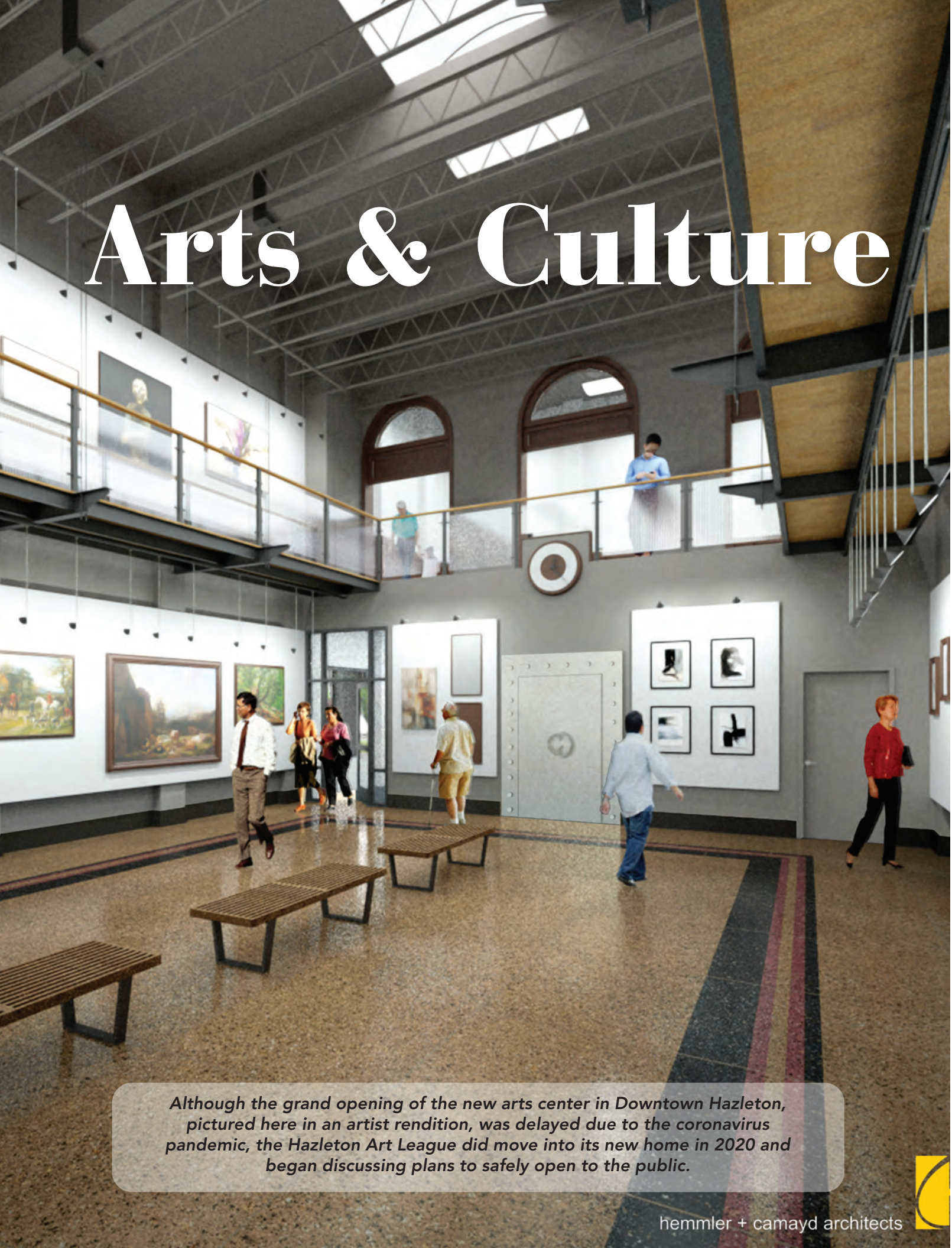

Although the grand opening of the new arts center in Downtown Hazleton, pictured here in an artist rendition, was delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Hazleton Art League did move into its new home in 2020 and began discussing plans to safely open to the public.

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From First Fridays to arts and concerts

Greater Hazleton offers many arts and cultural activities

Greater Hazleton residents have long recognized the value of preserving, studying, encouraging and cultivating the cultural heritage and artistic resources in the area.

The region provides residents and visitors alike a diverse offering of visual and performing arts outlets as well as two area historical societies and many cultural and historic places like Eckley Miners Village and the Sophia Coxe House.

According to a study conducted for the PA State Tourism Office, visitors spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually in Luzerne County and tourism supports thousands of jobs each year.

The Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau operates the Visit Luzerne County website. The mission of the Visitors Bureau is to increase the number of visitors to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The website features information on arts and entertainment outlets, outdoor areas such as golf courses and hiking and biking trails, and shopping and dining venues and events across Luzerne County. It also provides information on how to conduct genealogical research or find area historical societies, historic sites and museums, and sports and recreation venues.



The Greater Hazleton Area Historical Society & Museum (GHHS), founded in 1980, is an educational center and advocate for the architecture, social history, and industrial contributions of Hazleton and its surrounding communities.

The Visitors Bureau also publishes several visitor and fun guides year-round on its website to help residents and tourists find new and exciting things to do in Luzerne County.

Downtown Hazleton continues to grow as the epicenter for the city's arts and cultural activities. The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress plays a major role each month in promoting downtown Hazleton as a vibrant area and a place to find great activities and events when it hosts Downtown Hazleton First Friday. These in-person or virtual events have exploded in popularity. Many popular events sell out almost immediately, including the Wine and Chocolate Walk that is generally held each June.

First Friday activities typically include featured art exhibitions, theatrical performances, walking tours, live music, and other special events like the seasonal Farmer's Market and the Chamber's Car Cruise.

You can explore the historic culture of downtown Hazleton by taking a self-guided walking tour. Guide books are available for purchase on the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress website for the Historic Church Street Neighborhood and Historic Donegal Hill tours. The Church Street tour provides the history behind the residential landmarks of the storied Church Street neighborhood, which includes blocks of Victorian, Tudor, and Queen Anne homes. The booklet tells the story behind the homes, the unique architectural features of selected properties, and the families that led the development of this neighborhood in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In the Donegal Hill tour booklet, you'll learn about the Irish settlement of the Hazleton region in the 19th century and how Hazleton's South Side became known as "Donegal Hill." The booklet covers the settlement patterns of Hazleton's Irish population, the establishment and growth of St. Gabriel's Church, the story behind urban redevelopment in the 1960s, and many photos of the South Side and St. Gabriel's parish and school.

If you want to learn more about the history and culture of Greater Hazleton, visit the Greater Hazleton Historical Society & Museum on Wyoming Street. Founded in 1980, the Historical Society is an educational center and advocate for the architecture, social history, and industrial contributions of Hazleton and its contiguous communities. The museum offers educational programs, guided school tours, and access to an extensive collection of archives and exhibits. Through the museum, the Greater Hazleton Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and interpreting Greater Hazleton's heritage.

For a look back on how the Conyngham Valley got its start, visit the Conyngham Valley Historical Society, which is located right on Main Street in Conyngham. The museum houses dozens of exhibits

and artifacts from throughout Conyngham's history, including photographs, outfits, farming and household equipment, military memorabilia, and books. The Conyngham Valley Historical Society takes great effort to educate visitors on Conyngham's history, which can be traced as far back as 1769. The museum offers free admission every Saturday from 1-4 p.m. The Conyngham Valley Historical Society also hosts numerous events throughout the year, including the popular Holiday House Tour, where visitors can tour the homes of area residents and see them decorated for the Christmas holiday.



The Conyngham Valley Historical Society and Museum invites visitors to come and take a glimpse back in time at the history of Conyngham and the surrounding Valley towns.

Greater Hazleton is well-known for many historic places but one of its most famous is the Eckley Miners' Village and its museum. Eckley Miners' Village is named after Eckley B. Coxe, a successful engineer who was one of the region's most prominent coal barons and the founder of MMI Preparatory School.

Founded in 1854, Eckley Miners' Village is a rural industrial community which is dedicated to preserving the lives of thousands of families who labored to build the nation through the industrial revolution. The coal "patch town" was home to miners and their families and provided all of the basic necessities, including medical care, a store, a school and churches. The village features Immaculate Conception Church (which was founded in 1861), Eckley Sports and Social Club, slate picker's homes, laborers' dwellings, the Company Store and St. James Episcopal Church (founded in 1859).

Eckley Miners' Village traditionally hosts numerous events throughout the year, including the popular Patch Town Days Italian Festival, Haunted Halloween Lantern Tour and Eckley Christmas Experience. Patch Town Days celebrates the heritage and contributions of the Italian families that made Eckley their home and includes live music, dance performances, historic demonstrations, Bocce Ball games and village tours. At Halloween, take a guided hour-long walk full of scary stories and things that go bump in the night. Christmas at Eckley has something for everyone. From Carolers to cocoa, crafts to St. Nick, you are sure to find something delightful in this old-fashioned Christmas celebration.



Eckley Miners' Village is owned and operated as a museum by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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 is more than 150 years old and once belonged to the Coxe family. Sophia, who was Eckley's wife, 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. Visitors can tour the house and get a sense of what life was like when Sophia Coxe lived there. 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.



The Sophia Coxe Memorial Foundation and Education Center celebrates the life and legacy of Sophia Coxe, the wife of coal pioneer Eckley Coxe.

After you explore the historic culture of Greater Hazleton, dive into the area's expansive visual and performing arts scene. The Hazleton Art League sits as the cornerstone of the arts movement in the area and is housed in the former Security Savings bank building in Downtown Hazleton. As part of its mission, the Art League fosters and promotes the arts through education, exhibitions and cultural events for the benefit and enrichment of the Greater Hazleton community.

The Art League offers a variety of classes and workshops throughout the year for both children and adults in artist areas such as drawing, painting, pottery, ceramics and jewelry making. It also hosts many exhibitions both inside its gallery, at the gallery inside the Elevate Fitness and Wellness Center and at businesses throughout Downtown Hazleton.

The annual Peace Love Chalk big-prized chalk art contest is one of the Art League's biggest events of the year. Artists use chalk to design a drawing on a 38"x50" sheet of paper. Although there is no required art theme, the work must be original and artists can't use stencils. The contest has a Junior Category for those ages 12-17 and an Adult Category for those 18 and over. Judging is based on first impression, creativity, skill and use of color.

Get a taste of the stage at the Pennsylvania Theater for Performing Arts. The PTPA provides quality theater productions for local citizens, offers an outlet for children and adults who want to perform and teaches theater skills to anyone who wants to learn. The organization also typically runs a Summer Intensive workshop for teens as well as a youth workshop.

For more than two decades, the PTPA and its volunteer staff has mounted dozens of productions ranging from classic and contemporary Broadway musicals and plays to children's productions. The theater troupe performs its shows at the historic J.J. Ferrara Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Hazleton.

Greater Hazleton is also home to DM Performance Works Factory Theatre in Nuremberg, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing quality shows to the area and making lessons in the performing arts affordable and attainable to everyone. In addition to acting roles, DM Performance Works teaches students how to direct a show and allows them to take the helm of one production per year.

The organization provides scholarship lessons in performing arts and works to bring in master class teachers from the professional world and offer these classes at low cost to students from all over Hazleton. Recent performances have included: Broadway's Urinetown, Disney's Peter Pan, Mamma Mia, Frozen Jr., Matilda the Musical, The Wizard of Oz and The Nutcracker.

The MPB Community Players is a public non-profit organization that was founded in 1988. This community theater group, which performs at venues throughout Greater Hazleton, welcomes people of all ages and provides an experience for those who love to sing, dance, and act.

The J.J. Ferrara Center is named after the late Rev. Joseph Ferrara, who founded the Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Society and orchestra more than 65 years ago. He used his musical talent to forge a program for area children that started them in Music Education as early as possible. He used a simple instrument akin to the flutophone to lay the foundations of music theory, notation and scales.

The Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra plays concerts at venues throughout Greater Hazleton, including the Freeland Public Park Pavilion and the gazebo at the park in Conyngham adjacent to the Conyngham Borough building. The orchestra has approximately 50 members who play a variety of instruments, including violins, violas, cellos and string bass.

Another of Father Ferrara's contributions to music in the area is the Ferrwood Music Camp in Drums. Father Ferrara started the youth music camp as a compliment to his adult orchestra. The site where the camp resides was originally founded in 1927 as the Luzerne County Fresh Air Camp for children predisposed to tuberculosis and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2017.

Father Ferrara started the music camp on the grounds in 1969 and the CAN DO Community Foundation adopted the site as one of its community projects in 2000 and has spent much of the past 20 years restoring the buildings and grounds.

Today, Ferrwood Music Camp holds at least two weeks of summer music instruction for children in grades 2-12. The camp focuses on band instruments for young beginners who have never played an instrument but would like to learn and also has offered a week-long intensive camp for advanced students. The camp grounds also host many nonprofit organizations and community group events throughout the year.

The Greater Hazleton Concert Series, which began 85 years ago, brings 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. 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.

You will find the perfect merging of arts and culture during the Chamber's Funfest celebration, which is held annually the second weekend in September. The two-day street festival began more than 40 years ago in 1979 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 at the intersection of Broad Street and Route 924 and travels 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 glide down the street and members of local organizations wave from floats.

On Saturday, classic cars and hot rods roll into downtown Hazleton for the Funfest Car Show. 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.

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.

The CAN DO Community Christmas celebration has been helping usher in the holiday season for nearly 30 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.

GREATER HAZLETON Concert Series

The Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc. is the oldest non-profit cultural organization — started in 1935 — in the Hazleton area that provides professional performances at affordable prices.

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

About 40 volunteer committee members plan the event during the year, then operate it during Funfest Weekend. Chamber staff members oversee the planning.





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Recreation



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Greater Hazleton lives up to its motto as the ideal place to live, work and play. And although the many business, arts and cultural amenities elevate the region, it's the boundless opportunities to get outside and experience the beauty and vitality of the four seasons that sets Greater Hazleton apart from other regions.

Residents and visitors alike can take advantage of the many community and state parks and recreation trails that are in the area. There is truly something for everyone to do, whether you enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, fishing, boating, or running, or you're looking for a great family outing at an amusement park or sporting event.



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

You don't have to travel far from downtown Hazleton to immerse yourself in nature. The Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails is just a short drive down East Broad Street. The six-mile path welcomes approximately 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. The first phase, four miles in length, runs from Route 93/East Broad St. in Hazleton to the Ashmore area and was completed in 2005. The second phase runs from Ashmore to Hazle Brook. Surveying and planning is underway for Phase III of the trail construction, which will connect the trail to Eckley Miners' Village.

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.

Rails to Trails is also the starting point of the annual Hazleton Town and Trail Race Series, which features a half-marathon, 10K and 5K runs, a 5K walk, a one-mile youth race and a 100-yard fun-run. The event benefits Hazleton POWER, the Greater Hazleton Civic Partnership and Hazleton Tri-Area Recreation Authority to help promote healthy lifestyles and outdoor recreation and bring more people back downtown and onto the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails.

CAN DO Community Park, which is located in the heart of downtown Hazleton at the corner of Broad and Laurel streets, delivers a dose of green space right in the bustling downtown business district. The park includes a paved plaza, walkways, a small lawn area, pedestrian lighting and benches. Future phases of the park's construction call for expanding the green space and installing ornate brick paths. The park hosts the Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market each summer and plays a key role in the activities and entertainment that take place each year at the Chamber's annual Funfest street festival.

Many towns throughout Greater Hazleton have their own local parks and playgrounds. Hazle Township Community Park, which is located between Route 309 and the Airport Beltway, features 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. Today, many local community organizations host annual events in the park.

Conyngham's Whispering Willows Park has baseball fields, tennis courts and open gathering space that is used for public and private events throughout the year. It's also home to 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 is home to several parks where people can enjoy activities and scenery in the township. At Freedom Park on West Butler Drive in Drums, near the township's community center, groups and teams gather to play soccer, baseball and basketball.

Another venue for recreation is Butler Township Community Park along North Old Turnpike Road near the CAN DO Corporate Center. This park features ball fields, 1.5 miles of walking trails, a skate park, a playground, a pavilion and a basketball court.



Nescopeck State Park is one of the many state parks located within a short drive of Greater Hazleton. The park, which has been one of the hidden recreational gems of the area since the 1970s, is comprised of more than 3,500 acres of land in Butler and Dennison townships. It is managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and 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 played a vital role in helping to develop activities and events at Nescopeck State Park. The Chamber advocated for an environmental education center on the park grounds. Park staff use the center to 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 programs are available for park visitors that 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.

In addition to Nescopeck State Park, 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.visitluzernecounty.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, VCC Race the Course, Honey Hole 5K/10K, Valley Great 8M & 5K, Race for the Cherubs, Give it Hell Run/Walk 7K, Town and Trail Race Series, S.A.F.E. Autumn Autism 5K, Freeland 5K and Christmas in Conyngham race.

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



Whitewater Challengers in White Haven offers thrill-seekers the opportunity to try whitewater rafting, mountain biking, paintball and more fun activities.

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 65,000 skydives and 100 years of experience and are recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most jumps in the world.

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.

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.

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Chamber embraces newest residents to Greater Hazleton

Greater Hazleton has always been a region filled with diversity and people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Since its early beginnings, people from numerous nationalities have moved into the area seeking a quieter life than they could find in the major cities.

The area has always been a welcoming place where people come together with their neighbors to continuously find ways to improve the quality of life and make Greater Hazleton the best place to live, work and play.



The Hazleton One Community Center provides a variety of programs for area children.

The Hazleton One Community Center hosts a variety of educational, athletic and cultural activities at little or no cost to participants while fostering trust and respect among all the region's ethnic cultures.

Among the most noteworthy programs offered at the center are the area's only fully bilingual Pre-K program and the highly-regarded After School Scholars project, which has an enrollment of more than 80 students in grades K-8. Additionally, the center features Spanish and English classes, citizenship classes, cultural discussions, cooking lessons, dance and drama classes and a host of other programs.

The 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 taekwondo and boxing, open sessions for basketball and swimming, guitar lessons and a reading program.

The Dominican House of Hazleton 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 Hispanic business community is thriving in Greater Hazleton, with hundreds of small businesses opening their doors over the past several years. In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, there are many Hispanic professional organizations that aid entrepreneurs with starting and growing their own business in Greater Hazleton.

The Society of Hispanic Professionals of Hazleton Area (SHPHA) was organized to achieve the integration of Hispanic professionals in Greater Hazleton by strengthening social and economic structures and encouraging and promoting education, culture and entrepreneurship. The organization also works to help Hispanic professionals who come to the area with a foreign degree to obtain the equivalence of that degree in the United States so that they can apply for jobs or opt for a license in their area of knowledge and can contribute to the improvement of Greater Hazleton.

SHPHA President Eddy Ulerio also runs Poder Latino News, also known as Latin News, a monthly Spanish-language publication with a variety of local, national and international news as well as opinion-editorial pieces and the latest news on politics and sports. The bilingual newspaper is available throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. It is a free newspaper with a mission to inform and educate the Hispanic communities.

El Mensajero is a monthly newspaper that serves 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.

Radio Esperanza De Vida is a Spanish-language radio station, based right in Hazleton. The community station is found at 99.1 FM and 1700 AM. The station operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Its approach is to bring the community to the knowledge of Christ, through Christ-centered programs of highly ethical and moral content and is dedicated to raising the values of the community.

Colleges throughout Hazleton offer opportunities for Spanish-speaking students to grow and share their culture in the area.

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 has a new look at its entrance to the main hospital.

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Greater Hazleton residents take comfort in knowing that when they are feeling under the weather or a medical emergency strikes, they are just minutes from several top-notch medical facilities where they can find immediate, quality medical care.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton is a 150-bed facility that features everything you would expect from a full-service hospital. As a community hospital for more than 100 years, the staff is equipped to make sure you have convenient access to quality health care to help you stay well or assist you during times of illness or emergency.

The hospital completed a highly anticipated Emergency Room expansion and renovation project in early 2020. The renovations to the hospital campus were designed to enhance patient privacy and comfort and create a safe, welcoming environment for patients and their families. Features of the new ER addition include: a private treatment room with glass-door enclosures to ensure privacy of health information and provide a quieter healing environment for patients, a triage room for rapid assessment of patients' conditions, a dedicated trauma room and easier access for ambulance arrivals. The hospital also installed a new state-of-the-art 128-slice CT scanner (the latest advancement in imaging technology) and a five-bed, secured behavioral health unit.



Lehigh Valley Hospital opened a health center in Mountain Top.

In an emergency, you can trust in the care you'll receive at LVH–Hazleton. The hospital is a Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation-accredited Level IV Trauma Center and has the resources immediately available to provide optimal care and reduce the likelihood of death or disability to injured patients.

LVH-Hazleton's MI (myocardial infarction) Alert, Stroke Alert and telehealth programs help save lives. It partners with LVHN's other hospital locations in the award-winning MI Alert Program. If you have a heart attack, this program enables the medical staff to quickly identify the condition and transfer you to a partner with the resources to provide the best in treatment in 90 minutes or less. LVH-Hazleton is a Joint Commission–certified Primary Stroke Center. Its Stroke-Alert Program ensures that potential stroke patients are quickly assessed and undergo a CT scan in 20 minutes or less. Patients needing additional medical attention are transferred to a larger LVHN facility.

Patients who need higher level trauma care have 24/7 access to MedEvac transport to LVH–Cedar Crest and other tertiary centers. The hospital is proud to offer a full range of quality inpatient and outpatient/short procedure surgical services, including bariatric (weight-loss) and da Vinci® robotic-assisted surgery with highly qualified, robotic surgery-certified surgeons.

LVH-Hazleton's Family Birth and Newborn Center has three private labor and delivery rooms, as well as nine postpartum suites, which feature private bathrooms and wall-sized wooden armoires with plenty of storage. The family-centered birthing unit offers support during labor and delivery and will help you prepare to take your new infant home. The Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation is a comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation program designed for patients who have suffered an orthopedic injury, fracture, neurological disease, post-surgical condition, burn, amputation, spinal cord injury or other illness requiring intensive rehabilitation.

LVH-Hazleton is an award-winning hospital. It annually receives the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Heart Failure Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. It also received Leapfrog's "A" Grade for Patient Safety. Leapfrog collects information from hospitals across the United States to find the ones that are taking "big leaps" in health care quality, safety and customer value.

LVH-Hazleton is part of the Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), which is comprised of eight hospital campuses plus numerous health centers, physician practices, rehabilitation locations, ExpressCARE sites (including one in the Hazleton Shopping Center on Broad Street) and other outpatient care locations in seven eastern Pennsylvania counties.

The Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, located along the Airport Beltway in Hazleton, offers a variety of comprehensive services to accommodate the needs of the community. The experienced staff is knowledgeable, professional and compassionate. The diagnostic testing and rehabilitation services



A Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton physician showcases some of the newly renovated bays in the emergency department.

provided at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton are a division of Lehigh Valley Health Network, so patients are assured of receiving high-quality hospital-based services, including: imaging; cardiac/pulmonary care; a laboratory; weight management and bariatrics care; rehabilitation services; balance and vestibular rehab; pediatric physical, occupational and speech therapy services; concussion management; occupational health services and a fitness center.

In December of 2019, Lehigh Valley Health Network finalized its acquisition of Coordinated Health's assets. Coordinated Health is a specialized hospital and health network that opened a facility in Humboldt Station in July of 2019. The new 25,000 square-foot facility is more than double the size of Coordinated Health's previous clinic location on Church Street and now offers the full spectrum of orthopedic specialties, women's health and primary care services. The facility includes expanded physician clinic space and expanded space for physical and occupational therapy and X-ray. In addition, there is a dedicated pain suite for the non-surgical treatment of back and neck pain.

Coordinated Health features a walk-in orthopedic injury and sports medicine care center that provides orthopedic care for hand, wrist, foot, ankle, knee, hip, shoulder and elbow injuries.

The facility's spine department offers chiropractic care, physiatry/non-surgical spine treatment and spinal surgery. The facility is also equipped for physical therapy and gynecology services.

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 one of the three cancer treatment centers located in Greater Hazleton. The LVHN Cancer Center-Hazleton provides specialized care for patients with cancer and blood diseases, whether they come seeking a diagnosis, second opinion or comprehensive treatment. The staff provides a comprehensive plan that includes the best treatment course for each individual patient as well as emotional support for both the patient and their caregivers.

The LVHN Cancer Center staff is equipped to provide a wide range of services along a cancer patient's journey, from diagnosis to oral and intravenous treatments to remission. Patients can receive chemotherapy and therapeutic infusions, transfusion services, therapeutic phlebotomies and injections, on-site blood drawing and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)-approved tests. They also have access to support services from nutritional counselors and financial coordinators.

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 Route 93 next to Bowl Arena in West Hazleton.

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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.

Lehigh Valley operates a Sleep Disorders Center inside the Markle Building in downtown Hazleton. Many people suffer from undiagnosed sleep disorders that are never treated. Not getting enough sleep has been linked to several chronic diseases and conditions, including diabetes, obesity, cancer, heart disease, stroke and depression. The center's board-certified sleep physicians improve your sleep and help you get your life back on track. They offer state-of-the-art in-lab and home sleep testing options as well as

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Hazleton Urgent Care provides treatment for various 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.

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On the cosmetic side, DermDox performs a wide array of procedures that will improve your skin's appearance, including microdermabrasion, laser hair removal, sclerotherapy, Botox, Fillers, Microneedling and other laser treatments. DermDox also provides the latest teledermatology and onsite dermatology care for patients in extended care facilities and other institutions.

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 accept patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Home health care is available from several sources including All Care Home Care, Bayada and Maylath Valley Health Systems. These companies allow residents to receive quality healthcare in the comfort of their own home. Additionally, Lehigh Valley Home Care–Hazleton is Greater Hazleton's only hospital-based home care agency. Care offerings include in-home visits and remote patient monitoring technology to help you to maintain your independence and prevent any health complications.

If the time comes that you need to explore assisted living options for your loved one, there are several nursing and personal care homes in Greater Hazleton, including Fritzingertown Senior Living Community and Providence Place Senior Living in Drums, and the Laurels Senior Living Community in Hazle Township. At Fritzingertown, each resident enjoys the assistance of a dedicated

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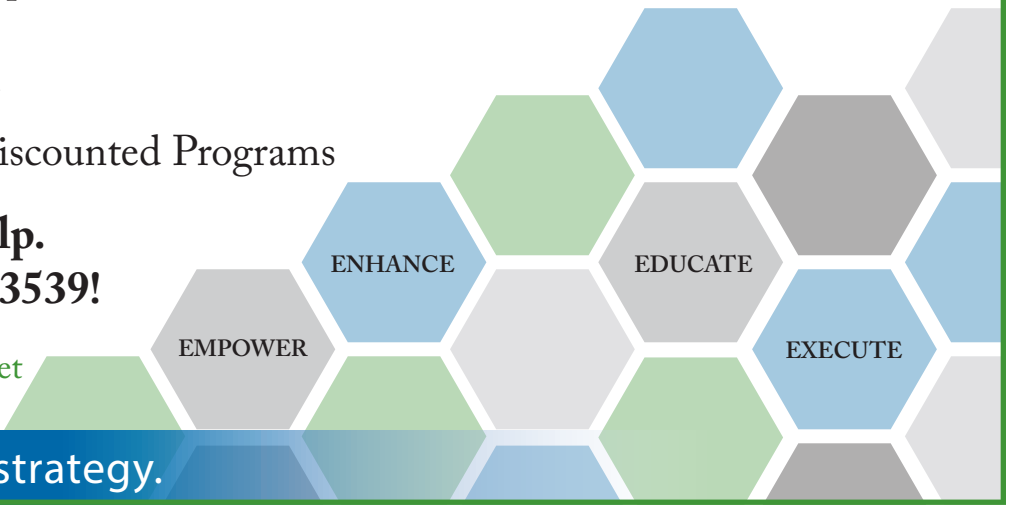

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Fritzingertown also offers the amenities that make life richer, like beautifully landscaped grounds, classes, exercise programs, entertainment, and special events and outings. The personal care services are an attractive alternative to the nursing home environment for many elderly individuals who wish to maintain their independence while having access to needed assistance with the activities of daily life. The facility offers three levels of care. Basic services include trained care staff on-site 24 hours a day, RN supervision and wellness programs designed for physical, spiritual, social and emotional well-being. More advanced levels of care feature services such as assistance with bathing, dressing and grooming; attention to special dietary needs; enhanced incontinence care and assistance with eating.

Providence Place Senior Living residents enjoy a picturesque retirement community with a campus that is designed to encourage outdoor activity and exercise. Amenities include: independent living that includes three daily meals, personal care services, and a continuum of Alzheimer's and Dementia Care programs; a variety of apartment sizes and styles from efficiency studios to suites; free transportation to local medical appointments and churches; a pet-friendly community; a peaceful wooded setting with paved walking trails, gazebos, and covered porches; on-site beauty and barber shop; occupational, physical, and speech therapies provided in a state-of-the art therapy suite; licensed nurses and trained medication associates on the premises 24 hours a day; and emergency nurse call pendants. Residents take part in accompanied trips to local shopping centers and a variety of activities, including musical entertainment, volunteer opportunities, crafting classes, baking club and exercise classes designed to improve balance.

The Laurels Senior Living Community is a family-owned and operated senior living community committed to providing the senior citizens of Greater Hazleton with the privacy, freedom, convenience and security of on-call assistance and maintenance-free living. The Laurels offers three levels of support — independent/active senior living, personal care I and II and respite/short-term care.

Independent active senior living services include custom-furnished rooms with a private bath; on-site physical and occupational therapy and wellness provided by Maylath Valley Health Care Systems; exercise and wellness programs; and fine, restaurant-style dining with menu options.

For those who need assistance with daily activities such as bathing, dressing and medication reminders, The Laurel's personal care program is the ideal solution. Residents enjoy beautiful living spaces, scrumptious meals, social activities, transportation services and exceptional assistance and care while remaining as independent as possible.

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

Greater Hazleton residents can reduce their chances of needing the services of these medical professionals by using one of the area's many gyms and fitness centers, including Elevate Fitness and Wellness Center. Elevate Fitness is a space for you to nurture mind and body. The design and flow of the Fitness center allows you to engage in activities in a convenient and comfortable way.

The Precor equipment featured in the center includes state-of-the-art cardio, resistance and spin machines. If you are looking to get fit, tone down or bulk up, Elevate has the equipment for you. You can also request personal training services for a more in-depth approach to your fitness needs. The friendly staff is available to assist with equipment orientation, safety, healthy approaches to training and fun.

The center also includes a dedicated yoga studio and a massage therapy studio, operated by Interlude Massage. These offerings are excellent compliments to any workout regimen or as stand-alone benefits for your overall health and wellness. The yoga instructors and massage therapists are happy to explain what offering can most benefit you.

Elevate also has a float pod onsite. Also known as sensory deprivation tanks, a float pod simulates a zero-gravity, sensory-free environment, allowing your mind and body to be removed from all stimulus and distractions. In this environment, an opportunity is created to calm your body and mind, resulting in true rest and relaxation.

The Freeland YMCA conducts several youth basketball instructional programs, two youth basketball leagues, an indoor youth soccer program, a youth dodgeball program and a winter men's basketball league.



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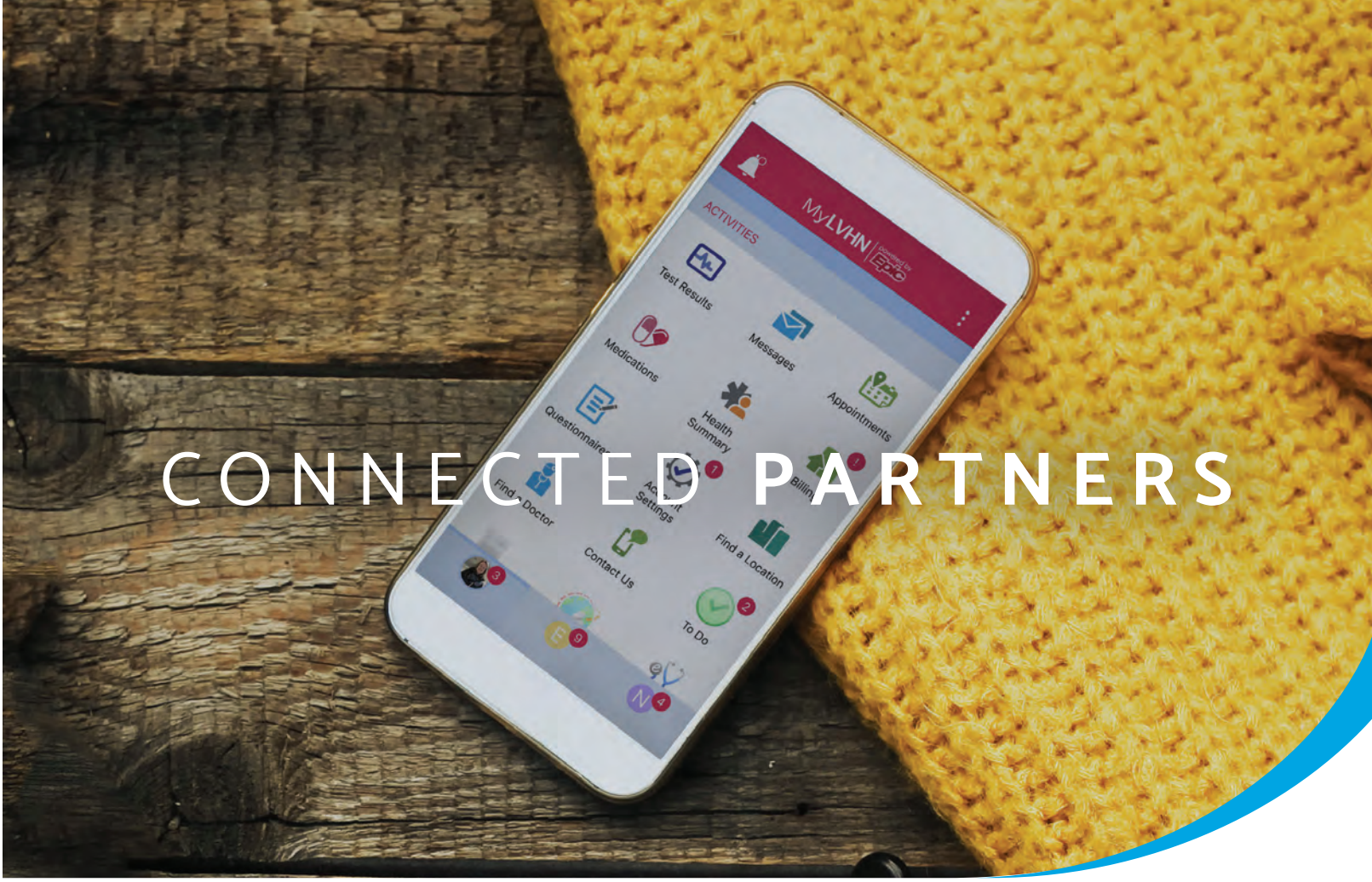

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Chamber staff includes President Mary Malone, second from left, and Vice President of Marketing Leann Fallabel, left. At right are Membership Director Dan Guydish and Bookkeeper Nancy Zolota.

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Greater Hazleton Chamber committed to business success

Nearly 130 years after its founding, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce remains committed to supporting 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.

One of the Chamber's biggest goals is to act as a centralized and accessible source of business, legislative and community information for Chamber members. It does this most notably through its monthly Red Carpet Breakfast program, where business and community members can receive updates from local and state government officials.

The Chamber provides members with a variety of quality business networking opportunities. 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.

Other popular events include two annual golf outings, the Business & Community Awards luncheon, the Anniversary Membership Celebration, Ladies Night Out and Business Exposition, Academic Achievement Banquet 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 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.

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



To celebrate Chamber Month every October, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce recognizes the winners of its Business & Community Awards. Pictured at the 2019 ceremony standing from the left is Dr. Gary Lawler from Penn State Hazleton and Chamber Chairman of the Board of Directors; award sponsors, Louis Duncan, Comfort Keepers, Small Business sponsor; George Hayden, Hayden Electric, Inc., Green Business sponsor; Eric George, Gottstein Corporation, Large Business sponsor; Jocelyn Sterenchock, CAN BE, Young Entrepreneur sponsor; Ray Bernadi, Lehigh Valley Hospital- Hazleton, Healthy Workplace sponsor; John Dorneman and Alison Zurawski, Community Bank, N.A., Luncheon sponsor and John Patton from the Standard Speaker, Chamber Awards Committee Chairman. Sitting from the left are award winners, Maria Rosario, Maria Rosario Allstate Agency, Small Business of the Year Under 10 Employees; Lindsay Graziano, Edgewood, Small Business of the Year Under 50 Employees; Robert Bradley, American Eagle Solutions and Dr. Patricia Rodriguez-Hudson, Country Heart Farm, Green Businesses of the Year (tie for 2019); Tracy Karchner, Karchner Warehousing & Logistics Company, Large Business of the Year; Ashley Evert, Halogen Hair Co., Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Nadine Veet, International Paper - Hazleton Container, Healthy Workplace of the Year; Jennifer Kaminsky, Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton, Pride of Place for Large Business; Lew Dryfoos, III, One Group Dryfoos Insurance, Pride of Place for Small Business and Pat Korb, Volunteer of the Year in memory of Rocco Colangelo, Sr.

institutes are also on hand to provide information for those looking to further their education or embark on a new career path.

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.

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.



The Downtown Hazleton Farmer's Market brings farm-fresh produce, homemade items like baked goods and honey, and health care vendors to the downtown on select Fridays in July, August and September.

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.

Chamber members also receive access to quality health insurance and energy savings through the My Benefit Advisor Program, which provides employee benefits plans as well as individual and family plans and Medicare options.

Chamber members can also save on their energy costs through an energy pool program with ChamberChoice and World Kinect Energy Services. The program guides members on how to save on electric and natural gas costs for their homes or small commercial businesses.

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 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 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



The Red Carpet Breakfast Program connects Chamber members with state and local legislative officials. At the March 2019 event, featured guest speaker State Senator John T. Yudichak, third from the right, presented an update on PA's 14th Senatorial District. Also pictured are, from left: Desiree Anderson, Lindalee Kaleta and Terry Jones, Terry H. Jones & Co., P.C., event sponsor; State Senator John T. Yudichak, event speaker; Carla Thaller, Hamister Group/Residence/Fairfield/Hampton, event chair and Chamber Director and Adam Gilbert, Terry H. Jones & Co., P.C., event sponsor.

Grant awards annually. This grant was established to encourage women to pursue training or education that will help them start or advance a career. The target of the grant is women who are currently working and want to advance in their career through education or training, are returning to the workforce, or are seeking to change their current career path and pursue something more in line with their interests or passions. It is intended to be available to those who would not necessarily have access to scholarships or grants.

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 & 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 and honoring the latest Leadership Hazleton graduating class.

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

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.

The Downtown Hazleton Farmers Market brings 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 CAN DO Community 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 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 is the Chamber's grandest event and its biggest annual fundraiser. The two-day street festival is held the second Saturday and Sunday in September each year. It features two signature events – the Classic 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 local emergency services and public works vehicles, 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 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 Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce expands further on those 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).



Marc Lebovitz, president of national third-party logistics provider Romark Logistics, visited Greater Hazleton in the fall of 2019 to read to West Hazleton Elementary/Middle School students as part of the Chamber's annual Community Reading Day.

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. Due in part to several grants that DHAP has obtained in the past several years, renovations were done on the former Security Savings bank building to turn it into the new home of the Hazleton Art League.

DHAP also 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.

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 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.

the perks of membership

The Chamber
Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

Why join The Chamber?

The Chamber's Activities

- Annual Dinner and Trade Exposition
- Golf Tournament
- Icebreaker Golf Outing
- FUNFEST
- Trade Show
- Greater Hazleton Job Fair
- Regional Job Fair
- Great Pennsylvania Cleanup
- Red Carpet Breakfasts
- Awards Programs
- Networking Mixers and Seminars
- Annual Summer Car Cruise
- Community Awareness Tours
- Community Reading Day
- Great Valley Computer Collaborative Contest

Community Development

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Chamber is a passionate supporter of the nationwide movement to Shop Local and works throughout the year to promote everything that our local businesses offer.

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For all your business, personal and retirement accounting needs, visit Jones Kohanski & Co., Moore and Associates, or Snyder & Clemente.

When you have a legal problem and you need a trusted source to turn to, call the attorneys at Falvello Law; Laputka, Bayless, Ecker & Cohn; or the Seach Law Offices.

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The Laurel Mall has the look and feel of today's modern shopping complexes and is now at full capacity, with nearly 75 stores and destinations among its main facility and adjacent buildings. National retail outlets Dunham's Sports and T.J. Maxx and fitness center Planet Fitness opened anchor stores in the mall and Hobby Lobby was expected to open in the winter of 2021.

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.







Buyer's Guide

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

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

Thank you for supporting Chamber member businesses!

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Barry Isett & Associates is a multi-discipline firm that can provide single-source engineering and start-to-finish project involvement in the design, construction, operation, maintenance, renovation, and replacement of facilities. We are pleased to help with anything ranging from surveys or environmental assessments to a total package of engineering and technical services. We invite you to explore our site or call or email to find out how Isett can serve your project needs.

Entertainment

Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc.

P.O. Box 2781, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-788-4864
Email: info@hazletonconcertseries.org
Website: www.hazletonconcertseries.org
The Greater Hazleton Concert Series, Inc. is the oldest non-profit cultural organization — started in 1935 — in the Hazleton area that provides professional performances at affordable prices. The organization provides a diverse season of international and mixed genres.

Entertainment / Casinos

Mohegan Sun Pocono

1280 Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
1.888.WIN.IN.PA
Website: mohegansunpocono.com
Mohegan Sun Pocono offers guests the ultimate gaming experience with a variety of electrifying table games, including exciting electronic table games and a plethora of the latest slot machines. Looking to try something new? Visit the newly added Unibet Sportsbook at Mohegan Sun Pocono. This 1,200 square-foot addition to the property, conveniently located right off of the main valet entrance, offers guests the opportunity to bet on their favorite sports. Plus, experience exhilarating live harness racing at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono from March through November! Satisfy your cravings with delicious dining options including, Molly O'Sheas, Pearl Sushi Bar, Rustic Kitchen and Ruth's Chris Steak House. Any time is the right time, to enjoy the many offerings at Mohegan Sun Pocono. Come to play, stay to be amazed by everything else!

Environmental Testing

HawkMtn Labs, Inc.

201 W Clay Avenue, West Hazleton, PA 18202
570-455-6011
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Website: www.hawkmtnlabs.com
Independent- PA DEP Certified Environmental Laboratory for Potable/Non-Potable Water & Soils; Field Sampling & Testing Services for Environmental; Materials/Concrete; Solid Fuel Industrial-Construction and Residential Clients.

Fitness Center

Elevate Fitness

780 N. Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-861-8112
Website: https://www.elevate4life.com/
Elevate Fitness is a space for you to nurture mind and body. The Precor equipment featured in the center includes state-of-the-art cardio, resistance, and spin machines. If you are looking to get fit, tone down, or bulk up, we have the equipment for you. You can also request personal training services for a more in-depth approach to your fitness needs. Our friendly staff is available to assist with equipment orientation, safety, healthy approaches to training, and fun. The center also includes a dedicated Yoga studio and a massage therapy studio, operated by Interlude Massage. The yoga instructors and massage therapists are happy to explain what offering can most benefit you. Stop in to learn about what we have going on.

Food Processing

Cargill Protein

65 Green Mountain Rd, Hazle Township, PA 18202
570-384-8460
Website: https://www.cargill.com/careers/locations/hazleton-pa
Cargill is one of the largest employers in the Hazleton area, proudly employing more than 950 people. We produce beef products that are sold at grocery stores across the U.S. We have made a positive impact on the Hazleton community and strive to be the employer of choice for the area. At Cargill, everyone matters and everyone counts. Cargill is committed to creating and sustaining an inclusive and diverse work environment where all employees are treated with dignity and respect.

Garage Doors

F&L Doors, Inc.

202 S. Wyoming Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-454-7254 Fax: 570-454-0831
Web Site: www.fldoors.com
F&L Doors is a family-owned company that has been specializing in garage door installation and garage door service in northeastern Pennsylania since 1970. We're proud of our reputation for excellence, since we've developed it through years of hard work and dedication to our customers. F&L Doors offers a wide selection of commercial, residential and industrial doors and openers from global leaders in the garage door industry. Call us so we can discuss garage doors that will meet your budget and your style.

Green Energy

Hayden Power Group

235 East Maple Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
1016 East 7th Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815
570-455-6109 Fax: 570-455-5400
Email: george@haydenpower.com
Website: www.haydenpower.com
Hayden Power Group, now operating out of two locations – Hazleton and Bloomsburg, provides award-winning quality electrical and communications services to a variety of customers, from residential service to multi-million dollar projects. Hayden is an innovative and competitive leader in a rapidly changing field. The firm and its skilled professionals exceed customer expectations. We also provide services which include 24/7 emergency service, free estimates and medium and high voltage expertise. We also offer green energy solutions. Experience how power is our life by visiting our website, www.haydenpower.com.

Health Care

All Care Home Care, Inc.

1710 E. Broad St, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-459-3002 or 800-353-3002
Email: allcare@achchazleton.com
Website: http://achchazleton.com
All Care Home Care is a family-owned, licensed home health care agency serving the community for over 30 years. All Care is a Joint Commission Accredited provider that offers the following in-home care: Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Medical Social Workers, and Home Health Aides. They provide health care services in Luzerne, Schuylkill, Carbon and Columbia counties, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
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Dermdox Dermatology Centers, PC
8 Brookhill Square South, Sugarloaf, PA 18249
570-459-0029
Email: info@dermdoxcenters.com
Website: www.dermdoxcenters.com
Medical and Cosmetic Dermatology. Immediate appointments available.

Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation
700 E. Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
(Located inside Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton)
570-501-4600
Website: www.lvhn.org/hazleton
Quality inpatient rehabilitation services close to home. That is what the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation provides to northeast Pennsylvania. Located on the sixth floor of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton, our 16-bed unit features pleasant, home-like rooms and a bright, spacious exercise room. We provide inpatient rehabilitation in a supportive, hospital-based setting, which means you have access to professional medical and emergency care 24 hours a day. Our goal is to help you regain your mobility and independence and get you back to your life. Our highly-trained, professional rehabilitation team includes rehabilitation nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists; social workers and case managers; orthotic/prosthetic consultants; and nutritionists. Referrals to the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation are accepted from physicians, social workers, nurses, discharge planners, other healthcare providers or the patient and/or family members. Even if you will require inpatient rehabilitation after a hospital stay outside the Hazleton area, you can still come home to the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation. Call 570-501-4600 for more information.

Hazleton Imaging Center
101 South Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-501-7226 Fax: 570-501-7232
Website: www.hazletonimaging.com
Hazleton Imaging Center is a full service state-of-the-art Outpatient Imaging and Diagnostic Center conveniently located in downtown Hazleton. The Center offers; Short Bore MRI, Open MRI, CT Scan, Ultrasound, Mammography, PET/CT, Bone Densitometry, and X-Ray. In addition, Hazleton Imaging is the only Center in the area to offer Outpatient Nuclear Medicine services. Cardiac Stress testing and EKG's are also performed. There is a Lab on-site for patient convenience. Flexible scheduling is done to accommodate patient needs. Evening hours are available. Most Insurance accepted. For further information please call (570) 501-7226. When your physician orders any diagnostic studies please ask that they refer you to Hazleton Imaging – you have the power to choose where you have your studies done. Choose the Best – choose Hazleton Imaging.

Hazleton Urgent Care
101 South Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-501-1017
Email: info@hazletonmd.com
Website: www.hazletonmd.com
Hazleton Urgent Care is a full-service urgent care center which is staffed by medical professionals, including a physician. Avoid the long hospital E.R. waiting times for non-critical illnesses. Walk-ins are welcome. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most insurances accepted.

Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton
50 Moisey Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202
(Across from WalMart on Airport Beltway)
570-501-6600
Website: www.lvhn.org/hazleton
The Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton is a "one-stop" facility offering highly personalized healthcare services with a customer-centered philosophy and décor that fosters relaxation, healing and well-being. As a service of Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton, the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton provides an array of health and wellness services at one location including an advanced imaging and women's center; physical, occupational, speech and aquatic therapies; cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation and services; orthopedics services; an occupational health center; an international travel health program; and a fitness center. A same-day surgery center and physicians' offices are also located on site. One can even enjoy a gourmet coffee from our café as you relax in our beautiful fireplace lounge. Easy access, plenty of free parking, and the availability of transportation through Hazleton's transit system or the facility's patient shuttle service complement these services. Call 888-402-LVHN to schedule your outpatient diagnostic testings.

Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton
766 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-501-4949
Website: www.lvhn.org/Hazleton
There's no better place to recover after a hospital stay than in the comfort of your own home. Our knowledgeable, courteous, compassionate staff can assist you in making an easy transition from the hospital to your home. And our nursing staff is always available to fulfill your treatment needs. Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton is the Greater Hazleton area's only hospital-based home health agency. It has the full resources of Lehigh Valley Health Network at its fingertips. Our highly trained, professional staff of registered nurses; physical, occupational and speech therapists; social workers; and home health aides work closely with your physician(s) to provide unmatched individualized care. Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton provides services for patients of all ages, from newborns to senior citizens and everyone in between. Call 570-501-4949 for more information.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton
700 East Broad Street, Hazleton, PA 18201
570-501-4000
Website: www.lvhn.org/hazleton
Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton (LVH-H) part of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, is the major healthcare provider in the greater Hazleton area and is recognized statewide and nationally for its outstanding quality care. We offer quality continuum of care services beginning at birth in the Family Birthing Center, acute inpatient medical and surgical services, inpatient rehabilitation at the Gunderson Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation and home care through Lehigh Valley Home Care - Hazleton. We are now offering DaVinci robotic surgery at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Hazleton. Our state of the art emergency department is staffed with emergency-trained and credentialed physicians and is recognized for its rapid access MI Alert and Stroke Alert programs. In 2015, LVH-Hazleton was granted accreditation as a Level IV trauma center. Outpatient diagnostics testing and rehabilitation services are provided at LVH-H's outpatient facility, the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, At LVH-H, we strongly promote prevention as the key to a long healthy lifestyle by offering numerous free community education, wellness and fitness programs. Our commitment is to provide the highest quality care by an experienced team of physicians, medical professionals and support staff.

Lehigh Valley Physician Group–Hazleton
Website: http://hazleton.lvhn.org/about-us/lehigh-valley-physician-group-hazleton.html
If you're looking for a provider in northeast Pennsylvania who is affiliated with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), your search has become easier. Welcome to Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton, a collection of more than 45 highly qualified, experienced and compassionate health care providers formed to give you access to high-quality care close to home. Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton is a subsidiary of LVHN and is designed to provide a full spectrum of health care services to patients from infants to seniors. With the implementation of the electronic health record at Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton's 21 northeast Pennsylvania offices – as well as Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton and the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton – we are now able to fully integrate your care and develop a comprehensive personal health record for you within the health network. Services represented by Lehigh Valley Physician Group in northeast Pennsylvania include: Cardiology, Chiropractic medicine, Endocrinology, Family medicine, Gastroenterology, Geriatric medicine, Internal medicine, Neurology, Obstetrics and gynecology, Oncology, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Physiatry and Surgery. Providers within Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton have immediate access to all patient

information, test results, ER visits and other information provided within LVHN's Hazleton-area health care facilities. This will help provide effective management of your medical conditions. Patients of Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton providers also will have Internet access to their health records and can correspond electronically with their provider through MyLVHN Hazleton. Lehigh Valley Physician Group (LVPG) is among the largest medical groups in the United States. In the Allentown and Bethlehem, Pa., areas, more than 700 physicians and more than 300 advanced practice clinicians represent 46 medical specialties in 142 practices. LVPG practitioners perform approximately 2 million visits annually in our practices, hospitals and other affiliated locations. LVPG was founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit subsidiary of Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), one of the largest health systems in Pennsylvania. LVPG began as the faculty practice plan for LVHN, initially comprised of 24 physicians. The last decade has seen enormous growth in both medical practitioners and specialty practices. LVPG's health care professionals are working together to deliver care in increasingly innovative ways.

Populytics, Inc.

707 Hamilton St., 6th Floor, Allentown, PA 18101
484-862-3500
Website: www.Populytics.com
Regional businesses can fully leverage the power of Lehigh Valley Health Network's (LVHN) employer health care resources by accessing them through one convenient source, Populytics, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Lehigh Valley Health Network. Populytics is a technology company that supports population health by serving as the data engine that drives health care. They provide employers with insights, transparency and pathways to improve employee health. Additional services include corporate wellness programs, emotional wellness resources, occupational health services and fitness centers.

St. Luke's University Health Network - Miners Campus

360 West Ruddle Street, Coaldale, PA 18218
1-866-STLUKES
Email: infolink@sluhn.org
Website: www.slhn.org
St. Luke's University Health Network (SLUHN) is a non-profit, regional, fully integrated, nationally recognized network of more than 15,000 employees providing services at eleven hospitals and more than 300 sites in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Schuylkill, Bucks, Montgomery, Berks, Monroe and Luzerne counties in Pennsylvania and Warren and Hunterdon counties in New Jersey.

Maylath Valley Health Systems, Inc.

P.O. Box 103, 750 State Route 93, Sybertsville, PA 18251
570-708-2929 or 877-751-0080
Email: info@maylathhealth.com
Website: www.maylathhealth.com
Maylath Valley Health Systems is a leading provider of in-home care, hospice care, and outpatient therapy. Serving Luzerne, Columbia, Carbon, Monroe and Schuylkill counties, Maylath Health's highly trained nurses, therapists, and other medical professionals provide compassionate, experienced care in the comfort of your own home. When you need home health care services, ask your doctor for a referral to Maylath Valley Health Systems. Browse our website to learn more about Maylath Health!



Health Care Coverage

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The Chamber*Choice portfolio offers a wide array of insurance products and services to meet the individual and business needs of today, and for what the future brings. We monitor the total employee benefits package including health insurance through the evolving landscape of the Affordable Care Act. For specifics on how* Chamber*Choice can help you, call our toll-free number or visit our website.*

Heating / Air Conditioning / Refrigeration

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Services, Inc.

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Website: www.acrsvc.com
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S.J. Kowalski Inc.

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Website: www.sjkowalski.com
S. J. Kowalski, Inc., a family owned and operated business, has been serving the heating, air-conditioning and plumbing needs of the greater Hazleton and surrounding areas since 1972. We install high-quality equipment from today's industry leaders like Trane, Mitsubishi, Rinnai, Navien, Honeywell and Lennox, while providing "round-the-clock" emergency service. We are a Mitsubishi Diamond Elite contractor and area's only Trane "Comfort Specialist" dealer. At S.J. Kowalski we are committed to providing the best products and solutions to help lower your energy costs and keep your family safe and comfortable.

Hotels / Catering Facilities

Candlewood Suites Hazleton

9 Bowman's Mill Road, Hazleton, PA 18202
570-459-1600 Fax: 570-459-2842
Website: www.candlewoodsuites.com/hazletonpa
Traveling for work? Just because you're away from home doesn't mean you have to be away from comfort. Candlewood Suites gives you a place to make your own. No matter how long you're traveling, we're here to help you settle in. All of our apartment-style suites come with full-equipped kitchens and signature amenities to make life on the road a little easier. With over 350 locations across North America, we offer a more relaxed stay, whether it's for a week or a few months. And with IHG® Rewards Club, you'll earn valuable points during your stay that can be redeemed for future business or leisure travel.

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570-455-9300 or 800-272-2522 Fax: 570-455-8720
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Website: www.choicehotels.com
Surround yourself with the Pocono Mountains at the Comfort Inn family hotel in West Hazleton, PA near Interstate 81, 80 and 476. Amenities include free WiFi, free hot breakfast, free parking, fitness center and business center. Behind every great day is a great night at the Comfort Inn hotel.

Fairfield Inn & Suites
118 State Route 93, Interstate 81 & Route 93, Hazleton, PA 18202
570-453-0300 Fax: 1-570-453-0301
Website: www.marriott.com/hzlfi
The newly renovated Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott is located off I-81 and minutes from I-80, close to the Poconos, Jim Thorpe and the surrounding Industrial Parks. Guests visit our many local attractions including Pocono Raceway, Jack Frost/Big Boulder Ski resort and Jim Thorpe. Always inviting, our upscale Inn & Suites offers an indoor pool, sauna and 24 hour market. All guest rooms are equipped with wireless internet and mini fridge. Enjoy our complimentary hot breakfast daily. Take advantage of Damon's Grill or Starbucks for a bite to eat or a coffee. Both are located on our propery for your pleasure. We guarantee you will enjoy your stay!

Hampton Inn by Hilton
1 Top of the 80's Road, Hazleton, PA 18202
570-454-3449
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Residence Inn by Marriott
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Website: www.marriott.com/hzlri
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Industrial

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Canada – 1200 McGill College Avenue, Suite 1100, Montreal, QC H3B 4G7
Mexico – 7th South Avenue, Plaza Paseo Coba, Suite 301, Playa Del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico
Gottstein Corporation, with its corporate headquarters located in Hazleton, PA, offers our worldwide clientele services in industrial food and beverage manufacturing. Our commitment to industry has proven us to be the leader in design, installation and maintenance of production lines worldwide. Gottstein Corporation offers a vast variety of skills that can easily provide turnkey solutions for small or large projects. Specializing in the Baking and Snack, Beverage, Meat and Poultry sectors, we also offer services in chemical and all other industries. Our Hazleton location is home to our corporate offices, featuring 27,000 square feet of fabrication area and our new on-the-job training center. We are proud to call Hazleton our home!

Insurance Sales and Service

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I can offer customers options for a wide variety of coverage and services. You can depend on me to help you look at the big picture. I'm committed to helping Hazleton residents assess their immediate and long-term needs and choose options that will help them achieve their goals. When you want to explore options for protecting your home, personal property, or financial future, I'm available to answer your questions. Call me today!

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Website: www.penteledata.net
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570-788-1922
Website: www.fellinsonline.com

George Nause
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Lawn Care and Landscaping

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Website: www.nauselandscaping.com
Nause Landscaping is a private company specializing in lawn and garden services. Established in 1990, we have been servicing our customers for many years. We offer full scale residential and commercial landscaping. We have a complete fleet of trucks, equipment, and employees to handle most any job. Lawn maintenance and landscape construction are our primary business. We also offer commercial snow plowing, salting and much more.

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570-455-1653
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Website: www.vitoslawncare.com
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Lawyers

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Manufacturers

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Website: www.henkel-northamerica.com
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Newspapers

Standard-Speaker
21 North Wyoming St., Hazleton, PA 18201
570-455-3636
Website: www.standardspeaker.com
The Standard-Speaker, located in Hazleton, Pa., became a member of The Times-Shamrock newspaper group in the spring of 2007. The family-owned paper traces its history to 1866 when it was originally founded as the Standard-Sentinel and later merged with the Plain Speaker to become the Standard-Speaker. The seven-day newspaper serves readers in southern Luzerne County and parts of Schuylkill and Carbon counties.

Office Equipment / Furniture Supplies

Tri-County Business Machines, Inc.
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Website: www.tricountybusinessmachines.com
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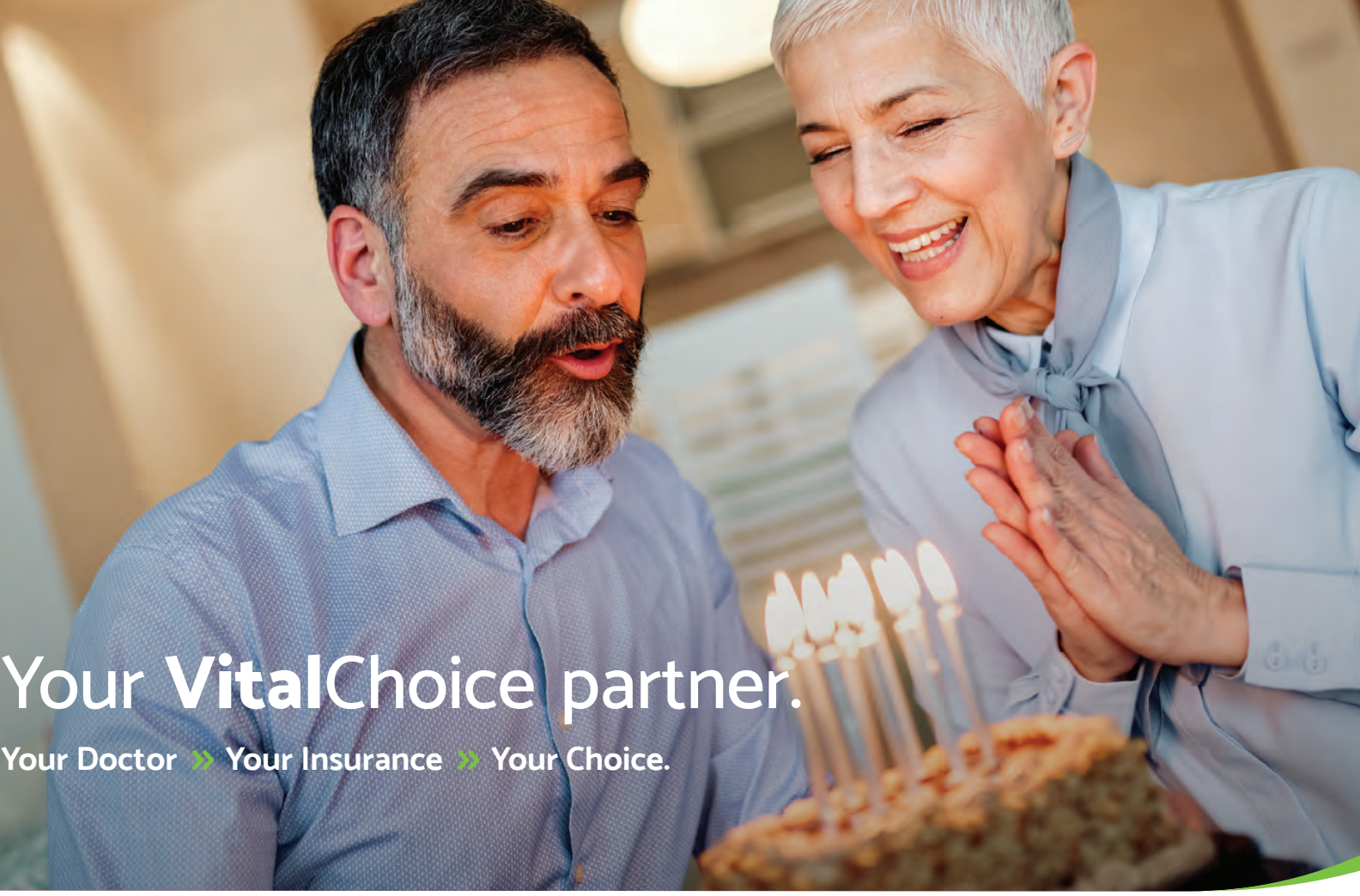

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