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UMBT CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Please join us for the 2nd annual Upper Mount Bethel Township Christmas house decorating contest. There will be 3 prizes given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. For more information go to UMBT Township website, www.umbt.org, under parks and rec committee. This event is for Upper Mount Bethel Township Residents. Winners to be announced on December 19th at 4 pm.

Where: Upper Mount Bethel Township
When: Dec 1, 2020 thru Dec 18, 2020

Sponsored by UMBT Park & Recreation Board



GIANT

The Giant Company To Become Future Covid-19 Vaccine Provider

By Chris Brand
 WIND GAP - The GIANT Company and its 132 GIANT and MARTIN'S in-store pharmacies announced today it has signed on with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider, once a vaccine is authorized or approved and recommended for use in the United States.

"Our pharmacists are trusted health advisors in the local communities that we serve and well-equipped to safely administer future COVID-19 vaccines," said Leigh Shirley, director of pharmacy operations, The GIANT Company. "Being part of this federal pharmacy program lays the groundwork once a vaccine is available to help increase access to and distribution of the vaccine."

The GIANT Company's team of pharmacists regularly administer vaccinations from annual flu shots to pneumonia and shingles vaccines. Pharmacists also offer free vaccination reviews to determine if customers are missing any recommended adult vaccinations.

More information on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine will be announced in the future.

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Ken Field

Owner of Slate Belt Energy Services

Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times
More than One Way to Skin a Cat

There is not just one correct way to install a furnace or boiler. That being said, there are very few ways it can be done without wasting money or space or compromising the ability to clean and service it in the future. It may just be a coincidence but the worst ones we have to clean and service were installed by someone who is conveniently unavailable for this job every year after the installation. We get the call and are the ones who have to squeeze in the spot to work on it like a snake and then try to figure out how to repair it when it is 6 inches from a wall. For boilers it is piping that prevents access to the cleanout ports and obstacles that cause contusions on the head every time you stand up. If these sloppy installers had to do the service, they would probably clean up their act in a hurry. Strategically placed valves and a service switch can do wonders for future maintenance. Money is wasted on redundancy but I see that often too. Sure, make it look like something from the space shuttle, but leave out something important that will cause me to have to drain the entire house in order to replace one small part.

Nobody received training on these things because there isn't a class for it. But some people just keep doing the same things they did 20 or 30 years ago and make brand new equipment hard to work on. If I need to take out more than a gallon of water to repair any part on your boiler, the installer did it wrong. Hopefully some installers will read this and take that as a challenge and try to up their game. I have yet to see an installation job that doesn't have at least 2 major flaws. And I mean things that there is no excuse for. When I see them on facebook I usually comment on them and get blocked right away. Of course it isn't fun to be corrected or criticized but if it leads to improvement, it is well worth it. Many systems I installed 30+ years ago are still ticking away and even though I would do things differently on some of them today, they have never been problematic and haven't lost any efficiency over the years.

There is more to replacing a system than the box that goes in place. Everything near the unit should be upgraded and improved so it isn't a dreaded place to work. Ask your installer for that. Ken Field is the owner of Slate Belt Energy and Field's Service, Inc. As a certified energy rater and contractor, he is qualified to assess every aspect of energy usage and prescribe solutions to save energy. He can be reached at 610-759-6306 or email Ken@FieldsService.com

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Content Sale

Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageTreasures.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Chris Handelong, unit 149, consisting of boxes, furniture and misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 on StorageTreasures.com.

All auction sales are FINAL. Cash only and paid at Columbia Self Storage, 1059 Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Columbia Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid.

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St. Luke's Provides Experimental Drug in Region's First Outpatient COVID-19 Treatment

By Sam Kennedy
EASTON - St. Luke's University Health Network has established one of Pennsylvania's first outpatient COVID-19 treatment programs - a monoclonal antibody infusion center at St. Luke's Easton Campus.



The Easton Campus infusion center, which welcomed its first three patients Monday afternoon, offers patients bamlanivimab, an experimental drug developed by Eli Lilly that is similar to a product President Donald Trump received after contracting the virus last month.

A second infusion center is on track to open next week at St. Luke's Warren Campus in Phillipsburg, N.J.

"St. Luke's is pleased to be collaborating with Pennsylvania and New Jersey health departments to advance this important COVID-19 treatment," said infectious disease specialist Dr. Jeffrey Jahre, St. Luke's Chief Medical Officer. "This approach will help our hospitals avoid being overwhelmed during the current surge as certain high-risk patients who receive bamlanivimab recover in the comfort of their own homes."

Granted emergency authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, monoclonal antibodies block the virus' attachment and entry into human cells. Infusion has been found to be particularly effective in preventing the need for hospitalization in select, higher-risk patients including those who are 65 years of age or older and whose infection, identified early, does not yet require supplemental oxygen.

Patients who wish to be treated with bamlanivimab may schedule an appointment after receiving a prescription from a St. Luke's primary care physician or through a St. Luke's CareNow walk-in center or emergency room. Supplies, dictated by the state, could be subject to limitations.

"St. Luke's has been able to bring this exciting new treatment to the Lehigh Valley so quickly thanks to multidisciplinary cooperation across our Network," Jahre said. "This kind of teamwork, which in this case involves many individuals from multiple departments, is a hallmark of St. Luke's can-do culture."

Monoclonal antibody infusion is one part of St. Luke's two-pronged strategy for caring for COVID-19 patients at home.

St. Luke's also is one of the first health systems worldwide to use Masimo SafetyNet, a cloud-based patient management platform, to help clinicians care for patients remotely. It works by using a wireless sensor to monitor patients' vital signs and provide doctors with valuable clinical data that helps to inform difficult treatment decisions such as when to use a ventilator.

In the spring, the Network deployed Masimo SafetyNet at its hospitals and tested at-home use among COVID-19-positive employees. Expanded home-use for certain hospital-discharged COVID-19 patients who are not employees is planned to begin in upcoming weeks.

"A passion for research and innovation has enabled St. Luke's to deploy new and powerful weapons in the fight against COVID-19, establishing the Network as a leader among health systems nationally," Jahre said.