8th Ward Neighborhood Group

The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

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

JULY 2013

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Our Community Garden Still "Growing Strong" at 9th & Tilghman Sts. for 16 Years!!

Garden Meeting Tues July 9th 6pm

St Luke's – 417 N. 7th St. – before regular mtg!

We are looking for some interested individuals to come help plan what we will plant this year!! As designed in 1997 by our volunteers and 8th Ward Tropical Jungle 4-H club members and leaders, with help from a Master Gardener we are looking to keep this up and need some assistance. The site features a two L shaped raised beds, an octagonal bed, a compost box, and a watering jug. It features a beautiful butterfly garden, made mostly of perennials, a yew, a carpet rose, spearmint tea (in abundance) and of course all of those beautiful flowers that you first see in spring are daffodils, tulips and iris's. We want YOU to get involved. So, this month an hour before our normal meeting time, we will be having a brief meeting to plan the planting of the garden & would love for your input. If you are not able to attend, but would like to help or be involved with the planning, please call Charlie Seifert at 610-435-1880. We would like to get a group together to clean-up and weed the garden prior to more planting – please help!!

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

Watch for and Please Help Volunteer

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. We are also looking for some able bodied folks to help weed and keep the garden up for many years to come – so please call Charlie 610-435-1880.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Come join us!!

All Held at St. Luke's Church – 417 N. 7th St. Allentown

The Second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

Park on their lot or on the street, the door for our meeting is inside the courtyard. Please enter the first red door to your left. Bring your friends & neighbors...meet others who want to make our neighborhood a better place to live, work & visit.

Tuesday July 9th - 7:00pm

Lehigh County Juvenile Probation Officer

Ryan Schaeffer

Also, meet Captain Glen Dorney & A.P.D. Officers

Bring your questions and bring a neighbor!

SUGGEST FUTURE MEETING TOPICS!

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

JULY 4th CELEBRATION EXPANDS TO STREET FESTIVAL

For the first time in the history of the City of Allentown, our nation's independence will be celebrated with a spectacular street festival – a "Star Spangled Celebration."

Allentown's Fourth of July Festival will incorporate food and drink, music and activities for all ages directly outside J. Birney Crum Stadium on Linden Street (also known as Parkway Boulevard) in Allentown. The event will run from 4pm-10pm on Thursday, July 4th. It will of course be capped by a brilliant 4th of July fireworks show. This event is free and open to the public! Celebration Fireworks Inc. of Kutztown is again producing this year's fireworks show. The show will be customized to the new venue with special effects that can be appreciated best when viewed in the festival area.

Traditionally this event is held in J. Birney Crum Stadium. The installation of a new field surface in the stadium this year required some logistical changes which also offered an opportunity to expand and bridge the stadium and park audiences. The 2013 festival will be held between the stadium and Cedar Beach Park on Linden Street. This new venue allows for the creation of a larger, more interactive event. Seating will still be available in J. Birney Crum Stadium while the festival fills Linden Street and the eastern portion of Cedar Beach Park with a holiday celebration.

Entertainment

The beloved traditional elements like live music, skydivers from Lehigh Valley Parachute Team, face-painting will remain a part of the program. Additional brand new features will include – children's rides, interactive activities, a beer garden and more! Some of the entertainment slated for the day includes: boomerang throwing demos, music by the School of Rock, the Marine Band of Allentown & the Toga Party Band.

Rides and Activities

Children's Rides include: a bounce house, an inflatable slide, spinning tubs and bumper boats. We're please to work with On Your Way Up Ballooning to offer tethered hot air balloon rides! Additional activities include: interactive art areas, a classic car cruise, a visit from Pip the Mouse from the Liberty Bell Museum (thanks to PPL), stilt walkers and more!

Food

Festival goers can choose from offerings from food vendors which will include: Asian Grill and Rice, Cactus Blue, Front Porch Family Farm, Lilo Mobile Snacks, MMG Concessions, Phil's French Fries, Oogie's Ice Cream and Trixie's Treats. The offerings include everything from taco salad to prime rib sandwiches, fried rice to chicken on a stick and Italian ice to cupcakes.

Sponsors

City of Allentown thanks Cedar Crest College, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, RCN, The Morning Call, WFMZ and Adams Outdoor Advertising for their support of this event. Sponsorships opportunities for this event are still available.

More Info and Get Involved

For more information contact Tara Craig at 610-437-7530 or e-mail at tara.craig@allentownpa.gov.

We'd love for you to volunteer - for information:
http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E44ACA82FA02-allentowns1

FIREWORKS are Dangerous *– Remember, many injuries that occur at this time of year are to young children who are around people who are detonating ILLEGAL fireworks.*
Keep your children safe - go enjoy the Free Fireworks display!!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Come Join us for a FREE EVENT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Corner of 8th & Tilghman Streets

Come meet neighbors, bring a lawn chair, play some games, get crime prevention tips and have FUN!
Fun family event - - bring some quarters to play more!!!
Items donated by volunteers of 8th Ward Neigh. Group
PUT YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON EVERY NIGHT

Attention All Youth & Teenagers . . .
Looking for something COOL to do?

SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

Saturday mornings July 20, 27, Aug 3 & 10th, 2013
4 session workshop runs from 10am to 12pm
at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 417 N. 7th St.
Must pre-register by calling 888-895-5645
Presented by Allentown Public Theatre

Pinocchio

Allentown Public Theatre will present six performances of Pinocchio (Sam Kuglen's modern adaptation), directed by Marcie Schlener.

In 1883, Carlo Collodi created the popular story of Gepetto, a poor wood carver, and his mischievous puppet Pinocchio who comes to life, complete with a nose that grows every time he tells a lie. Pinocchio dreams of becoming a real boy, and through many misadventures he learns about the consequences of his actions and what love and family mean.

Performances of Pinocchio will be held:
St. Luke's Lutheran Church – 417 N. 7th Street
Friday, August 16 & 23 at 6pm
Saturday, August 17 & 24 at 2pm
Sunday, August 18 & 25 at 2pm
Free for children 13 & under, all others, pay what you can

Refreshments available for sale during show benefits the St. Luke's Neighborhood Center

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ILLEGAL PARKERS BEWARE - - Zero Tolerance Policy on Double Parking and Lazy Parker Provision in effect!!
Get two tickets of $100 for each violation – Find a legal parking spot and pull ALL the way into it! Save money...