

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

Join us for Policy + Pizza at noon in the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission office at 961 Marcon Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown.

6/26/14 - Climate

7/17/14 - Energy

7/24/14 - Housing

In-Depth Community Discussions about Today's Issues to Develop New Goals, Policies and Implementation for the Region's Future.

Energy Forum

8/12/2014 3:00 PM

Veterans Sanctuary

Summit for Smart Growth and Sustainable Communities

10/7/2014

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Sigal Museum, Easton

For an updated list of future events, go to:

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LVP Climate and Energy

On Thursday, June 19th Lehigh Valley residents heard a dynamic presentation on Climate and Energy sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission at the Nurture Nature Center in Easton.

Prof. Dork Sahagian, from Lehigh University, explained the expected impacts of climate change on our region. He highlighted that climate change has been highly related to carbon emission produced by automobiles and power plants.

He explained the necessity of both mitigation and adaptation, by using reducing energy consumption and taking more public transportation. He predicted the most significant consequences of climate change in the Lehigh Val-

ley will be drier summers, more dramatic weather events and more flooding in winters.

Attendees called for Climate Action legislation, diversification of transportation choice and the necessity of spreading the message to all residents through all forms of media, including social media, to mobilize them to action.

"The community can change itself if you give the people the tools," commented a member of the public.

To see a copy of the presentation, visit envisionlehighvalley.com/documents. Make your voice heard. The LVPC will be receiving public comments on the presentation until June 18th at lvpc@lvpc.org.

The LVPC followed up the event in Easton by holding a Policy + Pizza on Climate on Thursday June 6th.

Mark your calendars for Thursday July 17th at noon when the LVPC will be holding a Policy + Pizza event to discuss Energy at 961 Marcon Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown.



Geoffrey Reese, Director of Environmental Planning at LVPC, at Policy + Pizza on Climate on Thursday June 26th at noon.

LVPC Presents New Regional Housing Plan



Becky Bradley, Executive Director of LVPC, leads the panel discussion.

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission presented the Regional Housing Plan to a large crowd on

May 15 at Allentown Symphony Hall.

Becky Bradley, Executive Director of LVPC, said the LVPC's Regional Housing Plan is a "solid look at the housing market" from 2008-2012.

In development of the plan LVPC reached out to residents across the region in numerous public meetings and through distributing surveys through-out the Lehigh Valley. They asked, "How do you envision home?" The information the LVPC gathered has been used

to develop the new housing plan and jobs/housing balance reports.

Go to this link to see the housing presentation: <http://www.lvpc.org/housing-may-2014.html>

Mark your calendars for Thursday July 24th at noon when the LVPC will be holding a Policy + Pizza event to discuss Housing at 961 Marcon Blvd., Suite 310, Allentown.

The final plan is expected to be released the summer of 2014.

Check out upcoming events and
give feedback online!
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What will the Lehigh Valley be like in 5 years... 10 years... 20 years? Determine the future by choice, not by chance.

Envision Lehigh Valley is a public outreach effort that engaged the citizens of Northampton and Lehigh Counties to create a truly sustainable Lehigh Valley.

The overall goal of **Envision Lehigh Valley** has been to inform and update the existing *Comprehensive Plan... The Lehigh Valley 2030* by making it a sustainable communities plan. Throughout this project, plans have been developed in the study areas of jobs/housing balance, affordable housing, climate and energy efficiency, fresh food access and regional economic development. Additionally, the grant supports implementation work through four projects: transit-friendly development by LANta, the Reindustrialization Plan for Allentown, the Eastern Gateway in Bethlehem, and the 13th Street Corridor and comprehensive plan in Easton.

Envision Lehigh Valley welcomes your input. Read the reports at envisionlehighvalley.com/documents. Call us at 484-843-1060 or send an email to smartgrowth@renewlv.org to get involved.

Register NOW for Summit for Smart Growth and Sustainable Communities

On October 7th, 2013 join thought-leaders from across the Lehigh Valley at the second Summit for Smart Growth and Sustainable Communities at the Sigal Museum in Easton.

You will be informed and provided the tools to become empowered to help tackle important regional issues.

The tentative agenda includes a welcome from Mayor of Easton Sal Panto and an EnvisionLV Consortium Update. Then, we will have two discussion sessions of the following themes: 1) Economy, urban revitalization, government modernization; and 2) Land use, open space, farmland, housing.

Register online now to guarantee your participation in this informative and dynamic gathering of Lehigh Valley leaders online [here](#).

The summit will take place from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 342 Northampton St, Easton, PA 18042.



Pennsylvania Rep. Robert Freeman speaks out at the Summit for Smart Growth in 2013.



Keynote speaker, Thomas Comitta, President of Thomas Comitta, Inc., facilitated a discussion of what citizens love and what they would like to see renewed in the region at the 2013 Summit for Smart Growth held in Allentown, PA.

