



8th Ward Neighborhood Group
The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Seibert Church; 10th & Allen Sts.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

*This is YOUR
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 Get Involved!*

**Leonard Buck
 Banquet**

The 28th Annual Allentown Crime Watch Leonard Buck Award Banquet is coming up on Thursday, April 19th, 2012 at the Fearless Fire Company on Front Street in Allentown. Family style dinner starts at 6:45PM. The evening features a Guest Speaker and awards presented to Neighborhood Group Volunteers. Also, there will be a presentation of the Leonard Buck Award as well as the Ben Gress Distinguished Police Officer of the Year Award for 2011. The cost to attend the banquet is \$23.00 (tentative price) and you must purchase your tickets through a neighborhood group leader. Please call Bonnie if you are interested. Must be reserved and paid for by the March meeting. No tickets available at the door.

Thank you very much to 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 in **JUNE**
 Watch for the exact date 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 February 14 - 7:00pm

Ann Saurman

Manager of Recycling and Solid Waste

Tuesday March 13 - 7:00pm

Allentown Gang Task Force

Free Refreshments

Come discuss your issues of concern

SUGGEST FUTURE MEETING TOPICS!

Tentatively scheduled Mayor Ed Pawlowski for April 10th

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.

On **Sunday February 26 at 7 PM**, something brand new, Jim Reichard and the church are presenting a **PRAISE-A-THON** with jazz orchestra and contemporary music and worship. Call the Church for more info.

On **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 an offering collected 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.

OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN - 9th & TILGHMAN

In 1996 we were approached by Betsy Levin who ran the Allentown Recycling Bureau to set up a community garden. We looked at various property locations within our district, finally deciding on the corner of 9th & Tilghman Sts. where the garden was first installed in 1997 with a crew who came in from the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps and the City of Allentown. In 1996 a whole lot of planning went into the effort and with the help of Penn State Master Gardener Delana Hornbeck, our 4-H Club, Leisel Dreisbach, Neighborhood Police Officer Roger Johns, Ann Saurman, Bonnie Wachter, Carol & Andrea Moyer, Connie Guimares, Charlie & Irene Seifert, Bob & Shirley Kohl, Peach Frisby, The Engler's, The Laudenslager's and other individuals, businesses and agencies. We decided to plant one bed red, white and blue. The other long L shaped bed was planted as a Butterfly Garden and the other one was to include a yew and a carpet rose and was to be a vegetable garden. The initial planting of bulbs was also thanks to a crew who were working off some Community Service Hours - - we planted the "onion" looking things in the rain, oh what memories... Those three beds are still there today and with many thanks to Charlie Seifert for constantly keeping the garden beautifully tended.

A while back an accident at 9th & Tilghman ruined the front octagonal bed and Charlie & Irene Seifert rebuilt it as the very extra sturdy structure that is still there today. But, the two L shaped beds are desperately in need of replacing, the plastic lumber is bowing and it is difficult to keep the ground contained within them. If you are reading this and would be willing to help volunteer your time, energy and strength to rebuild the beds, we truly need assistance to get this accomplished. It would be terrific to be able to celebrate a renewed commitment to our community and can only do it with your help.

Please call Bonnie at 484-695-1967 for more information!

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 our group the 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!!!

Zoning Hearing - Rite-Aid Building at 7th & Allen Sts.

Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7:00pm City Hall - Council Chambers - 435 W Hamilton St Allentown, PA - 1st Floor
Come hear what is being discussed and feel free to speak your mind about how this may affect our neighborhood.

What is 4-H?? Head, Heart, Hands, Health Ages 8-18yrs.

Children can participate in the local 4-H Club - the 8th Ward Tropical Jungle. There is much to learn in 4-H - from plants, nutrition, animals and a variety of life skills - all taught in a FUN manner. For more info. call Bonnie 484-695-1967. The club meets every 2nd & 4th Monday at Seibert E.C. Church 10th & Allen - 6:00pm-7:00pm.