



Midway Manor Vibes

April/May/June 2013 Edition
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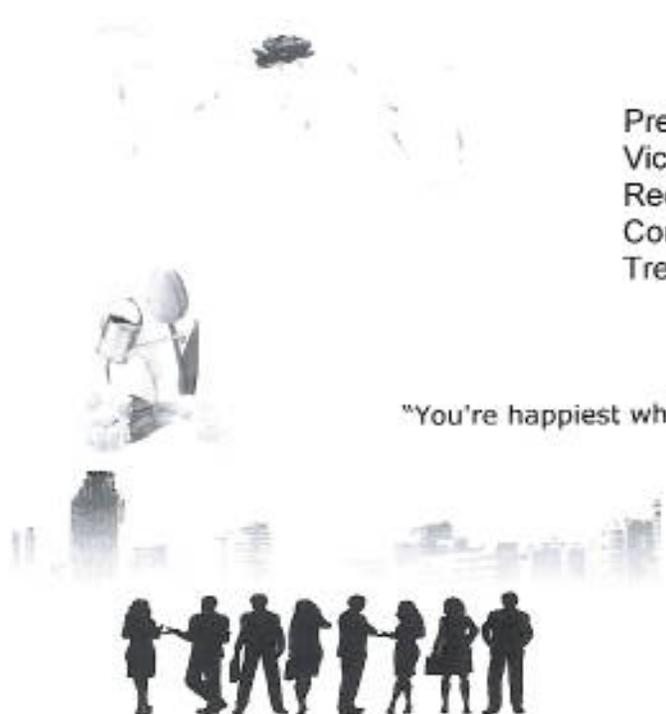
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Message from the Board

We are starting to have some warmer days that make us excited for the spring season. It's nice to walk around and see our neighbors begin to unbundle themselves from the layers of winter. Some are taking advantage of the warmer weather to begin yard work and other outside chores. Others are dusting off the kid's bikes and toys so outside play can start. It's a great time to get to know your neighbors as we spend more time outdoors. An excellent way to do that is to participate in the many activities that take place throughout the Manor during the year. Just coming to the monthly meetings allows you to expand familiar faces from those on your block to people on the other side of the Manor. Come to the Opening Day Ceremony or the Summer Celebration. You'll have a great time and will get to know some of the other residents in the Manor. Any of the functions you choose to attend will help increase your sense of community and your circle of friends. We look forward to seeing you!

The MMCA Board

President -- Richard Wilburn	610-435-2678
Vice Pres. -- Dolly Spade	Unlisted
Recording Sec. -- Sue Irelan	610-437-2778
Corresponding Sec. --Lynn Lewis	484-201-5812
Treasurer -- Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550



"You're happiest while you're making the greatest contribution."

Robert F. Kennedy

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2014 Oldies Dance

Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Fullerton Fire Company from 7 PM to Midnight. \$20 per person includes beer, soda, chips, and pretzels.

For reservations call Jamie Chernobyl at 610-739-0388. Proceeds benefit Midway Manor Sport Programs.

Thanks to Jamie and Joan Chernobyl

Thanks to the efforts of Jamie and Joan Chernobyl, the oldies dance, held on January 12th at the Fullerton Fire Co., was very successful. \$220 was raised and will be used to support the Midway Manor sports program.

It was a fun night out and we highly recommend this event to everyone. Next year's dance has been scheduled for January 18th, 2014.

We are grateful to Jamie and Joan and look forward to seeing more of our neighbors at next year's dance.

Tom Schweyer

MMCA Events in 2013

Monthly association meetings

The Midway Manor Community Association meets the first Monday of the month at 7PM at Faith Fellowship Church. Meeting dates for 2013 are:

April 1 st (no fooling)	May 6 th
June 3 rd	July 1 st
August 5 th	September 9 th (nomination of officers)
October 7 th (election of officers)	
November 4 th	December 2 nd

Other Midway Manor Events

April 20	Opening Day
July 6*	Summer Celebration
Aug	Fall Sports Signups
Sept 7	Yard Sale
Sept 21	Barkfest
Oct 18*	Halloween Parade
Nov 15	Sports Banquet
Dec 7*	Children's Christmas Party

*Tentative dates

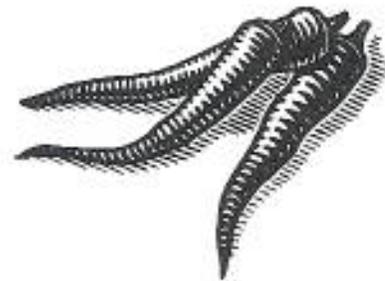


Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to ritaandtom@gmail.com by June 5th and are subject to approval and editing.

White Chicken Chili Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 sweet red pepper diced
- 1 small can of sweet corn
- 1 tablespoon Carapelli Premium Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 (4 ounce) can Chi-Chi's Diced Green Chilies
- 1 (5 ounce) can Valley Fresh 100% Natural White Chicken, undrained
- 1 (15-1/2 ounce) can Great Northern beans, undrained
- 1 can of light red or pink kidney beans (optional)
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Pepper Jack cheese
- 3 Tbsp of light cream
- Salt & pepper to taste



Directions:

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, cook the onion in olive oil for 3-4 minutes until translucent. Add chilies and cook for another 2 minutes. Add the remaining ingredients, except cheese and sour cream; reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 10-15 minutes. Add Pepper Jack cheese and stir until melted.

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- I use Ro-tel tomatoes with green chilis instead of the plain green chilis
 - I use a large (?12 oz) can of the chicken
 - I use at least 3 cans or more of the beans – combination of northern beans, white, light or dark red kidney beans
 - You can add the sour cream & cheese when serving
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"The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served."

— Gordon B. Hinckley



"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

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 LIFEPAATH, 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>

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.

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 2012-September 2013. The \$25 covers an individual membership not family. Contact Patty Wilburn at 610-439-3469 or at looneytunefan@rcn.com to obtain an enrollment form.

2013 MMCA MEMBERSHIP

Our 2013 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 activities including Holiday Parties and Kids Activity Nights 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, and any other activity sponsored by MMCA.

You can pay your dues at any Association meeting or drop off your check (payable to the Midway Manor Community Association) to:

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

Let's do our part to keep our neighborhood clean

We're all anxiously awaiting the warmer temperatures that are (allegedly) around the corner. Nothing is more exhilarating than enjoying time outside after a long and cold winter. Unfortunately, the warm weather brings more litter to our neighborhood. It comes from thoughtless people discarding their trash as they walk through our neighborhood, and from newspaper ads haphazardly thrown on our sidewalks and driveways.



We can't stop these litterbugs, but we can still keep our neighborhood clean by picking up trash and cigarette butts on our property and around the neighborhood. If you see ads piling up at a vacant house grab them too.

Eventually we'll have to deal with the debris anyway when it blows onto our property so we might as well get rid of it as soon as we can.

Rita & Tom Schweyer

VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

I am looking for someone who would be interested in caring for the areas in the park where the Max Steirstorfer and Ollie Jackson memorials are located. Anyone interested please contact Richard Wilburn or attend any MMCA meeting to volunteer.

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".

"The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good."

- Ivan Scheier

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

Lehigh County and LCCC to Host a FREE Anything with a Plug™ Recycling Event on April 13, 2013 for All Area Residents From 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It's Spring! Time to de-clutter your home of obsolete and unwanted electronics. Lehigh County is proud to sponsor a recycling collection event on April 13, 2013 from 9 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Lehigh Carbon Community College located at 4525 Education Park Drive, in Schnecksville, PA. Fill up your car and our trained staff will unload it while you stay in the comfort of your vehicle!

This special Springtime e-waste recycling collection event is intended for items that are typically purchased during the year like toys, computers, laptops, televisions, cell phones, mobile devices and much more. "Anything with a Plug™" will be accepted and recycled...except large appliances, smoke detectors, and rear-projection TVs.



All materials collected will be recycled in an environmentally friendly manner and for your security, ALL media data that are collected are destroyed. This FREE service is provided by Lehigh County and Lehigh Carbon Community College and all material collected will be processed by eForce Compliance, the first dual certified electronic recycler in the Delaware Valley. eForce provides a full staff of professional e-waste experts to handle and transport all material collected, and in the process creates sustainable green jobs.

For more information about eForce Compliance and the types of materials we accept and recycle, visit our web site at www.eforcecompliance.com or give us a call at 215.964.6665.



WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN

The Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste for the City of Allentown has offered electronics recycling during February and March and plan to have future collection events to be announced. MMCA will attempt to notify those who are on our e-mail notification list when we get any further information. You can also check our Facebook or online account for any updates.

Under new state laws electronics are banned from landfills and therefore may not be placed at the curbside for collection with other trash.

NEW STATE LAW: Under new Pennsylvania law, any manufacturer that sells electronics and televisions in the state must establish a recycling program for these items at no cost to residents. (taken from Allentown Recycling News)

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Midway Manor Committees

Athletic Director – Eric Wilburn	610-439-3469
Audit – Lynn Lewis	484-201-5812
BARKFEST – Christine Hill	610-821-4229
Bulletin Board – Patty Wilburn	610-439-3469
Children's Activities – Erica Spiegel	610-969-5028
Membership – Sandy Wilburn	610-435-2678
Security Patrol – Ernie Atiyeh	610-570-8584
Snack Shed – Cathy Leon	484-838-8103
VIBES – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550
Welcoming – Ruth O'Connell	610-432-5022
Yard Sale – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550

BAND CONCERT SCHEDULED FOR MIDWAY MANOR PARK

The City of Allentown Parks Department has scheduled a concert by THE ALLENTOWN BAND, the oldest civilian concert band in the United States. The concert will take place on Saturday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars to join us at the park and enjoy some relaxing music.



Join the Midway Manor email alert system

Many participants in the Midway Manor email system have commented on how helpful these alerts have been. The alerts are used to warn of criminal activity, reminders of upcoming meetings and events, trash pickup changes, and other time sensitive issues affecting our neighborhood.

If you would like to join the email alert system, email a note including your email address to tom.schweyer@midwaymanor.org.

The alerts do not show the email addresses of the members.

Another source for timely information is our facebook page, Midway Manor Community Association.

CONSUMER ALERT

[PPL Electric Utilities is echoing the Pennsylvania attorney general's recent warning to customers to beware of telemarketers or door-to-door salesmen who may be claiming to be our employees.

We'd like to reinforce some key points about our business and our employees and contractors:

- We do not engage in telemarketing or door-to-door sales for the purpose of encouraging residential customers to switch energy suppliers.
- We may contact you by phone about your account or service in the event there's a problem with your service. In addition, virtually all visits to customer homes by PPL Electric Utilities or our contractors are prearranged by the customer or through a call to the customer.
- All of our employees and contractors must carry company issued identification. If someone claiming to be from PPL Electric Utilities comes to your door, ask to see this identification. Keep in mind nearly all service employees also wear company uniforms and drive marked company vehicles.
- If you ever have any doubts about a caller or visitor claiming to represent PPL Electric Utilities, or about the information you are being asked to provide, please call 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775) for verification and remember to call your local police department if things don't check out.
- Suppliers licensed by the state may use agents to conduct door-to-door or telephone marketing or sales activities. Their activities must comply with federal, state and municipal laws and regulations.

With this advice in hand, please remember that we encourage you to shop for your electricity supply. More than 600,000 PPL Electric Utilities customers already are doing just that. As always, evaluate all offers carefully and pick the one that's best for you. Be sure you fully understand all the terms of any supplier's offer.

Beware of Scams

This time of year brings out disreputable and criminal elements going door to door looking to make a fast dollar by selling non-existent or poor quality service or attempting to distract you while an accomplice steals from you.

To be safe, do not open your door to any unknown person or persons until they provide adequate identification and a City of Allentown permit to sell door to door.

If you are at all suspicious we urge you to call the APD comm. center at 610-437-7751 and report the incident. If you feel you are in imminent danger or are witnessing criminal activity call 911.

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.

Check Mate Numbers

The Allentown Police Department (APD) has a program called **Check Mate**, which allows callers to report incidents to the call center using a check mate number instead of their name and address. The number also expedites the reporting process resulting in quicker police response.

To get a Check Mate Number application email tom.schweyer@midwaymanor.org or call Tom at 610-439-0550.



Disruptive Neighbors

Having disruptive neighbors can ruin a neighborhood. Disruptive behavior includes loud music and car mufflers, unsafe driving, visitors coming and going at all hours, and any other activity that infringes on your right to a safe and peaceful existence.

Ignoring disruptive activity will not make it go away.

When disruptive or suspicious activity occurs please call the police at 610-437-7751 (9-1-1 if it's an emergency). **If the disruptive neighbor is a renter make sure to tell the dispatcher it is a rental property and to log the call as a DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT REPORT (DCR). After 3 such reports in any 12 month period the city has the authority to evict the disruptive renters.**

We strongly recommend that you also do the following:

keep a log of each call, including date, time, description, and Com Center's dispatcher's number

AFTER you call the police, report the incident to our head of security, Ernie Atiyeh, Allentown Citizens on Patrol Office [610-776-5165](tel:610-776-5165), Cell [610-570-8584](tel:610-570-8584) or email atiyeh12@aol.com. He will follow up on the report. All information will be held in confidence.

If you have concerns about making a direct report to APD call or email Ernie and he will make the report under his name, after conferring with an officer of the MMCA.

You are also encouraged to bring these matters to the attention of the MMCA board of directors or report them at the monthly association meeting, usually attended by members of the APD.

MONTHLY CRIME REPORTS

Neighborhood Patrol

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
03-Dec	Suspicious Noise	Van Buren & E. Tremont
04-Dec	Disturbance	2300 Blk Union Blvd.
04-Dec	Vandalism/Vehicle	2100 Blk Union Blvd.
11-Dec	Noise Complaint	900 Blk Sherman St.
11-Dec	Suspicious Noise	1900 Blk Fairmont St.
15-Dec	Suspicious Noise	1900 Blk Fairmont St.
15-Dec	Disturbance	1900 Blk Fairmont St.
17-Dec	Suspicious Noise	Sherman & Union Blvd.
18-Dec	Suspicious Noise	2100 Blk Union Blvd.
21-Dec	Disturbance	2200 Blk. Union Blvd.
22-Dec	Noise Complaint	Ulster & Union Blvd.
04-Jan	Suspicious Noise	1300 Blk Tacoma St.
06-Jan	Forcible Entry	1300 Blk Tacoma St.
08-Jan	Suspicious Noise	1900 Blk Union Blvd
10-Jan	Suspicious Noise	1000 Blk Ulster St.
10-Jan	Theft from Auto	1200 Blk Van Buren St.
12-Jan	Noise Complaint	1200 Blk Troxell St.
12-Jan	Juvenile Complaints	2000 Blk Union Blvd.
12-Jan	Suspicious Noise	Van Buren & Columbia
13-Jan	Suspicious Noise	1300 Blk Troxell St.
20-Jan	Suspicious Noise	1900 Blk Livingston St.
26-Jan	Theft from Auto	2000 Blk Union Blvd.
29-Jan	Disturbance	900 Blk Sherman St.
31-Jan	Theft from Auto	2000 Blk Union Blvd.
03-Feb	Disturbance	1300 Blk Union Blvd.
05-Feb	Suspicious Noise	2300 Blk Union Blvd.
06-Feb	Suspicious Noise	1900 Blk Union Blvd
06-Feb	Disturbance	2200 Blk. Union Blvd.
07-Feb	Suspicious Noise	2200 Blk Pennsylvania
11-Feb	Suspicious Noise	2200 Blk. Union Blvd.
17-Feb	Vandalism/Vehicle	900 Blk Van Buren
18-Feb	Theft from Auto	2000 Blk Union Blvd.
20-Feb	Shoplifting	2100 Blk Union Blvd.
24-Feb	Suspicious Noise	1200 Blk Sherman St.

Don't invite someone to break into your vehicle. Don't leave items visible. Lock your vehicle at all times.

Keep outside lights on all night.

Be vigilant, if it looks suspicious call the police use your checkmate number.

Keep Midway Manor Safe

Ernie Atiyeh
Allentown Citizens on Patrol
451 W. Chew St. – Suite 407
Allentown, PA 18102

Office 610-776-5165
Cell 610-570-8584

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 by phone or at atiyeh12@aol.com.

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 someone on the board for an application.) Make a note of the activity, time and date called, and the dispatcher's number, and provide details of the report to Ernie Atiyeh. Ernie will track and follow up on all reports.

** This information is received from the Allentown Police Department – Crime Analysis Section. It reflects the calls received by the Communications Center. This information is shared each month at our Community Association Meetings.



MMCA SPORTS

Spring Sports

We are happy to announce that Midway Manor will be submitting 4 soccer teams into the NVYSL soccer league this spring along with 4 baseball teams to the city league. Good luck and have fun to all our coaches, players and parents. Remember....we play to learn the sport, to make friends, and most importantly.....to have FUN. Please check the web site and bulletin boards for the home game schedules and stop down to cheer on our kids. GO MUSTANGS!

Opening Day 2013 will take place Saturday April 20th. The parade starts promptly at 11AM. Anyone is welcome to walk in the parade or sit on your front porch and enjoy the parade. The route of the parade will start at the park and go north on Tacoma St., east on Columbia, and south on Ulster back to the park. We thank the Harrison-Morton Middle School Band, and AFD and APD for their participation. There might be a surprise guest or 2.



Watch the bulletin boards at the park for schedules of home games for soccer – Usually Sundays – and baseball. Come out and support your neighborhood teams. The shed should be open so maybe you won't have to cook that day!!

Our baseball teams are in need of used baseballs to be used during practices. If you have been cleaning out the garage or shed and find baseballs we would appreciate any you are willing to donate. Contact the Athletic Director.



Children's Activities Page

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Midway Manor Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The kids really enjoyed themselves this year. We began the day with a visit from the Easter Bunny, followed by three different games that each age group rotated through- pin the tail on the bunny, an egg roll event, and an egg and spoon relay race. Once the activities were over the children got into their groups and began to race around for the eggs. They received candy and temporary tattoos and three lucky winners in each age group were able to walk away with a gift basket loaded with treats!

I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, who are always so generous with their time and continue to make each of our children activities events so special:

Erica Spiegel

Kourtnie Haller

Laura Matos

Patty Wilburn

Kim Mousley

LeAnne Tyson

Sherica Rivera

Cathy Leon



**Thank you Erica and team for another great job!!
MMCA Board**

Summer Program

Last summer we had a children's activity program which ran between the middle of June to the last week in August, we would like to do it again this year. We do not have all the details together yet. However, if you are interested, please make sure you are on the email list with Midway Manor or you are registered on the Midway Manor Facebook page. All future correspondences will be communicated this way. More information should be available sometime in mid to late May.

Erica

Parents – remember this not a babysitting service – you are expected to attend the activities, share some casual time with other parents and help out when needed.

MMCA Board

Rescheduled!

RITTER REUNION SAVE THE DATE!

You are cordially invited to join Rocky for the first annual Ritter School Alumni, Staff, Family, and Friends Reunion!



May 4, 2013
Fullerton Fire Company
5:00-10:00 PM (21 and Over)
\$24.00/person
Includes dinner and dancing
Cash bar will be available

To reserve your seat, please make check payable by April 1, 2013 to:

Ritter School Alumni Association

And mail to:
Ritter Elementary School
790 N. Plymouth Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18109

ritterreunion@yahoo.com

Please send the tear off below with payment!

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail: _____

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 _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MAIL FORM TO ALLENTOWN CITIZENS ON PATROL - 451 W. CHEW ST., SUITE 407 -
ALLENTOWN, PA 18102 - OR CALL EARNIE ATIYEH AT 610-570-8584