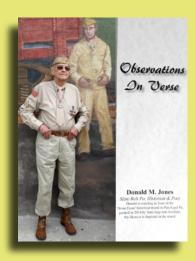
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THE WINTER BIRDS

Birds of all kinds and colors, Cardinals, Blue Jays and the Junco Searching the yards for feeders Anticipating the cold winter's snow.

Staking out their future meals Hoping the seeds will be high and dry. The living birds will be most welcome For winter has caused all else to die



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Annual Winter Bird Walk

By Adrienne Fors

PEN ARGYL - The Grand Central Landfill and Jacobsburg State Park held their annual winter bird walk this weekend. Approximately two dozen visitors walked around the landfill in search of the infamous Iceland Gull. The gull, which nests in Greenland and typically winters in Canada and along coastal cliffs has been migrating to Grand Central in the winter months for the last few years. This year, the group saw two Iceland Gulls on the walk. Collectively, the group identified 18 different bird species including one Peregrine Falcon and four Bald Eagles. The data will be imputed into the ebird.org website and added to Grand Central's inventory list for their Wildlife Habitat Council Certification.

Photos courtesy of Ricky Mensch

The next winter bird walk will be held February 17 at 10 a.m. and will meet at the Grand Central Environmental Education Center. Interested guests can register with Adrienne Fors via email afors1@wm.com or via Waste Management's Education Center Facebook page www.facebook. com/grandcentralenvironmentaleducationcenter.

Recycle Often, Recycle Right!

2019 Hotel Tax Grant Awards

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Hotel Tax Grant Awards. A total of \$460,400 will be awarded to Northampton municipalities and federally registered non-profit 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 organizations to be used to for community development initiatives or to promote tourism. All funded events and activities must be held in the County.

Hotel Tax funds are provided for under Northampton County Resolution No. 440 of 2005, as authorized by P.L. 307 of 2000 and amended by Act 12 of 2005, by imposing a Hotel Room Rental Tax of 4% on hotel guests. Airbnb has collected the tax in Northampton County since August 1, 2018.

Carnival \$4,900.00

\$15,000.00

\$20,000.00

\$20,000.00

\$20,000.00

Equipment Funding

nity Weekend \$8,000.00

Pennsylvania Play House

room Kitchen Improvements

Steelworkers' Archives, Inc.

Steel \$5,400.00

Via Events, Inc.

\$3,500.00

\$25,000.00

Tours Program \$15,000.00

Moravian Historical Society

ming & Operational Support

Historic Bethlehem Museum & Sites

Lehigh Township Historical Society What's That Building? \$6,900.00

1750/1761 Moravian Smithy Program

Moravian College Docents on Main

National Museum of Industrial History

Regional Tourism Marketing Campaign

Society Support of NCHGS Mission

ing System Overhaul \$10,000.00

State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc.

Touchstone Theatre Christmas City Follies

Nazareth Center for the Arts Operational &

Northampton County Historical & Genealogical

Palmer Township Palmer Township Commu-

\$5,800.00

Historic Bethlehem Museum & Sites Heritage

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ArtsQuest Christkindlmarkt Expansion & Public Art Installation \$25,000.00 Bach Choir 112th Bethlehem Bach Festival \$15,000.00 Bangor Borough/Historic Bangor Business Association HBBA Downtown Events \$9.200.00 Bethlehem Area Public Library Bob Cohen Room at BAPL \$20,000.00 Borough of Freemansburg Restoration of Interior of Locktender's House \$15,000.00 Borough of Hellertown Music in the Park \$3.300.00 Borough of Nazareth Welcome Signs \$8,000.00 Celtic Cultural Alliance 2019 Celtic Classic **Highland Games & Festival** \$20,000.00 City of Bethlehem Gateway Welcome Sculptures \$45,000.00 City of Easton Karl Stiner Arts Trail Overhead Sign \$7,400.00 Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley Slate Belt Marketing and Promotion \$22,500.00 D& L National Heritage Corridor Special Exhibition & Collaborative Marketing Effort \$10,000.00 Friends of Johnston, Inc. Marketing & 100th Anniversary Gala Support \$10,500.00 Greater Easton Development Partnership

Easton Events \$10,000.00 Hanover Township Hanover Days Community

Easton Ambassadors \$40,000.00

Greater Easton Development Partnership

Grand Total

\$460,400.00

2019 LVHN Via Marathon

Public Program-

NMIH

Ball-

\$20.000.00

Theatre Light-

\$20,000.00

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