

PennAEYC to Hosting an Advocacy Breakfast Oct. 4th

By Jan Marie Schwartz / Outreach Coordinator Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children

ALLENTOWN - The Lehigh and Northampton Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC) is hosting an advocacy breakfast on Friday, October 4, from 8:15 am – 11:00 am, at Community Services for Children's Training Institute, 1520 Hanover Ave., Allentown.

There are 24 million children under the age of six in America today. You know how many of them have to be taken care of all day, every day by an adult? All of them. Who provides that care—and how they do it—is the most potentially game-changing issue in America today. Community members are encouraged to come to this event to become engaged and informed about how they can be an advocate for the children in their community.

The Lehigh and Northampton Chapter of PennAEYC's mission is to provide an organization where early childhood professionals can come together to share and explore ways to meet the needs of children that they work with in early care and educational settings.

Members in this organization work together to improve professional practice and working conditions in early childhood education, and to help build public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.

This free event will give early childhood professionals, community and business leaders, and families an opportunity to meet their legislators and hear a moderated panel discussion about issues impacting children, families and early childhood educators. Tickets are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-lehigh-and-northampton-chapter-of-pennaeycs-advocacy-breakfast-tickets-69183270023>

PennDOT Accepting Applications for Transportation Improvement Projects to Enhance Mobility Statewide

By Ashley Schoch

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) today announced that applications will be accepted to fund improvement projects that will enhance Pennsylvania roadways, bridges, transit facilities, park and ride facilities, sidewalk, crosswalk safety improvements, bicycle lanes and route designations under the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) through November 8, 2019.

"The Multimodal Transportation Fund creates opportunities for local projects that may have otherwise had difficulty moving forward," PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards said. "Transportation improvements help keep goods and people moving throughout Pennsylvania."

Eligible applicants include municipalities, council of governments, business/non-profit organizations, economic development organizations, public transportation agencies, public airports, airport authorities, and ports and rail entities. Projects that will be considered should coordinate local land use with transportation assets to enhance existing communities.

Last year, 49 projects were awarded \$43 million in grant funding throughout 23 counties, including the implementation of essential pedestrian safety improvements, ADA compliance/ intersection signalization in Bucks County, a bridge replacement and rehabilitation of a flood damaged bridge in Luzerne County, and improvement of roadways along Route 322 creating development for commercial, cultural, institutional, and industrial uses.

Act 89 established a dedicated Multimodal Transportation Fund that stabilizes funding for ports and rail freight, increases aviation investments, establishes dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements and allows targeted funding for priority investments in any mode.

PennDOT will evaluate the applications and make selections based on safety benefits, regional economic conditions, technical and financial feasibility, job creation, energy efficiency, and operational sustainability. PennDOT expects to announce grant recipients next year and funding will become available in July 2020.

For more information about the program and previous years' applications and awards, visit www.penndot.gov and click on Multimodal Program under the "Projects & Programs" menu.

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Child Passenger Safety Week

By Senator Scavella

PEN ARGYL - Vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children. Car seats and boosters reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers. Unfortunately, nearly half of child seats are installed incorrectly.

This week, the PA State Police is conducting free child car seat fitting events. You can find the nearest location here.

<https://www.psp.pa.gov/public-safety/Pages/Child-Seat-Check-Events.aspx>



Old-Growth Forest Program & Dedication of Matson's Woods

An illustrated presentation at NCC on the value & history of old-growth forests by Greg Huber, followed by a dedication of Matson's Woods at Louise Moore Park

Sponsored by Northampton County Division of Parks & Recreation

Saturday, September 21

9am: Talk at Alumni Hall, Gates Center, North Entrance, Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem

11am: Dedication of Matson's Woods, Louise Moore Park, West Side, 151 Country Club Road, Easton (meet at the Park Office Farmhouse)

Only a few remnant old-growth forests exist in the US & Matson's Woods is one of them! Join Greg Huber with the Old-Growth Forest Network & Jim Wilson with Northampton County Parks & Rec to learn about old growth forests in general & Matson's Woods in particular as we celebrate its nomination into the national Old-Growth Forest Network!



Greg Huber, old-growth forest enthusiast, alongside one of the massive white oak trees in Matson's Woods

This program is free-of-charge; however, registration is required. To register, call Jim Wilson at 610.829.6404 or send email to jwilson@northamptoncounty.org

"The forest is not only something to be understood, it is also something to be felt."

-Joan Maloof, Executive Director, Old-Growth Forest Network
(www.oldgrowthforest.net)

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