

Monthly meetings held every 3rd Monday of the month at B'nai B'rith Apts-Comm Room West

# Neighborhood #7 Newsletter

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

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## Officers Needed Immediately!

Our annual election for officers will take place at end of year. If you would like to help our neighborhood, please think about getting involved. Some retirements are making offices available. Call above number now!

## ALLENTOWN ENERGY EXPO

Saturday, Oct 17th 9 AM to 3:30 PM

Allentown Breworks 812 Hamilton St. Free—parking at Farr lot on 8th St. Admission will be free of charge.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Allentown Energy Expo is to help Allentown residents, businesses and non profits with finding ways to become more energy efficient while announcing the low interest loans that are available to them because of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant project through the Department of Energy. There will be a vendor marketplace as well as 30 minute workshops. Individuals seeking additional information can contact Lauren Giguere, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, 610-439-5965 or [Giguere@allentowncity.org](mailto:Giguere@allentowncity.org).

## SENIOR HEALTH FAIR Lehigh County Senior Center

Wednesday Oct 21st, 2009  
9 to 12:30 PM

Flu shots, cholesterol tests, bone density tests, hearing screening, stroke risk assessment, balance screenings and blood pressure checks, and lunch. Call 610-437-3700 for info or to register for lunch. Over 35 exhibitors.

Are you a golfer? Check out this site!  
[www.allentowngolf.org](http://www.allentowngolf.org)

New West End Diner now open at 19th and Tilghman St.

The Pines Dinner Theater will move from Slatinton to the Gate 9 Grill adjacent to the Fairgrounds Hotel at 17th and Liberty Streets. The new TC Salon on 19th Street will open Feb or March.

Monday, October 19th, 2009 at 7:00 PM  
B'nai B'rith Apts. 1622 W. Liberty St.

## Candidates Night

Come and hear the candidates for

Lehigh County Executive

Mayor



**TOO MUCH LITTER** in our neighborhood and on our streets. You can pick up free starter kits at the Allentown Recycling Center. Please get involved by picking up the trash on your own property. Keeping the neighborhood clean is also good exercise, but again, please do your part in helping to combat this growing problem. Call 610-437-8729 to ask how you can pick up your free supplies; broom, bags, dustpan, etc today! Did you know that littering is against the law? If you are seen littering you can receive a citation and pay a fine. Report messy trash or trash set out early by calling The Allentown Health Bureau at 610-437-7759. If you see Graffiti in progress call 911. To report graffiti call the desk at 610-437-7753. It is illegal for a minor to possess spray paint or markers. More info at [www.allentownrecycles.org](http://www.allentownrecycles.org).

*A letter from the Prez: The meeting this month should be very exciting. I hope you will make every effort to join us. Also we could use some help with refreshments if you like to bake. I will be retiring at the end of the year so we need officers and interested residents of our area to get involved and continue to make a difference in our community. If you need an application for a checmate card pick one up at the next meeting. The November meeting will feature Peter Schweyer. We will also open nominations for 2010 officers. December will be a very wonderful Christmas Pot Luck Supper and just enjoying each others company. We will also have elections the same night. This will be on Monday eve December 21st. If you have a talent to share for this event, please call 610-437-7160.*

## Voting Tips:

On Nov 3rd, you have a chance to speak your mind in one of the most effective ways possible, by voting. We thought it would be helpful to publish some lesser known voting tips:

1. 2. Two out of three ain't bad-Did you know that you can cast a vote for only one candidate. Don't feel obligated to take a 'package' if it means taking something (or someone) you don't want.
3. Voting or Guessing-Did you know that the local newspapers publish information about ballot questions in the days before the election? You can be prepared by reading about ballot questions before you vote. Due to limited space, the question on the voting machine cannot fully describe the issues. Be prepared.
4. Ballot Questions-You can vote on ballot questions if you are registered other than Republican or Democrat.
5. Absentee Ballots-If you can't get to the polls, you can still vote by using an absentee ballot. You can pick one up from Lehigh County Voter Registration-17 S 7th St.-ground floor.
6. Vote- You can make a difference!

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Allentown Pothole Hotline—610-437-8775

[www.allentownpa.gov](http://www.allentownpa.gov)—city web site

**Crime Tip Warning:** Just last weekend, on Friday night, we parked in a public parking area. As we drove away I noticed a sticker on the rear window of the car. When I took it off, after I got home, it was a receipt for gas. Luckily my friend told me not to stop as it could be someone waiting for me to get out of the car then we received this email yesterday: **WARNING FROM POLICE THIS APPLIES TO BOTH WOMEN AND MEN BEWARE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE-- NEW WAY TO DO CARJACKINGS (NOT A JOKE)**' Heads up everyone! Please, keep this circulating.. You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into Reverse. When you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car. And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car. Now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised! **BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME AND HOW IT IS BEING USED.** If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later. And be thankful that you read this e-mail. I hope you will forward this to friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want this to fall into the wrong hands. Please keep this going and tell all your friends Dorothy Reed, Vendor Oversight Team Mobile, Allstate Insurance

### **Things a burglar won't tell you:**

1. Don't leave toys outside the house: Because burglars think there is good gaming equipment inside the house.
2. Make sure there are track marks in the snow if you are away: No sign of a car pulling in and out is an invitation.
3. Don't tell friends on the social networks that you are on vacation: Thieves access those sites as well.
4. Don't hide your jewels in the sock drawer or medicine cabinet. It's the first place they check. They almost never enter a children's room
5. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
6. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
7. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
8. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
9. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
10. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
11. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
12. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in. Continued below.....

1. **Of course I look familiar.** I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I **unlatched the back window** to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [faketv.com](http://faketv.com).)

# TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

Careful thought and planning may go into a child's Halloween costume, but the excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful on the streets.

**Both children and adults need to give real attention to safety on this annual day of make-believe. And with a little extra thought and planning, we can make sure that all children have fun and safe outings on Halloween.**

## MOTORISTS

The National Safety Council urges motorists to be especially alert on Halloween and offers the following driving tips:

- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- If you are driving children, be sure they exit on the curb side, away from traffic.
- Do not wear your mask while driving.
- At twilight or later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

## BEFORE THEY GO OUT

Before children start out on their "trick or treat" rounds, parents should make sure that:

- An adult is always supervising the outing.
- Children travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
- Children know to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
- Each child has change for a phone call in case they have a problem.

- A return time has been established.
- Youngsters understand not to eat any treat until parents have inspected it.
- Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
- Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including how to obey traffic and pedestrian safety laws.

## ON THE WAY

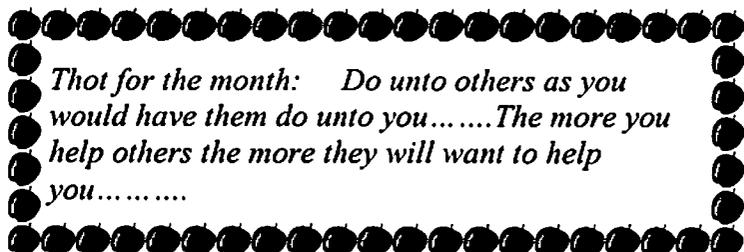
Children should understand and follow these rules:

- Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk from house to house. Do not run. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
- Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.

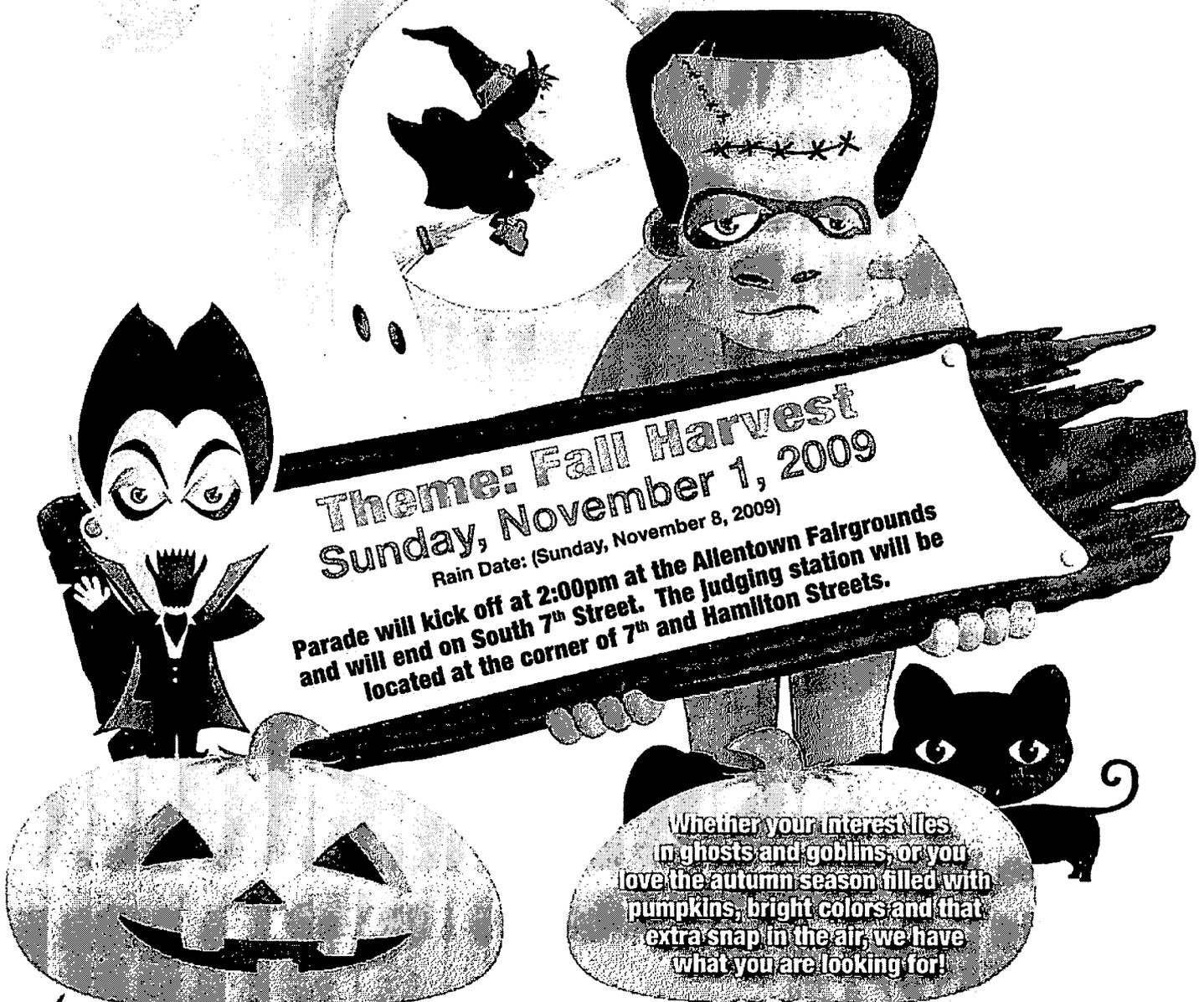
## TREATS

To ensure a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat outing for children, parents are urged to:

- Give children an early meal before going out.
- Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
- Wash fruit, and slice it into small pieces.
- Report to the police anything that appears suspicious about treats. When in doubt, throw it out.



The City of Allentown's Department of Parks and Recreation Proudly Presents:  
**The Allentown Halloween Parade**



**Theme: Fall Harvest**  
**Sunday, November 1, 2009**  
Rain Date: (Sunday, November 8, 2009)  
Parade will kick off at 2:00pm at the Allentown Fairgrounds and will end on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The judging station will be located at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Hamilton Streets.

Whether your interest lies in ghosts and goblins, or you love the autumn season filled with pumpkins, bright colors and that extra snap in the air, we have what you are looking for!

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Sponsors are currently being sought to defray the cost of this year's parade and allow us to bring in more talent. For more information on sponsorship offering levels, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 610-437-7757. We thank you in advance for your consideration and support of the Oldest Halloween Parade in America.

