



WEST WARD MOSAIC

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PIZZA WITH SANTA

FREE to ALL West Ward Families



WHEN: THURSDAY DECEMBER 9, 2010
FROM 6:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM

WHERE: PAXINOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NORTHAMPTON & 12TH STREETS



HOSTED BY: EASTON WEED & SEED

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!! CALL THE WEED & SEED OFFICE AT 610-438-2680. IF YOU GET VOICE MAIL, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.

Every child up to age 18 receives a surprise from Santa!

Santa arrives on the Fire Truck at 6:30 PM!

FREE FOOD BASKET

FUN



FOOD

Weed & Seed Office 1201 Ferry Street, 1st Floor ~ Call us at 610-438-2680 ~ Email us at 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 click on Weed & Seed. You can also become a FAN on FACEBOOK!!



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.



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 or contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680.

CARENET[®] 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
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.

SAVE YOUR "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" . . .

Look for a packet of information to be sent home with your child soon!! Paxinosa Elementary School students will be collecting these Box Tops throughout the year. The school can redeem them for items such as books, supplies and playground equipment! So, **SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS** and send them in with your children! Don't have a child at Paxinosa?? Drop off your Box Tops at the Weed & Seed office at 1201 Ferry Street and we will get them to the school.

PAXINOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Is in search of new Board Members!

Watch for information to be sent home with your child soon!

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

There was a poster contest for the No Phone Zone project at Paxinosa Elementary School last month. All students were provided with a No Phone Zone poster template in the November issue of the West Ward Mosaic. The students were instructed to use their creativity and decorate the posters however they wanted. While EVERY child who participated is a winner ~ the top three posters were chosen in each grade level AND THEY ARE...

Kindergarten: **Janessa Hernandez** (Mrs. Phifer's Class), **Lindsay Foss** (Mrs. Frederickson), **Montserrat Ferrer** (Mr. Pritchard's Class)

1st Grade: **Anthony Apgar** (Mrs. Costenbader's Class), **Phillip Phan** (Mrs. Donaldson's Class), **Josue Reyes** (Mrs. Fisher's Class)

2nd Grade: **Dominick Apgar** (Mr. Durie's Class), **Nathan Haschak** (Mrs. Lobb's Class), **Brian Ventura** (Mr. Durie's Class)

3rd Grade: **Evelyn Estephan** (Mrs. Umholtz's Class), **Khaliq Al-Shabazz** (Mrs. Umholtz's Class), **Julio Cervantez** (Mrs. Umholtz's Class)

4th Grade: **Miracle Stewart** (Mrs. Hutnik's Class), **Matteo Rigo** (Mrs. Hutnik's Class), **Stephanie Reyes** (Mrs. Tanzos's Class)

Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success!!

**The next Paxinosa Elementary PTA Meeting is
Wednesday December 8, 2010 from 6:30-7:30pm.**

Family YMCA To Provide Child Care During Paxinosa PTA Meetings

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

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.

It's not too late!!!

Join Paxinosa Elementary School's PTA!

Help support the children in your community. The cost for a membership is \$6.00. This money helps to fund field trips and school programs for our children.

PTA meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. Come on out and hear about the great things that our children are doing! This will also give you the opportunity to get involved in school activities.

To join, please fill out the form below, and return it to school with \$6.00.

Thank you!
Paxinosa PTA

Name _____

Phone Number _____ email _____

Child's Name _____

Grade Level _____ Teacher _____

Easton Area High School ~ Key Club is hosting a Community Clothing Drive

Drop off will be Saturday December 18th from 9am – 12pm at the Easton Area High School in the lower (A) parking lot.

In the event of bad weather please drop off items in the Gym.

All donations will go to the Salvation Army.

Contact the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680 if you require additional information.

COULD YOU BENEFIT FROM ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES??

The Center for Humanistic Change is currently offering an Anger Management Class for interested adults in the Lehigh Valley. Although this is a fee-for-service program, it offers various life skills to successfully manage anger and improve destructive behaviors related to anger. This 12 hour program will be held over the course of four evenings at our office at 2200 Avenue A, Suite 106 in Bethlehem PA. If you believe that you know of any individuals who could benefit from this program or have any questions please feel free to contact Jennifer Britland, Program Specialist/Coordinator at 484-821-0375 or jbritland@the CHC.org

Easton Block Watch ...

...is looking for Block Captains and Sector Coordinators. How does Block Watch work?

We establish a formal network for citizens to exchange ideas and information with their neighbors and with the Police, reporting on suspicious or unusual activity in their communities and forwarding that info to the proper authorities. Residents learn how to become the extended eyes and ears of the Police. Participants also learn the best techniques for securing their homes and property. Under no circumstances are Block Watch participants asked to perform law enforcement duties. There are no block Watch tasks that would put anyone at risk. Studies have shown that citizens and law enforcement officers working together can have a positive impact on the crime rate.

If Easton Block Watch is needed or you need info on a getting a block watch started contact Brian L. Otto at 610-217-9990 or Lorraine at 610-252-8834 or send an email to Eastonblockwatch@yahoo.com.

Babysitter PLUS Training

You will refresh basic skills as well as learn CPR and other basic emergent care. This course is for participants in grade 7 & above.

December 28-30, 2010

9:00am-2:30 pm

At the Weed & Seed office at 1201 Ferry Street.

Call the Weed & Seed office at 610-438-2680 for more information or to register.

Easton Guardian Angels

The Easton Guardian Angels have been making headway in their community with hard work, persistence, and a positive attitude. Patrolling the streets on foot with red jackets and berets is what the Angels are all about, but that's not all they do. They might just help you carry out your trash, or hold a door for you. An Angel may make a phone call for you or even walk you down the dark street to catch a bus. You see, the Guardian Angels don't only want to deter criminal activity with their presence but want to be positive role models for young people and all of their community. "We want to keep it safe for the good people in the city", says Chapter Leader Tim Poff, aka Ryzer. He took over the Easton Chapter about a year ago after helping start the chapter as an original member 3 years back. Ryzer and Gypsy have helped the chapter progress by attending local Block Watch and Weed and Seed meetings to combine forces to create a collaborative effort in making Easton safe and more pleasant. Chapter Administrator Tracy Rapoli, aka Gypsy has also been instrumental in the process of building relationships with other community organizations. "Team work, working together, that's what makes or breaks you", said about the Easton Chapter by Ryzer.

The Angels have had two training classes in the past year and have had 8 graduates. Another small group has been in training the last 3 weeks and they're looking forward to graduation in 2011. The Guardian Angels are always interested in quality people who want to make a difference in Easton and the surrounding areas. Anyone can put an application in to join the non-profit organization. The Angels are not a religious or political organization. They are a group of concerned; law abiding citizens that want to make their community a better place to live.

If you really want in on that, there is 15 weeks of training including first aid, CPR, gang awareness/prevention/intervention, self defense, street patrol and scenarios as well as dealing with difficult people and situations. By all means, the Guardian Angels are not perfect people but all in all, they do good!

Recently, Chapter Leader Ryzer met with Easton Police Lieutenant John Remaley. They spoke about how the Angels could better help the community. Mike Smith, another Chapter Leader from York, PA. also spoke with Lieutenant John Remaley. Mike talked about how the York County Sheriff's Department actually walks together with the Angels during many of their foot patrols. The outcome in York has proven to reduce criminal activity and build positive relationships between the police, the citizens, and the Angels. EPD and the Easton Guardian Angels have made an agreement to try something similar in Easton.

Easton has now adopted "Saturation Patrols". This means Angels have specific areas to patrol at certain times to accommodate police. With that, the Easton Police can focus on important issues that may need more immediate attention.

The Guardian Angels of Easton want to make an impression on you. They "Dare to Care". What about you?



The Easton Area School District has established an ANONYMOUS SAFETY HOTLINE 610-250-2400 X35411 for the purpose of reporting any safety concerns which may jeopardize the safety of staff or students.

Employment Opportunities

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

Easton Area Community Center, 901 Washington Street in Easton, is taking applications for a Part-time Program Aide. Must be enthusiastic and enjoy working with children ages 5+ ! 20 hours per week. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age. Must submit to and pass Criminal Background and Child Abuse checks for employment.

For more information, please contact EACC at 610.253.8271 or saints1@ptd.net.

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



SAVE THE DATE

December 9, 2010 - Pizza with Santa at Paxinosa Elementary School from 6-8 pm.

December 18, 2010 - EAHS ~ Key Club COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE 9am - 12 pm

December 28-29-30, 2010— Babysitter Plus Training 9-2:30 pm at the Weed & Seed office.



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.



Kudos

To ALL those who helped make the 2010 Weed & Seed Annual Meeting and FREE Dinner a success!!

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

AID Team

AID Meets 1st Thursday (December 2, 2010) at 4:00 p.m.
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.
Weed & Seed Office at 1201 Ferry Street
NOTE: There will not be a meeting in December.
Chair - Lt. J. Remaley 610-250-6752
jremaley@easton-pa.gov

Prevention, Intervention & Treatment (PIT)

Meets 2nd Monday at 3:30 p.m.
Easton Area Public Library
NOTE: There will not be a meeting in December.
Chair - Louella Morris 610-438-2680
lmorrisweedandseed@verizon.net

Easton Area Violence Prevention Task Force

Meets 2nd Tuesday (December 14, 2010) at 3:30 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church at 4th & Ferry Streets
Chair - Pastor Sue Ruggles
eavptf@gmail.com

Neighborhood Restoration

Date & Time TBA
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

