



# WEST WARD MOSAIC



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



... from  
**your friends**  
**at Weed & Seed!**



## Good Eats & Good Treats



COMING SOON!!  
Date, time and location TBA

**FREE!**  
FOR ALL AGES

Come out for a fun day of healthy living. All families are welcome to enjoy a great day of FREE healthy snacks, activities, and giveaway prizes!!



For more information please contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680 or [weedandseed@easton-pa.gov](mailto:weedandseed@easton-pa.gov).

Weed & Seed Office 1201 Ferry Street, 1st Floor ~ Call us at 610-438-2680 ~ Email us at [weedandseed@easton-pa.gov](mailto:weedandseed@easton-pa.gov)  
Feel free to contact us for additional information regarding our programs/committees, if you have comments or questions about the West Ward or would like to share an idea. View the West Ward Mosaic, as well as other important information pertaining to the community, online at [www.easton-pa.gov](http://www.easton-pa.gov) click on Weed & Seed. You can also become a FAN on FACEBOOK at [www.facebook.com/eastonweedandseed!!](http://www.facebook.com/eastonweedandseed!!)



COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, INC.  
610-437-6000 Ext. 2351 ask for Gloria

Early Head Start services now in Easton!  
In home program for pregnant moms and infants!

Don't Delay, Apply Today!  
At [www.cscinc.org](http://www.cscinc.org) or  
1520 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109

Educational Programs Prenatal to 5 Years Old



The Northampton Dental Initiative is now accepting appointments for free dental care from all Northampton County residents who meet the programs financial criteria. Appointments are available for individuals, children, families and seniors living in Northampton County who have Medical Assistance or who have no dental insurance. This program is made possible by the Two Rivers Health & Wellness Foundation. Dental services offered include, exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, sealants, and x-rays. Services are provided by registered dentist and hygienist and each qualified patient is eligible to receive up to \$500 in services. Appointments are now being accepted. Call toll free for your appointment at 1-866-903-9104.



Healthy Birth  
Healthy Baby  
Healthy Family



Call NOW!  
610-437-6000

Give your baby an Early Head Start in life!

### LOCAL West Ward FOOD BANKS

**Salvation Army**, 1110 Northampton Street, Easton Hours M,W,F 10-2 pm. Call 610-258-9531 for additional information.  
**St. Vincent de Paul**, 841 Washington Street, Easton. Open 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6-7:30 pm  
**Open Bible Church**, 1400-12 Lehigh Street, Easton. Hours T & F 5-7 pm. Call 610-258-4215 for additional information.  
**St. Pauls Lutheran**, 610 West Berwick Street, Easton. Hours TH 6-7:30 pm. Call 610-258-2612 for additional information.  
**Holy Temple of Easton**, 824 Ferry Street, Easton. Hours 3rd, 4th & 5th TH 7-8 pm. Call 610-250-9886 for additional information.

For a more complete list you can also go to [www.shfbv.org](http://www.shfbv.org) or contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680.

## CARE NET Of the Lehigh Valley

Pregnancy Resource Center  
Free Pregnancy Tests - Options Information  
Parenting and Life Skills Classes  
Serving men, women, & youth

All services are free and confidential.

1101 Northampton St., Ste. 202, Easton 610-559-9327

[www.carenetlv.org](http://www.carenetlv.org)

24-Hour crisis pregnancy support 1-800-395-HELP

### WIC & You ~ Making Healthy Choices Together!

The WIC Nutrition Program is here to help you take charge of your health and the health of your children.

WIC...

- ▣ Helps save on groceries—WIC foods are free!
- ▣ Provides tips for eating healthy
- ▣ Helps with nursing your baby

Many working families qualify!

A family of four can make up to \$40,793 a year.

Contact us Today!

Easton WIC Center, 101 Larry Holmes Plaza, Suite 101 or call 610-258-6938.

# School of Creative Arts

Mission:

To educate, train, and release a new generation through a Christ-centered, arts-integrated curriculum which assists young people in the exploration, discovery, and fulfillment of their God-given purpose at home, in their city, and to the nations.

Parents/Guardians of Preschoolers Informational Meeting

Date: Saturday, December 18th Time: 11:00am

Location: 120 S. 12th St., Easton (Legacy Ministries)

Child-care & refreshments provided

Preschool Arts- Mon. & Wed. 4:30-6pm ~ Preschool Dance

Class- Mon. 5-6pm ~ Adult Dance Class- Mon. 6-7pm ~

Held at Legacy Ministries, 120 S. 12th St.

School of Creative Arts will offer a new Preschool day program beginning in January 2011!

- Building basic academic skills through the arts
- Ages 3- 5 yrs (must be 3 by January 2011)

For more information contact Donna Ruggiero at 610-217-8396.



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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I write to you today as a taxpayer with a vested interest in Easton's Weed and Seed program. I want to STRESS to you the importance of Weed and Seed in Easton's West Ward neighborhood. Progress made since 2000 has made a positive impact in the Easton's West Ward neighborhood. In a relatively short period of time, we have much to show for the State's investment. Above all 2010 UCR crime statistics show that **CRIME IS AT THE LOWEST IN 4 DECADES IN EASTON!!! WHAT A FANTASTIC ACCOMPLISHMENT!** This year Paxinosa Elementary (West Ward's community school) was awarded the Dept. of Education's high honor of PA's top Title I school. Weed and Seed played a large part in these successes supporting numerous law enforcement patrols and programs involving students and their West Ward families. Resident's are mobilizing to communicate with community police officers on patrol creating a vital collaboration.

SUMMER NIGHTS is a hugely successful summer community program that began as a result of PCCD funding in 2006. In 2008 it was moved OFF the grant and continues to be sustained through community collaboration. Held June - August at Centennial Park (the heart of Easton's West Ward) this program runs for 9 weeks while students are out of school( summer) and void of the positive influence that school affords, including a nutritious meal. It is free to all families with school aged children and is completely voluntary. Summer Nights created 6 part-time jobs during 2010 and allowed 530 children and their family's positive recreation and education programming, a nutritious meal and socialization in a safe environment. Some impressive 2010 statistics include: 2,847 total participant sign-ins, 43 collaborators, 3,000 lbs. of snacks served, 2,545 supplemental family meals served, 240 backpacks filled with school supplies distributed, 2,000 pounds of clothing distributed and 229 volunteer sign-ins totaling 2,880 hours or \$58,380!!!

2010 Month # attending	Event	Venue
February -300	Good Eats and Treats	Paxinosa Elementary School
March	WS Face Book Page Created	Internet
April-25	Neighborhood Clean Up	Centennial Park
April-50	Intergenerational Resource Fair	Spring Garden Daycare Center
May -1000+ students	Rover Relay Day	Easton Area Middle School (grades 5,6,7,8) outdoor field
June-400+	Opening Night/Summer Nights	Centennial Park
July-300+	National Night Out	Centennial Park
August-400+	Closing Night/Summer Nights	Centennial Park
August	Dumpsite Clean Up/Create Sunflower Garden	10th and Pine Streets
September- 200	Grand Opening of the NEW Weed and Seed Office	Centennial Park and surrounding community
September	Safe Routes to Schools No Phone Zone	Paxinosa Elementary School
October-500	Light the Night Safe Zone (Halloween)	Centennial Park
October-December	Inside Out Reentry Program	Weed and Seed Office
November-10	Babysitter Training	Weed and Seed Office
November-200	Annual Community Mtg. Spaghetti Dinner	Easton Area Community Center
December	Pizza With Santa 12/9/10	Paxinosa Elementary School
January-December	325 FREE Recycle Cans given out	(\$1,625 savings)

We implore you to advocate for the continued support of the PA State Weed and Seed Program. Continued support from the Commonwealth is imperative to community revitalization efforts. The residents of the West Ward are worth the investment and would greatly appreciate your support demonstrating you have faith in our value as a community of people that wants a better quality of life and are willing to work together with city officials, local organizations and businesses to continue the success that Weed and Seed has begun.

Sincerely,

Name,  
Address:  
Phone:  
Email:

**This is a sample letter you can send to help support and secure the Weed & Seed program in the West Ward community. Please see the last page of the newsletter for legislative contact information.  
THANK YOU!!!**

## Make a New Year's Resolution to have fun and exercise!

Easton Area Community Center will be offering ADULT YOGA and ADULT ZUMBA classes for only \$5 per class!



**ZUMBA** begins Thursday January 13th at 9:30AM.  
The class will be held Thursday and Friday for \$5 per class.

**YOGA** begins Tuesday January 18th at 9:30AM \$5 per class.

DROP-INS WELCOME!!

Call Bonnie at 610.253.8271 or email [saints1@ptd.net](mailto:saints1@ptd.net) for more information!



### Easton Area Community Center SAINT'S CLUBHOUSE AFTER- SCHOOL PROGRAM

There are still openings in the program and  
Membership is \$50 FOR THE YEAR!!

Scholarships are available!



### Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. Easton's closest host site is St. John's Church On Morgan Hill, 2720 Morgan Hill Road, Easton, PA 18042 (610) 258-6018 [www.stjohnsmorganhill.org](http://www.stjohnsmorganhill.org) or you can contact Angel Food Ministries directly at 1-877-FOOD-MINISTRY or via e-mail at Email: [angel-food@angelfoodministries.com](mailto:angel-food@angelfoodministries.com)

### Non-profits: Need any free labor?

The N. C. Juvenile Probation Community Service Department is looking to hook up with local non-profit agencies to provide teenage volunteers workers. Whether you are in need of one worker to do general work or a team of workers to tackle a larger project, please contact Mike Flavelle, Community Service Coordinator, (610 974-7576) for more information.

WARMLINE is a 24/7 telephone support service for Lehigh and Northampton county adults who are challenged by loneliness, confusion and other mental health concerns, or who need information about available services.

For this free service, call (610) 820-8451 or (610) 820-8549.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the AARP/IRS Tax-Aide Program that will be held at the Easton Area Community Center on Fridays and Saturdays **BEGINNING** Friday, February 4, 2011. Tax preparation help is free and is provided on a first come/first serve basis. No appointment necessary.

For more information about AARP Tax-Aide, please contact AI Krensavage at [wo4h@rcn.com](mailto:wo4h@rcn.com) or call 610.559.1836



## Employment Opportunities

All My Children Daycare is looking for experienced teachers to work shifts. Call 610-559-7066

EMPLOYERS: Post your employment needs here...It's FREE! Email your information to [weedandseed@easton-pa.gov](mailto:weedandseed@easton-pa.gov).

### SAVE THE DATE

**January 20, 2011**— Safety Meeting combined with Block Watch at 7:00 pm at the State Theater.

**February 2011**—Watch for information about Good Eats & Good Treats!

### APPRISE COUNSELOR AVAILABLE

Contact the Weed & Seed office for dates and times the counselor will be available.

The APPRISE COUNSELOR can help with FREE and CONFIDENTIAL assistance with selecting health insurance plans, understanding benefits and options as well as completing applications. When necessary they can assist with filing appeals as well. Services are provided by trained volunteers.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

**EMERGENCY: 911**

Weed & Seed: 610-438-2680

- \*Childline-Suspected child abuse: 1-800-932-0313
- \*Code Violations & Vacant Property: 610-250-6723
- \*Crime Victim's Council: 610-437-6611
- \*EASD Anonymous Safety Hotline: 610-250-2400 X35411 for the purpose of reporting any safety concerns which may jeopardize the safety of staff or students.
- \*Easton School District: 610-250-2400
- \*Fire Non-Emergency: 610-250-6676
- \*Homeless Supportive Services: 610-433-6421
- \*Illegal Dumping: 610-330-2200
- \*Mayor's Clean & Safe Hotline: 610-250-6737
- \*Northampton County Assistance: 610-250-1700
- \*Northampton County Emergency Svcs: 610-252-9060 24-Hour Hotline
- \*Police Non-Emergency: 610-759-2200
- \*Protection from Abuse: 610-559-3061
- \*Public Works: 610-250-6680
- \*Social Security: 1-800-772-1213
- \*Turning Point-Domestic Violence: 610-437-3369 24-Hour Hotline
- \*Valley Wide Help: 610-252-4367
- Voter Registration: 610-559-3199



Easton Weed & Seed  
Committee Meeting Schedule & Contact Information  
*Meetings Open to the Public*  
**RESIDENT PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!**

#### AID Team

AID Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (**February 3, 2011**) at 4:00 p.m.

**NOTE: January 6th meeting cancelled.**

Weed & Seed office at 1201 Ferry Street

Chair - Lori Metz 610-258-6158 x22

[lori@familyymca.org](mailto:lori@familyymca.org)

#### Community Policing (Safety)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (**January 20, 2011**) at 7:00 p.m.

**Combined with Block Watch at the State Theater.**

Chair - Lt. J. Remaley 610-250-6752

[jremaley@easton-pa.gov](mailto:jremaley@easton-pa.gov)

#### Prevention, Intervention & Treatment (PIT)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (**January 10, 2011**) at 3:30 p.m.

Easton Area Public Library

Chair - Louella Morris 610-438-2680

[lmorrisweedandseed@verizon.net](mailto:lmorrisweedandseed@verizon.net)

#### Easton Area Violence Prevention Task Force

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (**February 8, 2011**) at 3:30 p.m.

**NOTE: There is no meeting in January 2011.**

St. John Lutheran Church at 4th & Ferry Streets

Chair - Pastor Sue Ruggles

[eavptf@gmail.com](mailto:eavptf@gmail.com)

#### Neighborhood Restoration

To be combined with the 600 Block of Northampton Street Project meeting at Slainte's Irish Pub at 665 Northampton Street DATE & TIME TBA.

Call Weed & Seed Office for location  
[mfleck@easton-pa.gov](mailto:mfleck@easton-pa.gov)

For additional information contact

Laura Accetta, Site Coordinator at (610) 438-2680 or  
[laccetta@easton-pa.gov](mailto:laccetta@easton-pa.gov)

### Legislator Contact Info:

Representative Robert Freeman:

<http://www.pahouse.com/freeman/contact.asp>

215 Northampton Street, Easton, PA 18042, (610) 253-5543

Fax: (610) 250-2645 or 207 Irvis Office Building, PO Box 202136, Harrisburg, PA 17120-2136 (717) 783-3815, Fax: (717) 783-2152

Senator Bob Mensch:

[bmensch@pasen.gov](mailto:bmensch@pasen.gov), <http://senatormensch.com/newsletter.htm>

1701 Washington Blvd, Easton, PA 18042, (610) 250-5624, FAX: (610) 250-5628 or Senate Box 203024, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3024, (717) 787-3110, FAX: (717) 787-8004

Governor's Office: 225 Main Capitol Bldg, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-2500, Fax: (717) 772-8284

### Family YMCA To Provide Child Care During Paxinosa PTA Meetings

Paxinosa PTA meetings are scheduled every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm and are at 1221 Northampton Street, Easton, PA.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 12, 2011**

*Child care will be provided for children ages 6 months through age 12 at no cost.*

For more information on child care for Paxinosa PTA meetings, please contact Adlin Rodriguez, Child Watch Working Coordinator, at 610-258-6158 ext. 23 or [adlin@familyymca.org](mailto:adlin@familyymca.org).