

Old Town Neighborhood Watch

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July/August, 2010



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The Old Town Voice

OTNW Meetings

We meet the last
Wednesday of every
month from 7 to 8 PM
at the Youth Success
Zone Office, 250 N.
8th Street (next to
Nixie's Nail Salon).

July Meeting:
7/28/2010

August Meeting:
8/25/2010



About OTNW:

We are the crime watch
group for the Old Allen-
town Historic District, the
area from Hall Street to
12th, Liberty to Linden
Streets.

We speak English at our
meetings, but want all of
our diverse neighbors to
attend. We will help you
get heard!

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7th Festival Success! by Anne Crothers

For those who were able
to attend the 11th Street
Festival in June, you know
what a great day it was, no
rain at all! We had a full
block and a full crowd. The
kid's tent specialized in
hates, but there was lots
more to do. There was face
painting, games, free stuff
from Target, lots of great
refreshments and much
more.

This year we sold flea
market stuff and didn't
make much but we
unloaded a lot of fun stuff
for cheap. We started the
planning with less than half
of what we needed and
managed with a lot of help

to get where we needed to.
Where does the money go?
Well to the DJ and the
Port-o-potties and the ta-
bles and chairs. Sharon
buys the kid's tent supplies
on sale and tries to get do-
nations from anyone who
can help out. As usual, she
did great and we had more
than enough.

Speaking of Sharon, there
were two newspaper articles
about her and our group.
One talked about all the
work we've done for the
Central Fire Station, culmi-
nating in her winning a new
kitchen full of appliances
for them.

The second article was



just about her and our
group and our mission. To
see these articles and some
great photos from the block
party, log onto our Face-
book site: Old Town
Neighborhood Watch.

We will be planning to
repeat our Christmas village
event at Steve's Laundromat
in December. If you want to
be part of it, send us a mes-
sage or come to a meeting.
We need you!

Our July Meeting by Anne Crothers

Our speaker for July will
be Don Strohler from the
Building, Standards & Safety
Department specifically
dealing with rentals, rental
inspections, and pre-sale
inspections.

This speaker was re-
quested by some confused

neighbors. There has been
some confusion about how
these programs work and
how to ensure that they are
working properly on rental
properties throughout our
neighborhood. Do you have
questions about rental prop-
erties or rental inspections?

Come and get the answers.

Plan to join us, July 28 at
7 PM!

If there are other questions
you need answered, let us
know and we will arrange a
speaker for you.



Caleigh's Closet sells new and consignment clothing, accessories and more.



Caleigh's Closet By Anne Crothers

Neighbors on Linden Street have a new addition. In a sea of closed businesses, one has opened at 1128 Linden Street, Caleigh's Closet. This is a consignment store with an eco-friendly purpose.

Owner Caleigh has a mission to re-use and recycle everything. Her motto, "Shop more, waste less" says it all. She features work by local artists making hand-

made creations from organic or recycled products. She also has thrift store items for sale.

Have some stuff to sell? You can sell it at Caleigh's Closet which also functions as a consignment store. They will sell your clean and pressed clothing for you, and share the proceeds. Maybe it's time to go through the closet!

Previously located at the

Farmer's Market, Caleigh plans to stay in our neighborhood. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 to 8. They regularly have events and were at our street festival. If you missed them, plan to stop in.

Caleigh's Closet can be reached at 484-893-9397 or on their website: caleighscloset.com. They also have a Facebook page.

"O world, I cannot hold thee close enough!"
Edna St. Vincent Millay

The Great Allentown Fair

The Great Allentown Fair celebrates its 158th year offering a fun and educational experience for visitors of all ages. Dedicated to supporting the achievements of farmers, gardeners and homemakers, the Fair invites guests to learn about agriculture while spending an exciting day riding rides,

playing games and seeing shows. It serves up tantalizing international cuisine, musical concerts, thrill shows, and the latest in gizmos and gadgets.

This year the Fair will be from August 31 to September 6, 2010.

Musical acts will include Justin Bieber, Keith Urban,

Weezer and Rush. There will also be a demolition derby.

Tickets are available on the website at www.allentownfairpa.org. Plan ahead, it looks like a great year!

I'll see you at the Fair!

Our First Award By Anne Crothers



Allentown Recycling rocks!

At our June meeting we did something we've never done before, we gave an award. We honored Ann Sauerman and the Allentown Recycling Bureau for all of their amazing work. Once again at our street festival, they made things

Better for us. They gave us a dumpster and ten garbage cans and ten recycling bins to use at the event. They showed up themselves and gave away bins and brooms and answered questions all day.

When we call them, they

come. If we want to do a clean-up, they lend a hand and supplies. That's what we call partnership, so we decided to put it in writing! Ann came and our neighbor Bobbi Cameron made an excellent cake and we said Thank You in style.

Electronic Recycling *from Ann Sauerman*

ALLENTOWN RECYCLING ANNOUNCES COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAYS

July 10 & October 9, 2010

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Oxford Drive & Fish Hatchery Road

(At Main Yard Waste)

\$2 fee for each of these items:

- CPUs
- Keyboards
- Printers
- Phones & Chargers
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- CDs, DVDs
- And more!

No batteries or fluorescent bulbs!

\$5 fee for each of these items:

- Monitors
- Copiers

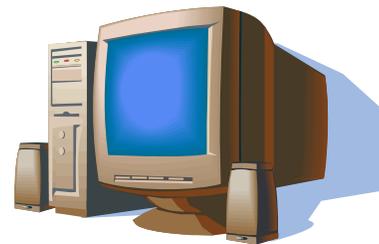
\$20 fee for each television regardless of size.

Cash only please.

A recycling initiative provided to Allentown residents through a partnership between Allentown Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste and Com-Cycle

Questions?

Call 610-437-8729



Get rid of electronics that are old or no longer used.

Our Annual Walk with the Mayor

Some time ago we received the following email:

“Mayor Ed Pawlowski is planning his neighborhood walks for 2010. The Mayor has reserved Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 during the months of June through October for these walks.

Please contact me if you

are interested in scheduling your neighborhood walk with the Mayor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jean G. Brossman”

For some reason, we have still not scheduled our walk, but we hope to in the near

future. Maybe we need inspiration about what block to walk, what to focus on. Maybe we feel disconnected from walks since we haven’t done our own walkabout. Maybe we are discouraged since not too many of you came to the last one. Ideas? Let us know!

Get involved!!

“ The Rainbow comes and goes, And lovely is the Rose.”

William Wordsworth

William Allen High School *by Anne Crothers*

One the WAHS website it says: “We are pleased and excited about renovations and new construction on our campus. Take a minute to view Seward Gymnasium and the new Ninth Grade Center. The gymnasium now features a new sound system, windows, and air-

conditioning. Our renovated weight room includes a new indoor track.”

Anyone who has driven by can see that things have changed. I have mixed feelings. I’m glad that things are updated, I also wish a new high school would be built

on the Southside. These schools are too huge!

Ask a teenager how it’s working out. I want the education for our neighborhood kids to be safe, exciting, and competitive. While WAHS is not in our neighborhood, it affects us.



William Allen HS

Emergencies Call 911

Abandoned Vehicles	610-437-7751
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Building Inspections	610-437-7592
Code Enforcement	610-437-7661
Child Abuse	610-437-7798
City Council	610-437-7556
Disruptive Tenant	610-437-7616
Fire Code Violations	610-437-7758
Garbage Complaints	610-437-8729
Graffiti	610-437-8729
Historic Architectural Review Board	610-437-7613
Housing Inspections	610-437-7697
Juvenile Bureau	610-437-7741
Liquor Control Enforcement	717-783-8250
Mayor Ed Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Police Non-emergency	610-437-7751

Neighbor Disputes	610-437-7773
Noise Complaints	610-437-7679
OTNW	610-432-9537
Parking Authority	610-437-3366
Police Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police desk	610-437-7753
Police Quality of Life patrol	610-437-7611
Recycling	610-437-8729
Snow Removal (Sidewalks)	610-437-7596
Street Cleaning	610-437-7636
SWEEP Program	610-437-8729
Traffic Signs & Signals	610-437-7735
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7604
Vice/Narcotics	610-437-7726
Weeds/Grass Overgrowth	610-437-7604
Zoning	610-437-7630

Allentown Art Museum to Expand



Allentown Art Museum will be closing for renovations

The Allentown Art Museum is expanding and will consequently be closed from Nov. 15, 2010 through Sept. 1, 2011, nearly one year!

This decision has disappointed many but was a decision based on the liability and safety issues that a massive construction project will bring.

The museum is planning some special events for the months just before to the closing.

- Sept. 8 to Nov. 14: free admission
- Nov. 10 to 14: sale in

the museum store

- Nov. 13: closing party,

The museum, which is partly a historic 1901 church and partly a 1975 addition, will be adding almost 8,000 more square footage to work with. Planned additions will include:

- new facade
- new entrance and lobby
- expanded parking lot and loading area
- larger store/gift shop
- A cafe

- new gallery spaces
- more classroom space
- more storage space for the permanent collection

The museum has a capitol campaign to raise money for this renovation. Contributions can be made on their website: www.allentownartmuseum.org.

There is also lots of information about the planned expansion and the closing.

What will we do for so long? We need art!