



Midway Manor Vibes™

Apr/May/June 2010 Edition

2010 MMCA Membership

It is not too late to join the MMCA. Memberships are still coming in and we are close to the 200 mark. You can still become a member of MMCA by paying \$10.00 for senior households (those 60 and over) or \$15.00 for regular household membership (for those under 60). Your check or cash may be sent, or brought to Sandy Wilburn, 1039 N. Van Buren St. If you have not gotten your membership card please let Sandy know as they have been delivered. Together we can do many wonderful things for our neighborhood. A big THANK_YOU to all of the people who sent in donations for sports uniforms. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Association Officers

Richard Wilburn, President
Dolly Spade, Vice President
Tom Schweyer, Treasurer
Karan Ali, Recording Secretary
(...open...), Corresponding Secretary

If you are interested in the Corresponding Secretary position please contact Richard at 610-435-2678 or email mmca.pres@gmail.com.

We are grateful to former officers Laura Vito (President), Christine Hill (Vice President), and RoseAnn Posch (Corresponding Secretary) for their dedicated service.

Monthly Meeting Dates for 2010

MMCA general meetings are held the first (non-holiday) Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Faith Fellowship Church located at the corner of Ulster and Pennsylvania Sts.

January 4	February 1
March 1	April 5
May 3	June 7
July 5	August 2
September 13	October 4
November 1	December 6

Committee Members Needed

The board is looking for individuals to fill the following positions:

Baseball Coordinator
Soccer Coordinator
Chairpersons and committee persons for:
Field Cleanup
Summer Festival
Yard Sale
Audit Committee

Anyone who would be willing to offer their service to our community or would want additional information please contact Richard Wilburn at – 610.435.2678

Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to ritaandtom@gmail.com by June 11th and are subject to approval and editing.

New Neighbors?

Do you have new neighbors on your block? While you were out walking, have you seen a moving van in front of a house? If you have, please let the welcoming committee know. We would like to give these new neighbors a bag containing pamphlets about Allentown, recycling, and other helpful information. Please call me with the address of the new residents.

Ruth O'Connell
610-432-5022

MMCA on the Net

The Vibes can be found on the City of Allentown's web site, in the neighborhood groups section at:

<http://www.allentownpa.gov/Community/NeighborhoodGroups/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

Additionally, we've created a Facebook group. While you do have to register (for free) with Facebook to join the online group, you can register as an anonymous user. Once you've registered at www.facebook.com, search the groups for Midway Manor Community Association. We're posting events, pictures and discussions at the group site.

If you need someone to help walk you through signing up and/or finding the group, contact Laura Vito at 610-776-8934

Opening Ceremonies for Sports

Opening Day ceremonies will take place Saturday, April 17th, at the park (*rain date is April 24th*). The parade starts at 11AM, all participants should arrive at 10:30AM. We need volunteers to assist with activities. The Harrison-Morton Band will be leading the parade and performing at the ball field.

The sports program is in need of:

- baseballs for practice (if you have any laying around the garage or shed and want to get rid of them)
- coaches, shed helpers, and field workers to help with our soccer and baseball programs.

If you'd can help out call Eric Wilburn at 610-439-3469.



HAPPY HOMES & Pet Sitting

Residential Cleaning Service

- * Weekly
- * Monthly
- * Bi-Monthly
- * Once and Done

Lynn M. Boyd

610-435-1789

"A Clean Home Makes A Happy Home"

John YURCONIC *Agency*



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5910 Hamilton Boulevard • Allentown, PA 18106
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Neighborhood Patrol

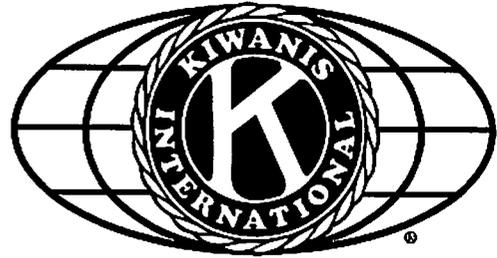
The Midway Manor Security Patrol has been made aware of recent robberies in Midway Manor. Homes have been burglarized while the occupants were away. To protect yourself and your possessions we recommend the use of deadbolt locks, even when you're at home. Other safety recommendations include promptly reporting suspicious activity to the police (**NON EMERGENCY CALL 610-437-7751/EMERGENCY CALL 911**), notifying neighbors when going away, and leaving exterior lights on overnight. When going on vacation notify the MMCA Security Patrol by filling out a **REQUEST FOR SURVEILLANCE** form (attached to the vibes). With everyone on the alert we will force the criminals to look elsewhere.

When calling police provide the dispatcher with a detailed description of the person or persons and description and license plate number of the vehicle. (If you have a checkmate number you do not have to provide your name just your checkmate number. If you do not have a checkmate number, contact me for an application.) Make a note of the activity, time and date called, and the dispatcher's number, and provide me with the details. I track and follow up on all reports.

Also, we are looking for residents to help patrol during early morning, daytime, and evening hours. If you are able to help, please contact Ernie at 610-434-5494 or atiyeh12@aol.com

Please keep the manor safe--get involved!

UPDATE: Sign up for Operation ID to further protect your property. See flyer in this edition of the Vibes which explains the program.



*"Kiwaniis is a global organization
of volunteers dedicated to changing
the world, one child and one
community at a time."*

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast meets every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at Denny's Restaurant, 1871 Catasauqua Road, Allentown. Visitors are always welcome!

Contacts can be made with:

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S. Catherine Kane, President

610-776-8270

Harold Thomas, Secretary

610-625-2585

Andrea Naugle, Board Member

610-740-9391

The Kiwanis Club is PROUD
to sponsor –

Dieruff High School Key Club

Ritter Elementary School

Students of the Month

Aktion Club from LIFEPATH,

Bethlehem

Lehigh Valley Child Care –

reading to the children
program

Census Information from Senator Pat Browne

(This printed flyer available by contacting Richard Wilburn)

How the Census Affects You

Each year, the federal government allocates approximately \$400 billion to communities for hospitals, schools, infrastructure improvements, senior centers, emergency services and other important programs and services. This means that the 2010 Census will determine

where more than \$4 trillion will be spent over the next decade. An accurate count in our area will ensure that we receive our fair share of federal funding to maintain and improve our quality of life.

Completing and returning this form not only helps to ensure that

our communities receive the appropriate share of federal money, but also saves taxpayer dollars. If you do not complete and return the census form, the Census Bureau will assign a worker to visit your home to gather the information. For every one percent of households that do not mail in a census form, the federal government has to spend approximately \$80-90 million of our tax dollars through worker salaries, training, equipment and reimbursements to retrieve this information. Submitting a form is the best way to reduce the cost of the 2010 Census for all taxpayers.

What Questions Will Be Included?

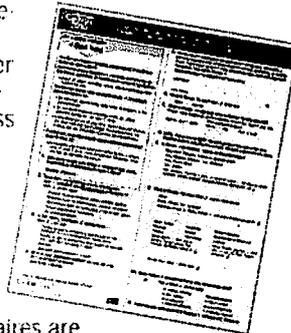
The 2010 Census form will be one of the shortest in history. The long form from the 2000 Census has been eliminated, so all citizens will be asked just 10 questions. Most households should be able to complete the form in 10-15 minutes or less.

All of the information you provide is protected by federal law. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data.

Violating the oath is a serious crime. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to 5 years, or both.

Questions that will be asked in the upcoming census will include:

- number of people living in the household
- whether the residents rent or own their dwelling
- the name, sex, race and date of birth of all individuals who reside at the address, and
- the telephone number for the address



2010 Census Will Create Job Opportunities

To complete the 2010 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau will hire a number of temporary part-time workers to canvass their communities to ensure that every individual is counted. These jobs will offer flexible hours, good pay and paid training and will serve as an excellent employment opportunity for recent college grads, students, retirees, individuals who are between jobs, and full-time employees who are interested in earning extra money.

To apply for a job working on the 2010 Census, individuals can call 1-866-861-2000 or contact the local census office. More information on 2010 Census jobs is also available online at <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>

Census Timeline

February – March 2010 – Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 1, 2010 – Census Day.

May – July 2010 – Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010 – By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment.

March 2011 – By law Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

pbrowne@pasen.gov

Senator Pat Browne 16th District

senatorbrowne.com

801 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA 18101-2420
(610) 821-8468 • FAX (610) 821-6798

Monroe County Office
Old Route 115 & Route 209, P.O. Box 16
Saylorsburg, PA 18353-0016
(570) 402-1499 • FAX (570) 402-0746

Upper Macungie Twp. Bldg.
8330 Schantz Road
Breinigsville, PA 18031
(610) 366-2327 • FAX (610) 366-2329

East Allen Twp. Municipal Bldg.
5330 Nor-Bath Boulevard
Northampton, PA 18067
(610) 502-1567 • FAX (610) 502-1570

1601 Union Blvd., First Floor
Allentown, PA 18109
(610) 821-6813 • FAX (610) 841-1137

Senate Box 203016
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3016
(717) 787-1349 • FAX (717) 772-3458

ANNUAL
MMCA
EASTER EGG
HUNT

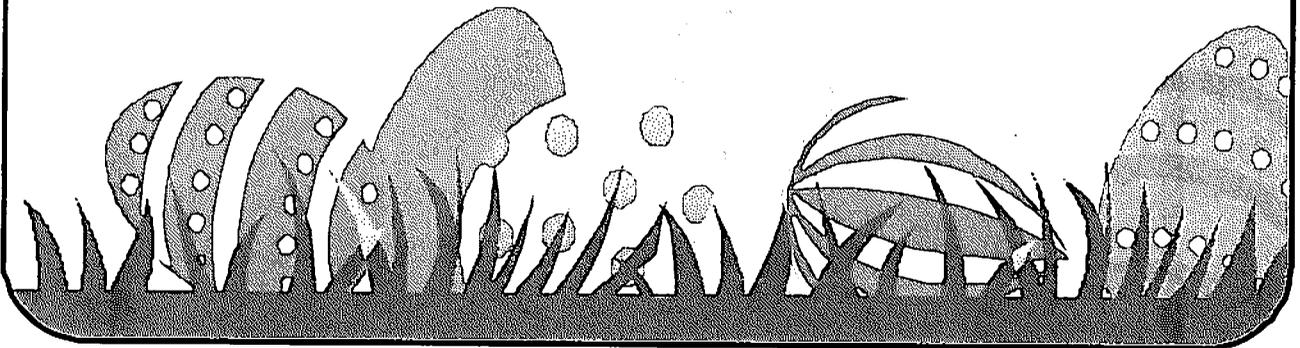
Saturday, March 27th

We are looking for donations of candy
to fill the eggs, or cash donations to
offset the purchase of the candy.

Please contact

Patty Wilburn 610-439-3469

by March 19th if you wish to make a
donation or leave donations on the
porch of 2123 E. Tremont Street
(checks should be made payable to
'MMCA'). Thank you!



MMCA'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 27th

1:00 p.m.

at the Midway Manor Park

rain date: Sunday, March 28th

Children ages 0-10 are invited to attend.

2010 MMCA members: children/grandchildren are free.

Non-members: \$5.00 fee per family.

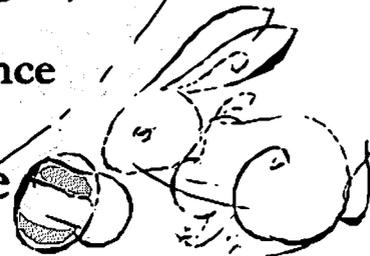
**You must sign up by 3/19 by calling
Patty Wilburn at (610)439-3469 or
emailing looneytunefan@rcn.com so we
will have enough supplies for all
children.**

**(Please leave your name, the number of children
attending, and their ages.)**

**There will be an appearance
by the Easter Bunny!**

**The shed will be
open for lunch.**

Please be sure to bring a basket
for each child attending.



OPERATION IDENTIFICATION (ID)

WHAT IS OPERATION ID?.....Operation ID is when residents mark property that can be easily stolen if someone breaks into your home.

HOW DO I MARK MY PROPERTY?.....MMCA has purchased two electronic engravers that you can use to mark your drivers license number on your property.

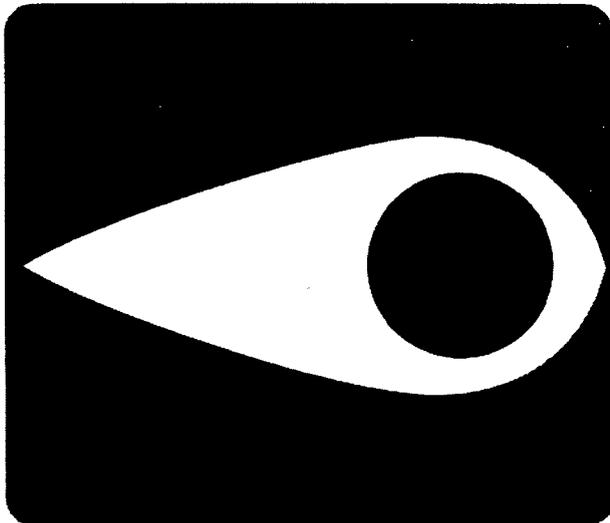
WHAT PROPERTY DO I MARK?.....Anything that can be carried out of your home or garage.

HOW WILL THIS HELP ME?.....You will receive two Operation ID stickers for your front and rear doors (SEE EXAMPLE BELOW) alerting everyone that your property has been marked. Someone looking to break into your home will see the sticker and think twice before attempting to enter.

HOW WILL THIS HELP THE POLICE?.....Example: Let's say the police catch someone breaking into a property and get a search warrant for their home and garage. During the search they find property that has been "ID'd". Using the license number they can locate the owner of the property and charge the person with burglary. Your property will be returned to you.

HOW DO I GET AN ENGRAVER?.....
Contact Ernie Atiyeh by e-mail at atiyeh12@aol.com. Provide your name, address, and home phone number. Engravers will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Ernie will call you when to pick up your engraver. A \$25.00 deposit will be needed and returned when you return the engraver. You will be given a receipt for your deposit with the date you picked it up. Engraver must be returned within three day's or you forfeit your deposit.

WARNING



OPERATION I.D.

All items of value on these premises have been marked
for ready identification by Law Enforcement Agencies

ALLENTOWN POLICE DEPT.

Be a Midway Manor Sponsor

For a nominal amount you can list your product or service in our quarterly newsletter. Proceeds will be used to fund association events.

- Business card \$15 per issue or \$50 for 4 issues
 - Half page \$20 per issue or \$75 for 4 issues
 - Full page* \$30 per issue or \$100 for 4 issues
- *sponsor provides copies (600)

Send payment (checks only) and information to Tom Schweyer at 1903 E. Fairmont St., Allentown, PA 18109. Please make checks payable to the **MIDWAY MANOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**. Full page copies (600) should be delivered to the above address.

For further information call Tom Schweyer at 610-439-0550 (after 4 PM) or send email to ritaandtom@gmail.com.

IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY

Here are a few reasons why someone may need to visit an immigration attorney for legal help.

Permanent residency – Over time it has become more and more difficult to get a green card in this country. I can explain just what you have to do to get residency and what your chances are.

Student Visas – The United States has several of the top universities, which is why people come to the U.S. for an education. I can help in getting a Student Visa.

Citizenship – For those that have been here for some time and think it's time for naturalization, I can assist with the process to make it less stressful and to proceed as quickly as possible.

Work - Everyone has a right to pursue their dreams. That is why Work Visas exist. I can help you come here to work and provide for your families legally.

There are a number of reasons why you might need legal help. Whether you want to live in the United States permanently or you just want to stay here for some time to work or attend a university, consulting with an immigration attorney can help you do so much more easily.

A large percentage of people mistakenly believe that applying for a visa is as simple as filling out Forms and filing them with the USCIS. This is a long way from the truth. Although properly completing and filing the proper USCIS forms is a necessary part of the process it is probably the least important aspect of the process. Most denials are the result of improperly or poorly documented cases. I will make sure that your petition has sufficient evidence and documentation to meet the strict evidentiary requirements for the visa.

There is nothing that is particularly enjoying or relaxing about the visa process. In fact, it can be extremely stressful if you decide to handle your own case. The process is foreign and can be very complicated. As a qualified immigration attorney I can make the experience relatively stress free.

Call Midway Manor resident, Atty. Dale Wiles, Esquire (610) 437-6423 for a consultation.

MMCA SECURITY PATROL

REQUEST FOR SURVEILLANCE

RESIDENCE _____ COMMERCIAL _____ VACANT _____

REASON: GOING ON VACATION _____ CLOSED _____

ADDRESS _____ DATE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE # _____ CELL# _____

DOES PROPERTY HAVE AN ALARM? SYSTEM Y _____ N _____

ALARM COMPANY NAME _____

ALARM COMPANY PHONE # _____

DID YOU STOP THE NEWSPAPER Y _____ N _____ MAIL Y _____ N _____

DOES ANYONE HAVE KEYS FOR PROPERTY? Y _____ N _____

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

DATE LEAVING _____ DATE RETURNING _____

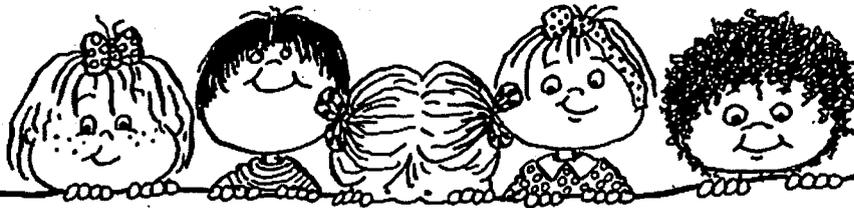
HAVE NEIGHBORS BEEN CONTACTED Y _____ N _____

HAVE POLICE BEEN CONTACTED Y _____ N _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS _____

RETURN FORM TO ERNIE ATIYEH 1909 E. CONGRESS ST.
ALLENTOWN, PA. 18109 . 610-434-5494 ATIYEH12@AOL.COM

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
ST. PETER'S PRE-SCHOOL
2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR**

Call the church office or stop by
for an application form
... Structured classes for 3 and 4 year olds ...
... Drop-in Center for 2 year olds ...



**St. Peter's Annual
YARD SALE**

**Saturday, May 22
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

\$10 10'x10' Space - Rain or Shine

Refreshments and Baked Goods will also be on sale.

Reserve your space by calling the church office.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US

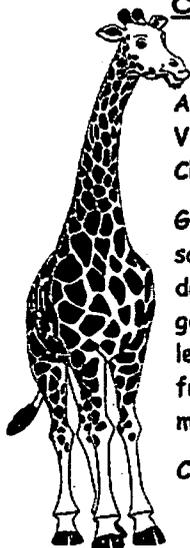
✠ WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY ✠

**(SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY)
8:00 AND 10:45 A.M.**

(JUNE - SEPTEMBER 5) AT 9:15 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
IS HELD AT 9:15 A.M.
(SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY)**





VBS-2010 - BAOBAB BLAST

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH GRADE 6 are WELCOME to join us at our Vacation Bible School, "Baobab Blast" to be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church - JULY 12 - 16, 2010 from 9:00 am. To 1:00 p.m. (lunch is provided).

Get together with friends at the Baobab Tree! From there, view the African savannah, rich with vegetation, alive with sounds, and abundant in animal life. Each day, groups of five or six kids, along with their guide, will delve into the community get-togethers of the African savannah. Bible scriptures will be their landmarks, leading them into discussions about their faith, helping them to develop stronger friendships, and guiding them into the world to realize their full potential as members of God's community.

COME AND DISCOVER ... You will get to ...

- Meet some new friends - Sing brand-new, awesome songs -
- Create theme-inspired crafts - Get moving with cool games -
- Munch on snacks fit for the savannah and Hear stories about Jesus.



REGISTER BY JULY 1, 2010 (Return to the church office)
 (One registration per child, call the church office for more forms).





Registration Form

Dates: _____ Church: _____ Confidential Form



Child's name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Nickname/preferred name to be called: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Home telephone: _____ Home email address: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Gender: M F

Last school grade completed: _____

Siblings: _____

Home faith community (if any): _____

In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached), please contact: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies/medical needs the VBS staff should be aware of: _____

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day: _____

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Tell us anything special you'd like us to know about your child _____

This will/will not be my child's first large-group experience other than Sunday school.
 ONE friend my child would like to be with: _____

Special needs/circumstances: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Please indicate below if you would like to volunteer

Site Guide Assistant Registrar Other

Days available: _____