8th Ward Neighborhood Group

The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Seibert Church; 10th & Allen Sts.

APRIL 2012

This is YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD Get Involved!

Immediate Notice:

From our neighbors in the West Park area - Attempted Copper Theft Just Occurred!!! On Tues, Mar 27 2012 - Just a few minutes ago, around 10:45 PM, a man tried to steal copper downspouts from a house near the corner of 17th & West Sts. He didn't get anything but mangled about 40' of downspout. He was a white male about 5'9" with a stocky build and salt and pepper hair. It looks like we have a new thief – please watch out for him. Report all suspicious activity to the Police – non-emergency 610-437-7751, but if the Crime is in Progress call 911!!

Leonard Buck Banquet – April 19th

Remember if you ordered tickets for this event we need payment by Tuesday April 10th $23.00 per person, includes family style meal and you must purchase your tickets through a leader of a neighborhood group. Please call Bonnie 484-695-1967. Must be reserved by April 5th and paid for at our April meeting. No tickets available at the door. Also, if you reserve a ticket - - You MUST pay for it - no refunds if you are not able to attend.

Thank you very much Little Apple Market for distributing hundreds of copies of our newsletters to your customers!!

Watch for and Please Help Volunteer

8th Ward Neighborhood Group will be holding it's 22nd Annual BLOCK PARTY this year and we want you to come and have a lot of FUN! Watch for the exact date & location in future newsletters!!

We are seeking volunteers to help distribute the neighborhood newsletters - help get the word out!

We are also looking for some strong people to help rebuild our two flower beds at the Community Garden at 9th & Tilghman – they're splitting apart.

If you are interested in helping to assist in any way, please call Bonnie at 484-695-1967.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS: Come join us!!

All Held at Seibert E.C. Church 10th & Allen Sts.

The Second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Park on their lot or on the street, the door for our meeting is on the 10th Street side, down the concrete path, first door on your left facing path. Bring your neighbors…

Tuesday April 10th - 7:00pm

Mayor Ed Pawlowski

Bring your questions and bring a neighbor!

SUGGEST FUTURE MEETING TOPICS!

Tentatively Scheduled May 8th - Anti-Gang Task Force

Watch for our upcoming events:

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT

Details to be Announced!

Numbers to Know

Police/Amb/Fire – Emergency – 9-1-1
Crime or Graffiti in Progress – 9-1-1
Police Non-Emergencies – 610-437-7751
Mayor Ed Pawlowski – 610-437-7546
SWEEP/Trash/Recycling/Graffiti – 610-437-8729
Report Illegal Apts. – Zoning – 610-437-7630
Building Standards & Safety – 610-437-7661
Vacant Property Issues – 610-437-7604
Vice/Narcotics/Prostitution – 610-437-7726
Liquor Control Enforcement – 717-783-8250
8th Ward Neigh. Group/Bonnie – 484-695-1967

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church 417 N. 7th Street

Get out and meet some people - great upcoming events!!

Here is information on two on-going programs and two special events at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N. 7th Street. The church phone is 610 434-3943. Visit our website at StLukesLutheranAllentown.com. You may send e-mail to stluke@enter.net.

Tell your friends that there are English as a Second Language Classes (ESL) on Mondays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 AM; and on Wednesdays, 3 to 5 PM. All classes are free. Registration is always open. We also can use a couple more volunteer teachers.

On Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 AM and 5:30 to 7:30 PM the CLOTHES CLOSET is open for men, women, and families in need. We accept donations of clothing in good condition and we often need volunteers.

Sunday April 1, at 2 PM, selections from JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR will be presented to the community. There is live orchestra. Entrance is free and there will be a free will offering collected, snack sale and basket raffle all to benefit the children's after school programs at the St. Luke's Neighborhood Center. You will enjoy the music and be helping us help children of the neighborhood.

JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - - FEBRUARY MEETING IN REVIEW

At the February Meeting, Ann Saurman, Manager of the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste joined us to talk about the new Solar Powered Trash Compactors and Recycling receptacles that are seen throughout most of our neighborhood. It was very interesting, especially that they each can be monitored remotely at the city to show when it needs to be emptied and that the Trash Compactor holds 5 times the amount of trash due to it automatically compacting/crushing the items down. It takes 180 gallons of trash down to 35 gallons -- now we can Recycle our litter too!

Below are some excerpts with additional commentary about some of the laws regarding litter, use of the receptacles and illegal dumping. All of these ordinance violations are punishable by a SWEEP ticket with penalties of $25 to $5,000 and if unpaid, the costs go up until it becomes a citation, then an additional fine and court costs get added. Citations may be issued directly, punishable by a fine up to $5,000 and/or 90 days in jail. Restitution may be required for some violations.

725.03 DEPOSIT OF LITTER PROHIBITED *(might be actually be 720.03)*
A. No person shall throw, scatter, deposit or sweep litter, or cause litter to be on any public place, such as a street, sidewalk, park or playground, nor onto any private property, except in authorized receptacles. *(Don't Litter!)*

720.04 USE OF AUTHORIZED LITTER RECEPTACLES
A. No person shall deposit household or commercial waste in an authorized litter receptacle. Only small quantities of hand-held trash may be placed in authorized litter receptacles. *(Put your household trash out for collection in front of your home!!!)*
B. Persons shall deposit litter in authorized litter receptacles in such a manner as to prevent it from overflowing the receptacle. *(with the new Solar compactors, it is very important that the slot closes, so that it begins to compact the trash, if left open, it will not do the job it is intended to do. NOTE: Receptacles are ONLY for handheld trash!)*
C. No person shall damage, deface, abuse or misuse any litter receptacle so as to interfere with its proper function or to detract from its proper appearance. *(Don't mess with the trash compactors/recycling units – YOU have to replace it if you damage it!)*

720.05 DEPOSITING LITTER IN STORM SEWER
No person shall throw, scatter or deposit litter in any storm sewer inlet in the City.

Also, seen recently in our area have been the following...again punishable by up to a $5,000 fine and/or 90 days in jail plus restitution for clean up –If Crime In Progress Call 911!!

720.07 ILLEGAL DUMPING
A. No person shall dump or cause to be deposited trash, debris, municipal waste, durable goods (refrigerator, washer, dryer, etc.), small appliances, furniture, carpets, shopping carts, tires, vehicles, vehicle parts, automotive products, construction or demolition material or other such items on public or private property, except as authorized by Solid Waste Storage, Collection and Disposal. *(We have twice a week collection – place your bagged trash in front of your home on trash night!!)*
B. No person shall dump or caused to be deposited household hazardous, hazardous or residual waste on public or private property.

8th Ward Neigh. Group Officers

Bonnie Wachter – President
Paul Fiske – Vice President
Jim Bast – Treasurer
Carol Moyer – Secretary
Charlie Seifert - Board Member
Minnie Nathan - Board Member
Carlos Bernardi - Board Member
Vivian Bernardi - Board Member
Carol Fiske - Board Member
Kim Beitler – Newsletter Editor

History of 8th Ward Group

Founded in December 1988 by a group of concerned citizens as The North 10th Street Patrol, we became 8th Ward Neighborhood Block Watch in 1995, and we renamed ourselves 8th Ward Neighborhood Group about 4 years ago. We continue to meet monthly at the same location and day of the month. We are celebrating our 24th Year in December 2012! WOW!!

Keep in mind that stealing Aluminum or other items out of Recycling Bins placed at the curb is **illegal**. If you see it in progress call 911 or if you have witnessed any suspicious activity involving theft of recycling write down as much as possible & report it! Call Recycling at 610-437-8729!