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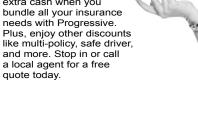


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### Celebrating Our History, Shaping the Future: Lehigh Valley 250

By Rep. Ann Flood

I recently had the opportunity to join the House Tourism and Economic and Recreational Development Committee as they toured Bethlehem, Easton, and Allentown to discuss strategies for boosting tourism, recreation, and economic growth in our region, with a special focus on the upcoming Lehigh Valley 250 celebration, part of the nationwide America 250 commemoration.



The Lehigh Valley is Pennsylvania's third largest and fastest-growing metropolitan area, known for its vibrant community, rich history, and strategic location near major cities like Philadelphia and New York. This makes our region a vital part of America 250 and an ideal location to showcase the legacy and promise of our nation. On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This milestone gives us a moment to pause, reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and envision the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond.

The Lehigh Valley has played a pivotal role in this journey. From the steps of the courthouse in Easton on July 8, 1776, when Robert Levers' voice rang out proclaiming the Declaration of Independence, our region was among the first to hear the words that would shape the foundation of our nation. The Lehigh Valley 250 celebration will highlight our region's important role in this history, bringing together local businesses, leaders, and organizations to celebrate our shared past and look toward the future.

On Wednesday's segment of the tour, I participated in a panel discussion at the Hotel Bethlehem, where we heard from leaders in tourism, hospitality, arts, and culture, as well as Lehigh Valley 250 partners. Later, at a reception at Lafayette College, we explored how institutions like Lafayette College and long-standing employers like Crayola play a vital role in the region's growth through their strong partnership with the community. These organizations help preserve our shared history while fostering community connections and supporting the region's continued development.

The following day, I joined the committee at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown for a roundtable discussion with regional business leaders. We explored ways to collaborate across Eastern Pennsylvania to ensure the success of the Lehigh Valley 250 celebration. While touring the ballpark, I had the opportunity to preview Illuminations, an extravagant light show that will be held at the park this winter for spectators to enjoy.

As we approach this historic milestone in 2026, the Lehigh Valley 250 celebration will not only honor our region's contributions to America's history but also serve as an opportunity to boost tourism, enhance recreational offerings, and further strengthen our economy. Together, we will celebrate our past, embrace our future, and work to make the Lehigh Valley a destination for generations to come.



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