

Neighborhood #7 Newsletter

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12TH West to 20th St. & Gordon north to Tilghman St.

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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 Crime-prez@aol.com.

Emmanuel UCC Events: Located at 16th and Chew Streets.
Friday, May 15 Basket Social doors open at 6:00 p.m. Kitchen opens at 6:00 p.m. drawing begins at 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, June 27 Penny Party

NEW AREA MERCHANTS

Please support these new businesses :



ASHMORE SYSTEMS-
Jim Flamisch owner - 607 N. 19th ST.
610-351-1870

Computer hardware/software.
Upgrades and repairs



COTTAGE SPICE CO.
1736 W. Allen St -
610-351-6954

Fine Spices . Oils . Tea . Gourmet Gift Baskets. Kathy Kitsakos, owner.
Www.cottagespiceco.com

Chec-Mate -CALL THE POLICE ANONYMOUSLY

If you have felt that you often wanted or needed to call the police, but were afraid you would have to give your name, you need to see me about getting a CHEC-MATE number. Apply and become among the thousands of Citizens Helping to Eliminate Crime. All you need to do, is come to our meeting to get an application. You can also call 610-437-7160 and I'll drop one off at your house. Fill out the requested informaton and I will forward it to the police dept. They will assign you your own personal number. Then when you call the police you just give the chec-mate number to the dispatcher instead of your name.. This also speeds things up. Don't let fear hinder you from quality of life.

Monday, May 18th, 2009 at 7:00 PM
B'nai B'rith Apts. 1622 W. Liberty St.
Gary Millspaugh Exe. Director
Allentown Rescue Mission Will speak on
new exciting programs implemented

Candidates welcome to meet and greet

Free refreshments and fellowship **Meet new people-get involved!**
You CAN make a difference! **Carriers Needed for your block**



Community Exchange News: ABUNDANCE DAY AT NEW LOCATION!

Abundance Day will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 10 am to 2 pm at St. John's UCC Church on 5th & Walnut Street. The church has a large social hall that has been made accessible with a ramp and elevator. We wanted to make sure our event is accessible to handicapped

members.

What to bring: Quality items that you or someone you know would enjoy. We all have things that are not being well used or fully enjoyed – clean, fun, useful, interesting or beautiful items in really good shape and summer clothing. Bring the kids! Let them bring things to swap.

What not to bring: Computers or parts of computers, older TVs that require converter boxes, opened or expired containers of food, clothing for fall or winter. Bring your items to St John UCC Church at 6th and Walnut Streets. Items for swapping can arrive Friday between 4 and 6 pm or Saturday Morning after 9:00 am, Swapping will begin at 10 am. No new items should arrive after 1 pm. Don't just drop your items off, stick around to visit, tell a story or two about what you brought, and find some things that you'd like to take. There is NO bargaining, no money is necessary; you bring what you are ready to part with and take whatever appeals to you. At the end of the day, whatever is not taken will be boxed and given away. Members are needed to help with set up on both Friday and Saturday and to help with table monitoring and clean up on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you! For more information or to sign up to help, call Judy at 610-969-2491.

<http://community.timebanks.org/group.php?mode=curr>

Mayfair 2009 will take place on May 21st to 25th. It will feature 5 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 yrs. It will be located outside the grounds, near the Rose Garden. Kids Space will offer many free children's activities. Sommerfest, a German Festival that joined with Mayfair last year, will be back again this year. Mayfair will open on Thursday at 4 PM with a free Preview Night. A 5 day pass for \$5 will be available. Pre-Festival Passes will be available for a discounted fee at various locations. prior to Mayfair. Volunteers are the live blood of Mayfair. Applications to volunteer will soon be available at www.Mayfairfestival.org.

City Trails Network Feasibility Study Greenways Incorporated, in conjunction with the City of Allentown, launched a web site and a public opinion survey to inform residents of the City about the Trails Network Feasibility Study. Please help us spread the word so that more folks will visit the web site and take the survey and provide us with feedback for the planning effort. Please go directly to the following two web sites. The first one will inform you about the planning effort. The second web site will direct them to the survey Charles Flink, FASLA, President <http://www.greenways.com/allentown.html>

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=hBDATTw3S6k86UfEHV5fzA_3d_3d

Allentown Golf Course News: Junior League is new for 2009

Junior League every Wednesday Night beginning April 29. The first tee time is 5:19. Maximum league participants is 24 players. This is a first come first served league. Please call the pro shop at 610-395-9926 to sign up. We will group you by age not ability. If you have a buddy you would like to play with please let the proshop know. This is not a supervised league. Players should have proper course etiquette and ability to play and walk 9 holes in 2 hours or less. The green fees are \$13.00 for residents and \$16.00 for non residents. Pull carts are free if desired. To play just call proshop at 610-395-9926 give us your name, age, phone number and E-mail if desired. Specific questions can be directed to Jeff Wambold at Wambold@allentowncity.org or call 610-509-8874

Lawn Mower Safety

Spring weather is here and the Allentown Health Bureau reminds the public to review their lawn mower owner's manual and safe operation practices before they start their lawn mower engines. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2002 there were more than 70,000 lawn mowing injuries treated at emergency rooms; of these, more than 7,000 involved children under 15 years of age. Most of these injuries are caused by the unsafe use of power mowers rather than mechanical malfunction. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, children should be at least 12 years of age to operate a walk-behind power mower or hand mower safely and 16 years of age to operate a riding lawn mower safely. It is important to teach your child how to use a lawn mower. Teach the children all the features and safety practices before they mow and supervise them until they are proficient in the task. Here are

some tips to follow:

1. Be sure other people especially children and pets are out of the yard while mowing.
2. Never allow passengers on a riding mower.
3. Wear heavy duty shoes and long pants.
4. Do not mow at dusk or at night.
5. Make sure the grass is dry.
6. Clear the yard of sticks, stones, and other debris that may be shot out while mowing.
7. Never leave mower unattended unless spark plug is disconnected.
8. Never adjust height or clean/remove grass chute with engine running.
9. Stay clear of hot engine. Mufflers can reach 1200 deg. temperature.
10. Never drink alcohol before or during mowing.
11. Never smoke when filling the gas tank.
12. Never smoke when repairing or using a lawnmower.
13. Always disconnect the spark plug and let the engine cool 10 minutes before refueling. Gas spilled on a hot engine could cause a flash fire.
14. Always mow across an incline when using a walk-behind mower.
15. Always mow up and down an incline with a riding mower.
16. Never leave a mower unattended with the engine running.



Phone Numbers to Know

- City Information Desk 610 439-5999
- Code Enforcement 610 437-7661
- Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.
- Community Problems (neighborhood disputes) 437-7616
- Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719
- Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-7531
- E M S (non-emergency) 610 437-7751
- Garbage Complaints (except recycling) 610 437-7759
- Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729
- Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697
- Leaf Pickup 610 437-7587
- Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751*
- Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695
- Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639
- Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751
- SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling / Solid Waste) 610 437-8729
- Weeds Grass Overgrowth 610 437-7604
- Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729
- Zoning 610 437-7630

*When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of the neighborhood is considered "disruptive conduct."



If you have graffiti on your property, contact the Graffiti Busters at 610 437-8729 for FREE removal or to notify the city that you'll remove it yourself. Forms for requesting this free service are available at our meetings. If you see graffiti in progress, dial 9-1-1. To report graffiti after it's been done, call the Police non-emergency number, 610 437-6651.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Jim Carlisle, Manager, Injury Prevention Services, Allentown Health Bureau at 610-437-7598.