



## Artisan Craft Show set for October 18th

By Fran Prebish

TANNERSVILLE, Pa. (July 2025) -- Our Lady of Victory Church, located at Cherry Lane Road Tannersville will host its annual Artisan Craft Show on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This event features over 25 artisans showcasing their beautiful, handmade products, such as Candles, Wooden bowls, Wreaths, Art, and Ceramics. In addition, we will have wonderful homemade food, a tricky tray and a 50/50. Admission is \$2.00 and will be donated to the Pocono Township Fire Company for the benefit of our local community. Parking is free. You are welcome to sit down and join us for lunch or order take-out. This fundraising event benefits both the Pocono Township Fire Company and Our Lady of Victory Church, its parish and community activities.

Our Lady of Victory is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to the mission to Know, Love and Serve God by living the Eucharist.

## Clean Team Workforce June Employee of the Month

By Stefanie Appel

(ALLENTOWN, PA) – The Clean Team Workforce congratulates its Employee of the Month for June, Thomas S. Tom has been working for the Clean Team Workforce for thirteen years. He began working before the Employee of the Month award was created. The award historically has been given to a new hire on the Clean Team Workforce to show appreciation for their good work ethic.

Unfortunately, since Tom was employed before the award's inception, he was never nominated, despite his excellent work. Tom and his twin brother Tim faced difficulties after their mother, whom they were living with, passed away. With only two sources of income, they struggled to pay the rent. Then a few years later, the store where the brothers were working downsized, leaving Tom and Tim without a job. In the spring of 2012, they were out of money and homeless.

Tom and Tim came to the Allentown Rescue Mission together. Both men enrolled in the Transformation Program and were model guests. They went out of their way to help other guests and the Mission staff. After graduation, Tom and Tim worked for the Clean Team Workforce but chose separate paths for the first time.

Tim found employment at a local company and moved into his own place. Tom, however, decided to stay working for the Clean Team Workforce. Once he saved enough money, he secured an apartment with friends. Tom has been living independently for years and continues to work for the Clean Team Workforce. He also maintains a close relationship with his brother. Tom has worked every type of job that the Clean Team Workforce offers from litter cleanup to crew leader. His favorite job is crew leader at a well-renowned Lehigh Valley country club. "I have really enjoyed working with all of the different men and making new friends over the years," he stated. Throughout his career, Tom has been a key employee and instrumental in the continued success of the Clean Team Workforce. We congratulate Tom for his long overdue nomination as Employee of the Month.



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## WORKPLACE SAFETY & HEALTH AWARENESS 4-HOUR TRAINING (FREE)



Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development is providing a free training opportunity to the public. This course will offer fundamental awareness information related to standards & expectations to reduce the likelihood of injuries or fatality related to workplace safety & health concerns.

#### HAZARDOUS AWARENESS TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- ✓ Walking Working Surfaces: Eliminating & Controlling Hazards
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IDEAL ATTENDEES INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ✓ Municipal Officials & Employees
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## PennDOT Seeking Workers for Winter Maintenance Program

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

While we are still feeling the summer heat, PennDOT is preparing for cooler temperatures by gearing up for its winter maintenance program.

Positions available may include CDL equipment operators, mechanics, dispatchers, tradesman helpers and semi-skilled laborers. The positions pay between \$17.38 per hour to \$28.37 per hour. The winter maintenance program runs from September through April.

Anyone wishing to apply should visit [employment.pa.gov](http://employment.pa.gov) and go to the PennDOT Winter Maintenance Program posting.



## No AI in Political Ads

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

In keeping with our commitment to election integrity, I recently joined my fellow House lawmakers in the unanimous passage of legislation that would outlaw the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to misrepresent a candidate in political campaign advertisements.

House Bill 811 would ban AI impersonation in any form of media, including text, image, video and sound “that appears to establish, resemble or represent an individual in a way that did not occur in reality” for campaign advertisements without their consent. It also would establish fines for those who violate the law.

If the measure is enacted, Pennsylvania would join at least 14 other states that have taken action related to AI use in campaigns.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

## State Higher Education Grant Application Now Open

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

In case you missed it, the 2025-26 PA State Grant application is now available to students pursuing higher education. Remember, you must also file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to qualify for a state grant, as well as financial aid offered through the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA).

Visit [pheaa.org/signin](http://pheaa.org/signin) to submit your state grant application and take care of any additional action items.

For more details and answers to frequently asked questions, go to [pheaa.org/grant](http://pheaa.org/grant).

Don't miss out. Get a head start on your financial aid today!



## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Easton Pediatric Dentistry

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

Last week, I presented a Certificate of Recognition to Easton Pediatric Dentistry, and its owners, Dr. Farah Ali and her husband David (pictured with me), during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new office at 21 Corporate Drive, Suite 6, Easton, PA.

Pediatric dentistry is crucial for establishing a foundation of lifelong oral health in children. Having Dr. Farah offering this specialized care is a great benefit to our community.



## Meeting with Local Realtors in the PA Capitol

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

It was great to meet with some local realtors from our area who were in the state Capitol for a visit this past week.

In the photos with me are, from left to right, Asher Schiavone, Jason Hall, Jack Gross and Therese Kelley. They are all realtors with Greater Lehigh Valley Realtors.