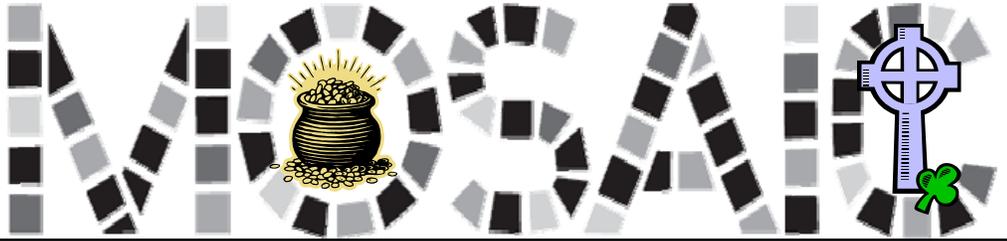




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FUN



Good Eats & Good Treats



SATURDAY
MARCH 12, 2011

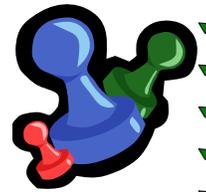
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FOOD

PRIZES

PIZZA

PAXINOSA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
CAFETERIA



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.



Head Start
early Head Start



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 or

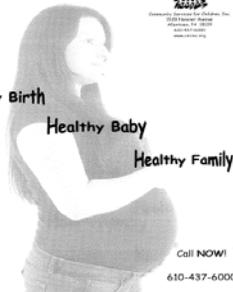
1520 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109

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.



LOCAL West Ward FOOD BANKS

Salvation Army, 1110 Northampton Street 610-258-9531

St. Vincent de Paul, 841 Washington Street, 1st & 3rd T from 6-7:30 pm

Open Bible Church, 1400-12 Lehigh Street, T & F 5-7 pm. 610-258-4215

St. Pauls Lutheran, 610 West Berwick Street, TH 6-7:30 pm. 610-258-2612

Holy Temple of Easton, 824 Ferry Street, 3rd, 4th & 5th TH 7-8 pm. 610-250-9886

For a more complete list you can also go to www.shfbv.org or contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680.



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.PREGNANCYINFOLV.ORG

24-Hour 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

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.



EASTON BLOCK WATCH

If you are interested in starting a Block Watch or would like more information contact Marie Paulus @ 610-258-2072 or email: eastonblcokwatch@yahoo.com

NAMI

National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It is a non-profit organization serving people with a mental illness, their family members, friends and professionals. NAMI's mission is to improve the services and the quality of life for people with mental illness.

DID YOU KNOW there is a monthly support group that meets in Easton? The first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Governor Wolf Building located at 45 N. 2nd Street.

For more information about FREE educational programs and other local support groups contact NAMI at 610-882-2102 OR email: info@namipalehighvalley.org OR www.namipalehighvalley.org

ATTENTION PARENTS !!

Do you need help completing EASD paperwork regarding FREE/REDUCED LUNCHES?? Please call the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680.



Angel Food Ministries and Third Street Alliance

Third Street Alliance has teamed up with Angel Food Ministries to bring the Easton community high quality foods and snacks at a fraction of the retail cost. This program is great for every family, with options ranging from after-school snacks to ready made meals, to food for a week! Please take a moment to look over these FAQ's and the March menu on the back. If you feel Angel Food is right for you (and we're sure you will!) stop by our offices to place your order today!

What is Angel Food Ministries?

Angel Food Ministries (AFM) is a nationwide service bringing high quality foods to the public at deeply reduced rates. The food is always of the best quality- never day-old or dented can merchandise.

Who can use AFM?

This service is available to anyone. There are no restrictions for income, religion, race, or anything else. *Any* interested person can order from AFM.

How does it work?

Menus are made available at Third Street Alliance about 3 weeks in advance of the order date. You will simply need to pick up a menu, decide what you want, and place an order. Orders can be placed at the Third Street Alliance office during normal office hours (8:30-4:30 M-Th, 8:30-5:00 F) or on the last Monday of each order period from 8:30am to 7pm. Orders can also be placed online at www.angelfoodministries.com. Each month you will be given an order deadline and a pick-up date. Orders must be placed and paid for by the order deadline and you can return on the pick-up date to receive your order. Menus for the following month will be included with each order.

What methods of payment are accepted?

Third Street Alliance will accept cash, money order or SNAP (food stamps) as payment.

March Order Information:

Order deadline- on-site orders: Tuesday, March 15th 4:30pm

Order deadline- online orders: Tuesday, March 15th at midnight

Order Pick-up: Friday, March 18th 6:00 – 8:00pm

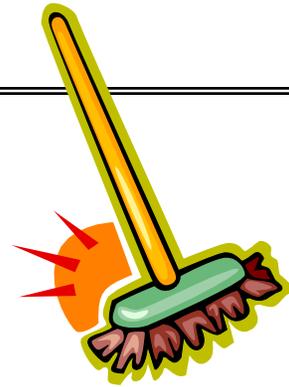
Information or Questions: Please contact Jim Matthewson, Site Coordinator, at 610-253-6992 or Emigh Allison, Third Street Alliance, at 610-258-6271.



41 North Third Street Easton, PA 18042 610-258-6271 www.thirdstreetalliance.org



CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP...

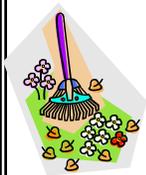


COMING SOON!!

Mark your calendars for
APRIL 30th!!



More information will be released soon.



Office of Victims Services (OVS) is in the process of compiling feedback on the Law Enforcement Victims' Rights Notification Booklet which is currently distributed by Pennsylvania's law enforcement personnel to all individuals who become victimized in the Commonwealth. OVS has already surveyed law enforcement across the state and now would like to hold focus groups with different stakeholders to receive further input on the current booklet. The goal of this project is to improve the victims' rights notification process as fulfilled by law enforcement and to provide a product that better satisfies the informational needs of Pennsylvania's crime victims.

Weed & Seed will be hosting a Focus Group

Thursday MARCH 10, 2011

6:30 - 8:00 pm

1201 Ferry Street, First Floor, Easton

610-438-2680

**NEW
DATE !!**

If you are interested in participating in this Focus Group Contact the Weed & Seed office ASAP to register.

Easton Area Community Center News (EACC)

901 Washington Street, Easton

Adult Yoga class is offered on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:45. This beginner class is appropriate for both men and women. \$5/class.

Street Defense Class on Tuesday evenings from 7-8PM for 13+. Must be member of EACC or pay \$5/per visit.

Lehigh Valley Fit Club @ EACC...Adult Fitness classes. Must be member of EACC or pay \$5/per visit. Call for class schedule.

AARP Tax Help @ EACC. AARP volunteers will be helping with 2010 tax preparation and filing again this year. EACC will host AARP on Friday and Saturday mornings from 9AM-12Noon, weather permitting. There is no cost for this service; no appointments.

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact EACC @ 610.253.8271 or saints1@ptd.net

PA MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Offers help for Students up to age 21. You may be eligible for FREE services!

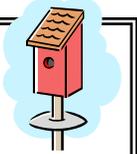
*Pre-School programs*English Language learning*Summer programs/transportation*Training for Parents*After School programs
*Get your GED*Assistance with college admission and financial aid forms.

WE WANT TO HELP STUDENTS TO GET THE BEST EDUCATION THEY CAN!

For more information about Migrant Education Programs, please contact: Azucena Snyder at 484-765-4671 (Hablamos Espanol), or email: asnyder@millersville.edu

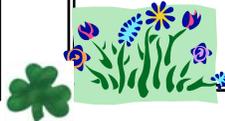
CONTACT US TODAY!

INTERESTED IN STARTING A GARDEN IN YOUR BACKYARD?



We want to hear from you!! Contact the West Ward Neighborhood Partnership Program at 610-515-0891 and tell us how we may help you. Whether you need seeds, ideas for the garden or help to planting and maintaining, we can help.

Let's think Spring!!!!



* *Think Spring!* *
* Crime Victims Council *
* **PLANT SALE** *
* Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, and more *
* to brighten up your home or office! *
* **Order by Friday. April 8th!!** *
* CALL 610-437-6610 or *
* VISIT www.cvclv.org *
* *All proceeds benefit local victims of crime.* *



West Ward Neighbors and School of Creative Arts Announces New Spring Offerings

School of Creative Arts, 120 S. 12th St. Easton, is announcing its spring offerings to begin in March. Its Preschool is accepting new enrollment for students for the spring semester. Children must be between three and five years old in March to attend in March. Classes are offered mornings and afternoons. All interested parents or guardians are required to call for an enrollment interview.

For more information on classes and scholarship availability contact Donna Ruggiero, Executive Director, at 610-217-8396.

West Ward Academy Offers Second Chance For A High School Diploma

Nationwide, about seven thousand students drop out every school day. This August, West Ward Academy, located in the west ward section of Easton, will open its doors to local students looking for a second chance to receive their high school diplomas. The West Ward Academy's mission is to provide academic opportunities, career preparation, life-skills training, and spiritual development to students who do not wish to attend or are incapable of attending traditional schools. The school is a division of West Ward Neighbors, Inc., a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.

For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Executive Director, Donna Ruggiero at 610-217-8396.



Employment Opportunities

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

Easton Area Neighborhood Centers, Inc; Easton Area Neighborhood Centers, Inc., local non-profit seeks **full-time Fiscal Officer**. Candidates must have desire to develop new skills and be trainable in more advanced accounting functions. Candidates must be reliable, have self-starter attitude and be able to work independently. Candidates must have experience with QuickBooks and MS Excel spreadsheets. **Resume Submission Deadline:** March 18, 2011. **Apply to:** Terry A. Roman, 902 Philadelphia Rd, Easton, PA 18042

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



SAVE THE DATE

March 12, 2011 —Good Eats & Good Treats, 11-2pm at Paxinosa Elementary!

March 24, 2011—Quarterly Block Watch Meeting 7PM Third Street Alliance

May 7, 2011– Roast Beef Dinner First Moravian Church 225 N. 9th St. Call Frances 610-258-6317

May 20-21, 2011– Rummage Sale First Moravian Church 225 N. 9th St. Call Frances 610-258-6317

APPRISE COUNSELOR AVAILABLE

Contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680 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

- *American Disability Act (ADA): 1-800-514-0301
- 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
- *National Alliance on Mental Illness: 610-882-2102
- *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 1st Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE DATE CHANGE: Next meeting **APRIL 14, 2011**

Weed & Seed office at 1201 Ferry Street

Chair - Lori Metz 610-258-6158 x22
lori@familyymca.org

Community Policing (Safety)

Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: March meeting held with Quarterly Block Watch meeting at Third Street Alliance **MARCH 24th at 7 pm.**

W&S office, 1201 Ferry Street

Chair - Lt. J. Remaley 610-250-6752
jremaley@easton-pa.gov

Prevention, Intervention & Treatment (PIT)

Meets 2nd Monday (**March 14, 2011**) at 3:30 p.m.

Easton Area Public Library

Chair - Louella Morris 610-438-2680
lmorrisweedandseed@verizon.net

Easton Area Violence Prevention Task Force

Meets 2nd Tuesday (**April 12, 2011**) at 3:30 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church at 4th & Ferry Streets

Chair - Pastor Sue Ruggles
eavptf@gmail.com

Neighborhood Restoration

NOTE: No March meeting

CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP in April

Call Weed & Seed Office for location
mfleck@easton-pa.gov

For additional information contact

Laura Accetta, Site Coordinator at (610) 438-2680 or
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, <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 Corbett's Office: 225 Main Capitol Bldg, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717)

787-2500, Fax: (717) 772-8284



PAXINOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is always collecting Box Tops for Education! The funds from this program are used to purchase school supplies, playground equipment, etc. Don't have a child in Paxinosa?? Bring your Box Tops to the Weed & Seed office, 1201 Ferry Street, First Floor and we'll get them to the school for you!!

Family YMCA To Provide Child Care During Paxinosa PTA Meetings

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

THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 9, 2011 and April's Meeting will be on the 13th

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.