

A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones

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RETIRED

After all those years of working,
Finally retirement comes along.
But age doesn't really matter,
If one is still fit and strong.

One of the first things that comes to mind,
"Let's get away from the snow and cold"
And move to a warmer clime down south.
They say the sun belt was made for the old.

But just think of all you'd be missing
By living in a one season land.
No spring and green awakening
But where one is year 'round tanned.

Now there is nothing wrong with warm weather
There are several very good reasons.
But if you've lived up north all your life,
You're bound to miss the changing seasons.

So before you make the big decision
To leave for the golden sun,
Remember that a one season land
May not be for everyone.



*Observations
In Verse*

Donald M. Jones
Slate Belt Pa. Historian & Poet
Donald is standing in front of the
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his likeness is depicted in the mural

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Executive Order Regarding Undocumented Immigrants

By Becky Bartlet

EASTON - Executive Order regarding the detention of undocumented immigrants (attached)
WHERE: County of Northampton **WHEN:** March 3, 2020 Lamont McClure has signed an executive order clarifying Northampton County's position on the detention of undocumented immigrants arrested on suspicion of or adjudicated guilty of a state criminal violation. "Executive Order 20-28 balances the legitimate needs of the Federal Government to enforce our national immigration laws while providing the basic protections of due process that all human beings are owed in the United States," says Lamont McClure.



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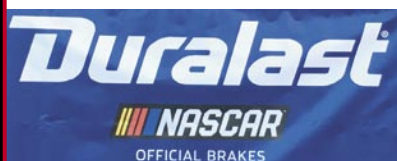
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Applications for CDBG Grants Are Open

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announce the opening of the grant application process for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). This is the 11th anniversary for the Northampton County CDBG program. The application process will run from March 2nd until 4:00 pm on May 22nd.

Funding for CDBG is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to allow DCED to assist people with low incomes. Eligible applicants are the thirty-six boroughs and townships and the City of Easton which participate in the Northampton County's Urban County CDBG Entitlement program, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations which provide services to residents in the participating municipalities.

CDBG grants are used for affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development. Funds may be applied to projects such as: ADA improvements to public facilities, capital improvements for water, sewer or other utilities, street paving, sidewalks, curbing and storm water prevention. Northampton County has \$2.2 million available for 2021 grants.

DCED scheduled three instructional workshops for any organization planning to apply for funding in 2020. There is no charge for these workshops, but it is strongly encouraged for at least one representative of an organization to attend. Failure to do so will have a negative impact on any funding application.

Please RSVP to Dawn Tomaino at 610-829-6309 or

dtomaino@northamptoncounty.org with your name, the name of the organization you are representing, and the date you will be attending.

Last Instructional Workshop: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 @ 8:30am – 10:30am Wind Gap Fire Co. Social Hall 111 North Broadway Wind Gap, PA 18091.



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