

Lamont McClure Vetoes Ordinance To Conduct An Operational Study Of Gracedale

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure announces that he has vetoed Bill No. 826, entitled "AN ORDINANCE ISSUING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SEEKING BIDDERS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL STUDY OF GRACEDALE NURSING HOME."

Statement of Lamont McClure on the Return of Vetoed Ordinance

Gracedale Nursing Home is the most regulated of all of Northampton County's departments, subjected to constant inspections and audits. There is no reason to assume that an operational study will turn up any deficiencies which haven't already been investigated and addressed.

Gracedale's rating on overall health quality from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently rose from one (1) star to (3) stars which included a four (4) star rating for the Health Inspection.

In May 2022, County Council passed Resolution No. 70-2022 and Resolution No. 71-2022, collectively known as "Saving Gracedale Again." These resolutions allocated \$15 million in ARP funds for retention bonuses, staff recruitment bonuses, Agency nursing costs, making capital improvements to the facility as well as construction of an on-site daycare center. Before moving ahead with an expensive study, Council should allow some time to see how these incentives improve operations at Gracedale.

Article 602 subsection (g)(2) of the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, authorizes and empowers the County Executive to veto any ordinance within ten (10) days of its adoption by the Northampton County Council. County Council approved this Ordinance on September 15, 2022.



Bangor Womens Club GFWC Fall Bake Sale Sat Oct 8, 2022

By Marylin Mehas

BANGOR - The Bangor Womens Club GFWC will hold their Fall Bake Sale outside Capital Ace Hardware Store, 438 Blue Valley Drive, Bangor, PA, on Sat Oct 8 from 9 am to 3 pm. Homemade baked goodies will be available for sale. Proceeds from the sale will be used for local student scholarships and other community projects.

The Bangor Womens Club is a volunteer non-profit organization that supports the Bangor Public Library, PUMP Portland Upper Mt Bethel Food Pantry, Slater Family Network and other families in need. Monthly meetings are held at Trinity United Church of Christ, Stone Church, PA. Anyone who would like more information about the club should contact Second Vice President Bonnie Due at 610-588-4779.

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