

By Brittney Waylan

EASTON - Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the County's Veterans Affairs Division encourage residents to remember the importance of Veterans Day.

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, at the Palace of Versailles in France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Every year, November 11th is a time to pause and reflect on those who have died in our nation’s wars and is a reminder to honor, respect, and remember the men and women who have served this incredible country and made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Northampton County Veteran’s Affairs is providing a list of scheduled events to honor local Veterans and all those serving our country and help keep the memory of our fallen military service members alive.

Saturday, November 4th: 8AM-11AM - GLVCC 5K Ruck ‘N Run/Walk at the Bicentennial Park in East Allen Township

Monday, November 6th: 9AM-11AM - AARP Veteran Caregiver Appreciation Breakfast at DeSales University

Wednesday, November 8th: 6:00PM-7:30PM - Nazareth Memorial Library Veterans Day Celebration

Friday, November 10th: 1PM - Veterans Day Parade in Wilson Borough on Washington Blvd. at the five war memorials between South 17th and South 21st Streets

Saturday, November 11th: 9AM - A Salute to Our Veterans at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery in Roseto

Saturday, November 11th: 10:30AM - Annual Veterans Day Program at Upper Hackett Park on Hackett Avenue in Easton

Saturday, November 18th: 9AM-11AM – All You Can Eat Breakfast at Salem United Methodist Church in Danielsville

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs released a list of Veterans Day discounts available nationally for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors:

2023 Affordable Housing Program Award List

Organization Name	Project Title	Amount Awarded
Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering Inc.	2024 Emergency Shelter Operations	\$ 35,000.00
CALV Housing Counseling Program	Housing Counseling Program (HCP)	\$ 10,000.00
Easton Area Neighborhood Center	RoofOver Transitional Housing	\$ 25,000.00
Greater Valley YMCA	Single Room Occupancy Affordable Housing Program Support at The Greater Valley YMCA, Bethlehem	\$ 40,000.00
New Bethany, Inc.	Wyandotte Apartments Renovation	\$ 40,000.00
Redevelopment Authority of Easton	322 Coal Street Redevelopment	\$ 40,000.00
Safe Harbor	Expanded Staff Bandwidth in Response to Influx of High-Resource Cases	\$ 30,000.00
The Lehigh Conference of Churches	The Conference at Easton - Pathways	\$ 30,000.00
Third Street Alliance for Women & Children	Shelter Operations Support	\$ 40,000.00
Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.	Supporting Safe Shelter Options for Survivors Fleeing Domestic & Intimate Partner Abuse	\$ 45,000.00
Valley Youth House Committee Inc.	An Investment in Emergency Housing Services Support	\$ 35,000.00
Victory House	Operations/Utility Assistance	\$ 30,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 400,000.00

County Funded 2023 Affordable Housing Program Grants

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EASTON - County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) announced that approximately \$400,000 in Affordable Housing Program (AHP) funds were awarded to local organizations for projects that will maintain or increase the availability of quality affordable housing.

“The AHP program is one of the many steps Northampton County is taking to improve housing availability. Affordable housing continues to be one of the biggest stumbling blocks for many of our residents,” says County Executive Lamont McClure.

The AHP grant funds are available to eligible non-profits, public agencies, local governments, government authorities, and private, low-income housing providers. Grants must maintain or increase the availability of quality affordable housing for residents of Northampton County whose annual incomes are below 80% of the household median income for the County using the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Section 8 income limits for 2023.

Next year’s AHP applications will open in September 2024.

Holiday Drive to Provide Food and Hope for Homeless Men

By Stephanie Apell

ALLENTOWN, PA – The Allentown Rescue Mission will hold its 23rd annual Thanks for Giving Food & Supplies Drive the weekend before Thanksgiving. The Mission relies on this event to feed its guests throughout the holidays and to restock its pantry for the upcoming year.

This year grocery costs in Pennsylvania are among the highest in the nation making the drive especially important to offset higher costs to feed the Mission’s men. The Allentown Rescue Mission will accept donations on Friday, November 17th, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at its 355 Hamilton Street, Allentown location.

Mission staff will be on site to help unload donations. Redner’s Market will this year again partner with the Mission to make donating to the event more convenient with one-stop-shop and drop-off. Redner’s Markets will collect items, on Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The participating Redner’s Markets are located at 1201 Airport Road, Allentown, 2180 MacArthur Road, Allentown, and 2300 Lehigh Street, Allentown. New this year, Bobby Gunther Walsh, NewsRadio 790 WAEB, will broadcast live at locations around the Lehigh Valley, Tuesday, November 14th – Saturday, November 18th, to promote the event and collect items. B104 and WZZO will also broadcast on location on Saturday, November 18th.

The locations will be announced closer to the broadcast dates. For the most recent information, locations, and most needed items, please visit allentownrescuemission.org/t4g.



2023 SPECIAL NEEDS EXPO

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Forks Township Community Center
500 Zucksville Road
Easton, PA 18040

Registration is not necessary.

Vendors representing a variety of government, not-for-profit and private organizations will be on hand to provide information about programs, services and products they provide that are tailored specifically for residents living with special needs.

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