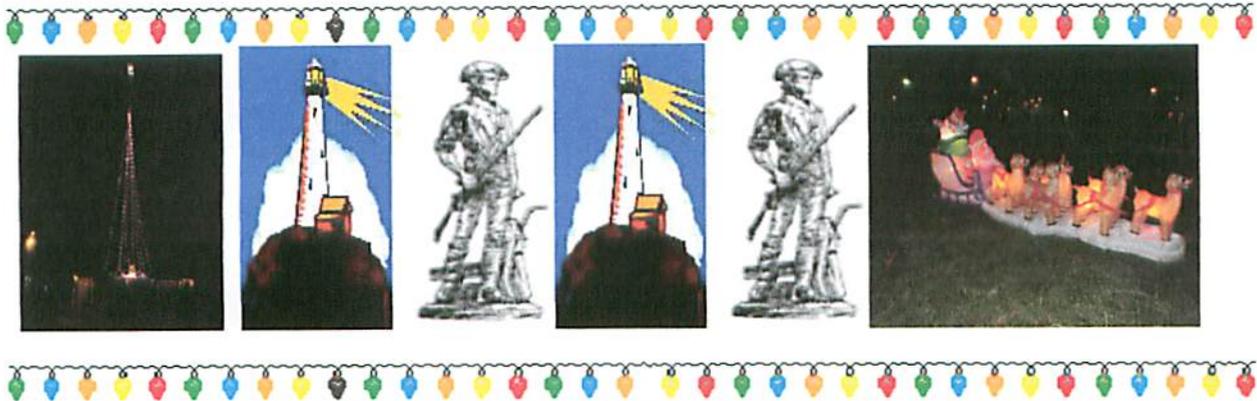


# EARN FRONTIER (December 26, 2011)



## **EAST ALLENTOWN RITTERSVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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Please Note --- Regularly Scheduled Neighborhood Meetings are held on the Third Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM ... The Location for our meetings is the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 1933 Hanover Avenue...

Neighborhood meetings are scheduled on the following dates for the 1st quarter of 2012 ...

January 16, 2012 (Election of Officers); February 20, 2012; March 19, 2012

Residents of EARN and anybody else can see the dates of our meetings and our newsletter on [Eastlehighearn.com](http://Eastlehighearn.com) Website ... Also known as the EARN Frontier

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### A Year of Celebration

In 2012 the City of Allentown will mark a monumental milestone – its 250th anniversary, or Semiquincentennial. Like our nation, our city has grown and changed during its long history. From a small village along Trout Creek to the third-largest city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Allentown has evolved from a small outpost to a major metropolitan hub.

**Allentown has always played a significant role in the history and growth of our nation. We have been the protectors of the Liberty Bell and the First Defenders of the Republic. Our city has a proud history as an industrial and retail powerhouse that helped build America, put it on the road, clothed it and helped it communicate in new and innovative ways. Even today, as we enter a new millennium, the City of Allentown remains on the cutting edge of business and technology; a regional leader in culture, arts, sports and entertainment; a proud community eager to build an even brighter future on a solid past according to our political leaders. In 1962, our civic and business leaders came together to create a memorable Bicentennial Celebration that included an enriching variety of community events and commemorative ceremonies that still live in the memories of those who were part of that celebration. As we look ahead to 2012, can we equal and better that tribute.**

**Meanwhile, Lehigh county's actual Bicentennial birthday is on March 6, 2012. Organizers are planning a two-day community celebration to take place the weekend of March 10 and 11 at the Allentown Fairgrounds Agri-Plex facility. The celebration will involve a multitude of community groups, churches, youth organizations and historical societies with displays, exhibits and cultural entertainment on the county's rich history, which will include a variety of ethnic foods and beverages.**

**In recognition of Lehigh County's own "Fourth of July" there will be fireworks, a short parade and some entertainment. Organizers expect it to be a star studded event as the Bicentennial Committee will launch a Lehigh County Hall of Fame, inducting a class of living honorees who either were born, worked or lived at one time in Lehigh County.**

**What can East Allentown - Rittersville do to celebrate Allentown's Semiquincentennial?**

**What can East Allentown - Rittersville do to celebrate Lehigh County Bicentennial?**

**1. Update the 1962 booklet East of the Lehigh originally created by the now defunct 14th Ward Civic Association ... WE can explore such topics as Midway Manor, Dieruff High School, Central Park, Walps, Western Electric/ATT/ Lucent. Agere Technologies, The Iron Pigs, Allentown State Hospital, Kline's Island, etc....;**

**2. Take a new look at the NOTES 26 Building Survey conducted by Dennis Pearson in 1978 and include other areas of the East Side in a new Building Survey;**

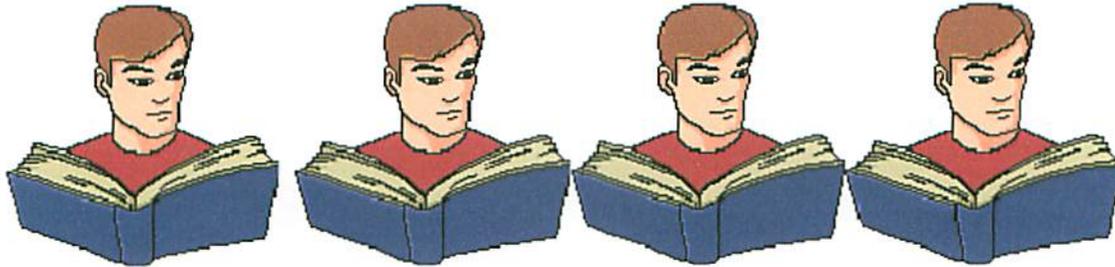
**3. Update the Neighborhood's Project Haas Christmas Display booklet ... The original concentrated on the Project from 1994 to 2008... This year's Booklet would bring us up to date.**

**To do this we need the help of neighbors to put this all together, to obtain sponsors to support the publication to and to market it ... Please Volunteer to help ...**

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EARN operates in a geographical territory comprising The 14th and 15th wards of Allentown \*\*\* The membership of this neighborhood association is open to any individual resident, property owner, business, professional, industrialists, or representatives of non-profit organizations located within the neighborhood boundaries

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## PROJECT HAAS

EARN has once again been granted permission to place holiday decorations at various locations in East Allentown by the City of Allentown. Irving Park, of course has been our prime spot. To refresh your memory, our initial holiday light display occurred in 1994. It was a special attraction and received praise from the City of Allentown Bureau of Parks as an added asset to the East Allentown area. This tradition has been renewed every year since and has continued this year for the 18<sup>th</sup> time.

Hopefully with financial help from the neighborhood and with dedicated individuals to help put this all together , Project Haas will have its 19<sup>th</sup> run in 2011-2012.



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## **East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association MINUTES 9/19/2011**

President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. on September 19, 2011 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.... Present: Three officers (Dennis Pearson, Bob Jacoby, and Dave Schell) and four neighbors. Additionally, four candidates for office were present (in addition to President Pearson, who is running for County Commissioner): Ce-Ce Gerlach (Allentown School Board), Jeannette Eichenwald (City Council), Peter Schweyer (City Council), and Geoff Brace (County Commissioner).

President Pearson noted that the nominations for Association 2012 officers are supposed to be opened at this month's meeting. . President Pearson said the current officers will be nominated for reelection. Nominations will stay open through October and November, and elections will be held in November if we have ten members present

Christine Breslin gave a report on the neighborhood yard sale. A number of attendees said that they had seen our spots on RCN and Service Electric. She was also given a number of ideas on advertising the event for next year, including postings at area Laundromats and on community bulletin boards at area grocery stores. Bob Jacoby said that he heard from one person who said that they signed up in error since they thought that they were signing up for Midway Manor.

On the other hand, we did pick up a number of attendees who learned about our event at Midway Manor the previous week. Some suggested that we have it earlier when it is not so cool. We were not able to use the entire park since ball games were going on, but we did pick up some customers from the ball games. Jacoby reported that we made \$205 less expenses of \$25 for RCN and Service Electric, and \$65 permits, currently paid by Pearson ,

One additional fundraising suggestion might be to have an indoor event in winter, possibly a vendor party with various vendors including Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc.

Pearson noted that in the near future we will be transferring our holiday display from storage to Irving Park. If anyone has any lights, etc. to donate to the event we will use them. We would prefer not to spend any funds to purchase additional items.

Pearson noted that he sometimes hears from neighbors who have various problems and complaints but do not want or are reluctant to come to meetings to put their concerns on the record. He then proceeded to describe the legal situation concerning the proposed zoning changes to convert Erv's BYOB Gentlemen's Club to an Adult entertainment Night Club called Platinum Plus operating full-time with a liquor license.

In February we heard about this for the first time and discussed the matter. We had no further information on it in March, and then in April had no further discussion of the matter at all. In early May, there was a request for our involvement in a legal appeal ... At that time we determined that another party would fund Attorney Malkames, so that we could go forward or join in the case at no cost to the Association. There was a need for a quick decision as to whether we would go forward, and we could not wait until the May meeting due to filing deadlines.

At the May meeting we discussed the matter and agreed by consensus to go forward, but did not ask for a motion since no Association funds were required. We had no meeting in June. By July we were receiving threats from the other side of the case, Secretary Schell was getting questions about our meetings.

In September the matter proceeded in court. Pearson was subpoenaed by the court to bring himself and Association records. The day before the case was to be heard, neighbors (Norris and Striscovsky) who were leading the case decided to withdraw. We decided that if they were to withdraw we would as well since we had entered only to support the neighbors. They were then subpoenaed, and decided that if they had to go to court anyway they might as well proceed. Since by that time our involvement had not been officially withdrawn by Attorney Malkames, and since the neighbors had returned to the case and we too still had to appear in Court, we decided not to withdraw.

The judge ( Brian Johnson) ruled that the matter was not frivolous, and could proceed. After arguments by the Attorneys in regard to their points concerning the case .. Judge Johnson took the matter under advisement and will make a ruling on the merits of the case at a later time.

Question: Is the issue the type of club or the hours? Pearson replied that both are issues, but the crux of the matter is who had been quietly backing the matter. It turned out that the appeal against this matter was being funded by Savannah Allentown, a rival business that wanted to limit the business competition. Information that was not told the Neighbors prior to initiating the appeal.

Question: Does not the receipt of a liquor license require the changed rules concerning performers in such a club, distance from the patrons, etc.? We believe that to be the case.

Question: What is the actual legal matter? The hearing is objecting to a ruling of the zoning board. This matter was decided on special exception and the appellants believe that it should have been a variance. A special exception is much easier to reach than a variance.

Another matter: Pete Schweyer reported that city zoning officer was approached about putting internet terminals in a facility in the shopping center on Hanover Avenue at N. Maxwell Street that would, in effect, allow for legal wagering due to a loophole in state law. It would essentially be unregulated, would not give funds to seniors, and would not tie into state laws involving gambling abuse. Legislation is now being drafted in the state to prevent this and the person

hoping to establish this business has gotten very quiet and may be shopping around to another municipality that is not paying as much attention. The only way that we found out about it was due to a zoning requirement for parking.

The person attempting this had three locations in Virginia that she had to close since Virginia changed their laws. There are numerous such locations in Florida. These are making large amounts of money and making major donations to veterans hospitals, which gives them political cover by veterans organizations. There is only one location currently in PA—in Monroeville. At present there is no immediate cause for concern at the Hanover Avenue location since we are watching it.

In another matter, Jacoby noted that corrections wants to move into the Allentown State Hospital property, but General Services won't allow them to do so. Pete reported that there will be a battle between the legislature and executive branch over "surplus property" such as was done with the PennDOT property on Lehigh Street. The land was offered to the city for free in the final days of the Rendell administration, but the city does not want it due to the maintenance costs and possible cleanup costs.

Pearson reported that this past weekend (September 16/27) there was a conference held at such venues as Northampton's Cement Museum and Community Center and at Lehigh County's Government Center sponsored by the PA labor History Society with the local host being the Lehigh Valley Labor Council. The main topic of discussion was the 1910 strike at Bethlehem Steel, and its spread to other industries such as cigar makers and silk milks and areas in the Lehigh Valley. The PA State Police were brought in to suppress the crowds. Bethlehem Police (South Bethlehem) had five officers. The riots deepened when one of the deputy policemen from Northampton County killed a worker in a saloon. Dennis Pearson at the Conference was elected to the Pa Labor Society Board of Directors.

Jacoby was given the chair to run the candidates' night so the candidates, including President Pearson if he wished, could give presentations.

Pearson (County Commissioner) Made no remarks since he advised this candidate's night for Allentown City Council, Controller and Allentown School district candidates only. Schell asked about title of the position he sought—is it County Commissioner or County Council? It is still County Commissioner since Lehigh County did not change the name when home rule started. (Northampton County did make the change).

Ce-Ce Gerlach (Allentown School Board) She works at Children's' Home in Easton. She is a teacher there, teaching the core subjects. Their goal is to transition students into the area school districts and she is regularly on the phone with area school districts. She was formerly a visitor at Cumberland Gardens, in the college prep program, working with kids. That is why she is running for school board. While she has interest in the kids, it's more than the kids—it's also money—what are we getting for the funds we are putting into the schools? She has the perspective as a teacher but also from hearing from people in the communities. She will go into

the schools and attend neighborhood meetings. Questions: The group discussed using non-profits to work with the schools. She passed around her campaign literature. There was a discussion of the changing of single-family homes to multiple-unit facilities, and how this has affected the school district.

**Jeannette Eichenwald (City Council reelection)** She was a teacher for years and is a former member of the Allentown School Board. After two terms on the school board that it was time for her to move to the City Council since many of the problems of the schools carried over to the city, and thus brought a unique perspective. She is also a business owner with her husband. She feels that it is the job of the Council is to make sure that our fiscal house is in order. Public safety is also a major issue. She is also concerned about community development throughout the city, not just in the downtown. She is against taking properties by eminent domain—she is the only person who voted against the proposal by the city administration on this matter. She feels that future business owners will hesitate to come in since they may be wary of their property being taken by another developer. She is proud of work on playgrounds. Question: What business she was formerly in? Answer: business computer systems.

**Geoff Brace (County Commissioner)** He discussed the fiscal challenges facing the county. His background and passion is communities. He works for Kutztown Partnership doing community revitalization in Kutztown. He lives in the Central Elementary School area and is head of the historical Old Allentown Preservation Society. Lehigh County has a higher unemployment rate than the rest of the state, thus the need for further economic development. He is a newlywed.

**Peter Schweyer (City Council reelection)** He has known all of the present candidates for years—finds them competent, informed, and working for the betterment of the community. The group looks at things from different perspectives on Council but can then shake hands afterwards. He voted in favor of the development downtown. He has lived in most areas of the city, and now lives on South Side. He is the youngest Chairman of the Board ever for LANTA. He is the second youngest on City Council. The last four years have seen some changes to affect and improve our quality of life. We now have the strongest anti-graffiti program in the state. There is a new law that landlords whose tenants are convicted of a drug offense must evict the tenant. Information on who has been convicted of such an offense is available to landlords to prevent the person going into another rental property. The crime rate is going down. Property taxes haven't gone up in six years. There were eighteen murders in the city the year he joined City Council; this number was down to nine last year.

The group had a discussion of the law that allows the eviction of persons who are convicted of drug offenses. We also discussed the issue of noise complaints and what can be done about such problems, particularly in the light of a neighbor who attended a recent meeting to complain about such problems and ask what could be done about them. Schweyer noted that evictions are up significantly.

Pearson said that we need to get in touch with Assemblyperson Samuelson, who has the Allentown State Hospital in his district concerning the future use of the hospital property.

It was noted that Michael D'Amore will be leaving City Council to take his position as District Magistrate when he is elected in November. D'Amore eliminated all his opposition in the Primary and is currently unopposed. There will not be any East Side representatives on Council when this happens. By law his replacement must be from the same party (Democrat) but could come from any part of the city. We will be interested in who will be running for the position.

Pearson moved adjournment at 8:40 p.m. (Jacoby still being in the chair), and the motion passed without opposition.... Respectfully *David A. Schell, Secretary*

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#### East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association --- MINUTES

President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on October 17, 2011 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.... Present: Three officers (Dennis Pearson, Bob Jacoby, and Dave Schell), eleven neighbors, Fire Chief Bob Scheirer, and *Morning Call* reporter Devon Lash.

Secretary Schell read the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2011. The minutes were approved as read on motion of Jacoby (seconded by neighbor Walter Lukow). ...Treasurer Jacoby noted that he has received another \$50 donation. Additionally, Christine Breslin submitted another \$10 at the meeting, which represents our 25% of the take from the bake sale at the neighborhood yard sale.

Pearson called upon Fire Chief Bob Scheirer to speak. He said that he is here to address our concerns about closing of the East Side Fire Station. The building had become unsafe to work at inside or outside. Construction will start in the same location within the next 2-3 months. Engineers have told him that when the building was first constructed the design did not allow for property drainage, thus causing the mold and other problems. The new station will be a three bay station. There will be two stories—men will live on the second level. The city hopes to put EMS in third bay.

During the rush hours of morning and afternoon they have a truck on the east side so as to avoid traffic on the bridges. They are looking for a location in the interim to keep trucks on east side for duration. They have looked at Bennett, but the doors are a bit small, having been designed for automobiles. They are also looking also at public safety building on ASH property. This is being "run up the flagpole" with the state. If possible they will try to find a "permanent, temporary home" on the East Side for the duration of construction of the new station.

Q: What is their response time now? A: Now going out of Hibernia Station. About 1.5 minutes to east side (1/2 mile) then whatever it takes to get to the location of the fire.

Q: How long will it take to finish the new station? A: 6-8 months depending on what we can do during the winter. He's hoping for a good winter. Hope to be in the new station by December of next year.

Q: Have we been talking with Mayor Callaghan of Bethlehem about support? A: The Bethlehem fire commissioner has already committed to help if needed.

Q: What will be in the three bays? A: One truck, EMT, and the boat and pickup truck.

Q: What will be the cost? A: \$1.85 million cost, paid by Allentown.

Q: How did the old station get so bad so fast? A: It was not built to industrial standards. It was built more like a home to fit into the neighborhood. It was built in 1953. The thin concrete on bay floor flexes when the truck goes across it.

Q: Can we expect same standards for repair? A: We actually had \$150K to repair the old station, but thought it would be a waste of money, hoping to get building financed. He can't speak to building maintenance on how fast they will get to repairs.

Comment: Steve Foulke, fire fighter, noted that we don't know how to take care of what we have. He doesn't want to spend the \$1.85 million. This is like a kid who breaks his toys and we just give him another one.

Q: How will it be financed? Using refinance of bonds? A: His understanding is that we will realize some savings by refinancing bonds. We should ask the finance director for a better idea than he can give us.

There are some things we can do to help out. Talk to neighbors. Since we do have the delay people should make sure smoke detectors are working. Fires burn hotter and faster than before since today we are using synthetic materials (which include petroleum products). A fire can get 1000 to 2000 degrees within a few minutes. Most smoke detectors go off within 30 seconds to a minute. Should have one for each sleeping area of the house.

He has carton of smoke detectors with him and asked those present to take what they needed.

Q: What should be done about old fire extinguishers? A: He recommends that all houses should have a two-pound ABC fire extinguisher. This provides a short burst. He suggested that they have a fire extinguisher use session at one of our meetings. A home-use fire extinguisher of this sort has about a \$40 cost. Should have at least one in kitchen.

Also suggested that everybody has a fire drill. Families should practice being able to get out of home blindfolded, being able to feel your way out of a house since you won't be able to see in a smoke filled home.

Make sure have 3' clearance around heating systems, electrical boxes. Make sure electrical outlets are not overloaded. Be cautious with multi-strips.

(Handed out smoke detectors.)

The smoke detectors are compliments of the Bocce Club (271 E. Elm Street). He asked that we please send a letter of thanks.

Pearson gave him an article from today's paper on fire at 950 N. Quebec Street, which disrupted businesses (deli, meat market). Q: What happened with this fire? A: He hasn't read the report yet on this fire.

Q: Moot question—what about if Hanover Avenue had to be repaved? A: They would have extended their coverage time—two trucks over here. Now doesn't have to be worried since Hanover Avenue will not be closed for redoing the paving job.

(Chief leaves).

Lou Hershman, neighbor and candidate for City Controller allowed to say a few words so he can get to another meeting. He is an independent candidate for controller. He listed former positions he has held, plus noted that he has a tax business. He lives on east side. He commented that even when city appropriations run out we are currently continuing to spend money. He will stop that and require money to be properly transferred before it can be spent. He has experience. He has lived on east side for 46 years, and thanked the group for allowing him to come.

He suggested that people vote for the three Republicans running for City Council since we need checks and balances. At present the administration is ramming things through city council. Pearson told him he's a member so he's always welcome. Spoke of some of his successes when he was controller before.

Pearson noted that Mike D'Amore has resigned as president of Council, saying that he doesn't have enough time to work on budget. He will have to resign to be Magistrate. Pearson is not sure if that office starts in December or January. D'Amore will probably resign once budget is passed.

Pearson noted that Mike Donovan is not running for Council—his term expires. Could he possibly resign to take D'Amore's vacated position? Then his replacement could take seat to start early. He would then stay in office for D'Amore's term and the person who is elected to the new position could start early.

He also noted that the districts for County Council are being revised. Our current representative is not currently happy with his role on the Commissioners and may not seek reelection in 2013 or may resign early. New district will consist of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> wards, plus Hanover Township (Lehigh) and Catasauqua. West Bethlehem will be added to District 3, which is not the case at the present. Thus Rittersville (the Allentown and Bethlehem parts) will be reunited in one district. The only part of district that is out of place is that Fountain Hill will also be part of the district.

Downtown Allentown will be the same. Another change is that 12<sup>th</sup> Ward will be moved into a more southerly district including Emmaus, Southern Lehigh, Salisbury, and the 13<sup>th</sup> ward. We will lose 12<sup>th</sup> Ward. Commissioner Daugherty will lose Emmaus due to growth in Western Lehigh. Q: What about the state representative districts? A: That has not yet been decided.

Pearson quoted another item from the paper, noting that we had the reporter present at this meeting who wrote the item. The Subway at 755 Hanover Avenue was robbed at gunpoint Sunday evening. Police are investigating, but we believe that there presently is no suspect. There was also a break-in in Midway Manor in which a TV was taken from the basement.

We have heard nothing further on the Platinum Plus decision. The renovations are continuing (door and sign) but we have no word on the legal decision.

Christine Breslin: As to the yard sale, going forward for next year we need to discuss when to do it. Perhaps we should do things in August before Midway Manor. Once we decide we need to put the date in every newsletter.

Jacoby: Christmas stuff from storage to bathing house. Need help with checking the lights and also with patching a number of the balloons. Get in touch with Dennis about the balloons. Lights—we have 12 strings that go on the pole with 50 light bulbs in each. Strings have to be checked and new bulbs inserted.

Pearson: PPL has told him that paperwork is complete so we can have the truck for installation. Jim Bartlett has two years yet to work so he will be breaking someone in on how to do the installation.

It was suggested that we contact the National Honor Society at Dieruff since they have to volunteer so many hours. Jacoby would like to get this stuff done before it gets really cold—possibly getting the lights up before Thanksgiving.

Schell: He was surprised to see the light removed at former Dauphin Street intersection. He thought that this light was supposed to stay until the New England Avenue intersection was completed, to allow people to cross the street. Now there is no light between Graham and Carlisle. Schell will ask Richard Young about the light.

It was noted that the Dieruff High School students are now walking out in middle of the blocks.

Breslin again asked that we pick a date for yard sale—possibly August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Jacoby moved to have it on that date subject to change (seconded by Breslin). Motion was approved by voice vote.

Nominations: Pearson asked if there were any additional nominations for officers? None were offered.

The next meeting is Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. .... Jacoby moved to adjourn (seconded by Breslin). The motion passed on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M....Respectfully, *David A. Schell, Secretary*

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## **East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association MINUTES — November 21, 2011**

President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. on November 21, 2011 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church..... Present: Two officers (Dennis Pearson and Dave Schell) and five neighbors were present.

Secretary Schell distributed the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2011. The minutes were approved as distributed. ..In the absence of Treasurer Jacoby, President Pearson noted that as of September 30, 2011 we had \$552.40 in our treasury \$50.07 deposits and credits have been made over the past three months. The report was approved as read without objection.

Platinum Plus: Pearson reported that the judge ruled that the Zoning Board did not misapply the law. Neighbor Striskovski has indicated that he will not pursue the appeal. We will not pursue it unless the Norris's decide to appeal the decision.

Fire Station: Nothing new. Bethlehem is closing one of their fire stations, which may impact their ability to help Allentown in the event that we need assistance.

Allentown State Hospital: There is some news in regards to the 30 acres that had been previously used as a dump and for farming. A Lehigh Valley group has indicated that they will clean up the area. Haven House has been pushed off of the site. There is still some use of ASH property—the admissions building is still being used by both Lehigh and Northampton Counties for a few patients that cannot be housed elsewhere.

Christmas lights: We have contacted Jim Bartley; he will get back to us after Thanksgiving. Paula Kish, a retired long-time phys ed teacher at Dieruff, has contacted Pearson and offered to help along with eight National Honor Society students who have agreed to help. We are not certain of the date. Dennis will confirm the date tomorrow and get word back to Kish.

Schell read the letter that he wrote to the Bocce Club thanking the club for their donation of smoke detectors.

Schell also read the letter he wrote to Richard Young, Director of Public Works, and Young's response, concerning the light that had been removed from the former intersection at N. Dauphin Street and Hanover Avenue. Young replied that when the repaving was done the stop bars were removed so people didn't know where to stop, which made the crossing more dangerous. A new crosswalk will be added when New England Avenue is completed. We interpreted this to mean that they did not want to paint a line on the new macadam, which would later have to be removed.

Pearson noted that there will be change considered on second reading this Wednesday by County Council. The property tax millage rate will be halved but the value on which the tax will be based will be doubled. This will go into effect on tax year 2013. Thus the tax will not change at this time but there will be more room for changing tax rates in the future.

Pearson noted that the next County Council election will be a district election. The boundaries for District 3 have been changed. The 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> wards have been removed from the district, which will now consist of all of East Allentown along with the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> wards, Catasauqua, West Bethlehem, and Fountain Hill.

Pearson reported that he had been to a recent seminar of the National Space Society in which it was announced that progress might have been made on space-based solar power, which would not require the same ground space as land-based solar power. This might allow viable space-based solar power within 10-15 years.

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting is Monday, January 16, 2012. ..Since we do not have ten persons present, the election will be postponed until January. All offices are still opened for nominations. ...Adjournment was moved by consensus at 7:50 P.M....Respectfully, *David A. Schell, Secretary*

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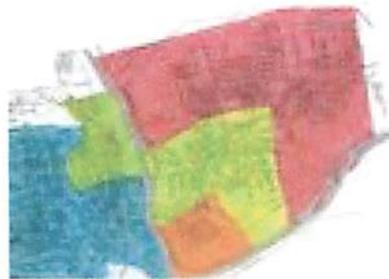
# **Pennsylvania Elections: Dates & Deadlines**

## **Upcoming Elections**

<b>Election</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Presidential Primary Election</b>	<b>April 24,2012</b>
<b>State Primary</b>	<b>April 24,2012</b>
<b>General Election</b>	<b>November 6,2012</b>

## East Side Pennsylvania New State Representative Districts

The following map shows how East Allentown was divided in the State Assembly from 2003 to 2013 ....



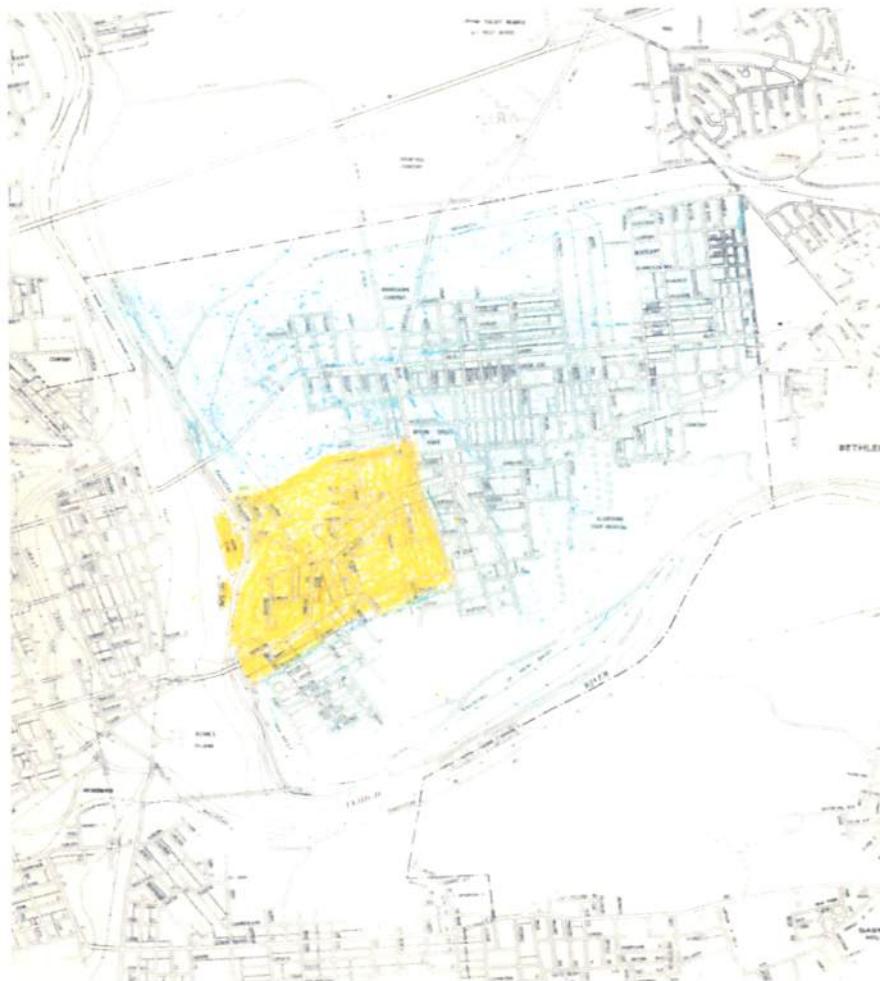
- The red represents the 135th Legislative district now represented by Steve Sammuelson --- Or the following 15th Ward Electoral precincts --- 15-2; 15-3 and 15-4.
- The Yellowish-Green represents the 133rd Legislative district now represented by Joseph Brennan --- Or the following Electoral precincts --- 15th Ward --- 15-1 ; 14th Ward --- 14-2 and across the River divide 6-1
- The Orange represents the 131st Legislative District of Justin Simmons --- Or the following Electoral precinct --- 14th Ward --- 14-1
- The Blue across the Lehigh River is now represented by Jennifer Mann --- Or the following shown precinct --- The 1st Ward.

Well this all changes for the April 24, 2012 Primary where the 132nd district may lose the 1st Ward but pick up 6-1, 14-1, 15-1, 15-2, 15-3 and 15-4..... Which means that the 131st, 133rd and 135th State Legislative districts would be removed from the East Side.

But having stating this, the East Side won't be united in one district as 14-2 would become part of a new legislative

**district -- the 22nd, created for center city Allentown, the south side, and parts of the west end....**

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**East Side Redistricting ---- Blue --- 132nd District; Yellow - 22nd District .... Both Open seats ....**

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