



Our Neighborhood News

Sept/Oct, 2009

OTNW.tripod.com

OTNW Meetings

We meet the last Wednesday of every month at 7PM Location: TBA

September Meeting:
9/30/2009 @ 7 PM

October Meeting:
10/28/2009 @ 7 PM

Nosotros tenemos un reunion el final miercoles del todos los meses.

Reunion en Sept:
9/30/2009 @ 7 PM

Reunion en Octubre
9/28/2009 @ 7 PM

Se habla ingles.



OTNW is Homeless Again! By Anne Crothers

For those who remember when we used to hold our meetings at Cleveland Elementary School, you will remember the feeling of homelessness. This time we didn't get much warning.

At our July meeting, the new pastor of Resurrection Life Church spoke briefly to me, asking me to send him an email to discuss whether OTNW could continue having our meetings there. I followed up and received a very vague reply saying that he would "have to attend a meeting" to see whether we would be allowed to stay on. Then, just before our next



scheduled meeting in August, communication stopped. I could not confirm either by phone or email whether the church would be open for us that night. So, at the last minute, I had to cancel the speaker and cancel the meeting. It was sad.

There has been no further word from the church or the pastor. I have heard from neighbors that

the church has a reputation for partnering with the community. I'm not sure how we got off on the wrong foot, but we must have.

Currently, OTNW is in negotiation with another church and we are scrambling to find a new home ASAP.

I feel sad that we lost our home. I feel sad that attendance has been so low all summer, I just feel sad right now. Feel free to cheer me up when you see me moping around the neighborhood!

Our Meeting in Sept! By Anne Crothers

If you read the article above, you'll know that at this moment, I don't know where the September meeting will meet. Our speaker for the cancelled August meeting was Tamara Weller from the Allentown Parking Authority. She was requested by residents on 9th Street who are having some parking issues.

She is willing to reschedule



and I hope will be our speaker this month. She is happy to discuss all parking issues on any block.

Like what you see? Let her know. Have some trouble spots? Let her know that too.

I will let those on the OTNW email list know where the meeting will take place. If you would like to be placed on the list, send me an email at healingworks@enter.net.

I hope to see you in September, and I hope to have a new home soon!

Thank you for your patience!

Are You An Animal Owner? From Tom Harper, SWEEP Director



These signs can be seen in the cemetery at 10th and Linden Streets.

If so, the law requires that you:

1. Keep your animal (including cats) on a leash when off your property. Don't let your animal run loose.
2. Pets are not allowed in the Old Allentown Cemetery at 10th & Linden Sts.
3. Clean up animal drop-

pings immediately on public property (including sidewalks, parks, etc) or on other's private property.

4. Clean up droppings on your property daily.
5. Immunize your dogs and cats against rabies.

6. Obtain a license for your dog every year.

Violations can result in \$25 and \$100 tickets or fines up to \$1,000 each.

Questions?

Call 610-437-7535

Si usted desea esta informacion en espanol llame 610-437-7535

Lehigh Valley International Economic Benefits from lvia.org

LVIA is well known for moving people and goods efficiently. But the airport's activity has an economic impact that moves far beyond its terminal and runways.

LVIA is a self-supporting airport, providing substantial economic benefits to the greater Lehigh Valley. While there are many ways to assess

those benefits, the simplest and most telling are:

- LVIA tenants and visitors contribute more than \$300 million to the Lehigh Valley annually.
- Every airplane that lands or takes off at LVIA generates more than \$2,000.
- The airport's port of entry serves about 4,000 businesses a year; those customers represent more than \$28 million in annual duties.
- LVIA is an important factor when businesses decide to expand or relocate locally.

"Hope and fear cannot alter the seasons."

Chogyam Trungpa

Allentown Landlord Hall of Shame By Anne Crothers

The Landlord Hall of Shame was established in October, 2008 to bring public pressure to bear on property owners who refuse to improve substandard conditions on their rental properties and bring down property values across the neighborhood.

There have been two nomi-

nees so far, the latest was inducted in April, 2009. Charles J. Miller, Jr. owns properties throughout the city and doesn't take care of them or acknowledge how they affect neighbors near them.

It is unclear whether this nomination affects change in these landlords,

but it certainly worth a shot!

Live near a property that is in trouble? Help the city nominate the next Hall of Shame inductee by calling the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety at 610-437-7690 with your suggestion.



Blighted or neglected buildings bring us all down!

Allentown Energy Expo, Oct. 17th from Michael Moore

Save the date for the
Allentown Energy Expo
 Saturday, October 17th,
 9 am to 3:30 pm
 at the
 Allentown Brew-works,
 812 W. Hamilton Street,
 Allentown

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, City of Allentown, 610-439-5965 or Giguere@allentowncity.org.

Admission will be free of charge.

Sponsorships are still available.

Current sponsors include:

Gold Sponsor: PPL

Silver Sponsors: The Sustainable Energy Fund and AFC First Financial Corporation

Hope to see you there!!!!!!



How green is your home or business?

"Speak to the earth,
and it shall teach
thee."

Job, 12:8

Victorian Halloween from www.averyl.com

According to the History Channel, there was a movement in the late 19th Century to move away from a focus on ghosts and witchcraft during Halloween to more fun, neighborly get-togethers and parties. Generally, our modern focus on ghosts seems to

be more about dressing up to score candy and treats as opposed to scaring away evil souls.

But during the Victorian Era, ghosts were ghosts and October 31st was a time to be afraid. Nightfall didn't give way to the electric glow of well-lit rooms and the

comforting distractions of music,

Television and computers. Instead, candles, gas and moonlight conspired to create shadows on the walls, and the dead October leaves danced like delirious sprites into the dark landscape. Neighbors were far apart, and Halloween was ripe for mischief.



From a Victorian Halloween card

Old Town Neighborhood Watch

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

Community Contact List

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

Bus Crime/ Bus Safety by Anne Crothers

There are many Allentown residents who take local buses to work, or students who take the bus home from school or an after-school job. There are also people in our neighborhood who take the bus into NYC to work, and one who takes a bus into Phila. There is lots of talk about creating a train to NYC as well. While public transportation saves energy, it also makes it easier for drug dealers to move product.

We've never talked about bus safety, but it is an important issue to consider. This article is from a Seattle newspaper www.theranierpost.com

Being Safe on the Bus

Maintain situational awareness

on the bus, train and at transit stops.

- While waiting for public transportation, keep your back close to a wall (or pole) so that you cannot be surprised from behind.
- Don't use or flash valuables like IPODS on the bus.
- If there is a problem on the bus, notify the driver and/or call 911.
- If someone is bothering you, notify the driver
- If few people are on the bus or train, sit near the driver.
- Use the transit schedules to minimize the length of time waiting for the bus or train.
- Keep your purse, shopping bag, backpack, packages, etc., in your lap, on your arm, or between your feet — not by themselves on an empty seat.
- Don't let yourself doze off on the

bus or train; it can make you an easy target.

- If you feel uneasy about getting off at your usual stop, stay on until the next stop.
- Guard transit passes like cash or other valuables (the school is not entitled to give you a new one if your is lost or stolen).

Please look out for younger and older riders, they are an easier target. Be safe!

