

# Neighborhood #7 Newsletter

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**Newsletters can now be picked up at any of the following locations: AHART'S MARET or WAWA or WILLY JOE's DOGGIES Also, Rep. Jenn Mann's Office. Compiled and edited by K. Pickel. [Crime-prez@aol.com](mailto:Crime-prez@aol.com) or 610-437-7160.**

**Join Community Exchange at the Spring Senior Fair on Friday, April 30 from 9am-12pm at 1140 East Clair Street Allentown (off Hanover Ave by Walgreens). Over 40 vendors hosting with 40 doorprizes and free coffee and donuts until 10 am. Free Benefits Checkups, cholesterol screenings, and loads of other great information on health, wealth, and staying alive. (See a John Travolta impersonator at 11 am) Free admission!**

**Allentown Rescue Mission Dinner will take place on Sat. May 1st, 2010 at Asbury United Methodist Church located at 1533 Springhouse Rd. The Chicken Dinner which is joint sponsored by Kutztown Folk festival will take place from 4 to 7 PM. If you or your company has door prizes, gift cards or gift certificates that you would like to donate, please contact Bill Dickinson at 610.740.5500 x14, or email Bill at [wdickin@rcn.com](mailto:wdickin@rcn.com).**

**Kutztown Folk Festival Presents**



**The Chicken Feed**

to support the Allentown Rescue Mission

## Protect Your Investment

Many times it is the little things that make the biggest difference. This Spring, the City of Allentown, through the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety, is embarking upon its first "Clean Up, Fix Up, Paint Up" campaign. We are hoping to encourage all residents and property owners to take the first step toward improving Allentown by improving their own property. In your second quarter water bill, you will find an insert briefly describing the program and some simple things you can do to improve your property. On the insert are coupons to save at two Allentown hardware centers to help you get started with your Spring outdoor projects. We are encouraging you to take personal pride in your property. We are showing you the steps to take. We are providing you with the means to get this done. We are hoping that your personal pride will grow into community pride.

### House numbers must be visible from the street and alley

- Keep your yard and porch free of junk, trash and debris
- Fences, garages and sheds must be painted and in good condition
- Steps, decks and landings must be in good condition with handrails and railings
- All gutters and downspouts must be clean and operational
- Swimming pools more than 24" deep need permits
- Only seasonal furniture permitted on exterior of property
- If you're interested in receiving financing to repair your home, please call the City of Allentown at (610) 437-7696.
- If you have any questions on what repairs require a permit, please call (610) 437-7591 or check our website at: [www.allentownpa.gov](http://www.allentownpa.gov)



**Noise, Noise, and more Noise Turn it Down!** Warm weather brings more folks outside. Keep in mind that if you want to play music, or you are a loud music player, your neighbors may not want to hear it blasting through their house. Enforceable 24 hrs a day-Noise Disturbance-City ordinance 719.03. Radios, tape players, TV, autos, any device which produces or amplifies sound: At any time of day in such a matter from any source as to cross a real property boundary; or at such sound intensity that it is audible from a distance of 40 ft in any public area, street or sidewalk of the City. Fine for violating City Ordinance 719.03 is not more than \$1000.00 or 90 days in jail. Neighbor, use your check-mate number and call 437-7751 to report any disturbances.

**Check-Mate -CALL THE POLICE ANONYMOUSLY** r. Apply for a Check-mate card and become among the thousands of Citizens Helping to Eliminate Crime.. You can call 610-437-7160 to apply. For card. You will be assigned your own personal number. Then when you call the police you just give the check-mate number to the dispatcher instead of your name..

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE DOING?  
BE A RESPONSIBLE PARENT!**

## GRANDPARENTS

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, then asked, "Did you start at 1?"
- 3.. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair.. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in.. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
5. My grandson was visiting when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out these, yourself!"
8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in.. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."
- 10.. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
11. Children's Logic:"Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant.. "The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.. "No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

**A National Contest –for older adults - Enter the "My Recipe for Strength" contest sponsored by the U.S. Administration on Aging** May 1st kicks off Older Americans Month, and it is our opportunity as a nation to recognize the contributions of older Americans. What better way to do so than to provide a forum for Americans to share their opinions, experiences and wisdom for the benefit of others? As part of this year's activities and events to honor older Americans, the U.S. Administration on Aging is inviting individuals to share their "recipe for strength" in a national contest. Entries should creatively promote the Older Americans Month 2010 theme "Age Strong! Live Long!" and may be submitted as a video, photograph, poem, or essay. Whether it's an exercise routine, a healthy diet, a tradition with friends, or remembering to look on the bright side of life, we want to find out what you've done to age strong and live long! Entries must be submitted by April 30, 2010. To find out more or to enter the contest visit [olderamericans-month.org](http://olderamericans-month.org)

**May 6th, 2010 Spaghetti Dinner at Lehigh County Clubhouse** : \$6 for Adults; \$3 for Children under 12; Under 5 eat for free . It will be held at the : Clubhouse of Lehigh County, located at 1437 W. Gordon Street, Allentown. Time: 4:00 — 7:00 p.m.. For Info call: 610- 433-9910. Thursday, May 6th, 2010.

**Public Hearing on the Rental License Fee Increase**  
**This will be at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 28th at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Please call to check that the time has not been moved. All interested parties, landlords, community Leaders need to be present at this meeting. The increase and removal of exemption status from many of our Allentown Senior High Rises have been affected. Please show your support and attend this meeting.**

**St. Luke's Church, located at 417 N 7th St., will be hosting a yard sale** to benefit the St. Luke's Neighborhood Center on Sat; April 17th between the hours of 9AM and 2 PM. No early birds, please! In case of rain, event will be held indoors.

## ***Report Graffiti NOW***

**Graffiti is once again becoming more prevalent in our neighborhood. If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 and give the best info. you can concerning what the individuals look like and their location. DO NOT CONFRONT YOURSELF— Call the Police. I would recommend giving your name and number in case the officer(s) responding need more info. NOTE— You can report with CHEC-mate or anonymously if you choose.**

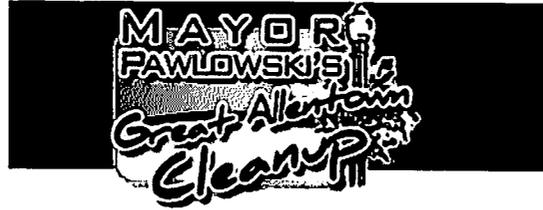
**If you see properties anywhere in the City of Allentown (even though they may not be your property) with graffiti on them, please report it to 610-437-8729 to put it on the list for removal. So much graffiti is going up we need everyone to do their part to make sure it gets reported and removed ASAP.**

## **REPORT GRAFFITI IN PROGRESS-CALL 911**

**Jack's Glass;**  
**Auto Glass and more, right to your door. 424 N. Madison St.; 610-435-1440/ [www.jacksglass.com](http://www.jacksglass.com)**  
**SUPPORT YOUR AREA BUSINESSES.**

# THE 2010 GREAT ALLENTOWN CLEANUP

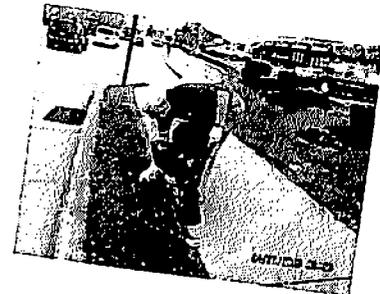
Saturday, April 24th



The Great Allentown Cleanup is a call for residents, individuals, groups & businesses to clean up around their properties and neighborhoods. This is an annual drive to promote community pride and make people aware that this isn't a one day event, but a year long commitment in which the city encourages cleaning on a regular basis.

Come join the 2.8 million people across America that are cleaning up ! By doing you part we can  
**Keep Allentown Beautiful!**

Please volunteer by calling Allentown Recycling at 610-437-8729 or visit our web site at [www.allentownrecycles.org](http://www.allentownrecycles.org). Free brooms are available.



**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY  
JOIN US AT CLUBHOUSE OF LEHIGH COUNTY  
THIRD ANNUAL FREE WELLNESS DAY  
HEALTHY PEOPLE — HEALTHY PLANET  
Thursday, April 22, 2010 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**

**One-hour Workshops**

**9:30—10:30 a.m. Healthy Eating**

**10:45—11:45 a.m. Managing Stress**

**1:00—2:00 p.m. Prescription for Good Sleep**

**2:15—3:15 p.m. Boosting Your Memory**

**All Day Wellness Testing Stations**

**Blood Pressure**

**BMI (Body Mass Index)**

**Chair Massage**

**More**

**All Day Information Center**

**Community Exchange**



**How to Quit Smoking**

**Healthy & Tasty Foods**

**More**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**CALL 610-433-9910 Ask for Bob or Lorraine**

**Clubhouse of Lehigh County — A Program of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network**