

## Good things are happening

Editor:

While there are lots of challenges facing Hazleton, there are great things happening as well. We were fortunate to experience two of them on Saturday, June 5.

Saturday morning, we attended the dedication of the Greater Hazleton Rails-to-Trails Environmental Area and Garden, along with several hundred other people. We enjoyed walking the trail, visiting the exhibits, and the lunch served by the volunteers. The trail and the garden are great assets and should be enjoyed by many in the area on a regular basis.

Saturday evening, we attended a wonderful performance of Chicago, the musical presented by the Pennsylvania Theater of Performing Arts at the JJ Ferrara Center. What a wonderful evening - a great meal, cooked by a talented chef, and a fabulous performance with great singing,

dancing and acting by the PTPA company.

There are additional performances of Chicago on June 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. with a great buffet available 90 minutes in advance, and on June 13 at 3 p.m. with a special performance on June 19 at 1 p.m. Reservations are available at 454-5451; and ticket prices for the show are amazingly cheap - \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for children under 12.

It is amazing that Hazleton not only has this great community theater, but also a performing arts center. It can only be sustained by having an audience, so we would urge all your readers to see this show and be convinced about the existence of quality local theatre.

There are good things happening in Hazleton. They need your support.

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