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Welcome to the 2013 Edition of Sustainable Lehigh Valley

In this 2013 edition of Sustainable Lehigh Valley, our team has worked to update and expand our annual directory listing of non-profit organizations and businesses that promote sustainability throughout the Greater Lehigh Valley. Perusing the pages of this directory will also reveal insights from leaders of the movement for sustainable action within the Lehigh Valley, as displayed through the assembled essays located at the front of the directory. These essays are thoughtful backdrops to the dozens of non-profits, businesses, citizen groups, governmental organizations, and holistic health organizations that support the overall vision for a sustainable Lehigh Valley.

Many organizations, businesses, essayists, and illustrators featured throughout this year’s edition point out that there are problems inherent in the systems of the greater Lehigh Valley, principally in regard to the environment, social justice, public policy, or overarching governmental bodies.

Yet, these contributors have recognized that we do not need to perpetuate the status quo and have proposed sustainable solutions to these varying issues via a bottom-up momentum of community involvement. The directory and essays of Sustainable Lehigh Valley are evidence that more and more are recognizing that things need to change in a world wrought with environmental problems, increasing gaps between the impoverished and the wealthy, and blind governmental institutions that refuse to address the problems. Sustainability is key.

Although negative externalities have been incurred by the failing system, including issues around human rights, global climate change, the economy, health care, and inaccessible local government, positive outcomes are starting to arise slowly. It is difficult to rise above a system individually, and these issues may seem overwhelming, but Sustainable Lehigh Valley is an expression of the sustainability community that is opposed to the old, dysfunctional, destructive system, so that the individuals seeking change can be motivated by the fact that they are not alone. We think that through publicly voicing the need for sustainable action, even more will feel compelled to join the cause.

We hope to see you get involved in the movement for sustainable action within the Lehigh Valley. We applaud you if you are already active in the community and involved in the bottom-up fight to free our system from the unsustainable status quo—and if you’re not yet involved, we invite you to join in! Help support the organizations and businesses featured in this edition in their varying, yet essential, contributions to the local push for sustainability. Even the smallest actions are never insignificant, as change cannot be made without the full participation of the entire Lehigh Valley. Our hope is that Sustainable Lehigh Valley can be the stepping point from which you can become further involved in solving the issues that are currently preventing our community from becoming the best that it can be.

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About the Alliance

We have done a lot since we formed in 2003. In the past ten years, we have worked on behalf of a broadly inclusive set of principles via committees, working groups, internships, various projects, and collaborative efforts. Those principles, under which we think activists and organizations in the Lehigh Valley can find their place, are summarized in the Goals that appear on the facing page.

This publication, along with our website, community dialogues, and internship program are visible manifestations of our work. There’s more information in the Alliance’s listing (page 28), Transitions Lehigh Valley listing (page 79), and internships ad (page 90).

We’re always looking for ways to be more effective. And that means finding ways to more fully involve people, communities, organizations of all kinds, academics, students, workers, farmers, small business owners—the entire spectrum of those advocating for sustainable communities:

- Unlocking imaginations and releasing creativity
- Enabling organizations and individuals to work collaboratively
- Working on the whole ball of wax at the same time

We’re developing ways to build networks of activists and organizations, expand community outreach, and involve more members and volunteers.

If you see your values in our goals, are curious about the new things taking shape, or would like to be involved in shaping them, contact us at connect@sustainlv.org.

Our Goals

To create more equitable and livable communities, the Alliance and its members work to:

1. Protect the natural environment on which our communities depend.
2. Protect and extend fundamental rights and opportunities throughout the range of human diversity.
3. Promote broad, meaningful participation in decision-making to advance community interests and ensure that communities can assert their rights as a higher priority than those corporations claim for themselves.
4. Foster strong local economies that provide secure and fulfilling livelihoods, foster enjoyable community life, work in harmony with nature, and strengthen the viability of independent local businesses and farms.
5. Encourage people to consume food that is whole, locally produced, and grown in ways that sustain and rebuild soil, water, wildlife, vegetation, and the lives of all of us.
6. Promote discussion, education, and understanding of ways to maximize the health of individuals and communities.
Each year, we ask a wide variety of activists to submit essays covering a broad spectrum of arenas. Essays are also published on the Alliance website, and you are invited to post comments there.

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Declaration on Seed Freedom

by Dr. Vandana Shiva

1. Seed is the source of life, it is the self urge of life to express itself, to renew itself, to multiply, to evolve in perpetuity in freedom.

2. Seed is the embodiment of biocultural diversity. It contains millions of years of biological and cultural evolution of the past, and the potential of millennia of a future unfolding.

3. Seed Freedom is the birth right of every form of life and is the basis for the protection of biodiversity.

4. Seed Freedom is the birth right of every farmer and food producer. Farmers rights to save, exchange, evolve, breed, sell seed is at the heart of Seed Freedom. When this freedom is taken away farmers get trapped in debt and in extreme cases commit suicide.

5. Seed Freedom is the basis of Food Freedom, since seed is the first link in the food chain.

6. Seed Freedom is threatened by patents on seed, which create seed monopolies and make it illegal for farmers to save and exchange seed. Patents on seed are ethically and ecologically unjustified because patents are exclusive rights granted for an invention. Seed is not an invention.

7. Life is not an invention.

8. Seed Freedom of diverse cultures is by Biopiracy and the patenting of indigenous knowledge and biodiversity. Biopiracy is not innovation—it is theft.

9. Seed Freedom is threatened by genetically engineered seeds, which are contaminating our farms, thus closing the option for GMO free food for all. Seed Freedom of farmers is threatened when after contaminating our crops, corporations sue farmer for "stealing their property".

10. Seed Freedom is threatened by the deliberate transformation of the seed from a renewable self generative resource to a non renewable patented commodity. The most extreme case of non renewable seed is the “Terminator Technology” developed with aim to create sterile seed.

We commit ourselves to defending seed freedom as the freedom of diverse species to evolve; as the freedom of human communities to reclaim open source seed as a commons.

To this end, we will save seed, we will create community seed banks and seed libraries, we will not recognize any law that illegitimately makes seed the private property of corporations. We will stop the patents on seed.

Voices of the Valley
Sustainability and the Rights of Future Generations

Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms to which all individuals are entitled, often held to include the right to life, liberty, freedom of thought and expression, and equality before the law. These rights are universally accepted, as is the idea that it would be morally wrong for a person to violate the rights of another person. So why are people infringing on the rights of other people every day?

The thing is, it’s not difficult to make the connection between human rights and sustainability, it’s just not something most people would think about. I think it can be said that the most important human right is the right to life. Well, if we choose to act unsustainably, we are taking away that right from future generations. It’s that simple. Being sustainable generally means acting in a way that allows the present generation to meet their needs while leaving enough resources for future generations to meet their own needs. By acting unsustainably, we would be preventing future generations from meeting their needs while leaving enough resources for future generations to meet their own needs. By allowing this to continue, we would be violating the human rights of younger and future generations by taking away their opportunity to live in a healthy, stable living environment.

However, contrary to popular belief, there’s more to sustainability than taking care of the environment. Sustainability also means preserving the social, economic and political conditions that allow for peace and harmony among mankind. In this way, human rights are essential components of sustainability. If we make sure to preserve resources and biodiversity but ignore human rights, we are not acting sustainably. If we know that our society, economy, or political system is on its way downhill, it would be extremely unsustainable to just let it happen and let the next generation deal with the repercussions.

Younger and future generations have the same human rights as we do today. Many people don’t realize that their actions actually affect other human beings who haven’t even been introduced to the world yet. We have a responsibility to create these conditions of sustainability, and we also have a responsibility to educate and inform young people so that they can learn to create these conditions for themselves and successive generations. In addition, there are people today who do not have the knowledge or power to do something, but still have to deal with the repercussions of the actions of others. These people have the same rights as everyone else, and we have to realize that our actions directly impact them.

So why aren’t people taking action? Is it because they don’t care about other people’s human rights? Is it because they don’t care about the future of our planet? Possibly, but the more likely cause is that they simply aren’t informed. They don’t know that when they leave the bathroom light on, they’re violating someone’s human rights. They don’t realize that when they are passive instead of active about a social issue, they are leaving this problem for future generations to deal with, after it has evolved and become magnified. Most importantly, they aren’t making the connection between sustainability and human rights. Some people may realize the direct consequences of their actions, but that’s not enough for them to change. If people realized that their unsustainable actions actually impact the human rights of future generations, would this be enough of a wake up call to make them rethink their actions?

Being an advocate for sustainability means being an advocate for human rights. The more information people know, the closer we are to achieving a sustainable world in which every human retains access to their universal human rights.

by Leah Boecker

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drawing by Rebecca Guth
The End of an Age

What does the end of the Industrial Age(s) mean for the average person?

There was a time long ago when our great-grandfather’s great-grandfather was there when they invented steam power! Back when people started going to town to work in buildings, rather than on farms. When conventions like an eight-hour work day and a paycheck were revolutionary concepts similar to SIRI (for iPhone) or 3D Printing. I don’t want to complicate this article with esoteric terms; what I will do is tap all you Everyday People (by Arrested Development) on the shoulder and say Hello! (by Martin Solveig & Dragonette).

I think of my father getting up early, showering, and getting ready for work. And I am sure my grandfathers did the same. However for many of my friends, comrades, and neighbors this wasn’t always the case. As the standards of workplace competency and pressures from the political and social environment mounted, it ever so gradually became more challenging to get the cheese in this Rat Race (by Bob Marley).

Overall it has become apparent that there is a conceptual divide between the haves and the have-nots; and I’m not talking only about money. Today, as many thought leaders in the world suggest, we are hitting a new age. This discussion goes beyond the Industrial Revolution, and well into the Information Age, in which social, technological, and global perspectives are changing the way everybody and everything interacts.

Today lack of information is not the crux of the problem for The People (by Common). It’s overwhelming amounts of information, finding your way in the fog of data bits, instant messages, and marketing collateral, and in the talk of pivot points, getting rich, and making your dreams come true — especially at times like this. Many people take a negative, cynical perspective about all this.

I grew up thinking a job was a good and noble thing to have. But it seems like everyone I know is always between jobs, losing a job, or looking for one. The rest are stuck in a job that they don’t like now or end up not liking when their high school social charisma no longer keeps them on the bosses’ V.I.P. list. Others are creating their own jobs.

I believe one day all work and jobs will begin as voluntary positions (community, internships, non-profits) or situations where you pay for knowledge (schools, universities, coaches, mentors). Nobody will pay to train you or develop you unless you have shown results in some other organization. Many will look back and remember the days when you could get $8–$10 per hour as a cook. But the capitalist complex, always maximizing profits, will find a way to make this an independent contractor or voluntary position too. Only the very low paying or the very smart paying jobs will be left, and one day they will be gone too.

Finding a way to prosper and live a happy life has more to do with embracing change than rejecting it. We can react to the conditions with despair or respond with innova-

by Jerz E Brown

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Moravian College at the United Nations Climate Negotiations

In 2009, Moravian College became one of a handful of small liberal arts colleges accredited to participate in the annual United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) conference as civil society observers. The convention is a treaty that emerged from the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, with the goal of implementing international policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the impacts of global climate change.

As members of civil society participating in the negotiations meetings, known as the Conference of the Parties (COP), our principal goal is to observe and communicate our findings and experiences to the college and to the surrounding community as well. Representing an institution of higher learning, we believe it to be our duty to remain informed of the most current progress in the science and policy of climate change. Attending the COP undoubtedly moves us towards the forefront of this knowledge. The most difficult aspect of our role as COP attendees, however, is not obtaining this knowledge, but rather getting people to take notice and recognize that ultimately, climate change concerns us all.

Participating at the COP 16 in Mexico two years ago was nothing short of a life changing experience for me. It was only a mere 3 months before the COP that I was registering for classes at Moravian for the first time, and had decided to begin my studies majoring in environmental science. On the advice of the Dean of Academic Affairs, and admittedly the promise of a trip to Mexico, I registered for the course Environmental Justice on the International Stage. This was the greatest decision I’ve made at Moravian during my career as an undergrad. Through experiencing the COP firsthand, the realities of climate change and environmental injustices really began to resonate within me. There is something truly remarkable about connecting with people who hale from nearly every corner of the world and uniting under one cause. We may not share a similar culture, ethnicity, religion, or political ideologies, but we do share the Earth.

Negotiations continue to fail at the UNFCCC for a number of reasons: lack of political will, economic disincentives, and on the part of the general public, failure to recognize the urgency of the climate crisis and act responsibly. As a result, an ambitious and meaningful legally binding treaty to reduce greenhouse gas emissions worldwide still escapes us. We cannot depend on the negotiations to solve all our problems alone. The pressing question we face now is: What can we take away from the COP that can help us make obtainable progress?

At Moravian College, we believe that educating others is the most important thing we can do. All delegation members contribute to a blog (Moravian College at the UNFCCC) where we report our findings and experiences. It is still hard to get the knowledge to stick, however, and figure out how to get people to even care for that matter. Obviously not everyone has the opportunity to attend a COP like myself, where impacts of climate change have a face. It’s one thing to read about increasing global temperatures and melting glaciers in the newspaper. But when you witness firsthand accounts from people living in low-lying island nations like the Maldives and Kiribati, where homes, farms, and entire islands are disappearing beneath the rising ocean in front of their eyes, and hear them plead for a response to climate change with literally their own survival at stake – well, that’s another thing entirely. As a dominant world power and a nation responsible for over 25% of the world’s fossil fuel consumption, the rest of the world is looking to the U.S. for leadership. The sad reality is that we are failing to rise as leaders.

The approach we take at Moravian resembles methods of nearly all nongovernmental observers attending the UNFCCC: educating others and implementing sustainable practices appropriate for our surrounding environment. As an institution of higher learning, Moravian has significant potential to be an influential actor in our region’s growing interest in sustainability with our resourcefulness and voice in the local community. Corollary to the college’s UNFCCC accreditation, students in recent years have participated in undergraduate research and honors projects, internships, independent studies, and courses dedicated to making the college and surrounding community more sustainable.

Could we dedicate more effort towards achieving sustainability? Absolutely. But we know that being persistent in educating and engaging our students, and encouraging the participation of members in the surrounding community in activities dedicated to sustainability, is meaningful and produces something tangible. We can contribute to a greater sense of stewardship and induce solidarity among those who live in the environment we all share. One thing is certain: Moravian’s participation at the UNFCCC alone can forever influence young minds and inspire us with the grand purpose of perpetuating equity and a healthy Earth.

by Garth Denton-Borhaug

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How Will We Shape Sandy’s Legacy?

To those who endured and watched as the storm passed along the East Coast of the United States, the story of Hurricane Sandy is one of heartache and devastation. To those who follow weather, the storm is a phenomenal meteorological case study.

Sandy, dubbed a “Super Storm” for its incredible damage and its meteorological characteristics, is destined to be legendary in America’s weather history—one of those stories of extreme weather that, once passed, captures imaginations of future generations who can barely grasp the extent of the event.

How we tell this story, then, is what will determine Sandy’s legacy.

As with other major storms in American history, including the legendary flood of 1955 here in the Lehigh Valley, the impacts on those who survived are lasting. But, historically, the ultimate impact on the communities where extreme flooding has occurred is variable. While a few tighten floodplain ordinances, and come together to strengthen emergency communications, many determine to pick up, rebuild, and “get back to normal”. As part of an effort to move quickly past the suffering, the memories of the tremendous flooding are moved into the background of the community narrative. The story of the flood, on the rare instances it is told, is portrayed as an historical legend, a once-in-a-lifetime “fluke”.

The trouble is that this story misleads. A community with a floodplain should expect it to flood, again and again. Floodplains are, after all, created by floods to hold flood water. It is reasonable, and even necessary, that flooded communities—including those along the Jersey shore and those here in the Lehigh Valley—gather their energy to start again after a major disaster. But “getting back to normal” is not the goal. Getting back to “normal” simply means that vulnerability remains high, citizens remain uninformed about their risks and the ways to prepare, and municipalities will be challenged to find funds to rebuild after the next, inevitable flood event. What is needed is a new understanding by communities about the reality of their risk, and the strategies available to prepare and reduce their vulnerability. In short, communities need to learn the language of resilience and start telling their story.

It is understood in the hazards education community that there is a window of time after a major disaster, in which people are willing to learn more about their risk and change their behavior to prepare against future losses. Then, the window quickly closes. The challenge for those interested in building community resiliency to extreme weather and natural hazards is to help communities continue to talk about, learn about, and plan for the inevitable next disaster, even as the urgency of the last event fades.

The science about how people understand their risk is complicated, but a few things are clear: People tend to underestimate their own risk of loss in natural disasters, and delay preparations. But there is also evidence that individuals are more likely to prepare if and when they are given clear information about what to do to get ready. Repeated messages about how “at risk” an individual is works less well to motivate preparedness than does a clear, visual explanation about how to prepare. People also need to understand how preparing will reduce their losses. Most critically, social science research indicates that people are motivated to prepare by seeing others prepare—friends, neighbors, and family included.

It makes sense: our social networks are critical in determining our values and how we decide to behave. Preparing for disasters is no different. Motivating communities to prepare together is an effective approach the Lehigh Valley should consider. Municipalities, environmental advisory councils, watershed groups, emergency management organizations, fire departments, and motivated individuals can make big strides by changing a community’s narrative about their flood risk from one of “fluke” to one of preparedness, planning, and resiliency for the future.

Flooding will always be a part of the story here in the Lehigh Valley. Sharing that understanding with friends and neighbors, and sharing information about how to plan and prepare as individuals and as a community, can make a huge difference in how flood events affect us in the future. It will take years to restore the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy, but the chance is still ahead of us to turn its legacy into one of learning and resilience.

by Rachel Hogan Carr

Rachel Hogan Carr is the director of the Nurture Nature Center in Easton, which uses science, art, and dialogue programs to help communities address local environmental risks, including flooding.
Is Sustainable Urban Living a Viable Outcome of Our Current Political System?

Without systemic change, sustainable communities are not possible.” This is the opening statement from a whitepaper by Ben Price, Projects Director for the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF). He is speaking here of our political system and goes on to elaborate that the key to this change is re-establishment of local self-government. Within this statement lies the key to understanding all that follows.

America today has no shortage of government agencies, legislative bodies and regulatory procedures but very little of substance is filtering down to the local level in the way of positive outcomes. We also have untold numbers of non-government organizations and non-profits, putatively in the business of “re-vitalization”, Easton’s West Ward Neighborhood Partnership being just one example. What most of these governments and organizations have in common is a paternalistic nature that they are the experts and more generalists working at the neighborhood scale. As Chuck Marohn stated, we need fewer megaprojects that seem to enhance short-term tax revenue but ignore the cost of long-term infrastructure maintenance that is dumped onto the public. This occurring while we sit on acres of supposedly derelict downtown real estate that, when carefully analyzed, is already producing more revenue per square foot than new development, with little or no new infrastructure costs and simply in need of some minor intervention to greatly increase its productivity and tax base.

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The solution is systemic change and that must start at the local level by taking back the small decisions of neighborhood design, leading inevitably to the taking back of decision-making in all areas of local life. So what do we need to do?

In municipalities, we need to codify our comprehensive plans as local ordinances and give them enforcement power. We need to institute local citizen participation ordinances that bring new projects to the public before they end up at the planning/zoning desks.

We need to make needed changes even if it is against state regulations. PennDOT has ridiculous control over local streets. Returning our one-way drag strips to what were once quiet, tree-lined, two-way neighborhood streets requires an act of God due to over-regulation. The state is broke and can’t fix the roads it already has, let alone prosecute Easton for ignoring obsolete regulation — so let’s just change the streets back and see what works…ask forgiveness rather than permission.

We can use Home Rule Charter government, through local community Bills of Rights as crafted by CELDF, to define the role of corporations within our municipalities to protect ourselves from harms that otherwise may occur when corporations are allowed to enter a city and run roughshod over local economies, ecosystems and community design standards. This is a constitutional and not a regulatory issue; we have the inalienable right to protect our health, safety and welfare in the places we live. Creating walkable neighborhoods, allowing parks to be designed by the people using them, preventing wholesale economic catastrophe — all of these things require that local governments, through their citizens, take stands.

We need to defend each community’s inalienable right to protect the health, safety and welfare of its people by giving enabling powers to the expressions of such rights in the Pennsylvania Constitution. A program of CELDF, the Pennsylvania Community Rights Network, which has a chapter in Northampton County, is the beginning of a movement to bring about such change.

Take back local design decisions; fix your streets to the standards you know work and worry about Penn DOT later; strive for informal incremental change rather than large scale, government funded projects; fight for home rule and local bills of rights; and join a chapter of the Community Rights Network. These are the true routes to livable places and a sustainable future. Ask not what your city can do for you.

by Dennis R Lieb

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Environmental Sustainability vs. Human Rights?

We can all agree that we need, rather quickly, to achieve a sustainable environment. The alternative is too horrible to contemplate. But this raises a lot of questions: How would we feel about a sustainable environment achieved in a country where the government is totalitarian? After all, one could argue that the most important single step towards sustainability was China’s “One Child” policy. In a democracy, how should a government behave when an action that seems needed to achieve environmental sustainability is opposed by a large majority of the population? How much inequality is acceptable in a sustainable society? Several of the world’s leading religions are adamantly opposed to some of the things required for sustainability. How should we handle that? What can we do to control the non-sustainable implications of unforeseen advances in technology? For example, “the Cloud”—that form of remote data storage which exploded in the last few years and has become such an important part of our lives—requires huge facilities that consume enormous amounts of power. What will the next technological advance bring?

In short, progress towards a sustainable world runs head-on into a slew of human rights issues.

Even locally, we could—for example—ask: should the warehouses which are being developed in the Lehigh Valley be required to be energy neutral and to operate sustainably? In addition to an environmental impact statement, should they (and any other kind of development) be required to file a “sustainability audit”? Should the authorities of the Lehigh Valley pass regulations that require it? We could expect that the effect of local regulations would be to move the developments elsewhere—to a place with no such regulations. It would appear that, to achieve sustainability, we must insist on federal action to greatly curtail the free enterprise system. Can we live with that?

Many of the human rights issues mentioned above are issues that are problems across the whole world, and this reflects the interests of Amnesty International (the human rights organization of which I am a member). Many countries are far worse than the United States of course, as far as human rights are concerned. Within the United States, the human rights issue, that has concerned Amnesty longer than any other, is the death penalty. It is outrageous and quite extraordinary that a country as civilized as this keeps the death penalty. A generation from now, people will surely look back and wonder that it was retained for so long.

In Pennsylvania, we are now at an interesting time with regard to the death penalty. The legislature has created a bipartisan “task force and advisory committee” to study the death penalty. It is due to report at the end of this year. We can hope that the task force will make recommendations that result in the abolition of the Pennsylvania death penalty (as happened in Illinois, following the report of a similar committee). The local group of Amnesty International is submitting evidence with the aim of helping to bring this about.

More recently, Amnesty International has also been taking action with regard to other aspects of the penal system in the United States. The United States has over two million people incarcerated (more than any other country—even as a percentage of the population), and a disturbingly large number of these are kept in forms of solitary confinement that are tantamount to torture. Amnesty groups around the country are active in campaigns to ameliorate these unacceptable conditions.

Finally, returning to the theme of the opening paragraph, does all this mean that the part of me that sees the need for a sustainable environment will be in perpetual war with the part of me that defends human rights? It certainly looks like it.

by Alwyn Eades

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At A Crossroads

The Lehigh Valley, like so many other regions, is at a crossroads. In choosing which path to take in regional planning, our choice is between business-as-usual, 20th century approaches, a path often characterized as “New Jersification”, and an alternative path that combines the best of the original and stable assets of the Valley with 21st century ideas and directions, a path perhaps passably described as “Europeanization”.

Decisions made now will have lasting impact, since development activities and patterns are literally cemented in place.

The Lehigh Valley has assets that many sprawl-generation communities built up after World War II can only dream of: its boroughs and cities shock-full of neighborhoods and communities. The legacy of pre-sprawl traditional urbanism, they are thriving or, at worst, need only to be adapted and updated for the 21st-century.

Alas, these assets are not only being neglected, but are also imperiled. What should be the Valley’s advantages look more like Pogo’s “insurmountable opportunities”.

Special interests and governmental structures both undermine the recognition of the enormous value of the existing capital in the Lehigh Valley and instead continue a rat race into the surrounding countryside with industrial, office, warehouse, or corporate “parks”—where, despite the name, nobody ever goes for fun or the ambience—and endless sprawling housing developments, suburban shopping centers, and other “projects” paving over agricultural land and open space.

This relocation of capital is even more unsettling in light of the massive investments sunk in critical regional assets like medical facilities and nationally-recognized higher education institutions in all three major cities.

Meanwhile, in the older, denser areas of the Lehigh Valley, many people still leave their homes and do things without getting in their cars, demonstrating patterns of everyday life that are cheaper, cleaner, safer, quieter, environmentally-and-climate-change-sustainable, not subject to parking hysteria, age restrictions, and “convenience”. The devaluation and neglect of the Valley’s true long-term legacy assets is no accident; it is due to the profit-driven logic of converting farmland into settlements. However mad in a system sense, extending “Generica” into the countryside is lucrative for developers, at least in the short run. Still, for everyone who is not a “developer”, it is not difficult to identify the real distinguishing character of the Lehigh Valley. Lehigh Valley quality-of-life (for a small remaining but shrinking window of time) is primarily found in the capacity to have both proximity to the countryside and the potential to live in a comfortable, walkable urban neighborhood. Having both of those options available to dwellers of both our medium-sized cities and our boroughs is what constitutes the differentiating character of Lehigh Valley as a regional community, one that is not yet completely “New Jersified”.

The correct, sustainable choice at the crossroads is a “no-brainer”. It’s also pretty much inevitable. The challenge, however, is to decide what measures will enable us to stop subsidizing antiquated and costly 20th-century models, and instead recognize real value and move in the directions needed for the 21st century.

Two types of measures are possible: top-down and bottom-up. Top down measures could be enormously helpful, but “Pennsylvania planning” qualifies as an oxymoron.

Obvious simple measures—such as percentage targets for development and farmland and open space preservation—and exchangeable development credits or rights based on those targets would change incentives for speculators. So would infrastructure limits (water, sewer, utilities and roads) that would redirect new development toward using existing capacity. Other areas have had success with urban growth boundaries (see Europe). Most important, beyond proactive efforts, would simply be the prevention of “flank attacks” on existing commercial centers by new large-scale “regional” developers often aided by infrastructure support from the communities under attack.

Still, because top-down planning and shifts in priorities seem rather unlikely, given the existing array of interests, speculation, and leadership in Pennsylvania and the Valley, it is much more realistic to find consolation in the bottom-up measures that will probably take much longer, but will eventually drag the Lehigh Valley into the 21st century (hopefully before it is over).

Emerging trends and patterns that support this urbanist “European” 21st-century model include the reduction of automobile drivers among the young, the attractiveness of urban living and diverse neighborhoods among home buyers and business startups, the growing number of baby-boomer empty-nesters downsizing to avoid maintaining large houses and yards, the attractiveness for retirement of human scale walkable configurations of services and activities available in the built housing stock of the older communities, the declining population growth rate and household size, and many others, including chain-store fatigue. These trends will likely shape the future; how readily and quickly we adapt to them will permanently affect the Valley’s future.

by Al Wurth

Al teaches political science at Lehigh University, specializing in environmental politics and policy and political economy. He serves on the boards and advisory committees of several environmental groups and has worked with them on a number of Lehigh Valley environmental issues since 1985.
It’s Symbiosis, Stupid
We, the people, get it. Why not our “Leaders”?

We are just back from the February DC rally—Forward on Climate—attended with 40,000+ of our friends and neighbors. Marching past the White House. Past the fence where, several days before, 350.org’s Bill McKibben and Sierra Club’s executive director Michael Brune and president Alison Chen hand-cuffed themselves. How seriously do they take the concept of Global Warming? These scary, awesome weather events and impacts to our homeland that continue to occur at astounding rates.

Bill was arrested last summer. But this was the first time in the 120-year history of the Sierra Club that the usually non-combative organization went beyond their lobbying role... allowing Mike and Alison to take “one giant step for mankind” outside our legal system and plunge themselves into civil disobedience. Polls now show that most people believe, not only that the climate is changing, but that we humans are responsible and that we continue to dig a hole we may never be able to climb out of. Most of our “Leaders” are still sitting on their hands. They are not leading. In fact, they are not even following! Not following the science or common sense. They were elected to protect our legal system and plunge themselves into civil disobedience. They are not leading. In fact, they are not even following!

Guess what? We won’t beat Mother Nature. We can’t even compete. We’re not in the same league. We are the “wanna bes” and if we don’t join Her team we are surely gonna be the “has beens”. We think we’re winning in a universe we’re still struggling to understand? Parasites sucking the bodily fluids, mining the minerals, and pumping toxic wastes into our host as She suffers and eventually dies. We continue to kill our pollinators and poison our food supply with pesticides like Round-up or worse. Why? Have we not learned anything from the ancient civilizations that succeeded in destroying themselves? We study them, criticize them, and skip merrily down the same path. But this time it’s our planet Earth that’s at stake. Not the Roman or the British Empires. This is the only Earth we have. Or are you counting on the one our “leaders” haven’t found yet? Do you expect to be transported to some other “pie in the sky” when we are done eating this one?

In our house we’ve stopped reading the newspaper. We’ve stopped listening to the politicians on the TV—it’s like watching the Marx Brothers or the three Stooges make fools of themselves. We liked watching the old comedians. They were supposed to be fools. They made a great living being fools. Well, come to think of it…. our “Leaders”.

As we marched down the street toward the White House, Tom spouted stories about working for a natural gas company back in the 80s and 90s, experiences that might have been funny if they weren’t so dysfunctional and upsetting.

It is time for all of us to transition from the parasites we’ve become. It’s no longer a “want”. It’s now a “need”. We need to be hanging out with others from around the world laughing and telling stories. Real ones. Funny ones. Sipping margaritas cooled by our renewable, naturally-powered refrigeration. Getting it free because our energy links are harnessed to nature—solar, wind, waves. We can’t continue to exist on Mother Earth without consequences, without sacrifices on our part. Sprinting toward disaster is stupid. That we aren’t aiming our incredible problem-solving ability at achieving a symbiotic relationship with our Host is insanity!

Or will we, with our “leaders”, still be standing here in our dirty coveralls. Screaming to be heard over the din of the drilling rigs, over the “dirty” politicians and the naysayers of the “Know Nothing” parties?

by Tom Church & Sheila Gallagher

Tom does residential remodeling and Sierra Club event planning with wife Sheila. Sheila serves on the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club’s Lehigh Valley group; is chair of the Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Change committees of the PA Chapter Sierra Club; is on the Fundraising Committee for the Easton Historic House Tour; and serves on the Alliance Steering Committee.

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We’re All In This Together
Why cooperation and service create more sustainable prosperity than competition and profit

Having lived the harrowing tale of a fallen industrial giant, Bethlehem should know better than anywhere that the current “system” doesn’t work, economically or environmentally. Bethlehem Steel is a legend. It also provides a great example of the consequences experienced by so many American cities when competitive, profit-driven corporate entities fail. Put plainly, whenever money is prioritized over the health of people or the planet, everyone suffers.

This city, as I see it, is so ready to embrace a different way of doing things. It’s a community-minded, health and sustainability-focused, forward-thinking way, and it’s already in motion. There is an incredible potential being realized here, a move from the old ways of doing things to the new. The city’s history is fascinating, and so visible; from the lovely Moravian village area to the looming stacks, this place tells a rich story. I’m excited to live here right now, and I was eager to contribute to Sustainable Lehigh Valley because from what I’ve seen since I arrived, the story is getting all the more interesting. Bethlehem was initially founded as a peaceful commune, and perhaps this gives those of us living here now an opportunity to return to the city’s roots, in a way. As we focus our minds and hearts on the life, health, and vitality of our community, we are finding new ways of living in harmony with each other, which will lead to a higher quality of life overall.

What I have observed as a SouthSide resident is a classic grassroots movement toward cooperative ventures that is mirrored in many other cities. These ventures are inclusive, focused on the well-being of the community, and take environmental sustainability into account. Money is a necessary vehicle for getting things done; it is not an end in and of itself; serving the community is the primary goal. In this way of doing business, our happiness and health are taken into account; since the Earth is our home, we recognize that we must take better care of her. In our “new system” structures, people and the planet are top priorities.

Through my husband’s work with them, I have had the opportunity to witness two such ventures in their development phases: SoBeCoWorks and the Bethlehem Food Co-op. When I say they are inclusive, I mean they take into account the community’s residents and needs in planning their business models. I visited the raw space that is to house the next version of SoBeCoWorks, a co-working space for entrepreneurs and creative and holistic professionals. Ideas were floated for various uses of space. “You have to be open-minded to everything,” said the founder, Santiago Rivera. “It will be whatever the community wants.” Similarly, the food co-op’s feasibility study and focus groups are helping them determine how to best serve the community. They want to bring a community-owned, healthy grocery store to South Bethlehem. Oh, but I forgot a key word: Affordable, for all of us, of every income level. What these start-ups have in common is that a person or a small group

saw an honest need in the community and took steps to fill the need. We all want and deserve a nice space to work or gather, and healthy food that we can comfortably afford.

The key to the success of these things, of course, and to any hope for a new system, is community participation. From a historical perspective, the real power always lies with the people, if only they choose to use it. All we have to do is get together and prove that cooperation works better than competition, and the spirit of service will engender a sustainable success that the desire for endless profits never could. I see so much potential here at this moment in time, particularly in South Bethlehem. Perhaps as we move toward new structures based on collaboration and sustainability (in addition to our impressive community arts focus), we will serve as a model for other cities who are faced with the challenge of rising from the industrial ashes. In that spirit, I have launched a blog to further explore this moment in the city’s history. La Belle Verte Bethlehem will document our transition toward a greener, healthier, more beautiful and prosperous community.

by Trina Lacey-Flores

Trina is a local writer and teaches literacy and GED preparation at the county correctional facility in Bethlehem. Enjoy her blog at thegreenbeautifulbethlehem.blogspot.com
Why A Directory?

This Directory of Organizations & Businesses That Promote Sustainable Communities provides information to thousands of people about the many organizations and businesses that promote sustainability in the Lehigh Valley—what they do, what services they provide, what products they make, and how to contact them. It also is a view of the size and scope of the sustainability movement here.

The directory also serves as a database for building connections—for gaining co-sponsors, partners, and participants for events and projects.

This year we are again publishing 6,000 copies of Sustainable Lehigh Valley and are distributing them throughout the Greater Lehigh Valley, some at places where the general public can pick them up, some at events that sustainability-minded folks attend, and some as reference copies in campus offices, government agencies, libraries, and the like.

This directory is published annually and is also available on our website, where it is updated during the year to keep information about organizations and businesses current.

To list your organization or business, go to the Alliance website and look for Submit a Listing in the Directory section. (www.sustainLV.org/directory)
The city of Allentown has signed a 35-year contract with a private company from New Jersey to burn all of the city’s trash and sludge. Allentown Residents for Clean Air strives to protect and enforce clean air standards in the City of Allentown by creating higher standards for what exactly constitutes clean air. The incinerator that has been proposed will only add pollution to our city air. We spread the knowledge of how the city of Allentown would be safer and cleaner if we recycled and composted and sent the rest to a landfill, instead of burning trash and sludge.

AGSHEN (One With the Earth Project)

Agshen promotes use of the universal One With the Earth eco-symbol. Climate change, deforestation, overfishing, overpopulation, water shortages, and desertification are all components of one over-arching challenge ensuring a livable world for our children and future generations. Widespread visibility of the symbol will be a constant reminder that there are many issues affecting the environment. As with the peace symbol, the One with the Earth symbol is free for anyone to use. See usage examples and download artwork from our website. The symbol design represents Earth, Land, Water, Sun, and life. Conservation eco-stickers are available at no charge.
(See our ad on page 26.)
Judith Pennington, a world authority on EEG and the awakened mind, offers biofeedback meditation as the natural way to relax, reduce stress, heal the body, and attain a high-performance mind. While observing brainwave patterns on a real-time EEG, Judith guides people into the subconscious mind to access creative and intuitive insights that awaken awareness and develop consciousness. Private sessions of meditation and hypnosis, along with group brainwave trainings, are available. Judith is one of two awakened mind practitioners on the East Coast and a practitioner trainer.

**Awakened Mind Brainwave Training**

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**Art of Living**

The Art of Living Foundation is a non-profit organization inspired by Ravi Shankar, a spiritual leader, in 1982. The foundation seeks to help build a global society focused on the strength, peace, and joy that lie at the core of every human being by nurturing the spirit and compassion of every individual. In the valley we offer Free Mind & Meditation seminars briefing the role of "breath" in managing our emotions & also lead through a guided meditation.
### Bethlehem Backyards for Wildlife

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Bethlehem, PA 18018  
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| OFFICIAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION |

We are a subcommittee of the Environmental Advisory Council of the City of Bethlehem. Our mission it to work with the City of Bethlehem to support biodiversity and minimize negative environmental impacts by encouraging city residents, schools, businesses and other organizations to implement wildlife friendly and sustainable garden practices. Visit our Facebook page.

### Bethlehem Bicycle Cooperative

1935 W Broad Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610-954-5744  
Scott Slingerland – Bike Director  
bbc@car-free.org  
www.car-free.org/bbc/visit.html  

| NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION |

The Bethlehem Bicycle Cooperative (BBC) is the bicycle education component of CAR-FREE CAT-Coalition for Appropriate Transportation and serves as a model for why bicycle transportation should be supported for its benefits to health, environment, and community. The education programs include basic bicycle education, riding confidently in traffic, basic & advanced bicycle mechanic classes plus supportive services every Thursday evening & all day Saturday. Also, this program is a block watch of the largest bus transfer station in the Lehigh Valley with 3,500 riders and 200 buses daily. The point of the whole thing is to get YOU to Bike Somewhere Today.

### Bethel Over Foundation

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610-392-3837  
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www.beginningover.org  

| OFFICIAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION |

At the Beginning Over Foundation we pledge our time, energy, and voices to protect victims of domestic abuse. Our goal is to help shelter and protect families in crisis and support long term solutions to help them rebuild and sustain healthy lives and to raise awareness about intimate partner violence through education programs.

### Berks Gas Truth

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www.gastruth.org  

| OFFICIAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION |

Berks Gas Truth is a grassroots community group fighting to stop unconventional natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania. We meet once a month, on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Most often, these meetings are held in Kutztown, PA at 361 East Main Street.

### Balasia

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www.balasia.net  

| BUSINESS |

Balasia, a vegan organic food company using local vegetables and global flavors, has decades of experience producing healthy vegan cuisine. Contact us for ALL your catering needs! Our cuisine can be seen at many of the Valley’s Farmers’ Markets. We do vegan wedding catering as The VECO Wedding Group—contact us on Facebook—and operate a vegan supper club in the rolling hills of Hereford. To bring the club to you—join by liking ‘the honey underground’ on Facebook. Chef Wendy, a private chef and health/nutrition consultant, can plan a weekly menu custom made for you and your dietary requirements.

### Bethlehem Compost Center

10 E Church Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018  
610-865-7082  
recycle@bethlehem-pa.gov  
www.bethlehem-pa.gov/recycle  

| GOVERNMENT AGENCY |

Bethlehem residents may drop off leaves, small brush, hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, and Christmas trees (no ornaments/tinsel). No grass, sod, or tree stumps. Anyone may pick-up the free wood mulch or leaf compost.

There is something truly remarkable about people from nearly every corner of the world uniting under one cause. We may not share a similar culture, ethnicity, religion, or political ideologies, but we do share the Earth.”  
Garth Denton-Borhaug in “Moravian College at the United Nations Climate Negotiations” on page 10
Bethlehem Food Co-op
Bethlehem, PA 18018
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We are a group of Lehigh Valley citizens committed to realizing our vision of a diverse, positive, member-owned and operated grocery store that will provide a full range of healthy, organic food sourced from sustainable, ethical sources at affordable costs, while providing opportunities to connect, empower, and educate ourselves and our neighbors. We envision a Grand Opening of our storefront on Earth Day, April 22nd, 2014. We invite you to be a part of the process — just send us an email! You can also learn more at the blog on our website or find us on Facebook. (See our ad on inside back cover.)

Bethlehem Partnership for a Healthy Community
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The Bethlehem Partnership for a Healthy Community is a collaborative initiative of a wide range of local businesses, government, educational, and community organizations. Their belief is that the community can work together to improve the health status and quality of life with children and families living in Bethlehem and Fountain Hill through the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness of individual community members. The Partnerships’ three main strategic goals are to 1) improve access to care; 2) promote child and adolescent health; and 3) eliminate health disparities.

BikeAllentown
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www.bikeallentown.com

BikeAllentown is an advocacy group dedicated to improving the Greater Allentown community by promoting safe and enjoyable bicycling for transportation and recreation.

Bruce Wilson Contracting
Lehigh Valley, PA
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Business Owners of the Lehigh Valley

A group that welcomes all small business of the Lehigh Valley. We have a group of 500+ members as of now and it’s a great way to meet new people and network. Our mission is to support our local family-owned businesses instead of going to corporate or chains. This is a great group if you are just starting out with your business or have been in business for a while, it’s always great to meet new people who will be able to help you grow and expand your business. We have learning seminars weekly and usually one big networking event monthly. Great way to refer one another and help each other grow.
We offer instruction in traditional Japanese Reiki and provide Reiki treatments to assist in managing stress-related conditions as well as preparing people for surgery. Reiki assists in helping people cope with fatigue, pain, stress and anxiety. We are charter members of the Pennsylvania Reiki Consortium. Monthly Reiki shares for practitioners and monthly student practice sessions support instruction. Paula Michal-Johnson can also be contacted at: IntheHeartofReikiLV@gmail.com

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The Center for Humanistic Change is a private, non-profit agency providing prevention education and life skills training. For 30 years, we have delivered high quality educational programming throughout the Lehigh Valley and have been dedicated to the philosophy that people learn best by doing. Our mission is to engage individuals in opportunities to prepare for life's challenges through programs that encourage healthy decision-making, positive choices, and peaceful living. The majority of our work is in schools and with youth agencies. CHC also works with adults through the workplace and community groups. See our website for full details on educational programs!

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CAT—Coalition for Appropriate Transportation is an educational charity that works to improve mobility for everyone. Improved walking, bicycling, and transit mean a stronger economy, a higher quality of life. Appropriate transportation choices mean less congestion, reduced pollution, fewer auto crash deaths and life-changing injuries, too. Curbing our use of the automobile fights suburban sprawl, obesity, and increasingly high medical costs. CAT’s education programs encourage appropriate transportation choices for a more sustainable, pleasant lifestyle, a more active life, greater vitality, and improved health. Enjoy CAR-FREE options!

• Love Your Local Trail
• Walk In Your Community
• Bike Somewhere Today

1935 W Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
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The Caring Place is a non-profit youth development organization. Its services focus around the low-income, high-risk, inner city youth of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The educational programs include science, math, reading, and art, just to name a few. Social programs include Sister to Sister and Man to Manhood. Our entrepreneurship program is linked to the Caring Coffee Café, which is the most recent addition. Our goal is to improve the outlook for the lives of the children — today’s youth are tomorrow’s future.

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www.thecaringplace.org

Café Santosha

We offer lunch daily, which includes soups, salads and sandwiches. Our menu changes with the season and our daily specials are made from scratch. We also offer organic and vegan-friendly options!

7150 Hamilton Boulevard
Trexler Plaza – inside Healthy Alternatives
Trexler Township, PA 18087
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Sarah Collins

Buy Fresh Buy Local – Greater Lehigh Valley

Working to build the Greater Lehigh Valley’s local food economy:
1. Educating consumers about locally grown foods via electronic media, presentations, and publications;
2. Providing direct marketing assistance to local food providers;
3. Working with community groups to increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables in low-income areas;
4. Working to create a food hub in order to increase wholesale purchases of locally grown foods by area restaurants, retail stores, and institutions; and
5. Leading the development of a fresh food access plan for Envision Lehigh Valley’s forthcoming sustainability plan.
BFBL chapters across Pennsylvania are coordinated by PASA. (See our ad on inside back cover.)
The Collective Memory Project seeks to encourage diverse audiences in the Lehigh Valley to engage with the arts and humanities and focus on what we all have in common. One of the goals is to show that the Lehigh Valley community is made up of people who have either immigrated to this area or are descendants of immigrants. The project used a multilingual team of interviewers, organizers, photographers, humanities experts, and students to record the personal stories of various cultures of the Lehigh Valley.

Columcille

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Columcille is a megalithic stone monument and nature trail park located next to the Kirkridge Retreat Center near Bangor, PA. The park is designed to inspire the same spiritual energy and inner tranquility that many experience on the ancient Celtic monastic island of Iona, Scotland. Besides offering visitors a place to experience solitude, Columcille also holds festive celebrations at the summer solstice and on the ancient Celtic holidays of Beltaine and Samhuinn. Columcille, a non-profit organization established to promote personal and societal transformation toward a more sustainable world, manages the park and its associated activities.

Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV)

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CACLV is a nonprofit corporation located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania working with low-income residents to combat poverty. CACLV has been fighting poverty with the help of donors, volunteers, board members, advisory boards and dedicated staff. CACLV hopes to improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley area by creating economic opportunities, giving local residents a voice in their community, and acting as an advocates to help people address the challenges of ever-concentrating wealth against ever-growing poverty and the failure of the marketplace in many urban neighborhoods.

Colleges & Universities

The greater Lehigh Valley region’s many fine colleges and universities have a variety of resources that can promote sustainability, including courses, expert speakers, specialized libraries, workshops and lectures, and special programs. (Some colleges operate programs in more than one location.) Many events and resources are open to the public, but available resources and programs depend on the time of year and academic calendar. In most cases, the website offers a calendar of events and a variety of other information. Contact the institution directly for information about current offerings:

Cedar Crest College (Allentown) | 610-437-4441
www.cedarcrest.edu

DeSales University (Center Valley) | 610-282-1100
www.desales.edu

East Stroudsburg University (Bethlehem Campus) | 877-422-1378
www.esu.edu

Kutztown University (Kutztown) | 610-683-4000
www.kutztown.edu

Lafayette College (Easton) | 610-330-3000
www.lafayette.edu

Lehigh Carbon Community College (Schnecksville) | 610-799-2121
www.lccc.edu

Lehigh University (Bethlehem) | 610-758-3000
www.lehigh.edu

Moravian College (Bethlehem) | 610-861-1300
www.moravian.edu

Muhlenberg College (Allentown) | 484-664-3100
www.muhlenberg.edu

Northampton Community College (Bethlehem) | 610-865-5300
www.northampton.edu

Penn State University–Lehigh Valley (Center Valley) | 610-285-5000
www.lv.psu.edu

(Also see listing for Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, page 55.)
Community Exchange Time Dollar Network

Community Exchange is a "neighbor to neighbor" inter-generational model of Time Banks USA. Community Exchange connects individuals and organizations in a supportive network that respects the gifts and assets of all members and values all service provided equally. One hour of service earns one Time Credit. Time Credits are used to request services from others in the network. The list of services available varies depending on the unique skills, talents and abilities of the current members. The possibilities are endless.

Congregations United for Neighborhood Action (CUNA)

CUNA is a faith-based community organization working to develop leaders in low income neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley, and engage in problem solving strategies. We believe in the power of relationships and the capacity of neighborhood residents to identify, research and resolve their own problems. CUNA offers training and support to strengthen civic participation in the democratic process. CUNA is affiliated with the PICO Network, a national network of faith-based community organizations. Visit the PICO website [www.piconetwork.org].

Creative Holistic Therapy

If you or someone you know experiences emotional, physical, or mental health challenges that prevent living life with contentment and achieving personal goals, call me for a free initial consultation. Creative Holistic Therapy can help. Our sessions, confidential and supportive, blend effective strategies. Learn to promote healthy integration of your mind-body well-being. Use your mind’s untapped power to heal and release blockages, freeing yourself to experience a happier, healthier self.

Psychotherapy, Mindfulness, Stress Reduction, Hypnotherapy, Reiki Energy Healing, Interpersonal Communication, Family Counseling, Spiritual Counseling, and Self Care Wellness Coaching.

Sessions for individuals (school age through adult), couples, families, and groups.

(Courtesy of our ad on page 39.)

Cops ‘n’ Kids of Easton

Mission of this award-winning, all-volunteer program is “connecting kids and community through literacy”. Sponsored by Easton Police Athletic League and Easton Area Community Center in collaboration with Weed & Seed Initiative and other community supporters, the program distributes thousands of free new and lightly used books to all children who visit the Reading Room or attend sponsored community events. Books and literacy-based activities are provided in a welcoming, positive social environment that encourages development of reading skills, self-confidence, and community involvement. Reading Room hours: Thursdays 11 am–7 pm; first and third Saturdays 10 am–noon. Volunteers and book donations are welcomed.

Delaware Valley Green Building Council – Lehigh Valley Branch

The Delaware Valley Green Building Council is the local Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, the nation’s foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work. Our mission is to transform the Delaware Valley through sustainable and environmentally responsible planning, design, construction, and operation of the region’s buildings, landscapes, cities, and communities, mindful of the legacy left for future generations.
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Environmental Advisory Councils are established at the local level, as provided by state law, to advise municipal governments on issues such as:

- Identifying environmental problems;
- Identifying environmentally sensitive areas such as flood-prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas;
- Making recommendations for the most appropriate use of open land;
- Developing Open Space plans and programs;
- Recommending and assisting in developing projects to protect the environment; and
- Promoting community environmental programs.

For additional information and current contact information, check with your local government or the Pennsylvania Environmental Council EAC Network.

As of March 2013, we identified EACs in the following municipalities:

Lehigh County
- Alburtis Borough
- City of Allentown
- City of Bethlehem
- Emmaus Borough & Upper Milford Township
- Heidelberg Township
- Lower Macungie Township
- Lynn Township
- Salisbury Township
- South Whitehall Township
- Upper Saucon Township
- Weisenberg Township
- Whitehall Township

Northampton County
- City of Bethlehem
- Bushkill Township
- City of Easton
- Lower Mount Bethel Township
- Lower Nazareth Township
- Lower Saucon Township
- Moore Township
- Nazareth (Borough Ecology Committee)
- Palmer Township
- Plainfield Township
- Upper Mount Bethel Township
- Washington Township

Bucks County (northern)
- Doylestown Township
- Durham Township
- New Britain Township
- Nockamixon Township
- Tiffin Township

Monroe County (southern)
- Middle Smithfield Township

Berks County (eastern)
- Amity Township
- Bethel Township
- Exeter Township
- Hereford Township
- Longswamp Township
- Pike Township
- Washington Township

The Eastern Pennsylvania Permaculture Guild
484-949-1600
Melissa Miles
freethought01@mac.com
www.meetup.com/permie
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Meet other local people who support permaculture design for creating more sustainable human environments. Everyone welcome, including all regional residents, friends & supporters! Permaculture offers practical solutions to many of the problems facing the world by using ecology as the basis of organizing systems of food production, housing, technology, economics and community. Please join us as we cultivate a beautiful, delicious and healthy tomorrow! Activities include discussion groups, tours, workshops & more.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Arts Alliance
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Bethlehem, PA 18015
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www.easternpaarts.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Eastern PA Arts Alliance is a collaborative group of art-related organizations and individuals joined together to provide advocacy, promotion and essential support to cultural arts in the Eastern portion of PA. The organization is currently made up of 14 non-profit arts groups and hosts meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. See our website for more information.

The City’s recycling drop-off center is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm. The City’s recycling drop-off center is located just west of the 4th Street exit ramp in downtown Easton. Patrons should drive carefully through the complex and follow the designated recycling lane to the drop-off center. Accepts: Commingled plastic containers, glass, and cans, corrugated cardboard, and mixed paper, cardboard, junk mail. The Center collects the same recyclable materials that are collected curbside plus printer cartridges, cell phones and chargers. Recycling containers can be purchased at the Recycling Center or the Treasurers Office in City Hall.
Fegley’s Brew Works are both eateries and microbreweries run so as to provide food as natural as nature intended. The Fegley brothers work at shortening the time it takes for foods to get from the field to the plate. Not only are their beers brewed on site, but most of their food vendors are located within 100 miles. With the additions of Solar and Wind Energy, Fegley’s Brew Works is 100% green. Fegley’s has implemented LED lighting to drastically reduce wasted energy emissions. Visit their website for more information or view their sustainability initiatives.

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Rich Fegley
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www.brewworks.com

Family Connection of Easton, Inc.
723 Coal Street
Easton, PA 18042
610-250-2400
www.eastonsd.org/fc

We are the family center in the Easton Area School District. Since 1998, we have helped children be successful in school by: engaging and supporting families; removing barriers to learning; developing positive family-school-community partnerships; providing extra learning opportunities. Our vision: a compassionate community where all children and families have the opportunity to achieve academic and personal success. Our mission: to be a catalyst for change within families, schools, and communities. Through a team approach that includes families, the Easton Area School District, and community organizations, we improve academic performance, the quality of life, and the strength of our community.

Easton Weed and Seed
1201 Ferry Street
Easton, PA 18042
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Laura Accetta
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www.easton-pa.gov/sweed.html

Easton Weed and Seed’s core mission is to promote public safety by mobilizing concerned citizens. Funded since 2011 by the City of Easton, the program promotes the creation of a safe and strong community by implementing such programs as the popular Summer Nights recreation/education program, Cops-n-Community, the Cops ‘n Kids Reading Room, the Front Porch Project, and, most recently, the Northampton County reentry program, which it spearheaded. Easton Weed and Seed supports collaborations among residents, local leaders, law enforcement, faith and community-based organizations and all other key community stakeholders in working to restore quality of life in at risk neighborhoods.

EcoMom Alliance of the Lehigh Valley
Bethlehem, PA 18018
Natalie Beckwith, Organizer
parents-929@meetup.com
www.meetup.com/Lehigh-Valley-EcoMoms

The EcoMom Alliance is a non-profit organization inspiring and empowering women to help reduce the climate crisis and create a sustainable future. We also help to alleviate the isolation and overextension so common among today’s mothers. This group is about fostering a community more oriented toward intrinsic values. We believe the most effective avenue we have for change is by teaching our children to live responsibly and sustainably through example and open-minded discussion. This is a forum for sharing ideas about the common goals we have for our families and the future of the environment the next generation will inherit.

Edge of the Woods Native Plant Nursery
2415 Route 100
Orefield, PA 18069
610-395-2570
Louise L. Schaefer or Susan Tantits
info@edgeofthewoodsnursery.com
www.edgeofthewoodsnursery.com

The Lehigh Valley’s only native plant nursery. Detailed signage and information available at the nursery will help you in your selection, and our knowledgeable staff will be happy to assist you. Design services and consultation available. Check website or call for additional hours during peak seasons. (See website for directions)

The “Eat Real” Group, a project of the Kellyn Foundation, is a diverse coalition of local school district and collegiate administrators and staff, nurses, physicians, community activists, chefs, and food service providers. The focus is to develop and implement plans which provide nutritious local and regional foods to into the area’s school, colleges, and healthcare dining facilities, improving our taste, our health, and our sustainability.

Eat Real
2820 Emrick Boulevard
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18020
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kellyn.org/eat-real-group

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(See our ad on page 92.)
**FreeCycle**

The FreeCycle Network is made up of many individual groups across the globe, including local groups in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Emmaus, and many others. It's a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. One person's trash can truly be another's treasure!

www.freecycle.org

**Foodshed Alliance**

The Foodshed Alliance is a grassroots, non-profit devoted to promoting fresh and healthy locally-grown food and profitable, sustainable farming in northwestern NJ. We believe that the future of our health, our land, and our communities depends, to a great extent, on the existence of local farms, that farmers are the keystone to our connection with our food, the land, and our sense of place. It is this conviction that drives us to work with farmers, consumers, and agricultural professionals to foster a self-sustaining foodshed that sustains farmers, nourishes people, respects the land, and strengthens our communities.

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Tara Bowers
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www.foodshedalliance.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

**Fox Environmental Center**

The Fox Environmental Center’s mission is environmental action and education in the City of Bethlehem and Monocacy Creek watershed. We tackle pressing environmental problems including flooding, erosion, wetland destruction, pollution, climate change, invasive species, and loss of biodiversity. While caring for the historic mill we adaptively restored, our work at the center fosters creative environmental education, long-term research projects, best management practices, and hands-on restoration to protect natural resources in our rural, suburban, and urban communities.

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www.gbfox.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

**Farmers’ Markets**

**Producer-only Farmers’ Markets in the Greater Lehigh Valley:**

**Allentown: Downtown Growers’ Market**
Allentown Arts Park, 5th & Linden, Allentown
Wed, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM (June – Oct)
www.plazagrowersmarket.com

**Bath Farmers’ Market**
Keystone Park at the intersection of Race (Rte. 329) and Green Streets, Bath
Fri, 3 PM – 7 PM (May – Oct)
www.bathfarmersmarket.org

**Bethlehem Farmers’ Market at Campus Square**
S. New Street at Morton Street, Bethlehem
Thurs, see website for times (May–Oct)
www.campusquare.net

**Bethlehem Historic District Farmers’ Market**
Sun Inn Courtyard, 556 Main Street, Bethlehem
Tues, 11 AM–3 PM (May–Oct)

**Boyertown Farmers’ Market**
100 South Walnut Street in parking lot of Mseu, of Historic Vehicles, Boyertown
Sat, 10 AM–1 PM (June–Oct)
Sat, 10 AM–11:30 AM (Nov–May)
www.boyertownpa.org/farmers-market

**Coopersburg Farmers’ Market**
21 North Main Street, Coopersburg
Thurs, 3:30 PM–7 PM (May–Oct)

**Easton Farmers’ Market**
Centre Square in Downtown, Easton
Sat, 9 AM–1 PM (May–Nov)
www.eastonfarmersmarket.com

**Emmaus Farmers’ Market**
KNBT parking lot, 235 Main Street, Emmaus
Sun, 10 AM–2 PM (May–Nov)
www.macungie.pa.us/farmersmarket.htm

**Kutztown Main Street Growers’ Market**
Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 W Main, Kutztown
Thurs, 3 PM – 7 PM (June – Oct)
www.kutztownmarket.com

**Lehigh Valley Growers’ Market**
Route 309 & Lands Lane, Coopersburg
Sat, 9 AM–2 PM (July–Oct)

**Macungie Farmers’ Market**
Memorial Park, 50 Poplar Street, Macungie
Thurs, 4 PM–7 PM (Jun–Oct)

**The Market at Westgate**
Westgate Mall
2285 Schoenersville Road, Bethlehem
Wed, 12 PM–7 PM (year-round)
www.westgatemarket.wordpress.com

**Nazareth Market on the Square**
Center Square Center Street, Nazareth
Sat, 9 AM–1 PM (May–Oct)
www.facebook.com/
NazarethFarmersMarketOnTheSquare

**Ottsville Farmers’ Market**
Linden Hill Gardens, 8230 Easton Road
(Route 611), Ottsville
Fri, 4 PM–8 PM (Apr–Oct)
www.lindenhillgardens.com/farmers-market

**Saucon Valley Farmers’ Market**
Water Street Park, Water Street, Hellertown
Sun, 9 AM–1 PM (May–Nov)
www.svfarmersmarket.org

**St. Luke’s SteelStacks Farmers’ Market**
Town Square at SteelStacks, Bethlehem
Thurs, 3 PM–7 PM (May–Nov)
Sat, 12 PM–4 PM (Jan–Mar)
www.artsquest.org/markets/farmersmarket.php

For additional Farmers’ Market information contact Buy Fresh Buy Local – Greater Lehigh Valley
(see listing page 34)
Frey's Better Foods

We offer a complete line of health food products and vitamins, a wide selection of organic foods and organic produce, gluten-free products, hormone- and antibiotic-free meats, and bulk items. We support local farmers! An unsolicited testimonial: "As a steady customer for all these 25 years of Frey's Better Foods, I cherish the friendly atmosphere, the go-local feel, and the high quality goods. If what you're looking for is not one of the vast number of stocked items, Diane will usually be able to special order it for you.”

(See our ad on page 91.)

Godfrey Daniels

Godfrey Daniels is a member-supported, volunteer-run, not-for-profit listening room, presenting the finest of folk music and performing arts through the "Godfrey’s Experience", that is, in a comfortable and spontaneous environment, accessible to all ages and backgrounds. Through the unique experience of live music, we create an intimate link among the musicians, audience members, and volunteers. Godfrey Daniels stands out by providing professional yet non-intimidating performance conditions, encouraging aspiring regional talent, and further developing the fabric of our local musical arts community. Godfrey Daniels is a vital part of the cultural fabric of the SouthSide Bethlehem and Lehigh Valley communities.

Friends of Johnston

We are a nonprofit organization formed for the preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of the estate of the first Mayor of Bethlehem as the Archibald Johnston Community Center for Nature, Education and the Arts. The Friends of Johnston is uniquely qualified to work to form public-private partnerships and offer their specialized skills in historic restoration and fund raising. This is a chance to protect our past, realize the vision of our generous benefactors, the Johnston family, while also building a legacy for future generations.

GreenLine Paper Company

Since 1992 GreenLine has been dedicated solely to the sales of quality, environmentally-sound products. Our company vision is to grow with the support of satisfied customers and help lead the office products industry to higher levels of sustainability. Unlike conventional office product companies, GreenLine is owned and operated by environmentalists — that’s why every purchase is a trustworthy investment in a better world. Conservation of precious forest resources is fundamental to a healthy planet ecology. We are dedicated to selling only recycled and tree-free papers. Additionally, we have found products that are whitened without chlorine.

Fruition Coalition

The role of the Fruition Coalition is to create positive change in organizations and systems by connecting people, ideas, and resources. We partner with organizations to spark changes in thinking and action in order to bring together communities and organizations that will share information, build relationships, clarify vision, and design the future. We are actively creating a flourishing world through education, dialogue, and consulting that integrates research, intuition, experience, and dream, as seen in our programs and services: The Fruition Academy of Social Imagination and Action, Le Salon Utopique, The Activist’s Muse, and other consulting services. More on our website.

Habitat For Humanity of the Lehigh Valley

We are a nonprofit organization that works to draw the local community together in a large-scale collaborative effort to build simple, decent and affordable homes for hard-working, disadvantaged families in the Lehigh Valley. Hundreds of local volunteers and thousands of supporters help make the Habitat mission possible.

Our ReStore, at 1053 Grape Street, Whitehall, sells donated building supplies, home furnishings, and appliance in support of our mission.

Please contact the office to see how you can help!
**Hawk Mountain Sanctuary**

The world’s first refuge for birds of prey, an international center for raptor conservation, and renowned for the thousands of hawks, eagles, and falcons that pass each autumn, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary offers one of North America’s finest experiences in nature observation. Visit our website for a list of public programs, events, and volunteer opportunities. It operates a 2600-acre natural area, 8-mile trail system with scenic overlooks, and a visitor center. Its staff and volunteers conduct education, stewardship, and research programs. Highly regarded for its 70 years of leadership, the Sanctuary remains the largest member-supported raptor conservation organization in the world.

**Heritage Conservancy**

Heritage Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving our natural and historic heritage through assessment, education, and implementation. We support open space and natural resource protection, biodiversity, and wildlife habitat restoration. We use a variety of strategies, including the formation of public/private partnerships, the education of key decision makers, effective land-use planning, the purchase of conservation easements, acquisition, and conservation-based development. We assist communities in developing smart growth strategies emphasizing regional and watershed planning, and support community actions that enhance and restore natural systems and encourage stewardship of open lands.

**Hip Hop Culture Foundation**

A grassroots community organization founded in 1997 at the Easton Boys and Girls Club, the Hip Hop Culture Foundation has helped many young people through character, leadership, and career development programs. We have worked in conjunction with many non-profits, colleges, and community groups across Eastern Pennsylvania and Central New Jersey. Rooted in the philosophies of the Temple of Hip-Hop and the UZN our organization seeks to promote the elements of Hip-Hop Culture through community programs that educate, empower, and inspire positive self-development. We support intercommunal networking and are looking for emerging Hip-Hoppas to join our growing Board of Directors.

**Healthy Alternatives Food & Nutrition Center**

We are a full range food and nutrition center, specializing in organic produce and organic foods of all kinds. Our vitamin department is extensive. Our staff is knowledgeable. We have a certified nutritionist at the store four days a week. Our new Cafe Santosha offers organic soups, made-to-order sandwiches, and salads made on the premises daily.

**Health Habits Natural Foods**

Opened nine years ago as a pioneer of organic and sustainable food and alternative healing, a one-stop shop for natural health, offering a wide array of premium label supplements, organic meats, produce, dairy, including raw milk, cheeses, free-range eggs, local raw honey, and the most well-known brands of organic and natural foods, personal care items, and household amenities. Our knowledgeable staff includes a holistic nutritionist and a naturopathic doctor who practices nutritional live blood cell analysis on a monthly basis. Monday – Friday 10 – 6, Saturday 10 – 5, Sunday 10 – 2. We support local farmers!

**Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley**

Our mission is to identify, represent, and respond to the needs, interests, and concerns of the Hispanic community and the community at large. As part of our work, we promote voter registration and provide advocacy services. Goals: to encourage social, economic, cultural, moral, and educational advancement of all sectors of the community; to collaborate with community agencies, organizations, health service providers, schools, and businesses. We provide a diverse range of programs and services from cradle to the elderly. Our programs/services include: WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children), Senior Center, Food Pantry and our 21st Century Community Learning Centers Youth Program.
The Kellyn Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a mission to develop, support, facilitate and implement programs that encourage physical and emotional well-being. We focus on healthy lifestyles with positive outcomes that can be sustained and taught to future generations. Kellyn Foundation believes that a combined approach including social advocacy, child, family and community education and at times, direct family intervention is necessary to effect positive change.
Kirkridge Retreat Center

Kirkridge is a Retreat and Study Center rooted in Christ, close to the earth, where people from diverse backgrounds find community and experience the transforming power of the Spirit for personal wholeness, reconciliation and justice in the world. Kirkridge’s emphasis from the beginning was the integration of contemplation and action for justice, or “Picket and Pray.” With a wide variety of programming and a growing constituency of folks from many faith traditions, we celebrate our presence as a Christian center with an ecumenical spirit and an inter-faith welcome.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

League of Women Voters – Northampton County

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government by working to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League’s position on natural resources is to promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest: we promote management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems; and we promote resource conservation, stewardship, and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Lehigh County Community Gardens Program

The mission of the Lehigh County Community Gardens Program is to provide garden space to Lehigh County residents, support the production of healthy food for the community, and to promote sustainable gardening practices. Lehigh County has two gardening sites. The Jordan Creek Parkway site, located along Lehnert Road, has 93 garden plots. The Cedarbrook site, located near Cedarbrook Nursing Home, has 110 garden plots. There is a $25.00 yearly rental fee for each plot.

Lehigh County Agricultural Center, Suite 107
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Dora Gensemer
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www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/AgriculturalLandPreservation/CommunityGardenPlots/tabid/1246/Default.aspx

GOVERNMENT AGENCY

Lehigh County Conference of Churches

A consortium of 140 churches and faith-based affiliates that put faith into action through social service programs that support and encourage the hungry, the homeless, people with mental illness, and at-risk youth. In this effort, the Conference staff, augmented by 800 volunteers, provides a continuum of care designed to move individuals from crisis to self-sufficiency. Our mission is to unite communities of faith as ecumenical partners. Putting our faith into action, we minister to and advocate for those in need and encourage all to reach their full potential. Speakers are available on each program or the Conference as a whole.

534 Chew Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-433-6421
Rev. Dr. Christine L. Nelson
info@lehighchurches.org
www.lehighchurches.org

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Latino Leadership Alliance of the Lehigh Valley

We strengthen the Latino community through leadership development, education, health, and advocacy. The Latino Leadership Alliance provides a public forum for discussion and dissemination of information. It seeks to improve the quality of life for the Latino community and the entire Lehigh Valley. We accomplish this through the work of the following committees: Education, Health, Leadership, and Public Relations. Committee membership is open to the public and members.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
The Lehigh Valley Black News Network is an informative eNewsletter & blog designed to inform you about events and community information related to the connection and inclusion of communities of African-Black-African American descent throughout the Lehigh Valley and the State of Pennsylvania. The LV BNN e-letter is distributed and viewed by over 5000 internet readers from the Lehigh Valley Region, parts of Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Reading Pennsylvania.

Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges (LVAIC)

Founded in 1969, LVAIC is founded on the principle of collaboration. Our unique consortium, one of the oldest in the country, consists of 6 member colleges and universities and 7 associate members in the Lehigh Valley. Through innovations in collaboration and community, LVAIC aims to provide academic and business support to each member. We continue to work towards advancing and enhancing the unique strengths of our member institutions.

We can't continue to exist on Mother Earth without consequences, without sacrifices on our part. Sprinting toward disaster is stupid. That we aren't aiming our incredible problem-solving ability at achieving a symbiotic relationship with our Host is insanity!

Tom Church and Sheila Gallagher in "It's Symbiosis, Stupid" on page 20

Lehigh Gap Nature Center

We are a member-supported, nonprofit, environmental education and wildlife conservation organization whose mission is to protect and restore wildlife and habitat for the benefit of people, wildlife, and the earth. Our headquarters is in Lehigh Gap, north of Slatington and Walnutport, on our 756-acre refuge. We have restored the habitat on the Kittatinny Ridge at Lehigh Gap that was destroyed by a century of zinc smelting in Palmerton. We publish Wildlife Activist three times per year plus American Hawkwatcher annually. The center is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Contact us about speakers or membership information.

Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Program

The Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Program works with landowners to preserve agricultural land with conservation easements. The program is also known as the purchase of development rights program. Landowners are financially compensated under this voluntary program to perpetually preserve their properties for agricultural production. Over 20,000 acres of farmland have been preserved in Lehigh County.

Lehigh Valley Arts Council

Incorporated in 1991 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts-service organization, LVAC’s mission is: to promote the arts; to encourage and support artists and their development; to assist arts organizations; and to facilitate communication and cooperation among artists, arts organizations, and the community. Currently, the Arts Council has 127 nonprofit organizational and 450 individual artists, arts patrons and business members. The Arts Council focuses on making the arts accessible to all citizens and on providing services to area artists and arts organizations to enable them to be more successful. Services include arts research and advocacy, professional development, publications, and cooperative marketing initiatives.

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Lehigh Valley Humanists is a group focused on a progressive life stance that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead meaningful, ethical lives capable of adding to the greater good of humanity. Our goal is to promote Humanism and foster the building of a vibrant community dedicated to a positive ethical life-stance in the Lehigh Valley Area.

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Diane Cormican
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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The LV Greens promotes the Ten Key Values of the Green Party and works locally toward a more just and sustainable world through both electoral and non-electoral actions. While we work to make the Green Party an effective electoral voice for progressives in the greater Lehigh Valley, we work together with local environmental, peace, and justice groups as well as with other third parties and progressives in the two major parties in common cause. Call/email Martin if you would like to work on Green Party efforts in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Grassroots group that tells the truth about shale drilling; works to maintain the things we love and are entitled to by Natural Law as well as the Pennsylvania Constitution—enjoyment and maintenance of our Penn’s Woods heritage of clean water, land, air, scenic qualities of the landscape; and stands for the democratic rights of citizens at the municipal level in the face of a corporate-state collusion that tells us we are mere serfs in the Gaslands of Fracksylvania. Generally we meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem at 7 pm.

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“Progress towards a sustainable world runs head-on into a slew of human rights issues.”
Alwyn Eades in “Environmental Sustainability vs. Human Rights?” on page 16

Lehigh Valley Humanists

Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)

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Greg Bott
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www.lvcl.org
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL) is dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities and promoting the full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life. LVCIL provides services for its consumers such as information and referral, peer support, independent living skills, and individual and systems advocacy. The organization also provides housing search and support, services for landlords, a 24-hour sign language interpreter referral service, youth transition services, and community outreach through specialized programs and groups.

The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living (LVCIL)

Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing

c/o LEPOCO Peace Center
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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Lehigh Valley CASK (Committee Against State Killing) is a LEPOCO working group whose goal is to end capital punishment in Pennsylvania. Members share information regarding legal developments surrounding the issue, plan events that help increase public awareness of problems regarding the selection of persons to be determined unworthy of life, and meet with legislators to discuss alternatives to the current use of the death penalty. Meetings are at the LEPOCO office and are usually held monthly during the week on a date selected at each meeting. Notice of meetings is given on the LEPOCO website and through the newsletter.

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Lehigh Valley Green Builders

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

LVGB is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting green building and renewable energy in the Lehigh Valley. Our mission is to promote environmentally responsible design, planning, construction, and operation of buildings through advocacy, education, outreach, and networking. We have a 12-member board of directors including LEED Accredited Professionals, builders, architects, contractors, academics, and development professionals. We produce public programs on Green Building topics including the annual Lehigh Valley Green Building Expo. Individual, business, and corporate memberships are open to all. See our website for membership brochure and to sign up for our e-newsletter.

Lehigh Valley Green Builders

Lehigh Valley Greens

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The LV Greens promotes the Ten Key Values of the Green Party and works locally toward a more just and sustainable world through both electoral and non-electoral actions. While we work to make the Green Party an effective electoral voice for progressives in the greater Lehigh Valley, we work together with local environmental, peace, and justice groups as well as with other third parties and progressives in the two major parties in common cause. Call/email Martin if you would like to work on Green Party efforts in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Lehigh Valley Greens

Lehigh Valley Gas Truth

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Grassroots group that: tells the truth about shale drilling; works to maintain the things we love and are entitled to by Natural Law as well as the Pennsylvania Constitution—enjoyment and maintenance of our Penn’s Woods heritage of clean water, land, air, scenic qualities of the landscape; and stands for the democratic rights of citizens at the municipal level in the face of a corporate-state collusion that tells us we are mere serfs in the Gaslands of Fracksylvania. Generally we meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem at 7 pm.

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Lehigh Valley Land Recycling Initiative

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Land Recycling Initiative facilitates redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties ("brownfields") throughout the Lehigh Valley by maintaining an inventory of underutilized commercial/industrial properties; assisting site owners and developers to environmentally assess and mediate work at brownfields and acquire funding, work plans, and buyer/seller agreements; providing information on various resources for redevelopment such as environmental consultants, commercial lenders, and environmental insurers; and acting as intermediate between all parties for the most efficient redevelopment of the brownfield sites.

Lehigh Valley Sustainability Network

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Our mission is to create the avenues for collaboration, education and action that will facilitate the creation of a more sustainable Lehigh Valley. We are focused on cultivating leaders who promote sustainability, increasing the visibility of sustainability and engaging the community in addressing sustainability issues. Working groups of the network are involved in education, outreach, technology infrastructure, media and communications, government dialogue, strategy, and leadership. Any sustainability-focused organization is welcome to join the network and individuals are welcome to join any of its working groups.

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Lehigh Valley Progressive Events is published on the 15th and 30th of each month. It is a grassroots effort to publicize events about peace & justice, the environment, global warming, media/framing, healthcare, election integrity, and corporatism/democracy in the Lehigh and Northampton County area in Pennsylvania.

Lehigh Valley Vegetarians

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Our purposes are to educate ourselves and the community about the health, ethical, and environmental benefits of a plant-based diet; to learn cooking techniques; to share home-prepared foods; and to develop community.

Lehigh Valley Research Consortium

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The Lehigh Valley Research Consortium (LVRC) combines the expertise of researchers from the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges and community partners to examine various issues (e.g., political, economic, social, health, and environmental) in a regional context. Through its efforts, the LVRC functions as a community-based information resource for Lehigh Valley governments, not-for-profits, businesses and citizens.

Lehigh Valley Veterans for Peace

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Our military-industrial complex continues to produce fewer jobs per dollar invested than any other economic sector, and yet our military budget continues to grow, having doubled since 2001. As Veterans for Peace, we work with others to increase public awareness of the costs of war. If you share our values and vision, join us as we strive to end war as an instrument of national policy. We meet every second Thursday at 6 pm at the LEPOCO Peace Center.

“The challenge is to decide what measures will enable us to stop subsidizing antiquated and costly 20th-century models and instead move in the directions needed for the 21st century.”

Al Wurth in “At A Crossroads” on page 18
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Lehigh Valley Water Suppliers, Inc. (LVWS) is a non-profit organization made up of 17 public water utilities from across the Lehigh Valley, working together to increase public awareness about the importance of protecting and conserving our precious water resources. LVWS focuses on youth outreach programs, including an annual water education festival called HydroMania that hosts 1,200 students and teaches them the important concepts of watershed protection and water conservation. LVWS also hosts other special events, sponsors an annual scholarship program, and runs an interactive water education website for kids.

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The mission of the Lehigh Valley Zoo is to be a leader and model for wildlife conservation, education, and animal welfare while providing a friendly and fun place for citizens and guests of the Lehigh Valley.

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LEPOCO (the Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern) brings residents together to work on a range of problems that threaten peace, our way of life, and our planet. Current activities and programs, all open to the general public, include Peace Camp, the LEPOCO Peace Singers, the Annual Dinner in March, a Bike/Walkathon in June, a Potluck & Politics discussion series, a monthly LEPOCO Book Discussion Group, a First Friday Film series, and the following working groups: America’s Solidarity Group, Nuclear Abolition Sisters, and Lehigh Valley Committee Against State Killing. Call for information on activities or membership.

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Living Arts Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine is an integrative healthcare center offering acupuncture, herbal medicines, homeopathics, supplements, dietary counseling, and manual medicine (i.e. massage therapy). Holistic and complementary healthcare for the whole family. See the Lisa Baas Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine page on Facebook.

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Living Potentials is a holistic business offering macrobiotic dietary and lifestyle counseling. Stephen makes use of applied kinesiology in dietary advice, in determining supplement and herbal usage, for promoting allergy relief, and for meridian emotional release. In addition, Stephen teaches food forest development classes, does wild food and herb walks, and lectures on macrobiotics, shiatsu, and holistic health in the Lehigh Valley. He is a former director of the Shiatsu Certification Course at Lehigh Valley Healing Arts Academy, Emmaus.

"We are hitting a new age in which social, technological, and global perspectives are changing everything."

Jerz E. Brown in “The End of an Age” on page 8

Lower Saucon Township Historical Society
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The Lower Saucon Township Historical Society seeks to preserve and maintain the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse as an example of 19th century Pennsylvania architecture, to utilize it as a place of public education, to acquire, conserve and archive artifacts, manuscripts, photographs, recordings and ephemera relevant to the history of Lower Saucon Township and to make them available for research, study and education.
Based on the puppets and scripts of Doug Royston and developed through collaborations with many artists, Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre exploits the versatility of the puppetry arts. After a fairly extensive touring career, beginning with its founding in 1978, Mock Turtle turned its focus to activities at the Ice House in Bethlehem and over thirty collaborative partnerships with Valley arts and community groups, ranging from the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley to Pennsylvania Sinfonia to the Da Vinci Science Center. Increasingly, their partnerships are established to emphasize important children’s issues such as literacy, diversity, and child abuse prevention.

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The Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Association (MAREA) is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization that promotes environmentally-friendly energy and lifestyle choices for individuals and small businesses. We are dedicated to informing and educating the public on renewable energy production, energy efficiency and sustainable living through meetings, workshops, educational materials and energy fairs. Our monthly meetings, free and open to the public, are held on the last Tuesday of each month at TEK Park, Route 222, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Please see www.themarea.org for current schedule of speakers and detailed directions.

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Through its special events and thematic lectures, the Center for Ethics emphasizes opportunities for continuing, hands-on development of our powers for ethical reflection, moral leadership, and responsible action. The Center’s programs are designed to engage us in intensive, reflective thinking about individual and collective values. Semester-long programs in the past have focused on hunger, patriotism, sustainable communities, women in global perspective, and human rights.

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### NAACP – Allentown Branch

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The mission of the NAACP – Allentown Branch is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The vision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

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Natural Awakenings is a monthly healthy-living magazine devoted to natural health, fitness, nutrition, environment, personal growth and creative expression. We distribute Natural Awakenings free to over 1,200 distribution points in the Greater Lehigh Valley and Warren County, New Jersey. Our unique blend of local and national editorial, news, resource guide, and calendar of events are designed to assist our readers on their personal path to wellness. We offer targeted, cost-effective access to affluent, well-educated and health-conscious readers who are eagerly seeking resources that will improve their health and well-being.

(See our ad on inside front cover.)

**BUSINESS**

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### Natural Undertaking

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Natural Undertaking is a resource center for information on home funeral and green burial options in Pennsylvania. We provide consulting, education, and practical support for families and friends who wish to manage after death care and natural burial for their loved ones.

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The key to any hope for a new system is community participation. From a historical perspective, the real power always lies with the people, if only they choose to use it.”

Trina Lacey-Flores in “We’re All In This Together” on page 22

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Organic Alternatives is a local company that seeks to provide you with top quality body care products made with organic ingredients. What this means is you get the best while helping to protect the environment. By making our products organic we ensure that no harsh chemicals or toxins are ever used. The great news is that our products reduce your exposure to these toxins and they help protect the earth by lessening the reliance on pesticides and other harmful chemicals. By choosing to use organic, we never use any genetically modified ingredients which further protects you and the planet.

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As organic mattress specialists, we like bringing you the best. Having most of the organic mattress manufacturers' beds in different firmnesses at our showroom makes it easy for customers to feel what works best. People ask what is an organic mattress? It's simple; they're constructed from all natural materials. Purity, health, luxury, and comfort coexist. Our mattresses and accessories are clean, green, and as close to nature as possible. Your loved ones deserve to be sleeping on these comfortable, clean products. Peace of Mind is our gift to you. (See our ad on page 91.)
Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA)

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PASA promotes profitable farms that produce healthy food for all people while respecting the natural environment. PASA is also statewide coordinator for the Buy Fresh Buy Local chapters in Pennsylvania. Search for local foods on buylocalpa.org.

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Our purpose is to assure the integrity of organic agricultural products through education, inspection, and certification of growers, processors, and handlers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington D.C.

Pennsylvania Land Trust Association

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The Pennsylvania Land Trust Association works to protect Pennsylvania’s special places by helping land trusts to acquire land and conservation easements.

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GOVERNMENT AGENCY

The Pennsylvania Pedalcycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee is appointed by the governor. We meet about five times per year, usually in Harrisburg, to discuss bicycling and pedestrian issues. By law, our purpose is to advise all branches of state government on these issues.
**Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra**

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The mission of the Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra is to create a connection between our musicians and audiences in Eastern Pennsylvania by providing them with meaningful, enjoyable and accessible concert experiences. Keeping ticket prices low enables us to offer family-friendly plans for young music students and under-served groups to attend our concerts. By reaching out to new listeners we feel that classical music will be cherished for generations to come. With a smaller orchestra we can present high-quality and imaginative performances throughout the year. Member of Community Exchange.

**Pure Sprouts**

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Pure Sprouts is a Farmers’ Market at your front door! Everything is certified organic or local & sustainably produced. Place your order online and save time & gas — and lower your carbon footprint.

(See our ad on inside front cover)

**Planned Parenthood of Northeast and Mid-Penn**

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Planned Parenthood promotes and protects universal access to reproductive health care and freedom of choice to determine reproductive needs. Our health centers provide routine gynecological services, pregnancy testing, and options counseling, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, emergency contraception, abortion services (Reading), colposcopy, and cryotherapy (Reading and Wilkes-Barre). Our education programs provide healthy relationship information, decision-making skills, risk reduction, and information about birth control and sexually transmitted diseases, among others. The advocacy component seeks to educate the public around issues important to our mission. Health centers are located in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Hazleton, Reading, Scranton, Stroudsburg, and Wilkes-Barre.

**ProJeCt of Easton**

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ProJeCt of Easton has served the greater Easton area for more than 40 years. ProJeCt advocates for at-risk populations in our community by establishing systematic and research based programs to break the cycle of poverty. We offer services to help our clients bridge the gap between poverty and self-sufficiency. ProJeCt’s nationally-recognized literacy programs provide instruction to function successfully in the workplace, as parents and as community members. Case management services enable clients to set and achieve personal, educational, and economic goals. ProJeCt’s mission is to help people help themselves.

**Queen’s Nutritional Products**

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Queen’s is a full service health food store that has been in business over 40 years. We carry a full line of vitamins, herbs, homeopathic products, and organic and gluten free foods. Our wholesale business of dried fruit and nuts complements the retail store. Many of the nuts are roasted on premises. Peanut butter is ground fresh daily. Our well trained and friendly staff is always ready to help.

(See our ad on page 92)

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**Renew Lehigh Valley**

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Renew Lehigh Valley is an organization committed to promoting smart growth and smart governance in order to revitalize our core communities, preserve open space, and establish an economically and environmentally sustainable foundation for our region’s future growth.

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“Unsustainable actions have affected the ecological processes and functions that keep our planet stable… violating the human rights of younger and future generations by taking away their opportunity to live in a healthy, stable living environment.”

Leah Boecker in “Sustainability and the Rights of Future Generations” on page 6
**Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County**

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Our membership includes over 100 local citizens active in educating residents on the benefits of farmland preservation and keeping us a rural, farming community. Although we are not a political group, our membership is very involved in the local community through government and volunteer work. We are farmers and non-farmers, long time residents and new folks. Every year, we organize a spring cleanup, give a scholarship to a student going into agriculture or environmental science, participate in the Open Gate Farm Tour and Pioneer Day at Ontelaunee Park, hold a Christmas party, and support other organizations promoting farmland preservation and agriculture.

**The Rodale Institute**

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The Rodale Institute: Pioneering organics since 1947, and improving the health and well-being of people and the planet. Building on the prescient visions of J.I. and Robert Rodale, the Rodale Institute has been pioneering organics through our innovative research, education and outreach, advocating organic food production techniques as a means of renewing human and environmental health. Long before environmental issues were news-worthy or organic was trendy, the Institute’s organic and regenerative research taught millions of people around the globe how to transform their lives and their communities.

**Saucon Valley Community Gardens Association (SVCGA)**

1317 Detweiler Avenue
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610-392-2225
Brett Haymaker, Founder

The Saucon Valley Community Gardens Association (SVCGA) spearheads community oriented projects involving the creation of regionally autonomous community gardens, the revitalization of historical gardens, educational programs, lectures, demonstrations, community supported agriculture (CSA) programs, and garden-to-table partnerships with local restaurants and their chefs. We believe gardens positively impact our diet, raise our awareness to the natural world, and maximize the depth and quality of our human relationships. Thereby, we seek to create local food circle infrastructures to provide a niche in which community members may find nourishment.

**School of Natural Learning**

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The School of Natural Learning’s mission is to promote a holistic approach to early age learning, placing a strong emphasis on the arts, nature and friendship. Not a bricks and mortar school, it is a school in the sense of a shared philosophy and approach to learning based on holism. Through consultation and collaboration with diverse community partners, the School of Natural Learning both develops and implements programs to bring nature into the classroom and the classroom into nature.

**School of Living**

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Founded in 1934 by Ralph Borsodi, School of Living was designed to empower people to achieve a fulfilling and self-sufficient life outside the urban environment. Over the years, School of Living has played a pivotal role in movements supporting organic agriculture, consumer rights, cooperatives, worker-owned businesses, and appropriate technology. Currently, our attention is on community land trusts, intentional community, permaculture, alternative education, consensus decision-making, and non-exploitative banking. School of Living owns six rural land parcels in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which are leased to resident communities. A quarterly journal, Green Revolution, provides an overview of School of Living activities.

**The Rising Sun Community Newspaper**

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The Rising Sun is a Lehigh Valley-based publication that works with the poor and working class to develop quarterly newspaper, political essays and other creative works. Our goal is to create a forum for public political expression that fosters a dialogue that seeks to put power back into the hands of people who oppose the current socio-political direction of the country. Our contributors contend that our political, economic, penal, justice, and military-industrial complexes are crippling our communities and through effective dialogue and leadership, led by everyday people, positive change is possible.

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Shanthi Project is dedicated to increasing fitness and fostering self-understanding in at-risk, incarcerated youth and underserved communities in the Lehigh Valley. Named for the Sanskrit word for “peace,” our mission is to inspire students to practice yoga and meditation to develop healthier bodies, increased self-awareness, and a mindful approach toward their lives and their roles in their communities. Ongoing research helps us to understand what approaches are most effective. We have worked with over 300 students in Northampton County Prison, Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center, Boys & Girls Club of Easton, and Children’s Home of Easton.

Second Harvest Food Bank distributes over six million pounds of food each year to nearly 200 nonprofit organizations, including food pantries and soup kitchens, in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, and Wayne Counties. We educate the community about hunger, train agencies that provide emergency food assistance, and advocate for policies that prevent and alleviate hunger. Second Harvest Food Bank is a program of the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley and a member of Feeding America, formerly named America’s Second Harvest: The Nation’s Food Bank Network.

The Sierra Club’s mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect Earth’s wild places; to practice and promote the responsible use of earth’s ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity in protecting and restoring the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. The Kittatinny (Berks and Schuylkill) Group, in concert with the national Sierra Club and the Pennsylvania Chapter, works on local, regional, state, and national environmental issues. We publish the Berks-Lehigh Sustainable Farm Directory, organize educational events and hikes, and evaluate environmental records of local political candidates.

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The Seed Farm is a new-farmer training program and agricultural business incubator located in Vera Cruz, PA. The mission of the Seed Farm is to help start and support new sustainable farms in the Lehigh Valley and to facilitate the development of a vibrant local food system. Up to six apprentices are selected yearly to learn organic vegetable production and marketing skills. Graduates of the apprenticeship program have access to the Seed Farm’s land, equipment, and resources to start their sustainable farming enterprises.

Since opening in 1996, our store has promoted a holistic method to wellness and healing. Our store’s proprietor and clinical herbalist, Elaine Kilgannon, is dedicated to providing herbal alternatives to her customers. Additionally, Second Nature contains a quality selection of organic products, natural foods, gluten-free foods, herbs, vitamins, sports supplements, essential oils, and useful literature. We also do special orders. Our store’s knowledgeable and friendly staff is always willing to help. We encourage customer awareness of traditional healing therapies, proper nutrition, beneficial lifestyle choices and offer free health consultations to all customers. Come in or browse our website.
SoBeCoWorks (A Community CoWorking Space)
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CoWorking involves a shared working environment, often an office with an open floor plan, and independent activity. Unlike in a typical office environment, those CoWorking are not employed by the same organization. It is attractive to remote workers, freelancers, independent contractors, micro business owners, career changers or people who travel frequently and who end up working in the isolation of their hotel room. In Bethlehem, SoBeCoWorks provides this meeting place for those people who work independently, but who are interested in the synergy that can happen from working with like-minded talented people in the same space. (See our ad on page 91.)

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The South Side Initiative (SSI) brings together Lehigh University faculty, students and staff with the people of Bethlehem in order to share knowledge, foster democracy, and improve the quality of life in our city. SSI rests on the proposition that the teaching and research mission of the university – and the quality of life in Bethlehem – will be enhanced by this collaboration that allows for the sharing of local forms of knowledge, historical memory, and cultural practice with those in the university. SSI ultimately creates a forum to address pressing challenges in the life of the city, by creating opportunities for informed democratic deliberation and action.

SouthSide Film Festival & SouthSide Film Institute
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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
The SouthSide Film Institute is a grass-roots organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the art of independent filmmaking, offering choices to patrons of the arts, and showcasing the cultural community of the South Side of Bethlehem. The Institute provides the annual SouthSide Film Festival in June. On Third Thursdays, the Institute brings free public screenings of socially-conscious films that merit viewing and discussion.

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
In 1966 Russell Keich and Don Herring, avid gardeners and artists, purchased a farm and transformed it into a living museum, using salvaged materials from dismantled churches, barns, and other classic structures. Gradually the surrounding cornfields and stream were transformed into six acres of breathtaking gardens interspersed among waterfalls, water gardens, and ponds. An additional 22 acres of woodlands and meadows complement the gardens. Today, Stonehedge is a nonprofit public entity, perpetuating the continuing creative expressions of nature and the arts. Our mission is to provide a healing, sacred, inclusive environment for personal and community transformation and wellness.

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Strader & Associates is a Certified Public Accountant firm. We use the process of preparing tax returns and financial statements to build an understanding of each client’s past, present, and future. For effective strategic planning, we work with clients as partners. Our on-site art gallery displays works for sale by local artist Michelle Strader. We support the local sustainable business economy and strive to be sustainable in our practice. Consciousness of the impact businesses have on the environment helps us operate our business and work with like-minded clients. Give us a call to see how we can help you.

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Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF) is a private non-profit organization that assists energy users in overcoming educational and financial barriers to a sustainable energy future. A future in which energy is harvested, converted, distributed and utilized in a manner that allows all to meet their energy needs without compromising the ability of their children and grandchildren to meet their needs.
**Transitions Lehigh Valley**

Transitions Lehigh Valley is one of over 100 official Transitions Initiatives in the U.S. and part of the global Transitions movement. It serves as a hub for catalyzing local Transition Initiatives in the Greater Lehigh Valley. The Transitions movement looks to communities for meaningful action regarding peak oil, climate instability, and economic chaos. Transitions provides a process for engaging and empowering the people in each community so as to unleash their creativity and their collaborative strength and enabling them to work toward resilience and sustainability.

**Transitions Lehigh Valley**

transitionslv@sustainlv.org

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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**Tenant Association of Allentown**

The Tenant Association of Allentown has been created to tackle the city’s current renting issues. The association aims to educate residents of the city on their rights as a tenant and to assist with tenant-landlord disputes. We are currently working with city agencies to improve rental conditions throughout the city. Membership is open to all people living in the city of Allentown who accept the aims and goals of the Association, irrespective of nationality, race, religion, or political belief, ethnic or national origin, sex or color.

**Tenant Association of Allentown**

Allentown, PA
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Julian Kern - Chair/President juliankern@taofallentown.org www.taofallentown.org

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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**Touchstone Theatre**

Touchstone Theatre is a professional, nonprofit theatre company located in our multi-ethnic and multi-lingual Bethlehem. At its heart is a resident ensemble of theater artists rooted both in our local community and the international community of ensemble-created theaters. The ensemble is engaged in the creation of original work; the on-going development of theatre productions in which image, movement, space and sound play as important a role as the text; touring selected original and ensemble-created works; offering educational programs that inspire students of all ages to discover their creative voice; and demonstrate the power of theatre as a community-building tool.

**Touchstone Theatre**

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Emma Chong emma@touchstone.org www.touchstone.org

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

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**Tramontin Chiropractic Wellness Center**

Dr. Jacqueline Tramontin is a devoted chiropractor serving families in the Lehigh Valley for 17 years. She utilizes custom tables for children and pregnant women and offers nutritional counseling and massage therapy to help practice members achieve their health goals and increase the quality of their lives. Do you have questions about chiropractic? Call or e-mail us for our free Chiropractic Consumer’s Awareness Guide or you may set up a free telephone consultation with Dr. Jackie.

**Tramontin Chiropractic Wellness Center**

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**HEALTH PRACTITIONER**

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**TTLG Design**

TTLG Design is a web and graphics company located in Bethlehem, PA, serving small and medium sized businesses in and around the Lehigh Valley. TTLG Design can provide a range of services for their clients, including website design, e-commerce, and search engine optimization, as well as a whole host of printing and graphics options, from business cards to brochures to posters. TTLG also has a wide range of environmentally friendly options for your business, including eco-friendly web hosting and various environmentally friendly printing options.

**TTLG Design**

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**BUSINESS**

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**Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley**

Turning Point is the sole domestic-violence agency for Lehigh and Northampton counties. Its mission is to work toward the elimination of domestic violence, increase community awareness of the problem, and empower victims of domestic violence by providing shelter and support services. Services include a 24-hour helpline (610-437-3369), emergency shelter, crisis and options counseling, court advocacy, children and teen programming, transitional housing, and extensive community education and outreach. Health care professionals are trained through medical advocacy programming. All of the agency’s programs and services are available in English and Spanish and are provided free of charge.

**Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley**

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**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**
WREN is a nonpartisan informal collaboration among organizations and public officials working for the protection and management of Pennsylvania’s water resources, both surface and ground water, through grass-roots education and informed policy-making. WREN provides training and grants for local coalition building to promote community awareness and the public policies necessary to protect Pennsylvania water resources. The WREN Program focuses on Watershed Education to prevent non-point source pollution, and Source Water Protection to raise awareness about the importance of keeping public drinking water sources safe from contamination. Sign up for our free newsletter!

United Sludge-Free Alliance

The United Sludge-Free Alliance is a grassroots organization supporting a ban on the use of toxic sewage sludge fertilizer.

Valley Against Sex Trafficking

Valley Against Sex Trafficking is a collaborative effort comprised of community members, service providers, businesses, organizations, law enforcement, church members, and government officials that are united with a passion for justice. Our mission is to unite and empower individuals towards awareness, prevention, action and aftercare efforts that eradicate sex trafficking and exploitation in the Lehigh Valley area.

Wagner Farmstead

Wagner Farmstead will open its doors this season as a new, diversified vegetable farm in the county. Farmer Liz Wagner will provide healthy options and sustainable food through organic farming methods such as crop succession planning, cover cropping and pesticide-free plant management. The farm will host a small CSA in 2013 and is on the lookout for restaurants, co-ops and all-natural stores interested in carrying local, seasonal produce. Produce includes heirloom hardneck garlic and tomatoes, herbs, high-vitamin potatoes, unique greens, lettuces and mesclun mix, onions, melons, peppers, squash, winter storage crops, flowers and much more. Contact Liz for more information.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley

The Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley grew out of the work of the Green Valley Coalition. In 2010, the Board of the Green Valley Coalition made the decision to reorganize the group to create an umbrella coalition representing all the community-based Watershed Associations. The mission of the newly-organized Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley is: To preserve and enhance the watersheds of the Lehigh Valley. The Coalition anticipates pursuing its mission through outreach and education, resource and information sharing, and advocacy on key issues critical to water resource health in the Lehigh Valley. Lehigh Valley watershed associations.

WDIY 88.1 FM, Lehigh Valley Community Public Radio

Tune in for NPR programming, WDIY Classics, The Blend, public affairs, folk and jazz programming Monday through Friday. See our website for the complete schedule of programming heard on WDIY. The mission of WDIY as a public radio station is to engage the Lehigh Valley community through a wide-ranging exchange of music, arts, news and culturally diverse information. WDIY partners with various community and business organizations in the Lehigh Valley. For more information about working with WDIY as a community partner, please call Alison DelRe.
Watershed associations are dedicated to ensuring the availability of clean water. For more information, visit the individual association's website or contact the county conservation district.

Bertsch-Hokendaqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association (Walnutport)  
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Bushkill Stream Conservancy (Tatamy)  
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Carbon County Groundwater Guardians (Palmerton)  
www.carbonwaters.org  
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Cooks Creek Watershed Association (Springtown)  
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Fry’s Run Watershed Association (Easton)  
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Musconetcong Watershed Association (Asbury, NJ)  
www.musconetcong.org  
908-537-7060

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy (Schwenksville)  
www.perkiomenwatershed.org  
610-287-9383

Saucon Creek Watershed Association (Hellertown)  
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Northampton County Conservation District  
www.northamptoncd.org

The watershed specialist for Northampton County serves as a source of technical assistance to local watershed groups, municipalities, and others interested in protecting and improving their watersheds. Contact Jim Wilson, Watershed Specialist at 610-746-1971 or james.wilson@northamptoncd.org

Also see Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley on page 81

The West Ward Neighborhood Partnership's Urban Ecology Project seeks to assure a balance of the community's urban ecology by advancing such things as affordable housing, citizen participation, cultural diversity, economic vitality, educational achievement, employment opportunity, energy efficiency, environmental health, generational interdependence, historic preservation, and public policy, with practical, innovative, and sustainable methods. The goal is to forge a creative, healthful, and connected community through programs that support children and families, affordable housing and counseling, neighborhood building, and economic development for low-and moderate-income residents

The Weston A. Price Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charity founded in 1999. It disseminates the research of nutrition pioneer Dr. Weston Price, whose studies of isolated non-industrialized peoples established the parameters of human health and determined the optimum characteristics of human diets. The Foundation is dedicated to restoring nutrient-dense foods to the American diet through education, research, and activism. Our local chapters, WAPF-LV, hosts public presentations dealing with food, nutrition, health, and food-producing systems, and publishes a newsletter. As part of WAPF-LV’s effort to connect local food producers and consumers, we also publish a directory of local farms. On Facebook as Weston Price Lehigh Valley Chapter.

Wholesome Food Catering is committed to making environmentally and socially conscious decisions in all aspects of our catering services. We are pleased to offer a variety of sustainable foods and continue striving to source locally, reducing waste, and minimizing our impact on the earth, while upholding quality foods and services. All food is prepared thoughtfully from scratch. A variety of menu options are offered, which include vegetarian; vegan; and gluten-free. Our mission is to provide a wonderful taste experience through the use of local and organic foods.
Wildlands Conservancy

We are a non-profit, environmental conservation organization founded in 1973. The mission of Wildlands Conservancy is to preserve, protect, restore, enhance and disseminate the land, water, ecological and recreational resources of the Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh River valley. The Conservancy fulfills its mission through environmental education programs, land protection and stewardship strategies, science-informed water quality and ecological restoration projects, comprehensive community-planning efforts, plus greenway and recreational trail development. Our headquarters and Environmental Education Center are located at the Pool Wildlife Sanctuary, a 775 acre preserve in Emmaus.

The Write Beat by Ruth Heil

This freelance writing service – and the women behind it – specializes in simplification while fostering an appreciation for nature. Ruth Heil is available for hire to help small business owners refine their message; gain organizational control through documentation; and tell their story with non-fiction articles and ghostwriting. Additionally, she strives to share scientific knowledge with interested citizens who want to connect to the natural world in a more meaningful way. Her weekly Back to Basics blog posts support those who share her concerns.

YWCA of Bethlehem

The YWCA of Bethlehem is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The four focus areas are Women’s Empowerment, Girls’ Empowerment, Family Empowerment, and Racial Justice. Programs include: WAND, Neighbor-to-Neighbor, Friend-to-Friend, TechGYRLS, Prom Dress Day, Healthy Heart Workshop, LGPA-USGA Girls Golf of Lehigh Valley and Southern Lehigh Valley, Gals Golf, Boys Golf, Adult Day Services Center, Recreational Activities, and Case Management Services for Seniors at the Rooney Building, Study Circles on Racism and Race Relations, Intercultural Reading Circles, and Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series.

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Working as an intern for the Alliance was an excellent experience. I had a great deal of responsibility, accountability, and ownership. I developed project management and organizational skills, independence, and accountability. It was great preparation for my career now as a field organizer.

—JL, Muhlenberg College, 2008 (Editing & Publishing)

I learned how to find out about things that tend to be hidden, talk to people about things they would rather pretend do not exist, and solve problems that seem overwhelming at first glance. I recommend this internship for anyone who accepts that small setbacks are necessary steps in accomplishing great tasks.

—JT, Lafayette College 2007 (Campus Sustainability)

Just what I was looking for. My internship gave me practical experience in publishing and editing, which is what I would like to pursue as a career. It taught me a lot about all the little things that make a publication worthy of public exposure and how to balance focus on aesthetic appeal with proper editing.

—JS, Moravian College, 2010 (Editing & Publishing)

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