

Old Town Neighborhood Watch

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The Old Town Voice

OTNW Meetings

Our meeting space has moved again, and we are currently reviewing our need for meetings and the options we have available for meeting spaces. See the article on page 2.



About OTNW:

We are the crime watch group for the Old Allentown 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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11th St. Festival Rocked! by Anne Crothers

Our 8th annual 11th Street Festival took place on Saturday, June 25th and went off with a bang. The street was in full force, with old favorites and new stars.

Very new was the amazing kissing pig who wandered around eating Cheerios and looking friendly. We also had a modeling agency from Philadelphia who donated a professional photo shoot to the raffle.

There were things to buy, things to eat and lots of things to do. The kid's tent was in full force, making key chains and hats. We were blessed with extra help from neighborhood Housing Ser-

vices who also brought some awesome craft supplies, including some super cool pirate hats!

The Parkettes came as always, and tumbled their way through some amazing routines. At the end, they let all the neighborhood chil-

dren try out the equipment. And the DJ Jimbo delivered the fun as always.

If you missed it, there's always next year. We can always use new ideas, new vendors and lots of help. Don't be shy!



A New Police Station! By Mike Moore

The Allentown Police Department showed off its new Patrol Station at 1005 W. Hamilton Street. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Thursday, June 16. The station is now open.

The station houses 150 members of the Patrol Division and the Police Service

Area, or PSA, Captains. The PSA Captains are responsible for defined geographical areas of the City Of Allentown. Each Captain is also assigned one of the four officer Platoons.

The officers have their own locker room and shower facilities for the first time.

Renovations to the building also include two video monitored interview rooms, video security throughout the building, bulletproofing, a new muster area and gun pit, an armory, new flooring and interior and exterior painting.

Stop by and see what you think!



Want to send some appreciation? Let's do it!

Police/Fire Appreciation Day By Anne Crothers

Once again, our neighbor Dennis Mendez is stirring up some good will. He is planning a police and fire appreciation day. He is raising money and supplies to bring breakfast and lunch to area police, fire and state police.

He is looking for people who want to help with raising money, goodies, and who want to help deliver the magic. The date is not yet scheduled, but to be in-

cluded please email healing-works@enter.net.

For my part, I have purchased three art pieces to decorate the new police station. Two are prints of famous police-themed artwork, one by Andy Warhol, one by Norman Rockwell and one is a vintage photograph of an Allentown police officer from the 1800s that I found on EBay. They are being framed as we speak.

Do you have an idea for a way to show our appreciation? We would love to hear it. Putting their life on the line for us is all in a days work for these folks and that's something I never want to take for granted.

The State Police are also looking to upgrade their children's fingerprinting software and we will help with that once we have more information.

Join Dennis' campaign!

"A miracle is a shift in perception."

The Course In Miracles

Meetings or Not? By Anne Crothers

Once again we will have to move. The Allentown Promise Neighborhood who has kindly hosted our group for the past year has just moved their offices to 8th Street. Every time we move, we lose more people. People get comfortable with a certain location and many

don't make the move when things change.

Over the years our group has shrunk and shrunk until it's just not clear how valuable it is. The police appreciate our tips, neighbors appreciate the support, but overall the transient nature

of our neighborhood has made things difficult. People change a lot around here!

A few people can keep a group going indefinitely, but should they? That is the question I ask myself every year. Please decide for yourselves.

Historic B-17 Stops by LVI from www.eea.org



B-17

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 16-17, a B-17 will be stopping by Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

Hosted by EAA Chapter 70, the aircraft will be available for tours and even for private flights.

EAA is offering historic flight experiences in its beautifully restored B-17G Flying Fortress "Aluminum Overcast". One of only 14 Fortress's still flying, this aircraft is an icon of the Allied strategic bombing effort that helped turn the tide of World War II.

Unlike reading a history book, you can actually fly a mission back in time and feel the might of this magnificent machine, just as those brave young men did more than 60 years ago.

To book a flight or a tour please call 800-359-6217.

The Great Allentown Fair from www.allentownfairpa.org

The Great Allentown Fair returns from Aug. 31 to Sept. 5 with a bang!

Featuring concerts from:

- Marc Antony
- 3 Doors Down
- Bruno Mars
- Journey
- Foreigner
- Night Ranger

As well as Demolition Derbies and all the rides, food and exhibits you can stand!

Our fair has livestock exhibits, rides, games, and shopping inside the farmer's market building.

Ag Hall is full of exhibits from decorated cakes to home-grown orchids. There are art pieces, quilts and usually a giant pumpkin or two. There is quite a bit to see!

If you would like to enter an item in the fair, including vegetables, art, baked goods, livestock and more, please contact the Fair office at

610-433-7541. Last year I won a blue ribbon for my buttermilk biscuits and several other OTNW residents won for photography, antiques, and baked goods.

The smaller building is full of rabbits and chickens and the larger pens have cows, pigs and more.

It's a family-friendly event that usually interests kids, teens and adults alike. If you've never been, make it a plan for this year.



Time for the fair!

Parking News By Tamara Weller

Enforcement Supervisor Christina Dayton was recently recognized by the Allentown Police Department for her efforts in assisting in the recovery of stolen vehicles. Through the efforts of the Allentown Parking Authority, more than \$100,000 of stolen vehicles has been recovered.

More neighborhood parking is coming! One of our primary goals is to provide ample neighborhood parking. To that end, we work with private property owners to help them manage their parking supply.

If you are looking for parking in the area of the 700 block of N. Front Street or

the area of the 200 block of Oak Street, we have some spaces left for neighbors. Shortly, we hope to add to the availability of public parking in the 800 block of Hamilton Street. Stay tuned for further details or call us at 610 841 9090 for details!

Log onto our website: www.allentownparking.com

" The most terrifying thing is to accept oneself completely."
Carl Jung

Back to School from www.kidshealth.org

The kids are saying:

I'm looking forward to recess and making new friends and seeing my old friends. I like science because we get to do experiments. I'm not looking forward to math and homework because I can't watch TV. Julia, 7

I'm looking forward to changing classes and making new friends. I'm definitely looking forward to meeting my teachers. I'm not looking forward to waking up so early in the morning. In the summer, I would go to bed very late and wake up late. Darina, 10

I'm looking forward to math. I like numbers. I'm not looking forward to lunch, especially the chicken nuggets. They're usually burnt. Katie, 8



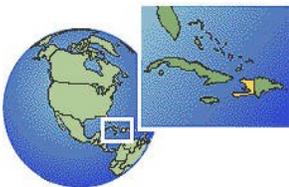
Back to school kids!

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

Play for the Children of Haiti From Mike Moore



Haiti: our neighbors in need.

Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski, Director of Parks & Recreation Greg A. Weitzel, Playworld Systems Manager Julie Rearick and a team from Lifechurch in Allentown traveled to Carrefour, Haiti on June 28 to help rebuild a city devastated by the massive earthquake which rocked the country over a year ago.

This included construction of the city's first public playground. The playground is being donated by Playworld Systems, Inc. of Lewisburg, Penn-

sylvania, the same company that designed and built Allentown's recently constructed destination playground at Cedar Creek Parkway. The play system being donated to Carrefour includes straight and curved slides, a vertical climber, rock climber, climbing wall, pup tent climber, driver panel, stop light panel and rattle knob. In addition, local Lehigh Valley corporations Just

Born and Crayola have donated candy and crayons along with the Crocs Corporation which donated thousands of shoes which were distributed to children who attended the playground dedication ceremony. The Clinton Foundation donated sand as a base for the playground.

Other members of the tem included medical personnel and many faith-based community members.