

# SLATE BELT

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•Scholarship Program – Each year, we help students in the Slate Belt pursue their educational goals by providing scholarships that reduce financial barriers and open doors to new opportunities. This investment in our youth ensures that talent stays rooted here and that hope for a better future remains strong.

•Façade Improvement Programs – Whether it's a downtown storefront in Bangor or a residential home in Pen Argyl, our façade programs breathe new life into our built environment. Fresh paint, repaired windows new signage — these aren't just cosmetic upgrades; they are investments that signal pride, attract customers and inspire neighbors.

•Commercial Lease Subsidy Program – Opening a small business is hard enough. Our program eases that burden by covering a portion of rent for new businesses in the Slate Belt. It's a simple but powerful way to support entrepreneurship and revitalize our main streets.

•Streetscape Enhancements – Grant money also helps pay for new lighting, benches, signage and landscaping projects in the Slate Belt towns' commercial districts. With these improvements we are reshaping how people experience their communities. These additions help make our boroughs more walkable, more welcoming and more connected.

•Murals and Public Art – Art is more than decoration—it tells the story of who we are. Our murals celebrate history, culture and community pride. They draw visitors, energize neighborhoods and turn forgotten walls into focal points.

These projects didn't happen overnight. They happened because federal dollars were matched with local vision, collaboration and hard work.

Community Action Lehigh Valley operates 12 programs across Lehigh and Northampton counties — programs that address housing, food security, economic opportunity and neighborhood revitalization. As one of those programs, Slate Belt Rising is a local engine for progress, and it exists because our federal lawmakers have committed to investing in real people and real places.

Now, more than ever, that investment must continue.

As Congress considers future budgets, I urge our elected officials to protect and expand funding for Community Services Block Grant and the Community Development Block Grant programs. These grants are not expenses — they are investments. They return dividends in the form of stronger communities, more resilient economies, and brighter futures.

The Slate Belt is rising. Let's keep it that way.



## RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.



## ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications. Visit [slatebeltrising.org](http://slatebeltrising.org).

## PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action Lehigh Valley is an anti-poverty non-profit offering programs and services in Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.



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## Bangor's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the SLATE BELT HERITAGE CENTER

*Let's relive history together!*

*The Slate Belt Heritage Center is located on 30 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Bangor.  
Admission is free!*

Saturday, June 7th	11AM-4PM: "A Walk-Through History: Bangor at 150" exhibit, Bangor's time capsule content on display, and hoist demonstration
Sunday, June 8th	Noon-5PM: Bangor 150 <sup>th</sup> exhibit and Bangor's time capsule display. Pasty drop from the Bell Tower after the parade! Bangor Alumni Concert-place and time to be announced.
Tuesday, June 10th	5PM-8PM: Bangor 150 exhibit and Bangor's time capsule display.
Wednesday, June 11th	5PM-8PM: Bangor's 150 <sup>th</sup> exhibits and Bangor's time capsule display 6PM: WALKING TOUR in town starting at the Center
Thursday, June 12th	4PM-9PM: Bangor's 150 <sup>th</sup> exhibit and Bangor's time capsule display 7PM Program: Memories of Growing Up Slater (New book) with speakers Marc Blau and Nancy Traves Broadbent
Friday, June 13th	5PM-8PM: Bangor's 150 <sup>th</sup> exhibit and Bangor's time capsule display 6PM: WALKING TOUR in town starting at the Center
Saturday, June 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, June 15th	Noon-3PM: Bangor's 150 <sup>th</sup> exhibit and Bangor's time capsule display

*Follow our Facebook page Slate Belt Heritage Center-SBHC  
for program updates and more information.*

## TAPE SWAP RADIO PRESENTS: 2025 LEHIGH VALLEY PUNK ROCK FLEA MARKET SATURDAY APRIL 19 10 AM-4 PM



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