



8th Ward Neighborhood Group The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

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

NOVEMBER 2013

COME MEET NEIGHBORS
WHO WANT TO MAKE OUR
AREA A BETTER PLACE!!

Friendly's

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Take off the night from cooking, meet friends and family for a Fundraiser for The 8th Ward Neighborhood Group

*Please Join Us – for dinner, Treats or carry-out!
(Bake Sale for desserts too!)*

**Monday November 11, 2013
5 pm - 8 pm**

At Friendly's Restaurant
Located on MacArthur Road
(near Lehigh Valley Mall) 610-820-8655

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All dine-in and carry-out sales are included
(Call Bonnie to sign-up to bake – 610-432-8280)

- Rescheduled -

NERC CASINO NIGHT

**North End Republican Club
8th & Tilghman Streets
Saturday, November 16th**

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm

**\$5 to Play – Free Snack Food – Cash Bar
Must be 21 yrs or older - Doors open at 7:45 pm
Prize Auction to be held at 11:00pm**

**** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ****

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 November 12th – 7:00pm

To be announced . . . Nominations of 8th Ward Group Officers to serve 2014

Tuesday December 10th – 7:00pm

Tentative - New Chief of Police Nominations and Election of Officers

Come meet Captain Glen Dorney & Allentown Police Dept. Officers
Bring your questions and bring a neighbor!

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

2013 - 8th Ward Neighborhood Group Officers

Bonnie Wachter – President 484-695-1967

Brian Engler – Vice President

Jim Bast – Treasurer

Leslie Talago – Secretary

Charlie Seifert - Board Member

Carlos Bernardi – Board Member

Vivian Bernardi – Board Member

Carol Fiske – Board Member

Minnie Nathan – Board Member

History of the 8th Ward Neighborhood 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 5 years ago. We continue to meet monthly at our new location on the second Tuesday of every month. We are celebrating our 25th Year in December 2013!

Our Community Garden Still “Growing Strong” at 9th & Tilghman Sts. for 16 Years!! We need VOLUNTEERS!!!

As designed in 1997 by our volunteers and 8th Ward Tropical Jungle 4H club members and leaders, with help from a Master Gardener, we are looking to keep it beautifully maintained and need your 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 need YOU to get involved!

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!!



8th Ward Tropical Jungle 4H Club Started up – Call NOW to JOIN!!

Children must be 6 to 18 years of age to participate
Meets at St. Luke's Church – 417 N 7th Street –
6:00pm to 7:30pm every other Monday evening
Crafts – Animals – Woodworking – Sewing
Come have some FUN!!!

To join, you must sign up, please call Bonnie at 484-695-1967 or 610-432-8280.

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

FREE ESL Classes (English for Speakers of other Languages)
English speakers are needed to volunteer to help for two hours a week. Call 610-434-3943 for information.

Remember to Set Your Clocks Back!! Nov 3rd!

All Saints' Sunday – November 3, 2013

We invite those who have lost a loved one from the congregation in the last year to light a votive candle.

In the Remembrance Book, worshipers can write down the names of those who have died in your family or circle of friends.

Sunday, November 10 – Veteran's Sunday

We will honor Veterans of the congregation and community during the 9:30am service with a reception immediately following.

Thursday, November 21 – Sparkle & Shine -- 5:30pm

St. Luke's is hosting it's Annual Tree Lighting at 417 N. 7th St
Featuring live music, caroling, hot cocoa, mulled cider and treats

Wednesday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve

We will join four other downtown churches for the second time in a combined 7:30pm service, this year at St. John's United Church of Christ on 6th St., Pastor Lamb will be preaching. Refreshments!

Sunday, December 1 – Pot Luck Social

Celebrating the Advent a Pot Luck Social Brunch at 10:30am
(Between the 9:30am English Service & the 11:30am Spanish Service) – please bring a side or dessert to share if you are able.

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.

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

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...

North 7th Street Happenings

New Middle Eastern Restaurant called "Sinbad" will be opening up in the 400 Block of N. 7th St.

Watch for updates!

7th St. Rotisserie Chicken has settled in to 535 N 7th St. (formerly Sweet Italian Pizza) go check it out!!

ENVISION Lehigh Valley

ENVISION (RENEW Lehigh Valley) will hold another community meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Monday November 18, 2013 6:00pm-8:30pm

What do you want the Lehigh Valley to look like in the next 5, 10 or 20 years?

What is RENEWLV?

Renew Lehigh Valley is committed to promoting smart growth and smart governance in order to revitalize our core communities, preserve open space and establish an economically and environmentally sustainable foundation for our region's future growth.

Why RENEWLV?

The Lehigh Valley is rich in a variety of assets that foster a high quality of life in the region. These include unique cultural, historic and natural resources.

Significant population growth is projected for the Lehigh Valley over the next 10 to 20 years, and it is crucial that the region grows in a way that not only draws on and preserves these assets, but also ensures that the Lehigh Valley's older core communities – our cities and boroughs – can thrive.

Making "smart growth" a reality in the Lehigh Valley must involve broad-based regional collaboration and the participation of individuals and organizations across the region's various communities. Renew Lehigh Valley (RenewLV) seeks to catalyze action focused on creating a vibrant region characterized by strong core communities, abundant open space and regional thinking.

Trash and Recycling Collection UPDATES

Thanksgiving Holiday – Thurs Nov. 28

Remember if you have Thursday Night Collection Trash and Recycling is cancelled. Recycling is delayed one night – put recycling out Fri Nov 29

Also, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Trash and Recycling is cancelled. Recycling is delayed one night for Tuesday recyclers. Place recycling out on Wednesday nights Dec 25 and Jan 1. Next trash collection is on Friday nights Dec 27 & Jan. 3. 10 bags of trash allowed per property on those nights only.

Please remind your neighbors if you see them try to put out trash or recycling, it will help keep our streets cleaner throughout the Holidays!



WARNING: DO NOT RIDE

All Terrain Vehicles and Mini-Bikes are NOT allowed on the road.

At this time of year, we want to remind all of our neighbors that riding ATV's and unregistered mini-bikes that are battery or gas powered are prohibited.

Even though they are sold in area stores, that doesn't mean that they can be driven on our streets and sidewalks.

If you are caught on the street, even crossing an intersection, you can receive at least 4 tickets among the following:

- #1 – Driving an unregistered vehicle
- #2 – Driving an uninspected vehicle
- #3 – Driving without insurance
- #4 – Driving without a license
- #5 - Driving with a suspended license
- #6 – Careless Driving
- #7 - Reckless Driving
- #9 – Accidents to attended vehicle
- #10 – Accidents to unattended vehicle

DON'T BUY AN UNREGISTERABLE OR UNINSPECTABLE MINI-BIKE FOR YOUR CHILD!
Unless you have acres of privately owned land on which to drive these vehicles,
DO NOT BUY THEM!

If caught, you will be arrested and the vehicle will be confiscated.

If you see anyone driving these illegal vehicles, call the police and let them know right away.
Non-emergency - 610-437-7751

Double Parkers Beware - \$100 FINE

There is a Zero Tolerance on Double Parking everywhere in the city...make sure to pull up completely to the curb and OFF of the street. If there is available parking nearby you will get an additional ticket for \$100 due to the Lazy Parker Provision of the Double Parking Law. Additionally, if you received a Double Parking ticket and get another one within 30 days the fine is doubled!

- October Meeting in Review -

Chief of Police Joseph Hanna saved the day!!
It was wonderful having Chief Hanna come and
speak at our October Meeting.

Luckily he was able to secure us a meeting place
since we were locked out and we relocated to
Allentown City Hall's 5th Floor conference room.

Chief Hanna shared a whole lot of information
about the Police Department and he let us know
about some promotions, Assistant Chief of
Operations is now Jorge Medero, Captain Gail
Struss is now in charge of PS #2, and also
Sergeant Tony Alseban and Sergeant Bill Reinik
were promoted. Our main PS Captain is Glenn
Dorney, his area covers up to 10th Street and
Captain Gail Struss starts at 10th.

Chief Hanna has 35 years in the Allentown Police
Department and served in very many capacities
throughout his career, reminiscing about being in
charge of the Community Policing Program when
he was a Lieutenant. That was when we had
Officer Roger Johns in our area followed by Officer
Timothy Yanders. Oh, the good old days!!

A question was asked about needing vests for the
K-9 dogs, he will update us if there is a fundraiser
we can help participate in and also spoke about
some of the presentations that they have done.

He did mention that you can always call him if you
have any concerns about either the
communications center or a response from a
specific Police Officer.

Please call the Chief of Police at 610-437-7777.

Disruptive Conduct Review

At the meeting there was some concern that
individuals were not sure if Disruptive Conduct
Reports were being forwarded for situations
throughout our area.

Keep in mind that if you are in a rental property
and cause any concern that involves a police
response, such as loud people or loud music.
If a neighbor or officer hears this, you can in
addition to getting a Citation, receive a Disruptive
Conduct (DCR) through Code Enforcement.

If you get 3 or more DCR's in any year,
you will be FORCED to move!!!

To call in a Disruptive Conduct, let the dispatcher
know that it is a RENTAL property and
Call Non-Emergency 610-437-7751.

REPORT LOUD MUSIC/DISRUPTIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

8th Ward Holiday Party

Tues Dec 10th!!!

8th Ward Supply Replenishment

We are seeking donations of
papergoods to use at upcoming
meetings. If you would like to
donate cups, plates, napkins or
bring food to our meetings, you
are welcome to do so. Please
come to one of our meetings and
bring them along!!!

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