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THE MAGIC OF MAYFAIR - ALLENTOWN'S PREMIERE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS MAY 21-25, 2009

Mayfair, Allentown's 23rd Annual Festival of the Arts, will take place in Allentown's parks from Thursday, May 21 through Monday, May 25. It will feature five days of fun, food, music, art, crafts, dance, and a special Military component. Mayfair will host THE MOVING WALL, a half-size replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans Memorial which has been touring the country for more than 20 years. It will be at Mayfair during each day of the Festival, placed at Cedar Beach Park, outside the Mayfair grounds, near the Rose Garden. Since this will occur during the Memorial Day weekend, this is a perfect complement.

As always, there will be a large variety of food vendors and Mayfair's ever-popular Artists Market. Kids Space will offer many free children's activities. Sommerfest, a German Festival, joined with Mayfair in 2008, and will be back again in 2009. Mayfair will open on Thursday at 4 p.m. with a free preview night. As in past years, a full Festival pass is just \$5.00, and can be used over the remaining four days of Mayfair. Pre-festival passes will be available at a discounted rate at various Allentown locations prior to Mayfair. Volunteers are the life-blood of Mayfair, and there are many opportunities to volunteer both before and during the Festival. Applications to volunteer will soon be available by going to Mayfair's website at <http://www.mayfairfestival.org/>. See you at Mayfair!

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION:

Would you like to have the Newsletter emailed to you? We are very low on residential carrier volunteers, so if you would prefer to have it emailed to you every month, you can contact Kay at 610-437-7160 or email her at Crimeprez@aol.com.

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Monday, March 16th, 2009 at 7:00 PM
B'nai B'rith Apts. 1622 W. Liberty St.

Speaker: Heather Browne
from everyday LIFE A New Program
living independence for the elderly



Free refreshments - fellowship
Meet new people-get involved! You CAN
make a difference!



ALLENTOWN VEHICLES COULD BE IMPOUNDED! for the following reasons:

72-Hour Violations.Abandoned on Street The City of Allentown has an ordinance which states that any vehicle parked on a public street or highway in the city for more than 72-hours may be considered to be an abandoned vehicle. These vehicles may be ticketed, towed and impounded if they remain unmoved for at least 72 hours.

Unauthorized Vehicles on Private Property Unauthorized vehicles on private property may be towed at the request of the property owner. **Too Close to Fire Hydrant** Vehicles may be towed if they are parked too close to or directly on a fire hydrant.

Scofflaw (Unpaid parking tickets with warrant) If you have unpaid parking tickets that have resulted in a warrant, or if you are on a payment plan with the Magistrate for parking tickets and you miss a payment, your vehicle may be towed and impounded.

Scofflaw without warrants If our officer locates a vehicle that has 5 or more unpaid, outstanding and unappealed parking tickets, the vehicle will be immobilized (booted) until the tickets and a boot release fee have been paid. If payment is not made within 72 hours, the vehicle will be towed and impounded

POLICE APPRECIATION DINNER

Wednesday; May 13th, 2009 is Police Appreciation Day and our neighborhood group along with Allentown Crime Watch will be hosting a Police Appreciation Lunch /Dinner for Allentown officers. We are in need of volunteers to help out on that day. Times available 8am-10pm. Must be an active member of a group and a CHEC-mate member. Call Kim Beitler, at 610-433-6121, Coordinator of Event for more info.

ANNUAL LEONARD BUCK BANQUET *You're Invited*

Mark your calendar for the Annual Leonard Buck Crime Watch Banquet. The dinner is scheduled for Thursday; April 16th, 2009 at the Fearless Fire Company. Tickets must be ordered in advance and will be available for purchase at our March 10th meeting. Tickets are \$22.00/pp. Dinner is buffet style. Our neighborhood group will be in attendance along with 18 other neighborhood groups representing Allentown Crime Watch. It would be great to have you join us. For more information come to our March meeting and ask for Kay or call Ben Gress. Banquet Coordinator at 610-797-2249.



ALLENTOWN HOSTING HOMEBUYERS SUPERMARKET

Potential homebuyers can learn everything they need to know about buying a home by attending Allentown's Home Buyers Supermarket. Representatives from realty companies, lenders, title companies, insurance companies and more will be on hand on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at The Palace at 623 Hanover Avenue in the city. The event will be held from 9am to 4pm. Admission is free. It is sponsored by the City of Allentown's Bureau of Building Standards & Safety and the Allentown Redevelopment Authority.

Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski made the announcement about the Home Buyers Supermarket at a late morning news conference in City Council Chambers. He was joined by representatives of the city, the redevelopment authority; Alliance for Building Communities; Housing Association & Development Program; Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley; Plunkett & Graver; Money Management Inc.; and the Lehigh Valley Association of Realtors.

Among other things, attendees will be able to view property listings, learn about down payment assistance programs, get insurance quotes and even get a free credit report while they wait.

"Allentown has some very affordable home buying opportunities for people of all income levels," said Pawlowski. "This event puts home buyers in touch with all the different components needed to achieve home ownership."

"Whether you are a first-time homebuyer, or looking for a new neighborhood, this is a golden opportunity to get pertinent information at one location," said Allentown Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Karen Beck-Pooley. "Interested persons can go from booth to booth getting answers to all their home buying questions."

Some 30 vendors have contacted the city about participating in the Home Buyers Supermarket. Interested businesses can register on-line at www.allentownpa.gov or call 610-437-7690. There are a limited number of booths available.

West End Alliance Public Meeting and Forum
Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.—Theater 514
 (Across from the Civic Theater on 19th Street)
Guest: Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski

Please join us on March 19 for our spring public meeting. Mayor Pawlowski will join us to talk about initiatives in the West End area and throughout the city - especially the progress with the urban planning grant and the state matching grant for streetscaping and other uses in our neighborhood.

In addition, board members from the West End Alliance will provide updates on their initiatives:

West End St. Patrick's Day Parade 5k - March 22 www.westendstpats5k.com

Development of a committee for businesses and merchants for cooperative effort

2nd annual West End Oktoberfest, October 10

Of course, we will also welcome your thoughts, input and questions regarding the neighborhood and its progress.

Allentown City Council Meetings. Are you interested in hearing about your local government? Want to know what legislation is being passed? Tired of hearing about things in the Morning Call after the fact? Come to the City Council Meetings. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Have a concern to advise Council about? Speak at courtesy of the Floor. which starts promptly at 7PM.
 *Meetings for March are the 4th and 18th at City Council Chambers. Located on 1st floor of city hall.

OLD ALLENTOWN PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION NEWS

Flower & Flea Market – Art too! Saturday, May 9, 2009, 9am–4pm A neighborhood street market with vendors, residents and artists. Great finds, great vibe! Reserve a space: Call Deb at 610.820.3829.

Flower & Flea – Safe Clean & Green Plant Swap
 Garden overgrown? Looking for a specific plant? Pot up your extras and bring them to the SC&G table at the market to swap & sell.

National Neighborhood Week Street Festival Saturday, June 20, 2009, 10am–4pm 200 block of North 11th Street, between Turner & Chew. Contact Sharon to reserve your space 610.821.9638

OAPA House Tour will be October 3rd, 2009

Graffiti is Illegal—Report It 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 any where 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 ut 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

Saint Patty's Day Parade on Sunday, March 22nd. Immediately preceding the parade will be a 5k run to support another local group, The West End Alliance. For 5k information, visit the website <http://westendstpats5k.com/6.html>