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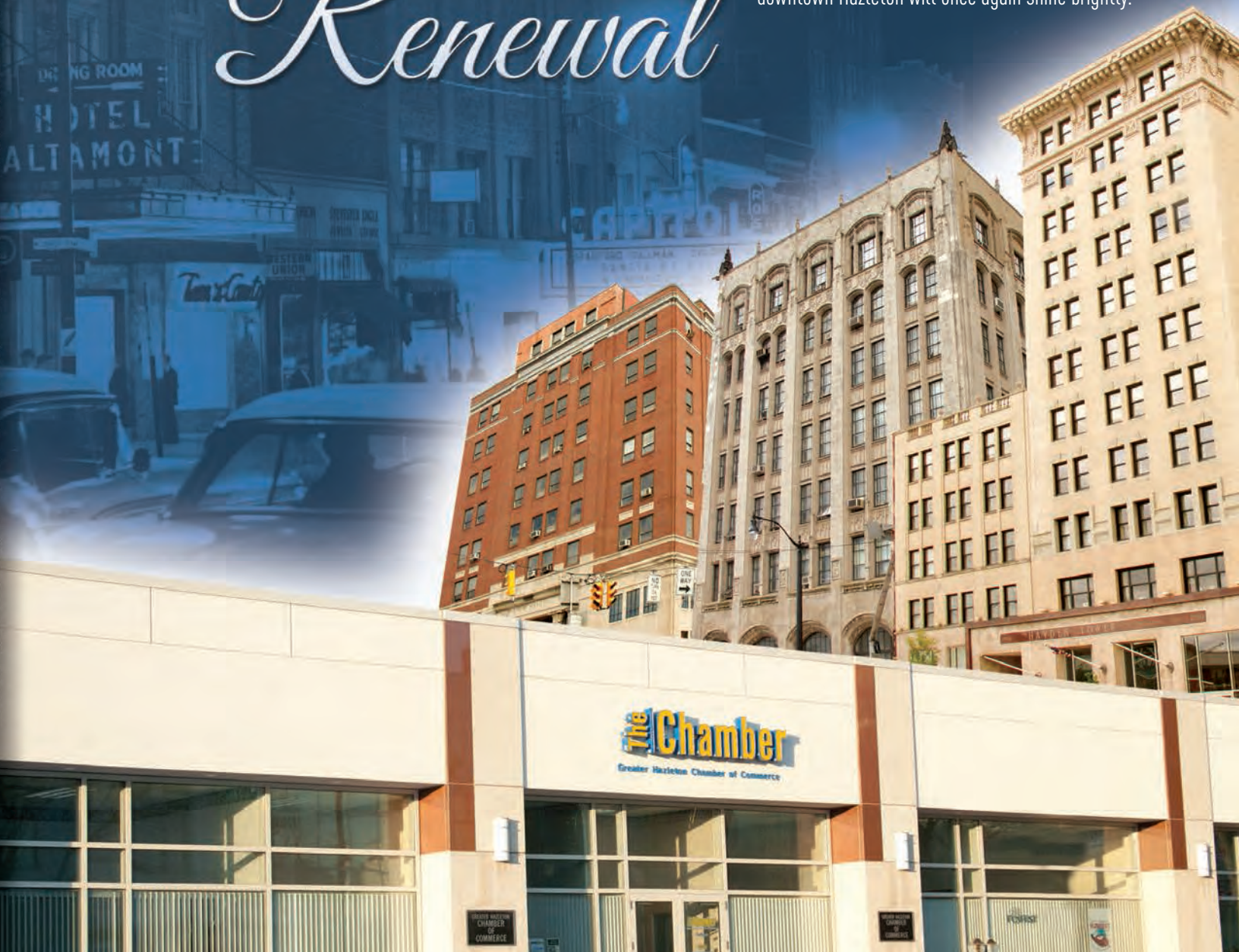
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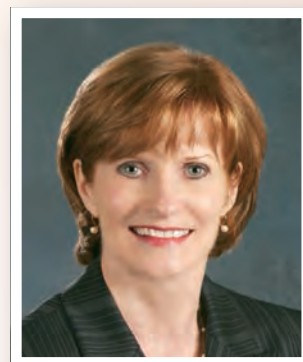
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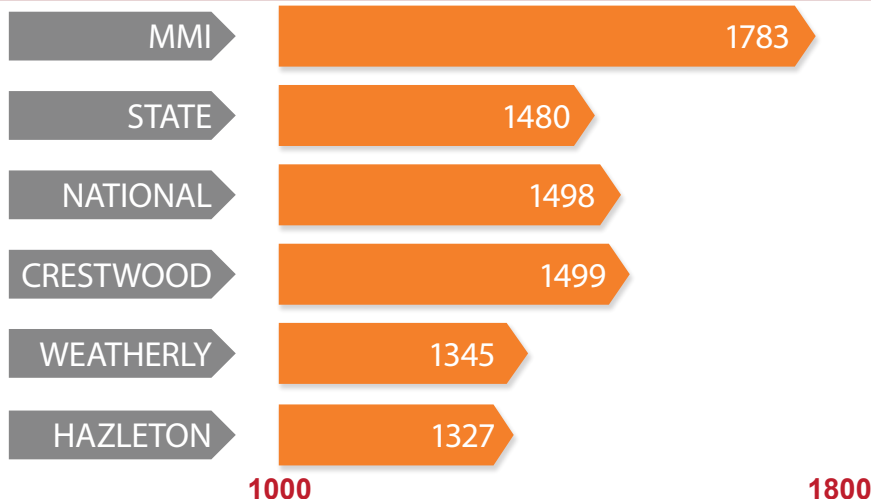
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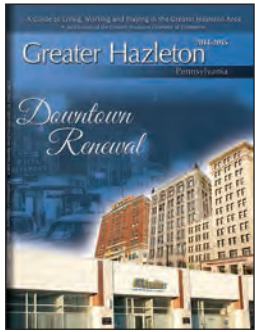
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ON THE COVER:
Three of Hazleton's tallest buildings are sparking new growth in the downtown. Shown are, from left, the former Hazleton National Bank, former Traders Bank, and the Hayden Tower at the Markle. In the foreground is Citiscape, home to the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce.
The background image shows downtown Hazleton during the 1950s.

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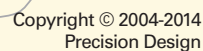
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The Markle Bank building, the Traders' Bank building, and the Hazleton National Bank building... the three largest structures in Downtown Hazleton are now the backbone of future economic development in Downtown Hazleton.

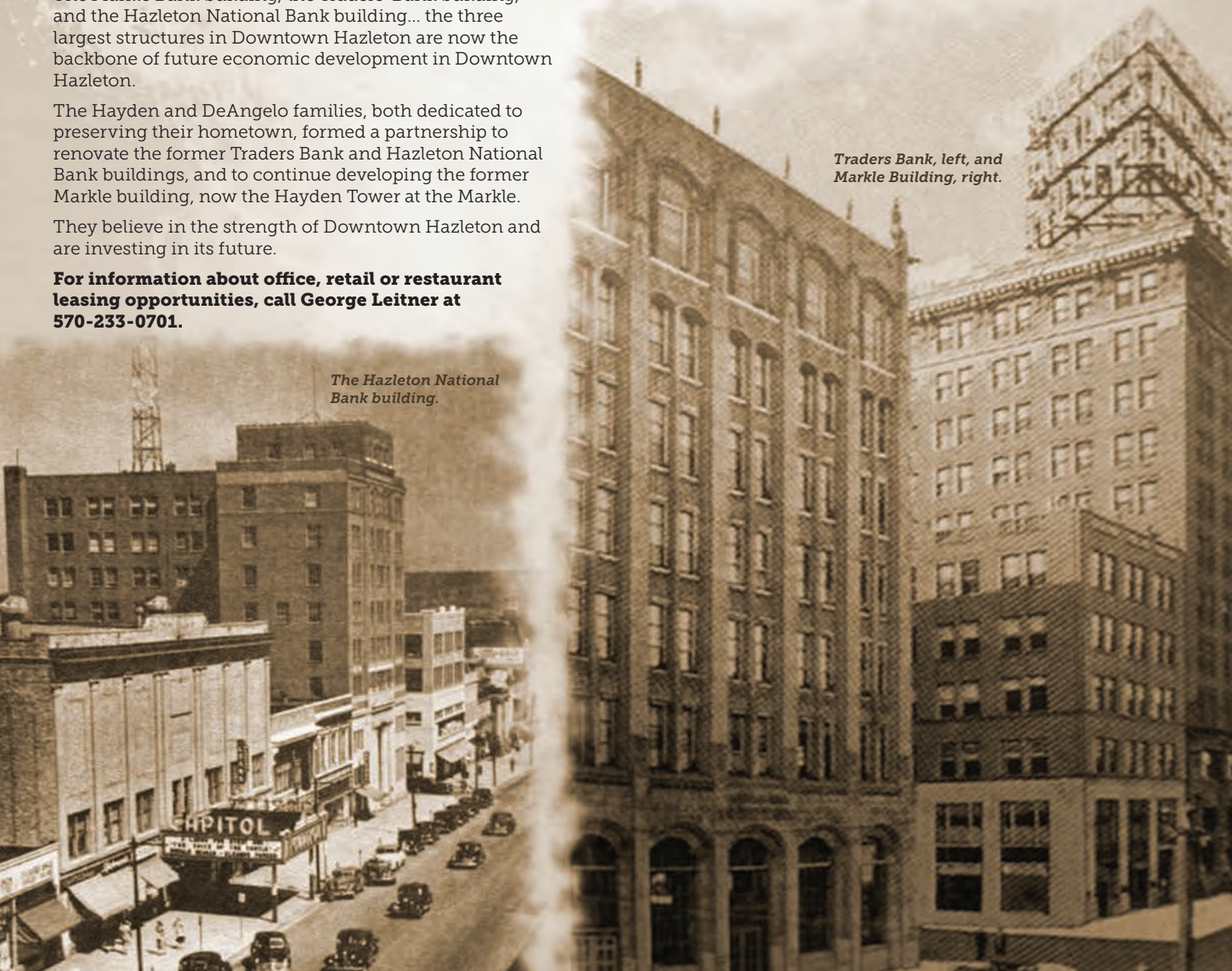
The Hayden and DeAngelo families, both dedicated to preserving their hometown, formed a partnership to renovate the former Traders Bank and Hazleton National Bank buildings, and to continue developing the former Markle building, now the Hayden Tower at the Markle.

They believe in the strength of Downtown Hazleton and are investing in its future.

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Traders Bank, left, and Markle Building, right.

The Hazleton National Bank building.



The Chamber

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Greater Hazleton! You'll soon find the area offers so much for residents, visitors and businesses.



With towns located in the mountains and valleys of northeastern Pennsylvania, Greater Hazleton features beautiful scenery and an array of options from city living to life in the country. The City of Hazleton is undergoing a major downtown revitalization that includes reconstruction of Hazleton's main thoroughfare and the addition of Class-A office space in some of the city's most historic buildings. It's a great partnership where history meets progress and moves us all forward.

Area residents enjoy the combination of a safe environment, low cost of living and modern conveniences. Exciting recreational activities, friendly churches, caring doctors, fine educational institutions and delicious restaurants are part of our community fabric.

Our area offers a great deal of benefits for business and industry, too. Businesses including Fortune 500 companies have constructed some of their most modern facilities in Greater Hazleton. 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 puts the rest of the nation within reach in just a few hours.

Whatever type of housing you are seeking, you will find quite a variety here, so get ready to get settled in to your new home, sweet home. As a long-time resident who has raised my daughters here, I can attest that this is indeed a great place to live, work and play.

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

Mary R. Malone
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Business & Industry



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Revitalization plan is key to Downtown Hazleton's future

The ongoing revitalization in downtown Hazleton is one of the largest ventures in the city's history, and it's bringing a promising future and exciting times for many businesses, employees and residents.

At the heart of the revitalization are the three tallest buildings in downtown Hazleton. Formerly bank buildings known as the Markle, Traders and Hazleton National Bank, the structures are now owned by DHD Realty, a business enterprise formed by brothers Paul and Neal DeAngelo and their business partner, George F. Hayden. The DeAngelos are the owners of DBi Services, an international firm that they founded in 1978 in Hazleton that now has more than 1,200 employees worldwide. Hayden operates his family business, George J. Hayden Electric, in downtown Hazleton.

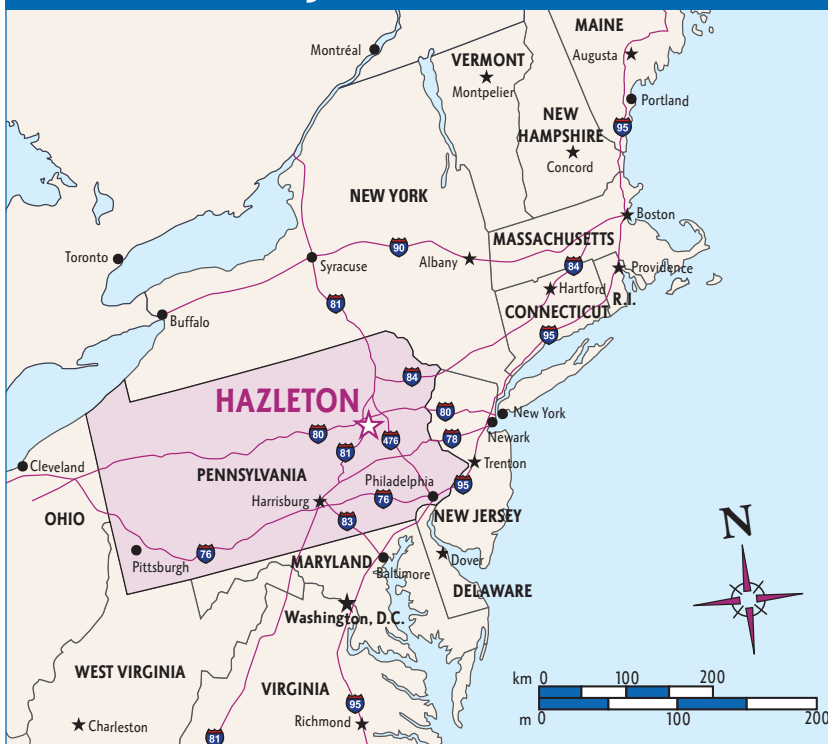


The 11-story Hayden Tower at the Markle was the first to see renovation, which occurred in the early part of the millennium. The building was constructed in 1910 by a family known in mining and banking, with a six-story addition built in 1923. The Markle was the first high-rise office building in Hazleton and housed offices, a bank with an ornate vault and a restaurant on the top floor. It was the first location for Penn State Hazleton, with several classrooms in the upper floors of the building. The building was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996. Closed in 1998 for safety



New sidewalks and vintage streetlamps line the downtown.

Access to Major Cities



Destination	Road Miles	Avg. Driving Time (hrs.)
Allentown, PA	46	1.0
Baltimore, MD	161	2.7
Boston, MA	335	5.5
Charlotte, NC	556	9.1
Chicago, IL	671	10.3
Cincinnati, OH	545	8.3
Cleveland, OH	345	5.3
Detroit, MI	497	7.7
Harrisburg, PA	81	1.4
Montreal, Canada	444	7.0
Newark, NJ	117	2.0
New York, NY	127	2.2
Philadelphia, PA	97	1.8
Pittsburgh, PA	266	4.6
Richmond, VA	301	5.1
Scranton, PA	46	0.9
Syracuse, NY	176	3.0
Toronto, Canada	420	6.9
Washington, DC	205	3.5
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reasons, the building sat empty for several years and was nearly demolished. Hayden bought the Markle, which underwent extensive renovations to restore it to its former glory. The building reopened in 2004 with just a few initial tenants as work continued on the rest of the structure, which was completed a few years later. In 2010, a gala event marked the 100th anniversary of the Hayden Tower at the Markle. Numerous professional firms are located there today.

Next to the Markle, Hayden's parents, George J. and Florence, constructed Citiscape, made up of street-level offices. The façade was designed to match the Hayden Tower's. The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce's offices are located in the Citiscape complex, which opened in 2006.

Several years after the Hayden Tower at the Markle opened, Hayden joined forces with the DeAngelo brothers to further improve the downtown landscape and renovate the remaining two former bank buildings in center-city Hazleton.

Construction is under way on the Traders Bank building, located on Broad Street across Wyoming Street from Hayden Tower. The building was constructed in 1923 and has housed numerous banks over the years, including Traders, Citizens, First Valley and Summit banks. One of the renovations to the building is the addition of a large conference theater room, where worldwide videoconferencing will take place. The room will be available for rental by tenants and other companies.

When renovations on the Traders building are complete, DBi Services will move its world headquarters to downtown Hazleton and then begin construction on the Hazleton National Bank Building as office space for other companies. That building opened in 1924 on part of the former Pardee Square, which encompassed an entire city block and included the mansion of Ario Pardee, a founder of Hazleton. The bank had been chartered in 1890 and was originally located at a different Broad Street site. In 1922, Hazleton National Bank purchased the southeast corner of Pardee Square and began construction on the building. It served as the bank's home for many years and through several name changes. Over the years, the building was home to First Valley, Summit and finally, Bank of America, which closed its office there in 2005.

In addition to renovations on the buildings, the partners in DHD are working with the city to renovate the parking garage on Wyoming Street to ensure parking for the employees and tenants of the buildings.



Development of (from left) the Hazleton National Bank building, the Hayden Tower at the Markle, Traders Bank Building and Citiscape (below) are all playing a role in Downtown Hazleton's resurgence.



Transportation

Major Roadways:

I-81, I-80, Route 93, Route 309, Route 924, Route 424

Railroads:

Norfolk Southern and Canadian Pacific, plus shortline services provided by Reading, Northern and by Luzerne County Rail Authority, handle rail freight.

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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- Three Industrial Parks, a Corporate Center and a Commercial/Retail Center
- Located at the crossroads of I-80 and I-81



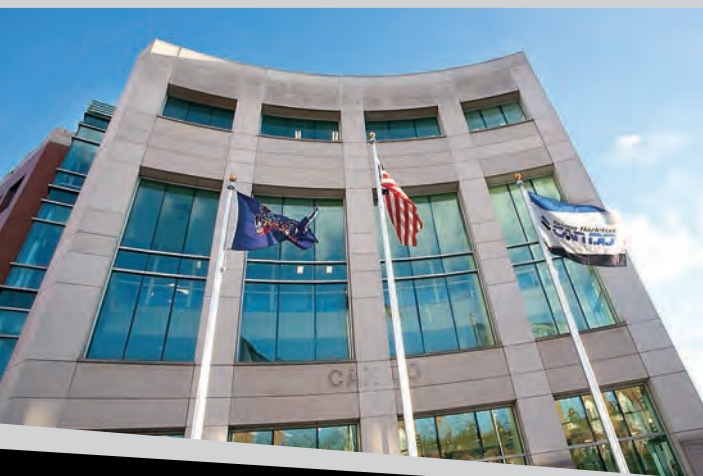
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The downtown revitalization is further complemented by the nearly complete Broad Street Corridor Project, which improves the drive along 3.5 miles of Broad Street – from Washington Avenue in West Hazleton to the Arthur Gardner Parkway on the eastern border of Hazleton. The comprehensive project, launched in 2010 by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, added new sidewalks, turning lanes, trees, underground piping and road pavement. The new sidewalks protrude out at each intersection to keep pedestrians safer. The project also included the installation of light-emitting diode (LED) synchronized traffic signals. The \$27 million initiative streamlined the flow of traffic on Broad Street, the main street that cuts through the heart of Hazleton and West Hazleton, and enhanced downtown through its improvements for drivers, pedestrians and businesses. The Chamber had sought to bring the Broad Street Corridor Project to fruition for many years.

Using these major projects as a springboard, the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress has formed to work toward additional revitalization and continued success in the downtown area. The group unites longtime residents and business owners, young people and their fresh ideas, and newcomers to the area to share their vision of an active, thriving downtown that attracts businesses and cultural opportunities while preserving the history of the area.

Downtown features numerous restaurants, shops, banks, professional offices and the nation's oldest compounding pharmacy, Hazle Drugs. The pharmacy, in business for more than 140 years, is operated by the Spear family. An endowment from a partner of Bill Spear Sr., the late Isadore Edlestein, provides scholarships for Hazleton area students who attend Luzerne County Community College on Broad Street.

LCCC is located in the Broad Street Business Exchange, formerly home to two large department stores. The business exchange also houses shops, offices and an eatery. Students at LCCC take classes close to their homes while earning degrees, training for new careers or continuing their love of learning through a program that offers free tuition for senior citizens.

At downtown's other campus, Lackawanna College, students attend classes in a century-old building with classical pillars that was used as a post office, military recruiting center and courthouse annex before it became a college. Lackawanna offers a variety of programs, with one of the most popular being police cadet training.

Church Street Station, opened in 2010 on the site of Hazleton's old railway terminal just one block off Broad Street, is a pickup and dropoff spot for Trailways bus company. The station also serves as the headquarters for Hazleton Public Transit. HPT runs local buses from downtown to stops throughout Greater Hazleton, including West Hazleton, McAdoo, Freeland, Weatherly, Beaver Meadows, the Laurel Mall, the Church Hill Mall, Walmart and other shopping centers. Other bus

companies in the Hazleton area offer various pickup points for trips to New York City, Atlantic City, Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs, sporting events and many more.

In the summertime, a farmer's market provides city residents the chance to enjoy produce fresh from local farms. The Chamber has partnered with the Center for Landscape Design and Stewardship to bring the market to downtown Hazleton, supporting local farmers and helping area residents enjoy healthy food.

The City of Hazleton is just minutes from the valley communities of Drums, St. Johns, Conyngham and Sugarloaf, where farms abound. Many of the farmers who bring their produce downtown on Fridays operate their own stands daily during the summer and fall. Along with their produce, farmers offer entertainment during special events, especially fall festivals. Visitors can enjoy a corn maze, hayrides, harvest displays and blues festival, all on local farms.

Food employs more than farmers in Greater Hazleton. The food processing industry is thriving in local industrial parks, managed by CAN DO, the Hazleton area's economic development organization. The Humboldt and Valmont parks have attracted internationally known companies in the food industry, including The Hershey Company, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Cargill, Gonnella Frozen Products, Otis Spunkmeyer and Tootsie Roll Industries. Those companies, and others in the Humboldt, Valmont and McAdoo industrial parks and CAN DO Corporate Center, have found the Hazleton area's strategic location to be a particular advantage. Interstates 80 and 81 both pass through the area, intersecting just a few miles from downtown Hazleton. Those routes provide easy access to Interstates 84, 76 and others that link Hazleton to major markets within just a few hours.

Amazon, AutoZone, Michael's Handcrafts and U.S. Cold Storage are among the companies with distribution centers in Humboldt. American Eagle Outfitters is opening a 1 million-square-foot distribution center in summer 2014.



Church Street Station, opened in 2010 on the site of Hazleton's old rail station, is the depot for city buses as well as Trailways bus company.



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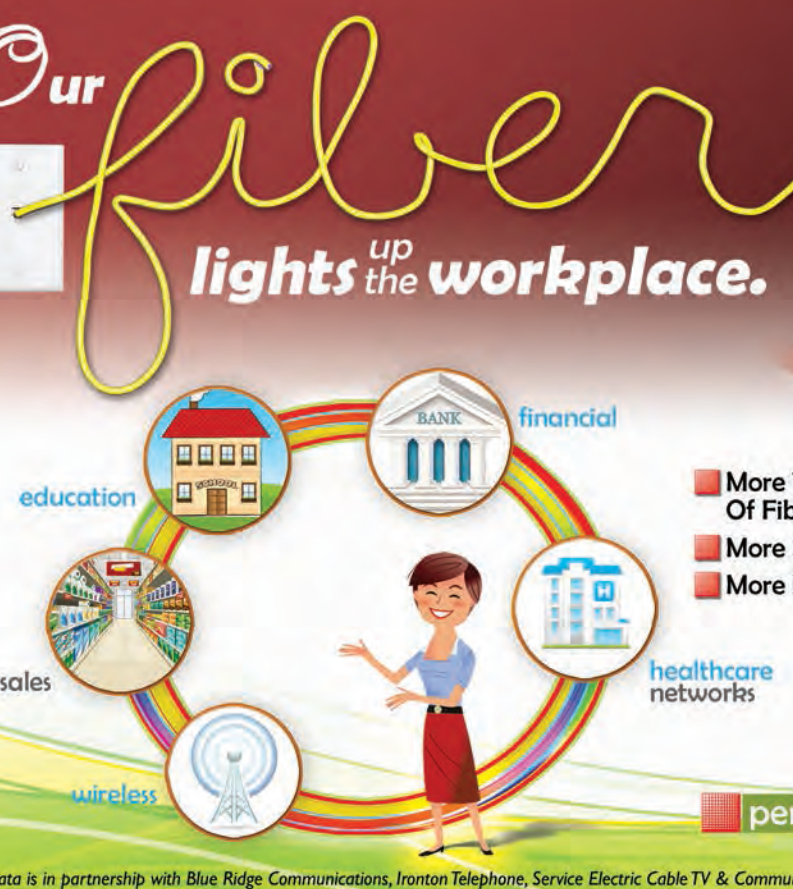
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CAN DO's parks and corporate center offer land that is ready for development in addition to buildings constructed on speculation that companies can move into quickly. The parks' infrastructure includes rail service in Humboldt and Valmont. CAN DO operates a water system in Humboldt, while the Hazleton City Authority employs reservoirs, wells, a filtration plant and an intake on the Lehigh River to ensure residents, businesses and industries in Greater Hazleton have water in abundance.

Business opportunities are also available at Cranberry Creek, a 366-acre site off Route 924 outside of Humboldt developed through the Chamber's partnership with CAN DO. The site is reclaimed mine land that is suitable for the construction of residences, athletic fields, restaurants, gardens or other development.

Adjacent to Humboldt Industrial Park is Humboldt Station, CAN DO's commercial development that is particularly convenient for employees at companies in the parks as well as those traveling Interstate 81. Humboldt Station includes a hotel, gas station and convenience store, and two fast-food restaurants, with land still available for development. The land is in a Keystone Opportunity Zone, which means most taxes are waived through 2017.

Motorists driving on Route 924 through Humboldt Industrial Park have the benefit of using a five-lane highway, a project the Chamber and CAN DO initiated through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and completed in 2010. With thousands of employees in Humboldt Industrial Park, a wider road became necessary. In addition to converting the highway, formerly two lanes, into a five-lane highway with turning lanes, PennDOT added new drainage, curbing, pavement markings and road signs and signals.

The Chamber has been a tireless advocate for road improvements in the Hazleton area, including presenting testimony every two years at Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission



The Chamber helped promote the widening of State Route 924 near Humboldt Industrial Park, making the commute easier for thousands of employees at the park.

hearings. Most recently, the state approved a transportation bill that provides funding for a redesigned entrance ramp onto Interstate 81 from Route 924, as well as the extension of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Beltway (Route 424) to provide another access point to Humboldt Industrial Park and eastern Schuylkill County. That extension was part of the Chamber's goal list for years.

It was the Chamber and CAN DO that got Interstates 80 and 81 to run through the Hazleton area when the interstates were first being built, recognizing the benefits of making the area a crossroads of the East.

It isn't only roads that are able to handle transportation into and out of Hazleton. The Hazleton Municipal Airport provides a place for business jets, charter flights and private pilots to take off and land. The airport offers aviation repairs, fuel sales, hangar and tie-down space and a remodeled lounge for pilots. The Pennsylvania State Police bases helicopters at the airport, which also supports a unit of the Civil Air Patrol and a skydiving center

Labor Market History



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

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Business Parks



Our industrial/business parks offer ready-to-build sites and/or tax incentives (in some cases until the year 2019!)

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.

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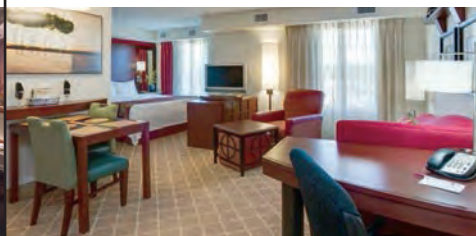
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Companies located in Greater Hazleton have no problems finding power, with a variety of different sources in the area. UGI Industries provides natural gas to customers throughout Greater Hazleton. PPL, the region's electricity supplier, derives power from coal, natural gas and nuclear power and is studying plans to add a third reactor to its nuclear station on the Susquehanna River about 15 miles from Hazleton.

Wind energy is gaining popularity in the region. Several wind farms have been developed along Interstate 81 near Hazleton. The Hazleton campus of Penn State University installed solar panels and a windmill as demonstration projects and is the only campus within the university where students can earn a bachelor's degree in the engineering of alternative energy power systems. A flywheel plant is already operating in Humboldt Industrial Park as its construction comes to a close. The facility regulates electricity by storing it during power surges and then releasing it. They can also absorb and release energy when sudden bursts of wind or sun energy hit the power grid.

Anthracite coal, an important part of Hazleton's history, is still mined in the region and used by some companies in the carbon

filtration and pigmentation processes. The "black gold" is what originally brought most residents to the area.

Those hardworking coal miners displayed the same drive of today's entrepreneurs, who find help growing their businesses from CAN BE, Greater Hazleton's business incubator program. CAN BE is managed by CAN DO and is located in the Greater Hazleton Business Innovation Center in Valmont Industrial Park. At CAN BE, entrepreneurs find help launching and growing their businesses through expert advice, assistance with obtaining funding, centralized office services and more. Even businesses without a physical presence in the incubator can become affiliate members to take advantages of CAN BE's services.

Other organizations and groups stand ready to provide business assistance and training. The Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board brings together representatives from business, education, economic development and community groups to identify workforce challenges and work to combat those challenges. TecBridge seeks to create businesses that enhance the region's base of technology and biotechnology, using the creativity and drive of young professionals to build on local opportunities.

Local colleges such as Luzerne County Community and Lackawanna colleges and the McCann School of Business and Technology collaborate to help spread technical knowledge through the region and encourage high school students toward technical studies through computer contests, entrepreneurial awards and business contests. Penn State Hazleton, McCann School of Business and Technology, Misericordia University and other educational institutions develop training programs to meet the needs of local employers.

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Real estate agents from the firms that make up the Greater Hazleton Association of Realtors are happy to help the folks who are searching for their new home. They will share important information about the area, including the median cost for a home in Hazleton: \$90,000, according to the United States Census Bureau. That's well below the national average of \$181,400.

Greater Hazleton is known for a charming small-town environment, traditional values and modern conveniences. Together, those attributes form a complete package that makes this area of northeastern Pennsylvania the perfect place to live, work and play.

Types of housing run the gamut and include apartments and senior living complexes, double houses, historic homes, suburban developments, farmhouses, lakefront properties and resort homes bordering golf courses.

Once you come to Greater Hazleton, you may not want to leave. Houses planned as vacation homes often become permanent residences once their owners discover how much they love the area.

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Downtown residents live in homes or senior high-rise buildings that are within walking distance to shopping areas, parks, transportation at the Church Street Station and municipal buildings.

The city is supported by a full utility infrastructure and full-time police and fire protection services. Professional services, mass transit, higher education and other amenities are part of the package in Hazleton. The Hazleton Housing Authority manages apartment buildings for senior citizens, and centers for independent and assisting living offer assistance to those who need it.

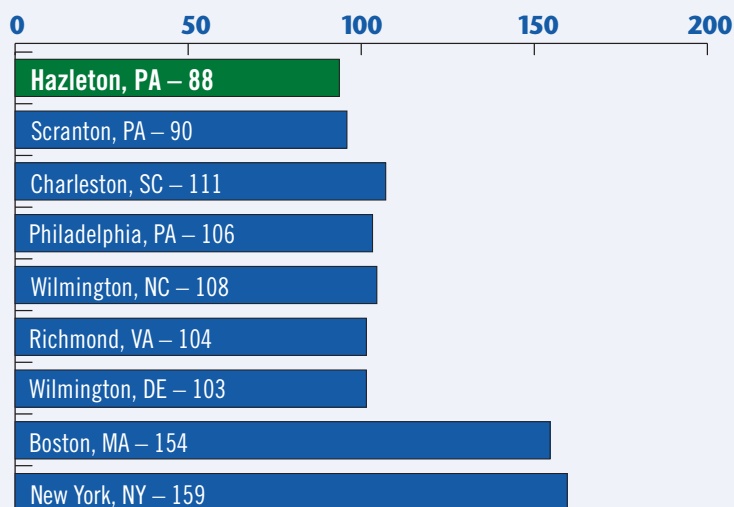
The City of Hazleton is home to close-knit neighborhoods in many different types of neighborhoods, all offering a different flavor.

Diamond Avenue, once the northern border of the city, features Victorian homes from the time when coal, plentiful throughout the Hazleton area, reigned as king of the economy. Many of the large historic homes on Diamond Avenue and surrounding streets once belonged to the coal barons.

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

The Pine Street Neighborhood, located on the site of former factories that had become dilapidated, includes 24 three-bedroom homes in a three-block downtown area that provide affordable living in an urban setting. The homes were developed using sustainable design principles, which integrate health and accessibility with energy efficiency and wise stewardship of resources. A nearby playground complements the Pine Street Neighborhood.

The Terrace, toward Hazleton's eastern boundary, seems like the suburbs with its selection of two-story, bi-level and ranch homes. The next neighborhood over, the Heights, is intersected by Poplar Street, combining residential living with nearby restaurants and stores.

Other neighborhoods in the area include Laurel Gardens, Chapel Hill, Maple Manor and Northgate. The residential areas within Hazleton, Hazle Township and West Hazleton offer ample housing options. Hazle Township features Community Park, which includes picnic areas, a playground, soccer fields, a trout-stocked lake and nature trails. West Hazleton borders the city but contains its own playgrounds, elementary/middle school, churches and stores.

Developments in the Valley to the north of Hazleton provide quiet living in scenic natural settings in neighborhoods such as Beech Mountain Lakes, the Meadows and Brookhill, or golfing communities such as Eagle Rock Resort and Sand Springs. Homes in these planned communities are available in a variety of sizes and price ranges.

Outside town, small communities give residents the best of both worlds: quiet living in smaller settings, but just a short drive away from grocery stores, the mall and things to do. You'll find these areas to be filled with friendly neighbors and beautiful scenery. Each town provides something different: Beaver Meadows has Lake Marie for fishing or ice skating; 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 complete with fitness activities and youth sports; and Weatherly is home to Eurana Park, which has a playground, band shell and natural swimming area. People can also explore the homes and offerings of Sugarloaf, Drums, McAdoo, Oneida, Sheppton, Tresckow and White Haven.

Most surrounding towns have their own police forces and fire companies. Volunteers who staff some of the fire companies embody the spirit of giving back in Greater Hazleton, where the community bands together for events throughout the year. Pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners and bake sales benefit nonprofit organizations, fire victims or people with illnesses. Families continue traditions that their ancestors brought to Greater Hazleton, including summer festivals and holiday religious activities. It's common to see someone you know at the grocery store or library. That sense of community is what makes residents of Greater Hazleton want to stay and raise their families here.

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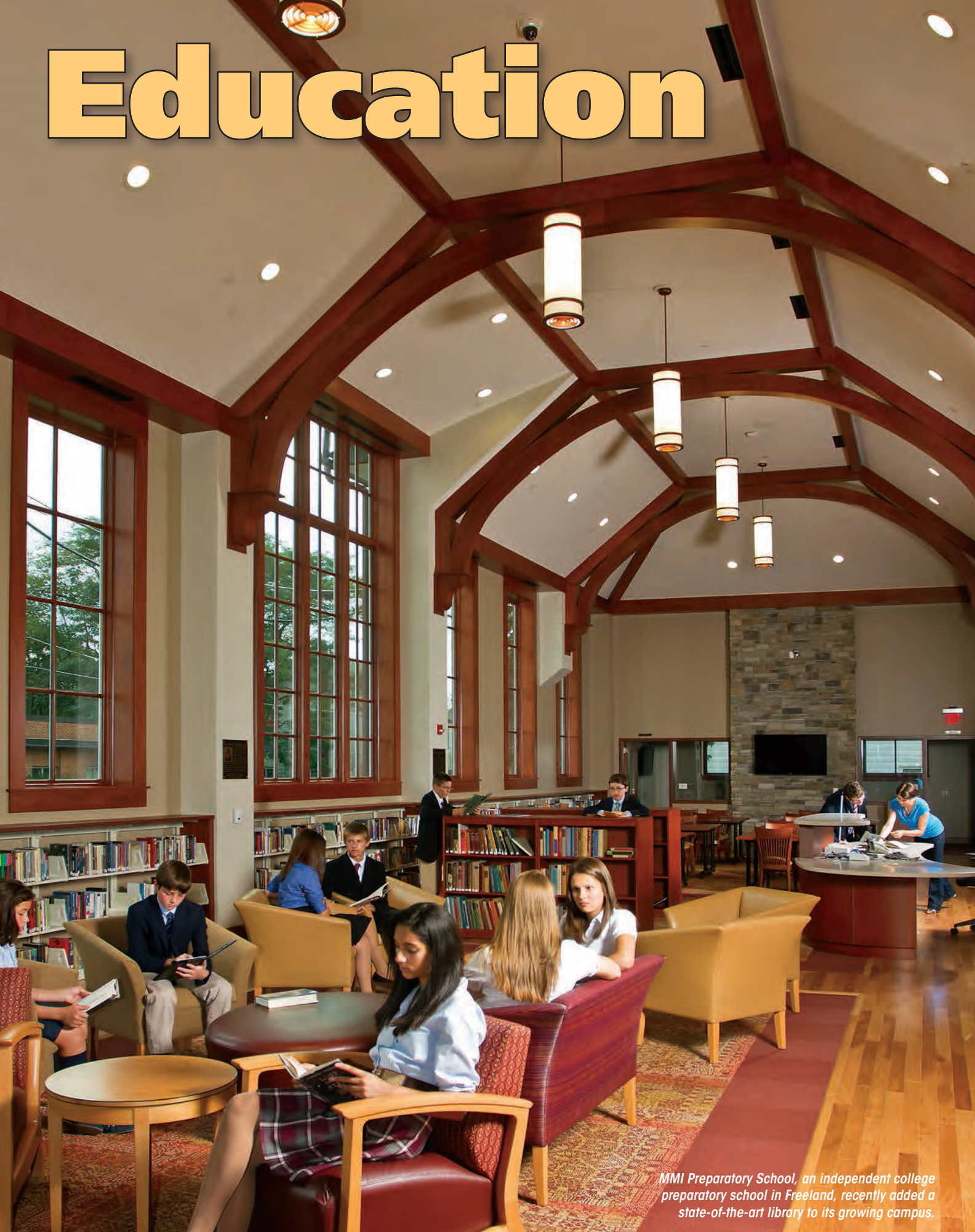
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Education



MMI Preparatory School, an independent college preparatory school in Freeland, recently added a state-of-the-art library to its growing campus.

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Hazleton Area High School, above, is the central high school for the Hazleton Area School District. In fall 2013, the district opened the Hazleton Area School District Academy of Sciences offering a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum.

The Hazleton Area School District is one of the largest in the state, with more than 10,000 students enrolled. In a district this size, options abound in class offerings and extracurricular activities. Students at Hazleton Area High School can take honors courses in mathematics, science, social studies, English or four foreign languages, or choose from college-level Advanced Placement courses in biology, calculus, chemistry, English and U.S. history. The high school features a gymnasium, laboratories, library, swimming pool, softball field, tennis courts, soccer field, running track and baseball field.

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

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

The Hazleton Area School District Academy of Sciences opened in the fall of 2013. The school offers a STEM (science, technology,



engineering and math) curriculum and is located in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Butler Township. More than 300 students attend classes at the school, which is geared toward educating students for some of the most in-demand professions in today's business environment. College-level engineering and chemistry courses, taught by professors from local colleges, are among the offerings at the school.



The Hazleton Area School District offers many schools across the region, including Valley Elementary/Middle School in Drums (above) and Drums Elementary/Middle School (below).



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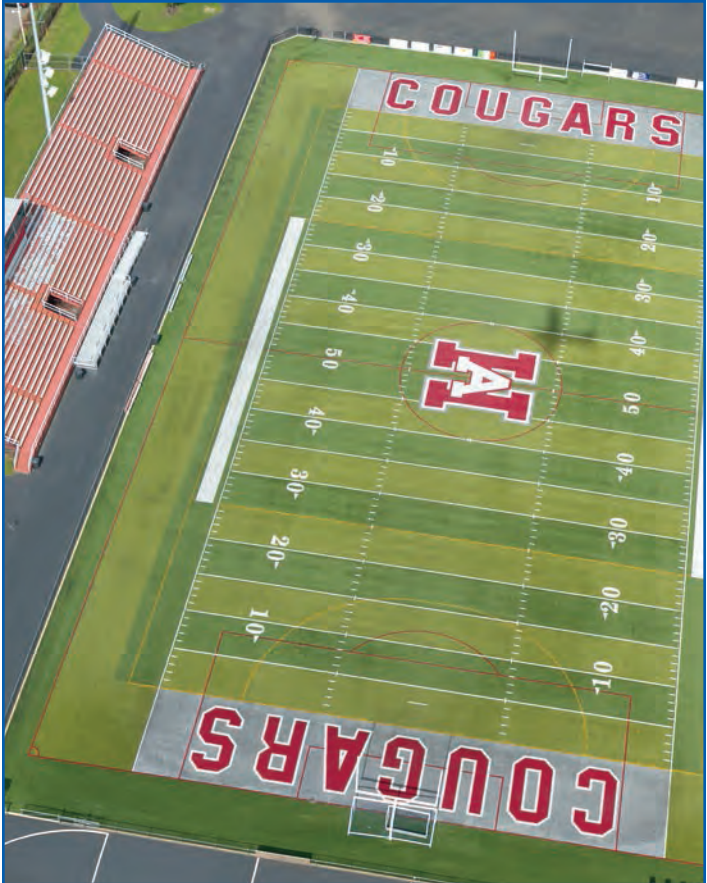
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Harman-Geist Memorial Field, 175 N. Wyoming Street, is where Hazleton Area High School students play football, field hockey and soccer.

The Hazleton Area School District consists of the following elementary/middle schools: West Hazleton, Heights-Terrace, McAdoo, Freeland, Valley, Drums, Arthur Street and Hazleton Elementary/Middle, with Maple Manor Elementary/Middle School set to open in fall 2014.

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.

Private schools provide more options for education in Greater Hazleton.

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

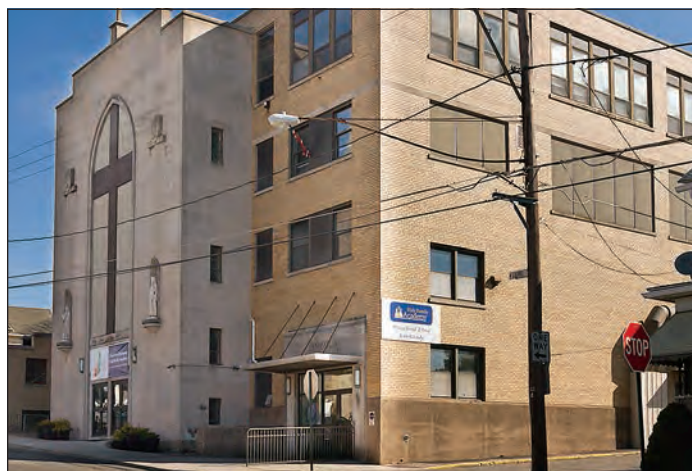
MMI's campus is state of the art, yet historic. The facilities include the Old Main building with the cupola recognized as a symbol of MMI; the Century II addition initiated during MMI's centennial that includes classrooms, a kitchen and café; the science and technology wing, which features science and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

Courses at MMI include a solid background in science and mathematics along with exciting electives such as Chinese and journalism. MMI's student-teacher ratio is 10:1, allowing for individual attention. After school, students take part in a variety of sports and clubs. Some clubs also meet on Friday afternoons as part of the school day. More than 50 percent of MMI students receive financial aid through contributions from generous alumni and supporters of the school.

In Hazleton, Immanuel Christian School serves students from kindergarten to 12th grade with a focus on training the hearts and minds of children through a quality education based on biblical principles. The school was established in 1979 and in 1996 moved to the former Locust Street Elementary School, which an army of volunteers helped renovate. The small class sizes and



Immanuel Christian School is a K-12 school with a focus on education through biblical principles.



Holy Family Academy offers a Catholic education preschool-eighth grade.

dedicated teachers ensure that students receive personal attention at ICS, which is open to all students. The school also operates a large thrift store to help fund its operations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Penn State Hazleton offers a variety of four-year degrees, as well as an entryway to the university's State College campus.

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

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

Luzerne County Community College and Lackawanna College

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

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

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The college offers hundreds of conferences, workshops and customized training for business and industry at sites on campus and throughout the county.

Also downtown is Lackawanna College's Hazleton campus, located in a historic building that originally served as the city's post office. Lackawanna students can earn a degree in business studies, criminal justice, human services and liberal services at the Hazleton campus, or begin a degree in a field such as computer information systems, sonography, early childhood education or environmental studies that they finish at the main campus in Scranton. The Hazleton Center is also home to a portion of the Lackawanna College Police Academy, where police cadets enroll in the training program required under Pennsylvania's Act 120 and become eligible to serve as police officers after graduation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GED and Adult Basic Education classes, designed to help improve math and reading skills for employment, are also available through the PA CareerLink at Hazleton. The CareerLink provides



Lackawanna College is located in downtown Hazleton in a building that was once the city's post office.

other training for job seekers and assists employers in procuring employees with the skills necessary for their open positions. It links county residents who are seeking jobs or wanting to upgrade their skills with the local businesses that are searching for qualified candidates.

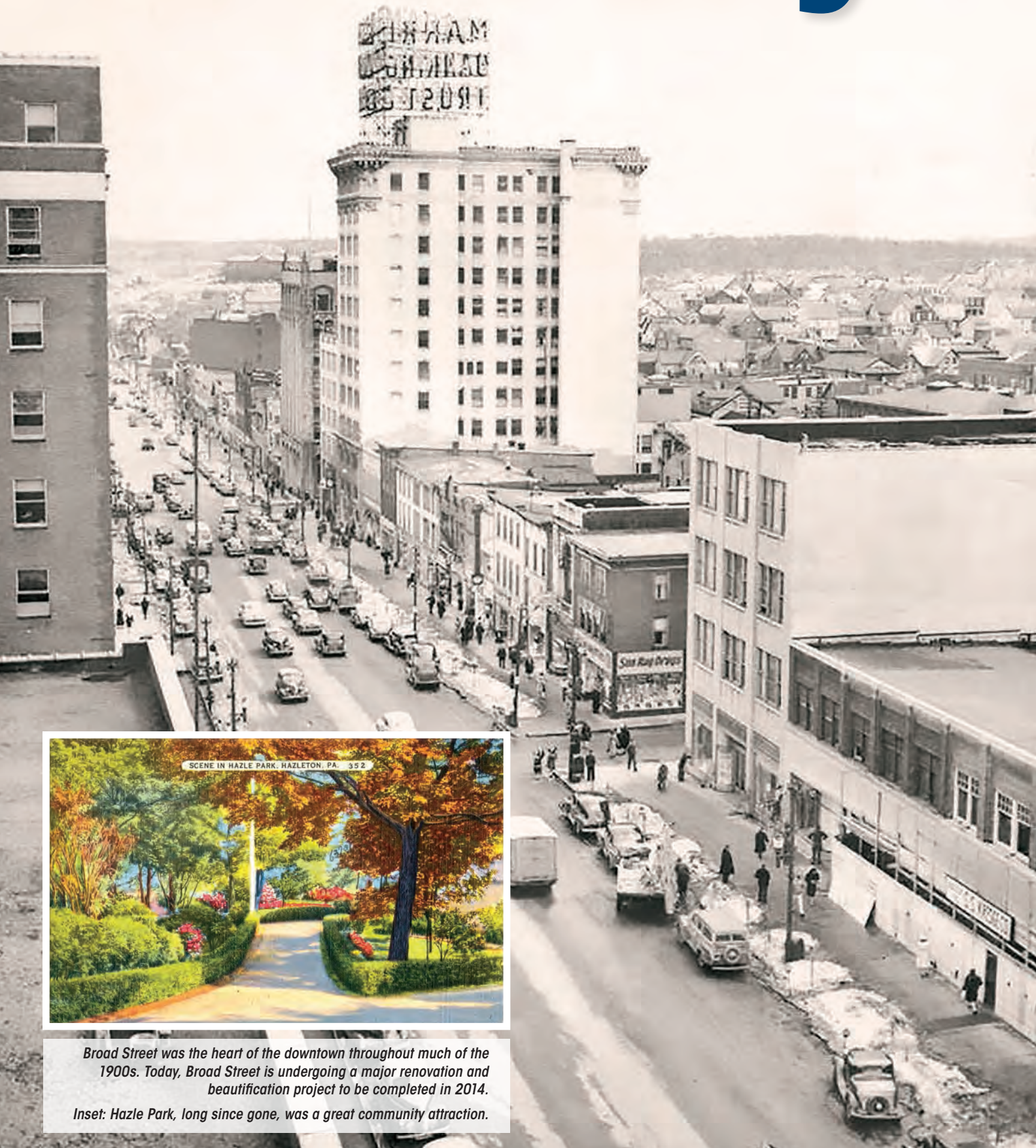
The CareerLink is overseen by the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, which works with local companies to understand workforce needs and implement training to provide employees with the necessary skill levels. The L/S WIB brings industry, education and economic development together to determine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

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

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

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

Our History



Broad Street was the heart of the downtown throughout much of the 1900s. Today, Broad Street is undergoing a major renovation and beautification project to be completed in 2014.

Inset: Hazle Park, long since gone, was a great community attraction.

From hazle thickets in pine

Growth fueled by anthracite continues to this day

The founders and initial residents of Hazleton were hardworking men and women, just as local folks are today.

Though the area really got on the map through the discovery and mining of anthracite coal, it had been explored and traversed for years before that.

The Native Americans were the first to cross through the area, blazing two trails. 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.

In 1809, blacksmith Jacob Drumheller opened the State House Hotel at the corner of today’s Broad and Vine streets in Hazleton.

Hazleton’s real growth began after the discovery of anthracite coal running deep underneath the ground. Anthracite is harder, heavier and a more potent fuel than any other coal, and nowhere on earth is anthracite more abundant than in northeastern Pennsylvania.

By 1833, when blacksmiths and others had recognized the value of anthracite as a fuel, a young New Yorker named Arivistus “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



The region’s coal industry led to rapid growth for downtown Hazleton’s businesses, which served the needs of both residents and travelers alike.

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,



Pardee Mansion, on Broad Street between Church and Laurel streets, was the home of Arivistius “Ario” Pardee, the founding father of Hazleton.



A scene from Hazleton's downtown in the 1930s.



Eckley Coxe with his wife Sophia at their Freeland home in the late 1800s. A successful coal magnate, he founded the school that became today's MMI Preparatory School and was also the namesake of the village of Eckley.

Highland, Lattimer, Hollywood, Mount Pleasant and Hazleton, which outgrew the other patch towns to become the commercial center of the region.

The burgeoning coal industry attracted several waves of immigrants. The Germans and Irish came first in the 1840s and '50s. The next wave – from 1860-1920 – included large groups of Italians, Polish, Russians, Lithuanians and Slovaks.

Pardee made significant contributions to the engineering and geology programs at Lafayette College in Easton. His patronage also extended to a number of other organizations, and he mentored the next generation of community leaders, including George Markle, another well-known figure in Hazleton's history.

Markle started as a clerk in Pardee's company store at Broad and Wyoming streets. By the age of 22, Markle had advanced to hold the positions of bookkeeper and superintendent for Pardee's booming coal business. Before long, he was named general superintendent of all of Pardee's collieries.

Markle improved nearly every technical aspect of mining operations. He invented the modern coal breaker and a new pump to keep mines dry and save lives during floods. Throughout his life, he held 70 patents.

Hazleton was officially incorporated as a borough on April 22, 1856. Its name was supposed to be "Hazelton" but a clerk misspelled it on papers used during incorporation. Hazleton elected Pardee's brother-in-law Abraham Jones as its first burgess.

Just a few years later, when the Civil War began, Pardee outfitted a Hazleton regiment that was commanded by his son Ario Pardee Jr. Soldiers from Schuylkill County near Hazleton used their mining skills to tunnel beneath a Confederate fort at the battle of Petersburg in the spring of 1864. After the miners-turned-soldiers finishing digging, they packed explosives beneath the fort. The blast destroyed the fort and killed 270 Southern troops. However, delays and poor decisions by Union generals prevented the North from consolidating on the miners' success, and the Union lost 4,000 men in the counterattack.

At the end of the war, John Gliem's Band, which formed in 1859 in Hazleton and is now called the Hazleton Liberty Band, played during the surrender at Appomattox.

Not all residents of the Hazleton area celebrated the war. Immigrant miners felt neutral toward issues that split North and South. After the conscription act of 1863, anti-draft movements sprung up in the Anthracite Region, including in Hazleton, where the government arrested organizers.

A group that solidified during the anti-draft movement, the Molly Maguires, allegedly carried out murders against mine superintendents and others allied with mining interests after the war. They went on strike on behalf of Irish immigrants and other miners whose efforts to preserve wages and form unions faltered against the allied interests of the mine owners, railroads and civil authorities. A Pinkerton detective hired to infiltrate the society provided testimony that led to the hanging of 10 Molly Maguires in Pottsville and Mauch Chunk on June 21, 1877. Paramount Pictures filmed a movie called "The Molly Maguires" in 1968 in the village of Eckley, which has been preserved as a living history museum.

Eckley was named after Eckley Coxe, grandson of Tench Coxe, who had purchased land throughout the region after the Revolutionary War. Tench Coxe, who was commissioner of internal revenue for President George Washington, bought

80,000 acres in the Northeast after the discovery of anthracite around 1790. The land was expanded by his son, Charles Coxe, who had also served as a Philadelphia judge.

Eckley Coxe later, in 1886, took over mining in the town named for him. By then he had earned a degree from the University of Pennsylvania, surveyed his father's lands, studied mining in England and France and operated mines in several other towns around Hazleton. He patented mining machines and built his own railroad, too.

An innovator as a mining engineer, Eckley Coxe also was innovative in his attitude about labor. He preferred not to keep miners in debt to owners such as company stores that charged high prices but offered easy credit or company doctors to whom miners paid subscriptions.

The state 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. The village today contains miners' former homes, some of which are still occupied today. The larger homes in the village belonged to company supervisors and the mine owner. Eckley also housed a company store; the home of the company doctor, who mine workers paid a monthly fee for health care; and two churches, St. James Episcopal, built for the English and Welsh who arrived first and possessed the mining knowledge, and the Catholic church, built at the poor end of town for the workers who came later – the Irish, Slovaks, Poles and Lithuanians. The buildings in Eckley, 9 miles outside the City of Hazleton, are open to visitors, particularly during special events such as Patch Town Days, 1940s Weekend and Civil War Weekend. During these events, members of the Eckley Players dress the part of miners, housewives, doctors, shopkeepers, coal company police and more, walking through the village or greeting visitors in Eckley's historic homes.

Eckley Coxe and his brothers opened a hospital in Drifton, where he lived, in 1882. The hospital operated until 1891 when the state established a hospital in Hazleton, with Eckley Coxe as president of the board.

After the death of Eckley Coxe in 1895, his widow, Sophia Coxe, continued her husband's philanthropic works. She expanded the Mining and Mechanical Institute that she and Eckley started in 1879 in Drifton. The school, known today as MMI Preparatory School, moved to Freeland and now educates children in grades six through 12. Sophia Coxe left a bequest that supported the school, extending at her death in 1925 the missions that led her to be called the angel of the anthracite fields during her life. She gave away up to 90 percent of her income, and her gifts helped add a wing for women and children to the state hospital in Hazleton.

With the hospital, other public services began in Hazleton. Soldiers returning from the Civil War started the first fire company, the Pioneer, in 1866. A year later, Ario Pardee, George Markle and William Grier of Danville started the first bank in Hazleton. The first Hazleton High School was built in 1874.

Markle's son Alvan became president of the bank and in 1910, he built the 11-story Markle Bank building at the corner of Broad and Wyoming streets. The building still stands today and is now known as Hayden Tower at the Markle, home to many professional offices.

Alvan Markle had established Hazle Park in West Hazleton as a



An electric trolley passes the Markle Building in 1922. Today, Hazleton Public Transit serves the region's need with modern buses.

picnic area in 1861, and it became an amusement park complete with rides and an ice-skating rink in 1892. Alvan Markle founded the Lehigh Traction company in 1893, shuttling passengers around Hazleton and surrounding towns via trolley. The trolley also stopped at Hazle Park, bringing larger crowds to the park.

Hazleton became one of the first cities in the world to have electric lights after a visit from Thomas Alva Edison. The Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Hazleton was created and electricity began to flow in 1884. (Hazleton was also one of the first cities in the nation to have cable television, which came in 1950.)



Hazle Park, shown here in the 1920s, was a popular venue for local residents.

In the 1880s coal mining boomed, as did Hazleton, where the population increased 71 percent from 6,935 to 11,872 during the decade and other businesses emerged.

The Hazleton National Bank opened in 1888, founded by another coal company operator, A.S. Van Wickle, who also built an ornate party house dubbed a casino.

By 1891, Hazleton Borough became the City of Hazleton, as recognized by the state of Pennsylvania.

A brewery, Hazleton Pilsner, opened along with the Kelmer Piano factory, George Engle's flour mill and the Hazleton casket works. Groceries, dry good stores and department stores went into business around town, where three hotels already were established: the Hazleton House that stood from 1837 to 2002; the Valley Hotel, styled like a Southern mansion; and the Central Hotel, built in 1874 and renamed the Hotel Loughran and the Hotel Gary before fire destroyed it and killed seven people in 1959.

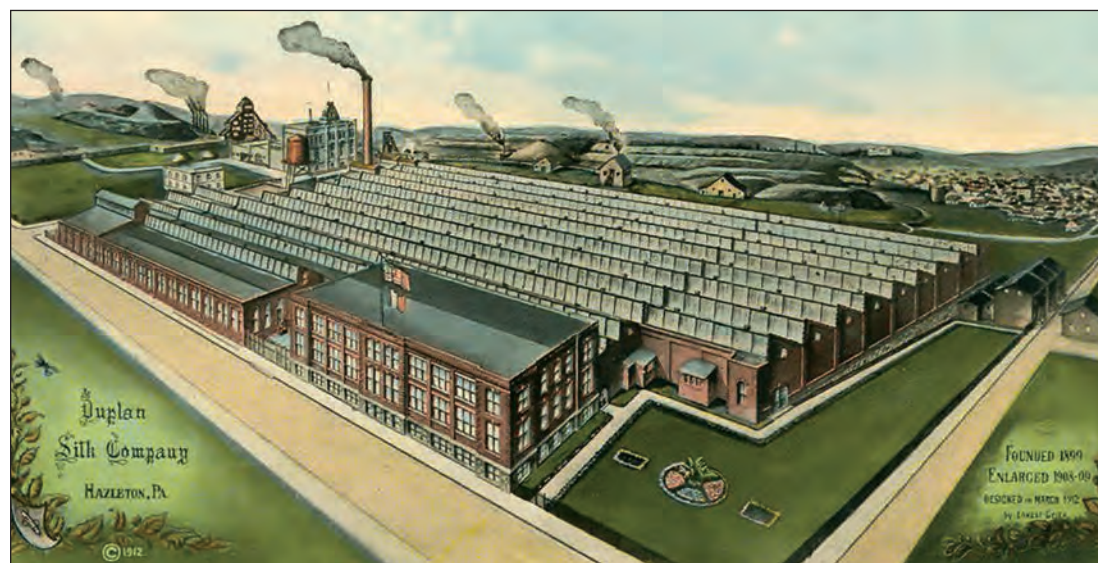
In addition to working for the coal companies, people took jobs in factories that supported the mines. The Jeanesville Iron Works produced mine pumps from 1843 to 1916. At the trainworks in Weatherly, employees of the Lehigh Valley Railroad manufactured 80 locomotives between 1861 and 1916.

A second major industry, garment making, complemented mining, starting in 1894 when Jacob Gerhardt opened a shirt factory.

In 1898, Duplan, a French firm reacting to the Dingley Tariff of 1897 that made its fabric expensive to import, chose to build the world's largest silk mill in Hazleton.

The Duplan building expanded twice, eventually covering more than a half-million square feet along Diamond Avenue between Cedar and Wyoming streets and providing a workplace for hundreds of people, including highly skilled operators of Jacquard looms. A clubhouse that the company built next to the factory as a place where female employees could eat lunch had a swimming pool, a darkroom for amateur photographers and a library. The women played tennis and indoor games and took classes on subjects such as cooking, sewing and first aid.

During World War I, Duplan workers made gunpowder sacks for the military.



The Duplan Silk Company once operated the world's largest silk mill in Hazleton, employing hundreds of people.

A calamity in Hazleton history that had repercussions around the world began with a strike that spread through the coalfields late in the summer of 1897. Miners supported the cause of about 20 boys who were fired after refusing a demand that they work two extra hours a day, taking mules between stables and the mines, for no additional pay.

Many of the striking miners were immigrants given the hardest jobs in the mines and subject to an immigrant tax of 3 cents a day. Divided by language and national origin, the miners united around their belief in the American rights of free speech and assembly.

They recruited strikers by marching to coal operations in other towns.

On September 10, 1897, they planned a march to Lattimer, a patch town that Pardee built in 1869 less than 4 miles north of the center of Hazleton.

Coal company owners, seeking to stop what they considered the vigilantism of the mobs of miners, turned to Luzerne County Sheriff James Martin, who armed some 80 deputies.

Martin and his posse met the miners at West Hazleton, where he broke the arm of a leader of the miners, but the marchers continued on their way after the West Hazleton police chief said they had a right to proceed peacefully but suggested that they go around Hazleton.

The posse hopped on the trolley and once again headed off the miners at Lattimer.

When the marchers arrived, the sheriff ordered them to disperse. In a scuffle, he pulled the trigger of his handgun, which failed to fire. Then he or someone else hollered instructions to fire – Martin said in an interview the next day that he gave the order, but he later retracted his statement. A miner holding an American flag was the first to fall. In the next minutes, dozens of miners crumpled. At least 19 of them died, and approximately twice that many were wounded. In a trial that inflamed the anti-immigrant prejudices of the jury, Martin and his men were acquitted.

The United Mine Workers, however, gained solidarity in the coalfields and sympathy from around the country because of the tragedy. Events at Lattimer helped solidify the United Mine

Workers and win recognition for the right of workers in all industries to form unions and bargain collectively.

Under John Mitchell, the United Mine Workers held together during strikes in the anthracite fields in 1900 and the famous strike in 1902 that ended after six months when President Theodore Roosevelt appointed an arbitration panel to mediate a settlement.

Miners of any era faced danger every time they went underground. "Fall of coal," "hit by mine car," "explosion of gas," "fell down chute" – all are among the

descriptions in state records of how miners were killed or injured. By 1900 in the anthracite fields, 13,000 miners had died on the job. The total reached 31,113 by 1995.

Miners were as uncertain of their paychecks as they were of their safety. Demand for coal was highest in winters, but mining companies cut back in other seasons. Miners worked a few days a week rather than full time. During slack times, miners might have relied on credit from the company stores, and when they did get a pay stub, much of the money already had been deducted to cover their groceries and mining supplies.

But demand for coal declined 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. Hazleton was a boomtown with theaters like the Grand Opera House, the Palace and the Feeley, which opened in 1916, presenting vaudeville acts and motion pictures and gamblers slipping coins into illegal slot machines.

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. Oil competed with coal for the heating market. The United Mine Workers called strikes in 1922, 1923 and 1925. Their actions led to a smaller workforce, but miners who stayed in the industry were paid better and had safer working conditions.

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 went bust: the Duplan silk mill had closed in 1953.

Facing unemployment that neared 23 percent in the city, the Hazleton area was at one of its lowest points.

In 1954, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and its chairman, Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, asked residents to contribute a



Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy visited Hazleton Oct. 28, 1960.

dime a week to a fund drive that paid to develop the Valmont Industrial Park.

Two years later, the chamber formed the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO) to bring companies and jobs to Greater Hazleton. The group sold bonds, constructed a speculative building in Valmont and then found a company, General Foam, to start production there. CAN DO also brought crayon-maker Sargent Art to the empty Duplan Building. Since its founding, CAN DO has developed three industrial parks and one corporate center that have become foundations of Hazleton's economy.

Leaders from the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce joined a contingent from northern Pennsylvania that successfully lobbied the federal government to build Interstate 80 through their communities, a decision that put Hazleton at the crossroads of Interstates 80 and 81 and brought more businesses to the area's industrial parks.

In October 1960, a young senator from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy, came to Hazleton and McAdoo while campaigning for president of the United States. His plane landed at the Hazleton Municipal Airport, greeted by about 20,000 people. From the airport to downtown Hazleton, 17 vehicles were part of his entourage. The group included three busloads of nearly 100 news reporters and their typewriters. As Kennedy spoke in front of the Altamont Hotel at Broad and Church streets, Hazleton Mayor S. Thomas Capparell presented Kennedy with the key to the city.

In August 1963, the world watched as a dramatic rescue effort took place near Sheppton, a few miles outside of Hazleton. Three miners, David Fellin, Henry "Hank" Throne and Louis Bova, were feared lost after a

cave-in at the mine in which they were working.

Five days after the miners were last heard from, contact was once again made with two of them – Fellin and Throne, who were trapped more than 300 feet below the surface. The two men were finally pulled to the surface 14 days after the earth gave way, but the body of Louis Bova was never recovered. During the rescue attempt, the mine cave-in grabbed headlines across the globe.

In 1964, after more than a century as a coal town and a decade of economic change, Hazleton was named by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine as an All-America City.

The past few decades have brought the area new businesses, roads and recreational opportunities such as Hazle Township Community Park and the Greater Hazleton Rails-to-Trails.

Today's Hazleton is as diverse as it was during coal-mining days, with many of the newcomers coming from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and other regions in Latin America, bringing with them the traditions of their culture and homelands.



Community donations helped form CAN DO to help bring jobs to the region after the coal mines flooded.

Worship



A valued history of tradition

Strong faiths unite the region

People of all faiths have found congregations in Greater Hazleton, where new churches join more established houses of worship to offer instruction, support, peace and guidance to local residents and visitors.

One of the oldest congregations in Hazleton, First Presbyterian, was established in 1838 in an old schoolhouse at the corner of Church and Green streets. Several buildings have served the church since that time, including the one presently in use that has been suggested for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Brainerd Church, which local historians estimate was built in 1841 in Sugarloaf Township, has become a museum and site of an annual fall festival. For holidays such as Thanksgiving Eve and Easter morning, the doors reopen for worship with candles supplying the light and a foot-powered organ the music as in pioneer days. The church is listed on the rolls of the Historic American Building Survey.

Historic churches abound in Hazleton, many of them having been established in the mid to late 1800s. When the churches were founded, each had a unique ethnic identity: Holy Trinity served Germans, St. Joseph's was attended by Slovaks and Most Precious Blood was the first Italian Catholic church in Hazleton. Polish, Romanian, Tyrolean, Welsh, Greek Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic congregations established churches as well.

The older churches feature beautiful architecture; for example, St. Gabriel's on the South Side was designed in the Baroque style and features an ornate bell tower and magnificent stained glass windows. Other architectural features at churches throughout Hazleton include high-reaching spires, elaborate masonry work and high-reaching spires.

The Catholic church has renamed several of the parishes – St. Gabriel's is now Holy Annunciation Parish, St. Joseph's is now Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Our Lady of Grace is now Queen of Heaven Parish and Transfiguration Church in West Hazleton is now Holy Name of Jesus Parish, but the churches continue to carry out their mission of providing spiritual guidance to their parishioners and service to their community.

In addition to Catholic churches, a variety of Protestant denominations exist to serve people in Hazleton, including Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal and non-denominational. Grace Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Faith United Church of Christ and Faith Assembly



Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf belongs to the Order of Discalced Carmelites, which is the legacy of its founders, Saint Teresa of Ávila and Saint John of the Cross.

Greater Hazleton is home to a variety of houses of worship, including Beth Israel Temple.



of God are among many of the congregations in the area.

Churches meet in a variety of venues, from traditional facilities to former storefronts. Some congregations have moved into buildings originally constructed for other churches, ushering in a new era of religion in Greater Hazleton. One of those, Maranatha Seventh-Day Adventist Romanian & Multinational Church, offers translation into French, Romanian, Russian, Serbian and Spanish. Some newer Latino congregations have also reclaimed dormant church buildings, conducting services in Spanish or in 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 Hazleton South Beltway.

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

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

His Will Missions at Faith Assembly of God Church helps meet community needs, hosting community meals and offering free oil changes

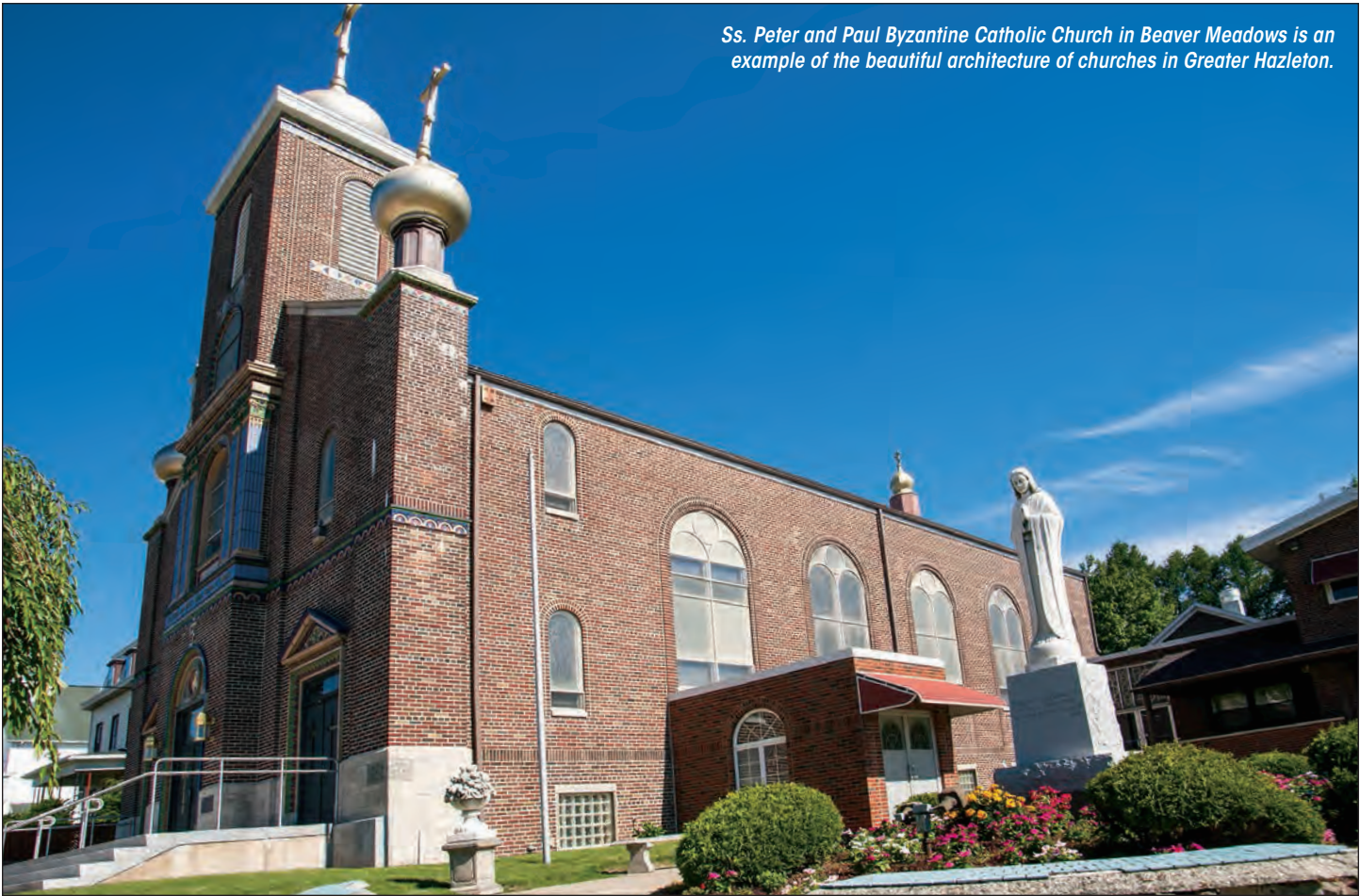
for single parents.

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

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

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

Summer festivals are a staple of several Hazleton area churches, some featuring processions that were first held decades ago. Before the Feast of St. Mauro at Queen of Heaven Parish at our Lady of Grace and Most Precious Blood Church's Madonna Del Monte Feast, the faithful often carry shrines called cinti – candlehouses that are supported by poles, illuminated by candles and honoring saints and relatives of the marchers.



Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Beaver Meadows is an example of the beautiful architecture of churches in Greater Hazleton.



Above, St. James Episcopal Church in Drifton served as a home church for coal miners in the 19th century and still holds services today. Below, Trinity Lutheran Church is one of several churches in downtown Hazleton.





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Arts & Culture



Funfest, an annual community celebration held in downtown Hazleton, culminates in a parade down Broad Street.

Artistic and cultural events

Vibrant and growing in Hazleton

The arts scene in Greater Hazleton is alive and well. Should you choose to take in a cultural activity or be part of the activity, you have your choice of ways to do so.

One of the premiere venues in the Hazleton area is the Wiltsie Center at the Historic Castle, located in the auditorium of Hazleton Elementary/Middle School. This beautiful restored facility is the centerpiece of the renovated school, which opened in 1927 as Hazleton High School, and after closing and lying fallow for a few years, reopened as Hazleton Elementary/Middle School.

The school was once scheduled for the wrecking ball, but local citizens worked feverishly to ensure its survival and later revival. Those volunteers were the ones who raised the remainder of the money necessary to renovate the auditorium, which opened in October 2011.

World-famous acts such as Chicago, Bret Michaels, Michael Bolton and Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers have performed at the Wiltsie Center. The center also provides another setting for local performance groups that take the stage year round in Hazleton.

Hazleton Area High School is the setting for the Greater Hazleton Concert Series, which is the oldest nonprofit cultural organization in the area. Each year for nearly 80 years, the series has presented a season of professional acts, including diverse and international numbers.

The Hazleton area also has a number of amateur theater groups that are so good, you might think they were professional. The Pennsylvania Theatre of the Performing Arts, the MPB Community Players and the Nuremberg Community Players



Bret Michaels, formerly of the rock group Poison, performed at the Wiltsie Center in 2012.

stage plays and musicals throughout the year, and the Eckley Players perform skits at events held at Eckley Miners' Village and other locations. In addition to giving their audiences a great night of theater, all these groups give local residents the chance to showcase their talents by performing in a first-class show, building sets or designing costumes.

Sometimes, shuttered churches open their doors once again after being recreated inside as performance venues. The Nuremberg Community Players are renovating the former St. Joseph's Church in Nuremberg for use as a theater. The former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Hazleton is now used as Catholic Social Services' Our Lady of Mount Carmel Family Center, which is occasionally the setting for theatrical or musical performances.

The Rev. J.J. Ferrara Performing Arts Center in downtown Hazleton has hosted numerous plays and concerts. Musical



The Wiltsie Center is located inside the Hazleton Elementary/Middle School, which was once Hazleton High School and is still called "the Castle on the Hill."



performances are also offered by the Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hazleton Liberty Band and St. Ann's Band of Freeland, including open-air concerts during summertime. Gazebos and bandstands at parks in Hazleton Township, Freeland, Weatherly and Conyngham offer a variety of locations for outdoor performances and events.

One of the newest arrivals to the cultural scene in Greater Hazleton is the Hazleton One Community Center, a brainchild of Hazleton native and Tampa Bay Rays Manager Joe Maddon and his Hazleton Integration Project. The center, located in a former Catholic school, provides a variety of educational, cultural and athletic activities for children and adults throughout the week, including basketball, club meetings, citizenship classes and help with homework while students enjoy a hot meal.

Students in the Hazleton area showcase their talent while also gaining opportunities to grow and learn. In the Hazleton Area High School auditorium, the high school's chorus, concert and jazz bands give concerts throughout the year, while the school's drama club offers public performances. The marching band pumps up the crowd at Cougar football games and parades.

The philharmonic provides lessons throughout the year for young musicians, and in the summer they are able to take classes and perform outdoor concerts at historic Ferrwood Music Camp in Butler Township.

The Hazleton Area Public Library holds story and craft times for children at its main location in Hazleton and at its branch libraries.



Dance companies teach a variety of types of dance to youth in the Hazleton area. The groups hold recitals and perform at benefit events in Greater Hazleton.

For those who want to take in artwork or participate themselves, the Hazleton Art League holds classes for all ability levels. Lessons in drawing; painting; sculpture; making jewelry, origami and stained glass are among the offerings, as are courses for children. The art league also displays collections of artwork in its gallery and hosts a monthly book club.

The Greater Hazleton Historical Society displays items from the homes, businesses, military units and sports teams of Hazleton in the past.

Penn State Hazleton hosts a concert series whose artists often bring styles of music and dance from other cultures to local audiences.

Only a short drive from Hazleton, venues such as the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre Township, the F.M. Kirby Center in downtown Wilkes-Barre and the Toyota Pavilion at Montage Mountain in Moosic host internationally known musical acts, while the Scranton Cultural Center puts on well-known shows. Penn's Peak in Jim Thorpe hosts numerous rock, country and tribute concerts.

In downtown Bloomsburg, the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble stages professional productions of a selection of plays and original works each season at the Alvina Krause Theatre.

The Briggs Farm in Nescopeck hosts nationally known blues performers to its outdoor two-day blues fest held every July for more than 15 years.

Other events and festivals take place throughout the year, particularly in the summertime. For the Fourth of July, the City of Hazleton assembles its "Hold Your Flag High" show at Harman-Geist Stadium downtown with music, crafts and food, concluding with an impressive fireworks display.

Over a weekend in September, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce holds its biggest event of the year, Funfest (see pages 44-45 for a detailed look). Planning takes place all year long for this massive celebration, which blends small-town traditions with big-time fun. Thousands of people congregate in downtown Hazleton to experience this family-friendly event that's so much fun it takes up an entire weekend. Funfest was named a "local legacy" by the Library of Congress.

There's no charge to attend the Funfest events, which offer something for every age group. Whether it's the craft show, street fair, car show, teen events, celebrity tricycle race, "touch a truck" event for the kids or free musical entertainment, everyone is sure to find something to enjoy.

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



The CAN DO Community Christmas helps celebrate the holiday season.

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

Later in September, many area residents head to the Bloomsburg Fair, the largest fair



Hazleton's Joe Maddon (back, center) brings baseball celebrities to town to help raise funding for his Hazleton One Community Center (above).

in the state. Fairgoers enjoy arts and crafts displays, musical entertainment, rides, live animal displays and more.

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

In December, music groups stage Christmas concerts. Children gather at City Hall for a tree lighting. The CAN DO Community Christmas celebration, featuring musical performances by local school groups, is open to the public. The Chamber conducts its "Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus" event each year, featuring entertainment by local dance groups.



Funfest

Begun in 1979 by a committee of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, Funfest started as a community fair and parade, and has grown to become the largest event of its kind in Luzerne County, attracting about 70,000 people to Downtown Hazleton each year.

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

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- Garage Sale
- Celebrity Trike Race
- Pierogie Hockey Slapshot Challenge
- Latin Music Celebration
- Veterans' Welcome Tent
- Fireworks
- And, of course, the Funfest parade featuring giant balloons.
- NO admission and parking is free!



Recreation



Valley Country Club in Sugarloaf is a popular spot for golfing and relaxation.

Greater Hazleton, Pennsylvania...

Entertainment and fun for kids and adults

Greater Hazleton provides beautiful natural scenery that lends itself to plenty of recreational activities. The mountains, lakes, rivers, trails and streams are a haven for outdoor enthusiasts and photographers.

The Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails is a 6-mile length of trail traveled by runners, walkers, cyclists, cross-country skiers, photography buffs, dog walkers and children in strollers. The trail begins one mile from Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton on Route 93 and provides up-close views of forests, plants, animals and reclaimed mine land.

The trail was developed by volunteers under the leadership of the Greater Hazleton Civic Partnership, an affiliate of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. The Rails to Trails area includes exercise stations, picnic benches, play stations for children, memorial trees, a demonstration garden of native plants and grasses and informative signs.



Plans for the future call for an additional 12 miles of trail to be developed, connecting Hazleton with the historic Eckley Miners' Village and the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor near Rockport leading to Lehigh Gorge State Park.

State parks throughout the region offer ample opportunities for hiking, bicycling, swimming, camping, fishing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, kayaking, boating, hunting or just observing.

Visitors to state parks can join naturalists for hikes along marked trails, programs that introduce families to fishing, camping and kayaking, and classes on Native Americans and local history. Wildlife watchers and photographers can look for creatures deep in the forest or climb Hawk Mountain or Council Cup to identify the migrating birds soaring past.

A junior bird club at Nescopeck State Park introduces young people to birdwatching, while more experienced birders can join in events of the local Audubon Society or take part in the annual Christmas and backyard bird counts.

In addition to state parks, local residents and visitors can enjoy the outdoors at municipal and county parks, state game lands and preserves that are open to the public.

The parks and preserves of the Hazleton area have courses for trail runs, snowshoe races and other competitions. Whitetail Preserve in Black Creek Township has the only course in Pennsylvania designed



Children rock climbing during the annual Valley Day event held each summer in Conyngham.



Fishing is a popular pastime throughout Greater Hazleton.

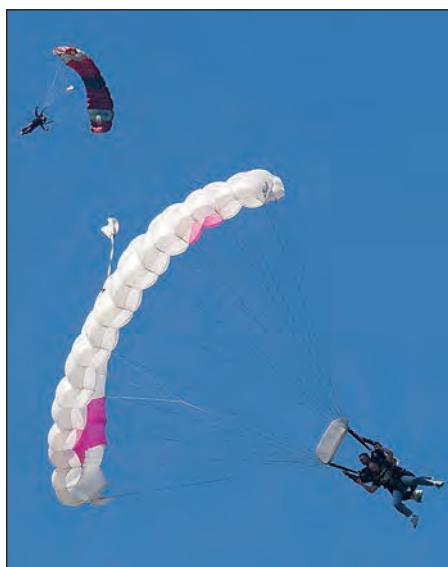
especially for biathlons, a sport that combines running with target shooting in the summer or snowshoeing or cross-country skiing with shooting in the winter.

Several clubs offer venues for shooting skeet, trap and sporting clays and hold public shoots for charity. The Hazleton Archery Club maintains a range just outside Hazleton in Drifton.

The Arthur Street Playground in Hazleton features a skateboard park. Races each year offer distances such as 5K and 10K, with some of them offering walks or kids' fun runs as well. Bicyclists can participate in charity rides or go off-road on trails from gently graded rail trails to mountainous, rutted single tracks. BMX riders can try the Olympic-caliber track at the Louis Schiavo City View Park, where children as young as 5 learn to ride and race through regular events and practices. For the canines, Bailey's Bark Park also allows dogs of similar sizes to greet each other unleashed within fenced-in fields.

Youth sports are popular in Hazleton, with Little League and youth leagues for soccer, basketball, football, street hockey and bowling among the offerings. Gymnastics lessons are offered at several centers.

Adults take part in leagues, too, with groups organized for basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, bowling and golf. Golf courses are sprinkled throughout the area.



Skydiving offers an adrenaline rush.

restaurant at the course.

Enjoy horseback riding at one of the farms in the region, or take part in boating, kayaking or whitewater rafting on one of the waterways in the area.

The Greater Hazleton Astronomical Society, founded in 1989, meets monthly and during special events to view stars, planets and meteors. The Greater Hazleton Geocaching Society, which got its start in 2011, offers opportunities for people to search outdoors for hidden objects using GPS technology.

Those looking for the high-adrenaline action of skydiving need look no further than Hazleton, where Above the Poconos Skydiving is led by Don Kellner, who holds the Guinness World Record for most parachute descents. The group, which has been operating since 1961, offers individual and tandem skydiving from the Hazleton Municipal Airport.

Professional sports have a strong presence in the region. Fans can attend a game of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, the Triple-A team of the New York Yankees, or the Lehigh Valley IronPigs, the Philadelphia Phillies' Triple-A affiliate. For the unbeatable excitement of hockey, take in a Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins game at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza. The local Penguins, the American Hockey League affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins, have qualified for the playoffs for 11 seasons in a row, the longest-running AHL streak.

For personal fitness, Greater Hazleton presents a variety of choices. Gyms such as the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, Lift, Core Fitness, Mystic Yoga and the Hazleton YM/YWCA provide workout options including treadmills, elliptical machines, bicycles, free weights, weight machines and fitness classes. The YMCA also features a swimming pool, rock wall and basketball court. Martial arts studios offer instruction to children and adults.

Tennis courts are located at playgrounds and parks throughout the area.

Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing are popular wintertime activities here, and it's easy to see why. Eagle Rock Resort's slopes are located just a few minutes from Hazleton, and other ski resorts in the Poconos such as Jack Frost Big Boulder, Montage Mountain, Camelback Mountain Resort, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area and Blue Mountain Ski Area and Resort are within an hour's drive. During the summer, visit the resorts' waterparks, including Montage Mountain Waterpark and Camelbeach, or visit the waterpark at Split Rock Resort all year long. CBK Mountain Adventures at Camelback offers ziplining, an adventure course and more.

Amusement parks are another popular destination in northeastern Pennsylvania. Knoebels in Elysburg is a great park for the family, with free admission, world-famous wooden roller coasters and top-rated food. Hersheypark, built in the town famous for chocolate, features more than 65 attractions, including 11 rollercoasters. Adjacent to the park is Hershey's Chocolate World, which is open year round and takes visitors through the process of making chocolate. Free samples at the end of the ride and a large gift shop round out the experience. Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown combines high-speed rides; a waterpark with 22 waterslides, two wave pools, two lazy rivers and several children's play areas; and Planet Snoopy, a children's area featuring 16 rides. Hersheypark is open certain

days during the Halloween and Christmas seasons with Hersheypark in the Dark and Christmas Candylane. Dorney Park operates BooBlast! for children and scarier Halloween Haunt during the Halloween season.

The excitement continues at Pocono International Raceway in Long Pond, which hosts two NASCAR races each year, and the 1/3-mile oval track of Evergreen Raceway Park in St. Johns, which hosts a series of races on weekends from April to October. The Weatherly Hillclimb has been held twice a year since 1960 on a thrilling course that includes six turns and a "jump" area where most cars leave contact with the pavement.

Horse-racing enthusiasts can see some action of their own at Wilkes-Barre's Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, which also includes a casino with more than 2,300 slot machines and table games, restaurants, stores and entertainment. Mohegan Sun's newest addition features a convention center, seven-story hotel, spa and salon and indoor pool.



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Health care in Greater Hazleton underwent substantial change in early 2014 when the Greater Hazleton Health Alliance announced it was merging with Lehigh Valley Health Network and Hazleton General Hospital (HGH) would become Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton. The merger resulted in providing residents of Greater Hazleton and surrounding communities with the full resources of the metropolitan health care system at Lehigh Valley.

During recent years, HGH had been recognized for outstanding health care by many national organizations. Hazleton General Hospital was named one of the Best Hospitals in Pennsylvania by U.S. News & World Report in 2013, scoring as “High Performing” in Pulmonology. The magazine also named HGH as among the best in northeastern Pennsylvania/Lehigh Valley and the Scranton metro area, which includes the larger cities of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

HGH had received numerous awards for treating heart failure, stroke and coronary artery disease from the American Heart Association. For five consecutive years (2008 to 2012), the hospital was recognized by HealthGrades for Excellence in Patient Safety, which honors hospitals that are in the top 10



percent in the nation for patient safety. HealthGrades also recognized HGH for Pulmonary Care for three consecutive years (2012 to 2014).

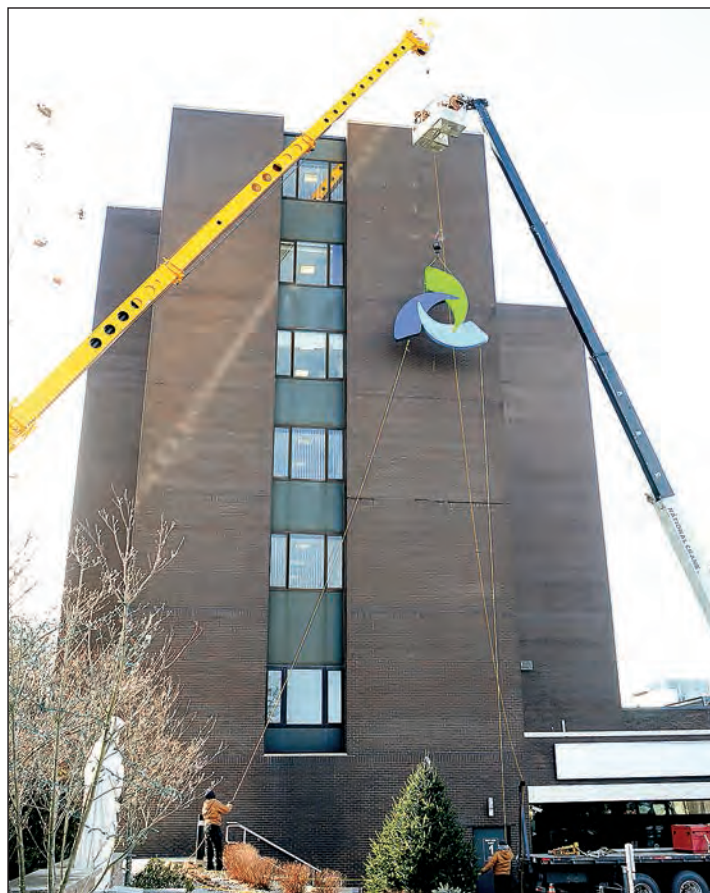
HGH was the first accredited Primary Care Stroke Center in northeastern Pennsylvania, and is also an accredited Chest Pain Center and a designated Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence. The hospital has also received several Gold Plus Awards from the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association for its excellence in implementing procedures to improve patient outcomes, prevent future hospitalizations and prolong life for patients diagnosed with stroke or heart failure.

The hospital is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, which recognized HGH as a Primary Stroke Center, Level II – the highest level.

The 150-bed hospital in Hazleton provides inpatient acute care, emergency care, maternity services, home care and rehabilitation.

The new Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton is a base for a LVHN MedEvac helicopter, which is stationed on-site at the hospital to allow for quick patient transport during emergencies.

The Family Birthing Center at the hospital provides a modern, secure environment for those who are growing their families. The hospital's Sleep Disorder Center features medical professionals and diagnostic tools to help patients sleep better, which is important to their



well-being. Sleep tests in this area of the hospital are conducted in a hotel-like setting.

The Gunderson Rehabilitation Center helps patients who have experienced strokes, accidents, arthritis and more as they recover and regain their mobility.

Greater Hazleton has many options for home health care including Lehigh Valley Home Care-Hazleton, Maylath Valley Health Systems, Comfort Keepers, Lutheran Home Care, All Care Home Care and Bayada Home Health Care.

The health network operates the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton, a facility featuring outpatient services, doctors' offices, medical testing and a fitness center. Outpatient services include occupational health, laboratory services, rehabilitation services, cardiology and imaging services. The fitness center is ideal for rehab patients, who work with specialists who develop a personalized plan for each person.

For urgent care in Greater Hazleton, Hazleton Urgent Care provides walk-in medical treatment for injuries and ailments including cuts, sprains, fevers, minor fractures and more, when quick treatment is necessary but an emergency room visit is not. The center is staffed by medical professionals, including a doctor with years of experience as an emergency room physician. Hazleton Urgent Care recently moved to a new location along Church Street in downtown Hazleton and shares a building with Hazleton Imaging.

Lehigh Valley Health Network also plans to open a clinic in the Hazleton Shopping Center on Broad Street for those who need non-emergency healthcare.

Greater Hazleton has many physicians in various specialties, as



well as several physician groups including the Lehigh Valley Physician Group-Hazleton (formerly known as Alliance Medical Group) and Mountain Area Health Care.

Residents of Greater Hazleton have plenty of options for selecting a fitness center, with many available throughout the region.

The Hazleton YMCA/YWCA offers fitness opportunities for all ages, starting with infant swimming classes and toddler play programs. Seniors take part in designated classes and a social group. Fitness classes including Zumba, aerobics and more are part of the package. The Y features a gymnasium, two pools, fitness center, rock climbing wall and personal training. Sports teams such as volleyball and basketball play at the Y.

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Other gyms and fitness centers in the area include Core Fitness, Gerrie's Fitness Center, Mountain Valley Family Martial Arts, Lift and Mystic Yoga.

Chiropractors, therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists and counselors are available throughout the Hazleton area. Pathway to Recovery (formerly Serento Gardens) provides counseling and educational services to help overcome addiction or keep addiction from beginning. The agency's educational programs are in place at local schools and are also implemented through presentations and resources provided to community organizations.

Medical testing is conducted by laboratories such as Northeastern Laboratory Medicine, Pennant Laboratory Services, Physicians Clinical Laboratories and Quest Diagnostics.

Hazleton Imaging and Hazleton Radiology offer diagnostics such as X-ray, CT and MRI tests.

Skilled nursing and care are provided at nursing homes and assisted living facilities such as Providence Place Retirement Community, The Laurels, Heritage Hill Senior Community, Weatherwood Nursing Home, Shenandoah Senior Living Community, Hometown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, St. Luke Village, Mountain City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center



and Fritzingertown Senior Living Community. These facilities offer a variety of assisted and semi-independent living, enabling residents to choose the level of care they need.

Bayada Pediatrics provides a team of caregivers, including experienced nurses and home health aides, to care for children with special needs from birth to adolescence.

The Helping Hands Society of Greater Hazleton provides therapy and training for children to help them combat developmental issues and thrive in school and at play.

Helping Hands is supported by the United Way of Greater Hazleton, which provides funding to 25 other organizations that help meet more than 150,000 food, clothing, housing and counseling needs each year.

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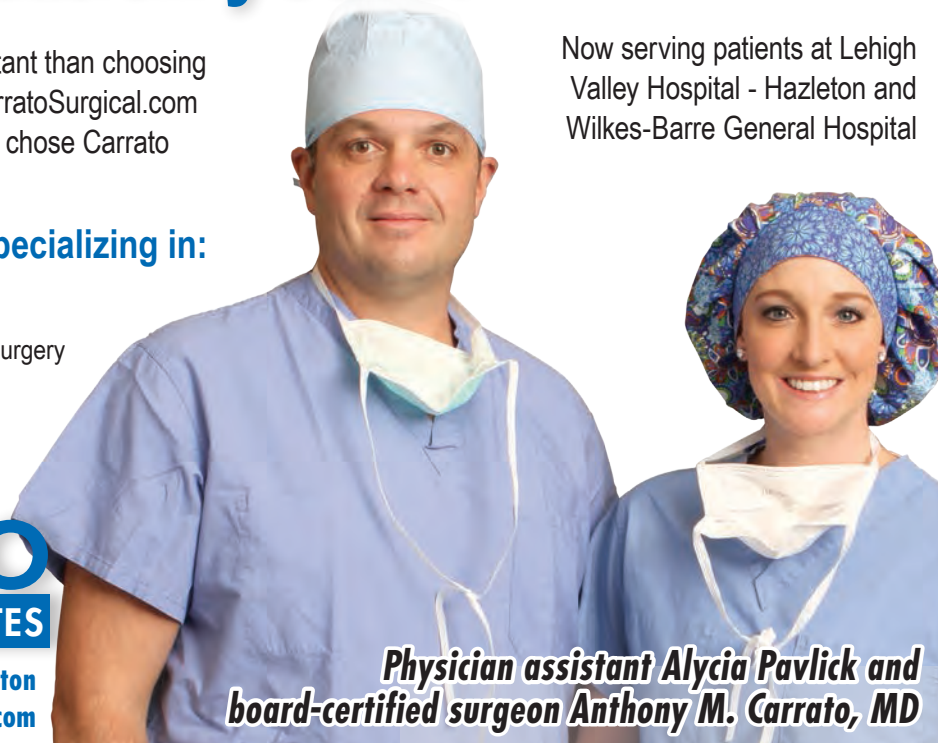
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Strengthening Greater Hazleton's business community

Chamber helps support business and industry

The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce is known as an organization that consistently advocates for its members and the Greater Hazleton community.

The chamber got its start in 1892 as the Hazleton Board of Trade. It changed its name to the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce in 1915 and added the "Greater" to its name in 1953 to better reflect its support for the entire Hazleton community.

Most recently, the chamber has worked to support the revitalization of downtown Hazleton through the creation of a designated group, the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress. The group will augment the work done by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) through its Broad Street Corridor Project, which improved traffic flow through the creation of turning lanes and synchronization of traffic lights along a 4-mile stretch of Route 93. The project also included new sidewalks, streetlights, curbs, trees and parking lots.

The chamber has also worked with the City of Hazleton to establish a downtown overlay district, which is intended to preserve the historic character of Hazleton while providing new opportunities for businesses, and to support Neal and Paul DeAngelo and George F. Hayden as they renovate existing historic buildings into modern office space, which will be a major shot in the arm for downtown Hazleton's economy.

The chamber has been a voice for the businesses and workers



In June 2013, a delegation from the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce met with legislators in Harrisburg.

in Humboldt Industrial Park, working with PennDOT and testifying before the Pennsylvania Legislature to seek the extension of Route 424 from Interstate 81 into Humboldt, providing another means of entry and exit to the park. This would alleviate traffic along Route 924, create a second way out of the park should Route 924 close in an emergency and open up more land for development.

It was the chamber that pushed for the development of a highway at the south end of Hazleton and the creation of an exit off Interstate 81 at the south end of Hazleton, leading to the opening of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce Beltway in the late 1990s.

Supporting new roads for the benefit of residents and industry has long been a part of the chamber's modus operandi. In the 1920s, because of input from the chamber, the state agreed to pay for maintenance of the road between Hazleton and Tamaqua. Chamber leaders began asking PennDOT to place Interstates 80



The Chamber supports the efforts of the Hazleton Integration Project, which was founded by Hazleton native Joe Maddon, who is well known as manager of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays.



Each year, the chamber holds an annual dinner that brings together the Greater Hazleton business community.

and 81 near Hazleton in the 1950s. The intersection of those two roads literally put Hazleton on the map by allowing the city to stand out when developers look for sites close to highways where they will open new businesses.

The chamber also lobbied for the state to widen Route 924 through Humboldt Industrial Park. The road, formerly just two lanes, is now a five-lane highway through much of the park.

The chamber has had an indelible impact on many organizations in the community, having played a role in the creation of several of them. The chamber was an early advocate for starting an airport and a paid fire department in Hazleton. In 1922, chamber members organized the Community Chest, which became the United Way of Greater Hazleton and supports the region's social service agencies. The chamber helped launch construction of Hazleton High School, known as the Castle on the Hill, which opened in 1927 and reopened several years ago as Hazleton Elementary/Middle School. The chamber backed the move of Penn State Hazleton from downtown to its campus on the former estate of the Markle family in Sugarloaf Township in the 1940s and, more recently, the start of four-year degree programs on campus. The chamber supported the merger of several smaller districts to form the Hazleton Area School District in the 1960s.

It was the chamber, led by then-President Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, that founded CAN DO, Greater Hazleton's economic development



The Annual Greater Hazleton Golf Outing & On-Course Business Exposition offers good times mixed with business opportunities.

such as Partners in Education, the PA CareerLink at Hazleton and the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board to prepare local students for jobs in the area. The Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, an affiliate of the chamber, offers a scholarship for local students who agree to work in the Hazleton area after earning their college degrees or extending their education. The

chamber presents awards each year to top students and leaders in business and the community.

Junior Leadership, Leadership Hazleton and Silver Leadership are chamber affiliates that offer programs for high school students, local businesspeople and senior citizens to provide knowledge of Greater Hazleton and its history and businesses as well as opportunities for participants to get involved in community service projects.

Community service is at the heart of many chamber activities. For one, the chamber's board is made up of volunteers. Volunteers from throughout the chamber's membership rolls also spend time each year reading to students in elementary schools to stir up a desire to read. Each year, chamber members spend a day picking up litter along highways as part of the Great Pennsylvania Cleanup. The chamber has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for its efforts in coordinating the event. The cleanup is the largest one-day event in the entire Northeast.

The chamber affiliate mentioned previously, the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership, coordinated the development of the Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails. The four-mile trail has become popular with walkers, runners, cross-country skiers,



The chamber's Annual Academic Achievement Awards Banquet is the only local event that honors top scholastic seniors from Hazleton Area High School, Marian Catholic High School, MMI Preparatory School, Immanuel Christian School and Weatherly Area High School.

organization. CAN DO was launched in 1956 through fund drives that raised more than \$2 million, including one that collected dimes along a mile-long stretch of road. That money was used to purchase land to develop Valmont Industrial Park.

Today, the chamber partners with groups

bicyclists and dog owners. Plans call for the trail to eventually be extended to 16 miles, reaching Eckley Miners' Village and eventually the trail network of the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. Each year, the partnership hosts a hike-and-bike event. Other events are held there to showcase the Hazleton area's natural beauty to residents and tourists alike.

The rails-to-trails site joins parks throughout the region whose creation was supported by the chamber. A coalition organized by the chamber pushed to develop Hazle Township Community Park. The chamber encouraged Pennsylvania to create Nescopeck State Park, where rangers have won state awards for teaching young people about the environment and 19 miles of trails provide hikers, photographers, anglers, hunters, bird-watchers and skiers access to streams, a lake, a marsh land and other natural areas. The chamber also oversaw the creation of a veterans memorial park in Hazleton and encouraged the state to preserve Eckley Miners' Village as a living history museum.

The chamber's biggest annual event is Funfest, a two-day festival held in downtown Hazleton each September. Chamber staff and volunteers spend the whole year preparing for Funfest, a family-friendly street fair that offers free admission, entertainment and parking.

Activities include a car show, games, performances by a variety of entertainers, celebrity tricycle race, bake-off, kids' activities, pierogie-eating contest, senior activities, teen street party, 5K run/walk, craft vendors and delicious ethnic and fair-type foods. No one is hungry or bored at Funfest. The festivities culminate in a parade held Sunday of Funfest weekend.

Chamber members have numerous opportunities throughout the years to network and socialize with fellow chamber members. Red carpet breakfasts, evening mixers, golf outings and an annual dinner are part of the chamber's calendar each year, as



*Above: The chamber brings together job seekers and employers at the Annual Greater Hazleton Job Fair.
Below: The Annual Tastes of Greater Hazleton event offers samplings of signature dishes from various restaurants.*



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

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well as regional mixers with other chambers for members to build an even broader base of contacts.

The chamber sponsors seminars, webinars, training programs and speakers for its members. It provides information on the demographics and salaries in Greater Hazleton. To help small businesses, the chamber coordinates training through Wilkes University's Small Business Development Center, CAN BE, MetroAction and SCORE.

The chamber keeps members informed through monthly reports, emails and directories of members, businesses, industries and municipalities. Newcomers to the community can take advantage of chamber tours and a welcome packet that includes maps, a community profile and a DVD about life in Greater Hazleton.

An affiliate of the chamber, the Mountain Council of Governments, helps spread savings to municipalities. The council looks into ways that local governments can share equipment and discover other ways of cutting costs through cooperation. Members also help one another save, with more than 70 members offering special discounts just for other chamber members and their employees.

Members can join the ChamberChoice health insurance plan and the ChamberChoice energy program for savings on health insurance and electricity. Through these plans, members across



The chamber sponsors seminars, webinars, training programs and guest speakers for members.

northeastern Pennsylvania take advantage of their collective strength to purchase electricity and insurance at a savings while gaining knowledge about how to reduce costs further.

The chamber offers information and videos about wellness programs and following best practices for healthy workplaces that save on insurance. The chamber's consultant, OnDemand Energy Solutions, evaluates options and makes recommendations that save money on electricity for chamber members and their employees.



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To introduce residents to the delicacies of local restaurants, the Chamber of Commerce holds Tastes of Greater Hazleton each fall. During the event, nearly 20 eateries hand out samples of their food, including coconut chicken skewers, pulled pork sliders, chicken cordon bleu bites and sweet corn scallops.

Other tastes of Hazleton include a variety of options from around the world at Italian, Mexican, Dominican, Jamaican, Chinese and Japanese restaurants.

Local restaurants include coffee shops, cafés, family-owned eateries, relaxing diners and settings that include the perfect ambience.

Looking for that familiar chain? The Hazleton area has many national restaurants that fit the bill, including Burger King, Wendy's, Applebee's, Bonanza, Damon's and McDonald's.

Grab a quick lunch at Angelo's One Pound Cheesesteaks, featuring Philadelphia-style cheesesteaks on rolls delivered fresh from Philly each morning; Jimmy's Quick Lunch, famous for its hot dogs since 1937; or the Broad Street Deli, serving delicious sandwiches in downtown Hazleton.

Tom's Kitchen, the Ovalon, Leonard's Fine Dining and Top of the 80s are just a few of the delicious options for a sit-down meal.

When you're ready for dessert, pick up some pastries at Carmen's Bakery.

Restaurants along golf courses are open to the public at Eagle Rock, Sand Springs, Mountain Valley, Split Rock, Blue Ridge Trail and Edgewood in the Pines.

If you're hungry for pizza, you've come to the right place, as Hazleton is famous for its variety of pizzerias. Each pizza place offers its own unique creation marrying sauce, crust, cheese and spices. In fact, many people no longer living in the area say no pizza comes close to the pies they enjoyed in Hazleton. With at least two dozen options in the area, including Vesuvio's, DiPasa and Two Italian Guys, there's always somewhere for Hazleton residents to go.

Hazleton is famous for its deli-style "pitz," sold in a box at room



temperature at places such as Senape's Bakery, Carmen's Bakery and Frankie's. The Hazleton delicacy is perfect for picnics, tailgates or anywhere else.

Catering halls such as Genetti's, Carmen's Country Inn, Capriotti's and Celebrations at Sand Springs serve food on site or deliver to customers' weddings, banquets, showers and business lunches.

Church congregations and fire company auxiliaries host annual feasts such as chicken barbecues, pork and sauerkraut dinners, pancake breakfasts, strawberry socials and ice cream festivals in addition to potluck suppers, picnics and rummage sales.

During the summer, church picnics are favorite events. Locals know they can fill up on pierogies, halushki, halupki, cannoli, potato cakes and other ethnic foods to their hearts' content.

If it's your pantry you're shopping for, you can get everything you need from your grocery list at Giant, Heritage Food and Tarone's, or family-owned markets that sell special food from Latin America. Farmers offer fruits, vegetables and baked goods for sale at the downtown farmer's market during the summer and from produce stands on their farms.

Many stores and restaurants are located near one another in downtown Hazleton or in other central spots such as the Laurel Mall, the Church Hill Mall, the Hazleton Shopping Center, Terrace Plaza and Valmont Plaza.

Shopping options continue at places such as Lowe's, Walmart, Grand Central and Tri County Business Machines, in addition to locally owned shops where people can purchase furniture, clothing, sporting goods, jewelry and more. Fellin's Jewelers, Chaskin Jewelers and Elsen & Company Jewelers sell beautiful

jewelry pieces and other gifts, Fierro's offers furniture for sale and Kathleen's Collectibles sells unique decorative items and gifts. And those are just a few of the shops to choose from.

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Other retail facilities include travel agencies and stores that sell music items, billiards tables, office supplies, tuxedos and gowns, shoes, beauty supplies, draperies and electronics.

Blend your shopping and dining experiences together when you visit the Laurel Mall, which features 70 shops and restaurants including Boscov's and the Cigar Box.

Previously enjoyed merchandise is easy to find in Hazleton, with plenty of community yard sales, an annual used book sale and a purse sale organized by the Standard-Speaker, thrift stores operated by the Salvation Army and Immanuel Christian School and the Shop 2 consignment shop.

Check out the car selection at Berger Family Dealerships, Fairway Chevrolet and Subaru, Independence Toyota, All American Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Barber Ford. Visit one of the area's used car dealerships such as SJM Auto Sales & Repair or Zenier's Automotive or custom motorcycle shops. Find replacement car parts at Harry's U-Pull It, Kress Auto Wreckers, Tunnessen's or Kitty's Auto Parts. If it's tires you need, you'll find what you're looking for at Luzerne Tire, Lehigh Tire, McCarthy Tire or Jack Williams Tire & Auto.

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Hazleton, PA 18201

570-459-3002 or 800-353-3002

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Website: www.allcarehomecareagency.com

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Website: www.myAMGhealth.org

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Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton

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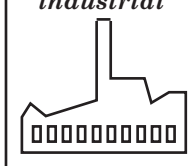
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Hazleton, PA 18201
570-455-3636

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- *The 7-story Traders Bank Building, 2 E. Broad St., is the world headquarters for DBi Services with retail first-floor space available. (Tax-free KOZ status until Dec. 2022)*

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Community Development

Committees

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

Program of Work

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

Committees/Special Projects

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

Affiliated Organizations

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

Business Affiliations

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