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Sen. Scavello, State Reps Hahn, Emrick and Mako Announce Northampton County Grants

By Taylor Munoz

Harrisburg – The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) this week announced approvals of Local Share Account (LSA) grant funds for a number of Northampton County projects. State Senator Mario Scavello (R-Northampton/Monroe) joined State Representatives Marcia Hahn, Joe Emrick and Zach Mako in announcing \$981,616 of approved grants in their combined legislative districts.

LSA grants support economic development, job training, community improvement and public interest projects through gaming funds under Act 71 of 2004. These specific grants come from Monroe County, which funds projects in Monroe and its contiguous counties.

Senator Scavello thanked his colleagues for their efforts in joining with him to secure these vital grants for Northampton County communities.

"These grants are an integral part of economic growth for this area," Scavello said. "We must continue to invest in infrastructure, economic development and public safety to ensure a high quality of life in our communities and across the Commonwealth."

Grant recipients include:

Bangor Borough – Bangor Storm Sewer Project & Police Equipment

Bangor Borough, Northampton County – Food Bank Expansion

East Bangor Borough – Shared Police Services

Moore Township - Police Vehicle & Computer System Upgrades

Plainfield Township - Salt Storage Shed Replacement

Roseto Borough - Borough Facility Renovations

Upper Mount Bethel Township - Minsi Lake Park Infrastructure

Upper Nazareth Township – Multi-Municipal Paving Equipment

Washington Township - Head Wall Trash Rack & Debris Guard Replacement

Additional grant approvals are expected at the next CFA meeting in May.



NEW LISTING! CUTE CAPE IN PRIME LOCATION! This nice property sits in the "East Lawn" section of Nazareth, by NAHS & walking distance of the Borough Park, downtown Nazareth & the schools! Two bedrooms on 1st level, open room on 2nd level, HUGE addition that can be a family room, or other space & nice covered side porch. One car garage, fenced yard & more! MLS#604197 \$179,000



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NEW LISTING! SPECTACULAR LOCATION IN THE COUNTRY!!! This well maintained ranch style home has open concept between kitchen, dining area and living room w/ high ceilings. Newer stainless steel refrigerator and gas stove make the kitchen a pleasure to work in. Master bedroom w/ en-suite bathroom & garden tub. 2 other bedrooms & full bath. Large 2 acre corner lot includes a flowing stream, 2 car detached garage. Living in the country, but minutes away from NJ! MLS#604739 \$185,000



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L-R State Senator Scavello and Jonas Rivera

Jonas Rivera Awarded The Rank Of Eagle Scout

By Michael Ortoski

POCONO MTS. - A special congratulations to Jonas Rivera of Troop 89 who was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. "I have known Jonas and his family throughout the years and have seen him grow into an impressive young man" said Senator Scavello. For his service project, Jonas refurbished the Stations of the Cross and memorial benches at Monsignor McHugh school in Cresco. "You should be very proud of this accomplishment, Jonas, and I wish you and your family all the best as you continue to serve our community" said Scavello.



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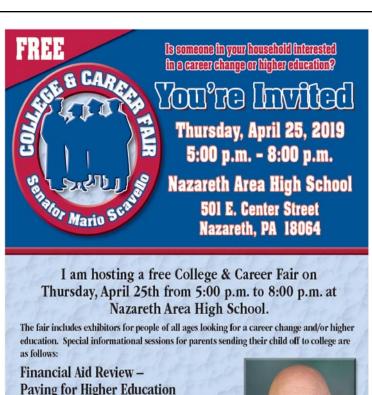
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Pocono Arts Council Announces Relocation

By Susan Randall, Executive Pocono Arts Council

STROUDSBURG - Pocono Arts Council Announces Relocation to 701 Main Street in Stroudsburg Effective April 1, 2019 Stroudsburg, PA – The office of the Pocono Arts Council will relocate to 701 Main St., Suite 400, Stroudsburg, effective April 1, 2019 for a period of one year. The new mailing address is Pocono Arts Council, P.O. Box 686, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

The phone number will remain the same: 570-476-4460. According to Executive Director Sue Randall, "The reality of the situation is that the Pocono Arts Council is underfunded and our current level of income generation does not enable us to remain at our 18 N. 7th Street location in Stroudsburg. In addition, we received news that the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) re-granting program through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) has announced that Monroe County will fall under the Lehigh Valley region in FY 2020-21, including Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, and Monroe counties. Simply put, if the Pocono Arts Council is no longer the entity to administer the PPA program, we lose relied-upon operating dollars from the state after 2019-20."

Building expenses and lack of funding has forced the organization to downsize and reorganize. Thanks to a generous offer from Monroe County, affordable space has been made available in the county-owned office building at the southwest corner of 7th and Main Streets.

The Pocono Arts Council intends to focus its efforts on establishing increased partnerships in the



community to deliver services all over the region, rather than operating only in our central downtown Stroudsburg location. In order to be good stewards of member donations and facilitators of state and local grant funds, the leadership and board of directors has determined that Pocono Arts Council will undergo the following changes beginning in April 2019: The business office will relocate to 701 Main Street, Suite 401, Stroudsburg.

Upcoming art exhibitions will take place at various locations throughout the community, thanks to generous offers from our local supporters. The Earth Speaks V exhibition will be held at the Dunning Art Gallery at NCC Monroe Campus in Tannersville from April 6-May 28 with an opening reception on Saturday April 27 from 1-3 PM. The annual PoconoArts Members' Exhibition will be held on Saturday, June 8 at 701 Main Street, Stroudsburg. Details to follow. Beginning in June 2019, Pocono Arts Council several exhibitions and artists' receptions will be held at the Auradell Gallery at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn and Resort. Other exhibitions will be held at various locations throughout the Poconos. Seven PoconoArts public galleries will continue to feature member artwork.

Thank you to the following places of business for providing gallery space and enabling area citizens to have access

to the arts on a local basis: Better Homes and Gardens, Wilkins & Associates, Stroudsburg office; The Eastern Monroe Public Library; Pocono Eye Associates, East Stroudsburg; Rep. Maureen Madden, Stroudsburg office; Sen. Mario Scavello, Scotrun office; Vinny D's Deli, East Stroudsburg; and soon to be added, Monroe County Courthouse.

PoconoArts Studio Classes will be held at new locations in the community, including the Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg, and Northampton Community College-Monroe Campus, Tannersville.

A new Open Studio Tour event will take place April 27-28, featuring 13 member artists who will open up their studios to the general public. A "Summer Fine Art Camp" for children ages 9-14 will be held for a second year in July 22-26, 2019 at the Pocono Heritage Center in Tannersville thanks to Pocono Township.

The following arts festivals will run as scheduled: Stroudsburg Arts Festival in downtown Stroudsburg (July 6); Festival of Wood in Milford (August 3-4); and The Pocono State Craft Festival at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Stroudsburg (August 24-25). The Pocono Arts Council is researching other ways to branch out into the community to continue to provide cultural opportunities and be a source of information for artists and cultural organizations. Our mission will continue: "to build the community artistically and culturally by providing leadership, service, and education" and to promote the arts and artists of all genres in our area. Follow the Pocono Arts Council on Facebook @pocono-artscouncil, Instagram @poconoartscouncil, and Twitter @ArtsPocono. The Pocono Arts Council is a local arts service organization serving Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties. The mission of the council is to build the community artistically and culturally by providing leadership, service and education - "Culture Builds Community." For further information, visit www.poconoarts. org, email info@poconoarts.org or call 570-476-4460.