Midway Manor Vibes™

January/February/March 20102 Edition
www.midwaymanor.org

Message From The Board

This year is a year of celebrations. Allentown is celebrating its **250th** anniversary and Lehigh County its **200th**. In Midway Manor we continually celebrate the friendship of our neighbors and the hospitality our neighborhood.

We encourage everyone to attend our meetings to discuss issues affecting our neighborhood and to offer suggestions on adding and improving association activities. If you are unable please feel free to contact one of us to share your thoughts or concerns. Your participation is vital to our success.

We also thank Faith Fellowship Church for their ongoing support. From providing meals and baked goods to our shut-ins to donating their time, talent, and treasure to our children's activities we are lucky to have this wonderful group in our neighborhood.

The MMCA Board

President -- Richard Wilburn	610-435-2678
Vice Pres. -- Dolly Spade	610-433-5316
Recording Sec. -- Karen Ali	610-434-6347
Treasurer -- Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550

Please join our Facebook Group "Midway Manor Community Association". If you join the group you will receive email announcements of upcoming MMCA activities.

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

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Midway Manor on the Web and Facebook

For updated Midway Manor Community Association news visit our website at www.midwaymanor.org.

If you would like to receive neighborhood alerts via email send a request using the ***"Email"*** link on the website. Email alerts will not display email addresses in order to protect the privacy of our members.

Also join our facebook group "Midway Manor Community Association".

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

On a Personal Note...

Having a baby? Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation? Contact Tom Schweyer at ritaandtom@gmail.com and we will announce your special event in the Vibes.

Morning Call Ads

The association has received numerous complaints regarding the morning call ads delivered weekly. Most of the complaints relate to the way the ads are scattered throughout the neighborhood, with many homes receiving multiple copies.

The city has advised us that we have the right to refuse delivery of these ads. As a result we are compiling a list of names and addresses of those residents who **do not** wish to receive these ads.

If you would like to be added to the **DO NOT DELIVER** list please email your name and address to tom.schweyer@midwaymanor.org or call 610-439-0550 by **January 31, 2012.**

This action will not affect ads delivered with the newspaper.

Tom Schweyer

Please Control Your Dogs

There have been several incidents at the playground involving dogs not sufficiently controlled by their owners. The most recent incident took place Thanksgiving weekend when a large dog attacked a smaller one. The owner of the small dog was also injured trying to protect his dog.

We are a pet friendly neighborhood but owners are reminded to control their pets for everyone's safety.

2012 MMCA MEMBERSHIP

Our 2012 MMCA membership campaign is underway. The annual fee is $15.00 per household, $10.00 for **senior** (60 and over) households. Our mission is to provide a pleasant and safe environment in which to live. It is composed of neighbors helping and caring for neighbors. We also help the children and youth of Midway Manor to be actively involved in healthy sports activities in the spring, summer and fall. Many holiday activities are also planned for our community. Please join and be a part of helping to keep Midway Manor the best neighborhood in Allentown. Membership includes free participation in association events which include children's holiday activities, sports programs for children ages 5 - 14, eligibility for house decorating contests, and other

Use the attached envelope to mail or drop off your check (payable to the Midway Manor Community Association) to:

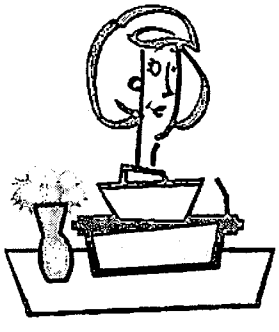
Sandy Wilburn
1039 N. Van Buren St.
Allentown, PA 18109

DISCOUNTED BJ's WHOLESALE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Midway Manor Community Association members are eligible for discounted BJ's memberships. (All paid MMCA members are eligible, not just residents.) The discounted membership price is $25, and the membership will run from September 2011-September 2012. Contact Patty Wilburn at 610-439-3469 or at looneytunefan@rcn.com to obtain an enrollment form.

JANUARY MEETING IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM

As most of you know the East Side Fire Station on Irving Street has been closed and set for demolition. A new station will be built on the site to house the fire equipment that was assigned to the station prior to it's closing. The board has invited the Fire Chief and the head of the Allentown EMS Department to our January Meeting to discuss the status of the station and the possibility of assigning an ambulance to the location. Come out and let your concerns be known.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY POSITION

The board position of Corresponding Secretary is vacant. Duties of the office: " The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all the correspondence of the Association including correspondence to members of the Association and Board dealing with meeting notices, etc. and any and all other correspondence."

If you are interested in the Corresponding Secretary position please contact Richard at 610-435-2678 or email BOPW@PTD.NET

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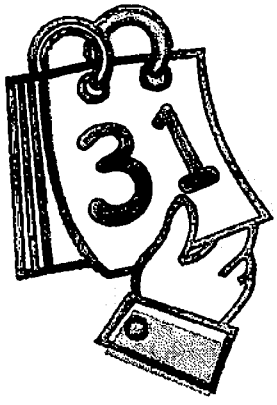
MMCA Events in 2012



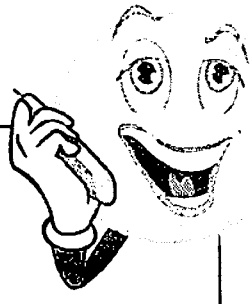
Monthly meetings at 7PM at Faith Fellowship Church

January 9	July 2
February 6	August 6
March 5	Sept 10 – Nomination of Officers
April 2	Oct 1 – Election of Officers
May 7	Nov 5
June 4	Dec 3

Other Midway Manor Events

January 21	Oldies Dance at 7PM at the Fullerton Fire Co
February 16-18	Spring Sports Signups
March 31	Easter Egg Hunt
April 21*	Opening Day
July 7*	Summer Celebration
Aug	Fall Sports Signups
Sept 15	Yard Sale
Sept 22	Barkfest
Oct 19*	Halloween Parade
Nov 16	Sports Banquet
Dec 8*	Children's Christmas Party

*Tentative dates



MMCA Contacts

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V. President - Dolly Spade	610-433-5316	
Recording Secretary - Karan Ali	610-434-6347	
Treasurer - Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550	tom.schweyer@midwaymanor.org
Athletic Director – Eric Wilburn	610-439-3469	
Bulletin Board – Patty Wilburn	610-439-3469	looneytunefan@rcn.com
Fundraising – Patty Wilburn	610-439-3469	looneytunefan@rcn.com
Membership – Sandy Wilburn	610-435-2678	
New Neighbors – Ruth O'Connell	610-432-5022	
Security Patrol – Ernie Atiyeh	610-434-5494	atiyeh12@aol.com
Vibes – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550	ritaandtom@gmail.com

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"Kiwanis 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:

Justin Bartholomew, President
610-751-7636

Harold Thomas, Secretary
610-625-2585

Andrea Naugle, Board Member
610-740-9391

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The Kiwanis Club is PROUD to sponsor –

- The Key Club at Dieruff High School
- Aktion Club of Bethlehem
- Students of the Month at Ritter Elementary School
- Aktion Club from LIFEPATH, Bethlehem
- LV Children's Center – reading to the children program

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

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. 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 ativeh12@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.

Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to ritaandtom@gmail.com by Mar 5th and are subject to approval and editing.

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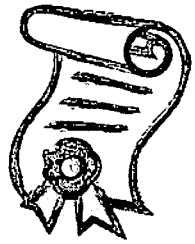
MIDWAY MANOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



The recipient of the 2011 Citizen of the Year award was Steffon Kellman. "Coach Kelly" as he is called, has been a coach for Midway Manor soccer for 3 years now. Coach Kelly helps with sports sign ups, field preparation, equipment purchases, and provides weekly game reports. Coach Kelly is loved by his players and their parents. Coach Kelly teaches the fundamentals of soccer in a fun exciting way that keeps his players coming back season after season. Coach Kelly is a true gift to the Midway Manor's sports program and Is welcome to coach here for as long as he wishes. Coach Kelly was presented this award by Erica Spiegel, the team mom.

Congratulations to Fern Deshler

VOTED

Congratulations to Midway Manor resident Fern Deshler who was recently inducted into the PA Voter Hall of Fame. Administered by the Department of State's Elections Bureau, the Voter Hall of Fame was established to acknowledge and honor Pennsylvanians who have voted in every November election for at least **50 consecutive years**. Fern, thanks for doing your civil duty and setting a fine example for everyone.

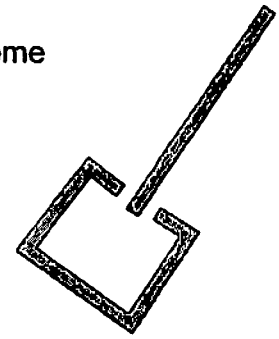
Children's Christmas Party

This years Midway Manor Christmas Party was a huge success. With 50 children showing up to see Santa we had a wonderful time! The generosity of the members of Faith Fellowship Church and Midway Manor residents was overwhelming, and thanks to their support and donations, this was the best Christmas Party ever!

We would like to thank everyone who helped during the Christmas Party, especially the wonderful bakers who provided yummy tasting cupcakes. We look forward to your continuing support in the years to come.

Jay & Erica Spiegel

SNOW WAY OUT



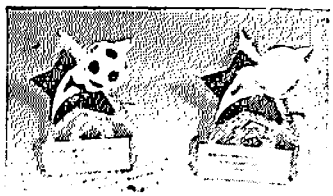
Snow Way Out is offering free snow removal services to low-income Allentown seniors who are 60 and older and have nobody else to help them.

The snow will be removed by Allentown youths, ages 12 and up. Organizers said it will not only provide a service to senior citizens, but also give the youths a chance to get involved in their community.

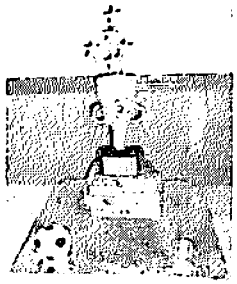
The snow removal service becomes available after three or more inches of snow. By law, city residents and business owners are required to clear public sidewalks of ice and snow within 10 hours of the end of a storm.

Eligible seniors must fill out an application, and a background check will be conducted, said Joshua Keller, the city's volunteer chief service officer. Applications can be found at the Lehigh County Senior Center **or on the city website.** You can also contact Josh @ 610 437-7688 for an application to be sent to your home.

Sports Banquet



The annual sports banquet was held on November 18. All children who participated in the sports program were recognized and received an award. After the meal and the presentation of the teams music was provided by "Speakers of the House". A good time was had by all. Thank you to Eric and Patty Wilburn for planning and organizing the event.



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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 [illegible]. 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.

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Friends of the Midway Manor

The board wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to the association:

- City of Allentown for printing the Vibes
- Dale & Gladys Wiles for donating advertisement printing
- The Allentown Police for speaking at our monthly meetings
- Faith Fellowship Church for the use of their basement and all the donations and volunteering they've provided the MMCA
- The Kiwanis for their donation to our children's activities
- All the MMCA Volunteers who make our events & sports program so successful

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ABANDONED HOMES

There are several homes in the neighborhood which have been abandoned by their owner. There are many reasons why the home has been abandoned. Unfortunately the properties are not being taken care of by the owner or anyone else unless a good hearted neighbor has taken the imitative to maintain the property. Some of these properties have been foreclosed upon by the bank or mortgage company. Others may be in the process of foreclosure.

Any home that has been foreclosed upon should have been posted by the sheriff's office. A notice should have been placed on the front door of the property. The city may have placed the property on their "blighted" list. If the city has declared the property blighted an orange sign is placed on the property front door.

If you notice any problems with the property (weeds, accumulation of garbage, etc) please contact Tom Harper at 610-437-8729. If you see anyone at the property you do not recognize contact the police and report what you have seen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I apologize that the house judging for Halloween and Christmas were not done this year. Unfortunately the individuals who have done the judging in the past had other commitments due to family or weather. If anyone would be interested in chairing a committee to handle these duties it would be greatly appreciated. The committee would be responsible for judging house decorations and could also come up with other ideas of things to show the members of the community how much their taking care of their property is appreciated.

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GET INVOLVED

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CELEBRATE ALLENTOWN'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2012 will be an extraordinary year as Allentown celebrates its 250th Anniversary. If you are interested in being a part of history, supporting our City and having a fun time in the process, please sign up today!

2011–2012 NYE KICKOFF • GALA

An array of New Year's Eve festivities is planned for downtown Allentown, including a Gala and an outdoor celebration at PPL Plaza complete with a countdown drop of a bell.

CELEBRATION OF ARTS • CULTURE

Celebrate the city every month at existing arts and cultural events. plus a 250th twist!

PARKS CELEBRATIONS

Festivities are planned on the 2nd Saturday of each month, to bring together neighbors, churches, and civic associations to showcase one of Allentown's greatest physical assets—its parks.

GRAND PARADE • STREET FAIR

Celebrate the founding of Allentown at a Grand Parade and Street Fair that will include student bands, businesses and organizations, neighborhood associations, uniformed men and women in service to our country and city, historical characters, floats, and local celebrities

2012–2013 NYE GRAND FINALE

A Gala and outdoor public event to officially conclude Allentown's anniversary year.

PARTY ON THE DECK

PLAZA GROWER'S MARKET

BLUES, BREWS & BBQ

FOURTH OF JULY

FESTA! PANT MONTH

LIGHTS IN THE PARKWAY

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

HEADQUARTERS STAFFING

LEGACY PROJECT (PUBLIC ART)

COMMEMORATIVE CALENDAR

COMMUNICATION (MAILING, CALLING)

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allentownpa.gov/events

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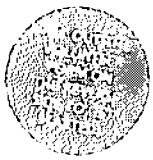

TAKE THE INITIATIVE

1. **Fill out the form below and return to:**
   City Hall, 3rd Floor, Attn: Volunteer Allentown250
   435 Hamilton Street Allentown, PA 18104
   OR
2. **Go to allentown250.com and click "Become a Volunteer" and fill out an online form.**
   OR
3. **Contact Tara Craig at:**
   craigt@allentowncity.org or 610.437.7530.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

AREA OF INTEREST

- DURING AN EVENT
- ON A PLANNING COMMITTEE
- AT A HEADQUARTERS FOR INFO AND SALES
- SPREADING THE WORD
- OFFICE SUPPORT
- FUNDRAISING
- SHARING A TALENT, ARTISTIC, PHOTOGRAPHY, MUSIC, ETC
- OTHER

AVAILABILITY

- MORNING
- AFTERNOON
- EVENING
- WEEKEND
- VARIES
- OTHER

THANK YOU!

Allentown

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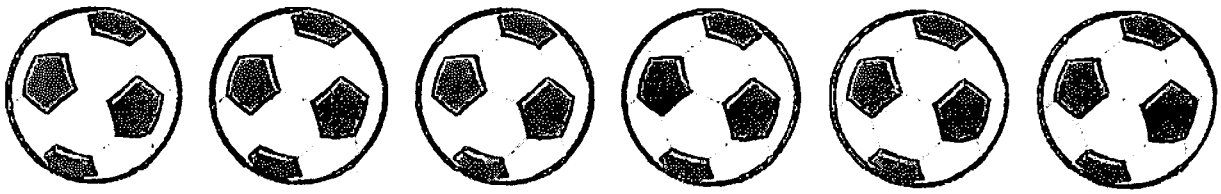

Midway Manor Sports Signups

Soccer and Baseball, Spring 2012

Boys and Girls ages 5-14

When?

Monday, January 16th 6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 17th 6:00-7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 18th 6:00-7:30 pm

Fees?

1. Sports fee= $30 per player

OR

$60 for a full year of sports (includes spring soccer, baseball, and fall soccer)

2. MMCA membership= $15 per family
3. Fundraiser= sell 30 raffle tickets

Or pay $25 buyout (fundraising required for the Banquet in November)

Payment due night of signup

Questions?

Call or email Midway Manor's Athletic Director, Eric Wilburn at (610) 439-3469/ ericfav22@rcn.com

Where?

Faith Fellowship Church

Located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ulster Streets

(catty-corner from Midway Manor park)

No new signups can be taken after March 1st.

MEMBERSHIP MANIA 2012

It is once again time for all of our Midway Manor residents to sign up for 2010 MMCA membership. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

All you have to do is fill out the chit at the bottom of this page, drop it off or send it with your check or money to Sandy Wilburn, 1039 N. Van Buren St., Allentown, PA 18109.

HOUSEHOLDS $15.00

SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS (60 AND UP) $10.00

(QUESTIONS, CALL SANDY AT 610-435-2678 OR RUTH AT 610-432-5022)
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MMCA INFORMATION SHEET: PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (s): _____ and _____ Email Address: _____

Adult Name(s): _____ _____ Youth Name (s): _____ _____ _____ _____

Payment (check one): Cash ____ Check ____ Check # ____ Made out MMCA

Signature: _____

MIDWAY MANOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OLDIES DANCE

Saturday, January 21, 2012
Fullerton Fire Company
7 PM to Midnight.

$15 per person
includes beer, soda, chips, and pretzels.
Proceeds Benefit
Midway Manor Sport Programs

Music provided by
Creative Sounds Entertainment

For reservations call Jamie Cernobyl
610-437-1553.

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MMCA'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31st, 2012

11:00 a.m.

at the Midway Manor Park

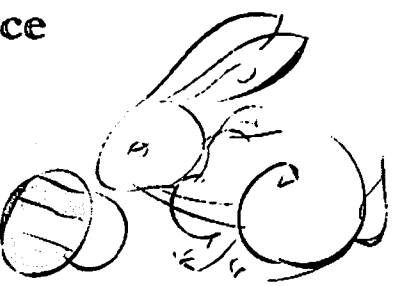
rain date: Saturday, April 7th

Children of MMCA members, ages 0-10 are invited to attend.

You must sign up by 3/15 by calling Erica Spiegel at (610)432-2218 or emailing me at spieggy@rcn.com so we will have enough supplies for all children.

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

There will be an appearance by the Easter Bunny!



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

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