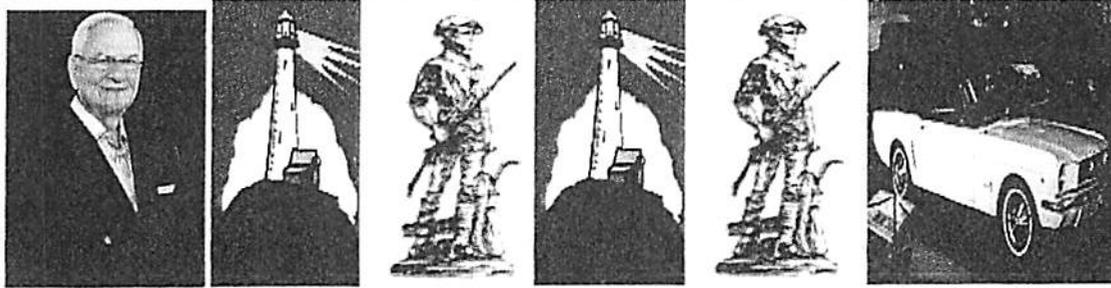


EARN FRONTIER (July 16, 2012)



EAST ALLENTOWN RITTERSVILLE
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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Please Note --- Regularly Scheduled Neighborhood Meetings(Caucus) 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...

The next Neighborhood Caucus is scheduled on the following date: August 20, 2012

Residents of EARN and anybody else can see the dates of our meetings and our newsletter on Eastlehighearn.com Website ... Also known as the EARN Frontier

Welcome to the EARN Frontier -- Where Lee Iacocca, the Creator of the Ford Mustang grew up (Midway Manor Specifically) ---We are the Lookout for the Neighborhood

- o Next Neighborhood Meeting
- o Monday, August 20, 2012
- o St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- o 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown PA 18109
 - o Neighborhood Association

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MINUTES of the East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association 4/16/2012
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- President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on April 16, 2012 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Present: All four officers (Dennis Pearson, Bob Smith, Robert Jacoby, and Dave Schell) and nineteen neighbors were present, as was Allentown Public Works Director Richard Young.
- Secretary Schell handed out copies of the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2012. The minutes were moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer Jacoby reported a balance of \$857.48 including \$.02 interest for 2011.
- President Pearson noted that there had been a murder at Club Horizon and an additional shooting on Saturday, April 14th. This club has been a problem with neighbors living in the most immediate are.
- Pearson also reported that the home next to Lou Hershman has structural damage and a leaky roof, due either to a sinkhole or water line damage in the area.
- Pearson introduced Richard Young, Director of Public Works and City Engineer. Mr. Young had the plans with him for the improvements to Hanover Avenue from Irving Street eastbound. There will be a turn lane added east of N. Irving St. to allow a left turn southbound onto N. Irving St. The long taper in front of the funeral home will be a new lane. There will be a crosswalk at Jasper St. There will be no parking in this area—the street will be partially blocked by curb extending into street to make traffic and pedestrians more visible. There will be a traffic island of 11' wide. Each lane will be 11' wide. Narrower lanes tend to slow traffic more than if the lanes were 12'. Q: how long will the island be? Roughly 400'—from right in front of funeral home to the intersection of Jasper Street as it comes in from the church. Westbound (WB) traffic to the school at Our Lady Help of Christians will still be able to turn left but traffic coming out of Jasper will have to make a right turn.
- The median in Jerome Street will be painted with cross hatches to make it more visible.
- There will be another crosswalk at Jay Street (just east of Jerome). From Jasper Street east there will be a two-way center lane to turn either way.
- Another crosswalk will be at Kiowa Street—a "piano key" crosswalk—2' wide strip, 2' wide gap, 2' wide strip, etc. with a pedestrian sign. There will be left turn lane in both directions at Maxwell Street. Plymouth Street will have crosswalks and the flashing warning in street will remain. There will be crosswalks at entrance to state hospital property. The avenue will have three lanes with parking on both sides.
- There will be another crosswalk at Quincy Street and turn lanes at Sherman Street. The present project will end at St. Peters Church since that is where the money ran out. There will be a taper there.
- The amount of work needed at the Club Avenue is extensive and didn't have enough money for that. If we get the funds in the future we can add that work and only have to remove the taper at the church.
- Several neighbors warned about the potential for accidents where Hanover Avenue meets Broad Street and the link to Club Avenue. West Bound (WB) traffic coming off of Broad Street

does not have to stop. Eastbound (EB) should if it is going “straight” to head to Club Avenue, but drivers sometimes don’t.

- The project as described should be finished before the snow flies at the end of the year. Some pipes will be replaced where they had to add drainage. There was a question about New England Avenue—when will it be done? Answer: the contractor found arsenic, sued the city, and the case is now in court. The city will get another contractor if needed once the court case is completed. Late last week the contractor indicated he would like to enter into negotiations and has proposed a June 1st start date but Young is not sure if this will happen.
- The Hanover project is being advertised May 1st. Will start with Irving Street end, as that is where most of the construction takes place. Most of the eastern end consists of painting. There will be temporary lane restrictions during construction and possibly restrictions on parking. Construction will start when contractor bids on the project are opened and accepted.
- Question: Will busses still be allowed to run on Hanover Avenue? Yes. Some of the Bus stops will be improved with drop off lanes, including at Jerome (WB), Kearny (EB), Kiowa (WB), EB and WB at Maxwell, EB and WB at Plymouth, WB at Quincy, EB at Sherman, and possibly one or two others.
- Narrower lanes have been shown to slow traffic as will the parking being closer to the traffic lane, a phenomenon known as “side friction.”
- Question: Where will the Intersection of New England Avenue be? It will be behind the old RR office, even though it looks like there is not enough room there.
- Question: What can he say about the studies of how much speed is reduced when lanes are narrowed? There are such studies but he doesn’t know what exactly they show.
- The head of the St. Peter’s Church committee was present and noted that the church’s bell tower is being refurbished at St. Peters on or about June 1st. Workers will be out front. Will take 3-4 months to complete. There will be scaffolding up around the sidewalk.
- Question: Any thought of flashing lights at high-volume crosswalks? City is looking at that, but they are expensive—\$70,000 per installation. If done, these would be similar to what was done at Muhlenberg College. Suggestions: possibly there could be flashing lights set to go on via a timer at high pedestrian times.
- Young noted that the federal uniform traffic signals code just added something called “the hawk,” which is an overhead sign that goes to flashing red when pedestrian pushes button. When this is activated traffic has to stop just like a red light. Additionally the state is considering changing the law to allow red light cameras at intersections.
- Schell noted that in Maryland the state allows hidden traffic cameras for speed control along roads, not just at intersections. Young noted that this may come to PA eventually, but the current legislation is just about cameras at traffic lights.
- The group discussed the offset lights at Maxwell Street and Hanover Avenue, and how some motorists seem to be confused by what they are supposed to do at the intersection.
- Pearson asked if there were any more questions for Mr. Young. There being none, the conversation moved on to other matters.

- Pearson noted that there has been some work with a roller on the Irving Park sinkhole, and as a result there has been some improvement there. The city is working on Keck Park at present, but that project is taking too much time.
- Pearson noted the decline of business in the area on Hanover Avenue between Maxwell Street and Jay Street. Among the “empty business are a former used car dealer, second dealer, gas station, 7-11, and Weinerschnitzel hamburger stand. This is a problem economically since business is not there. Another “hole” is developing on Union Boulevard with closed down buildings. He was asked what point he was making and replied that he hoped that the Chamber of Commerce would take note of this and do something. Are they interested in east Allentown?
- We have to make sure that the powers that be are showing folks what we have on the east side and have to tell the economic development people to push things on the east side.
- Pearson called on Christine Breslin, who did the yard sale last year to speak on this year’s plans. She kept the template—and we can do the same thing for RCN and Service Electric to advertise it. Pearson can put it on the EARN website. We can also take advantage of social media such as Facebook. We need to get the word out sooner. We will ask for volunteers to make stuff for bake sale if they don’t want to sell anything.
- Last year we held our sale the week after Midway Manor did theirs. It was cold. This year will try to do it in August so it is warmer. Did it in the area of the Playground and volleyball areas. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have the yard sale this year.
- It was noted that Fire Chief Scheirer has been invited and will be attending the May meeting.
- Pearson noted that he handed out 4,000 copies of the newsletter this month. He will not have the time to put out that many next month since he will be on a trip to Cuba from May 5th to 15th. (The next meeting will be May 21st.)
- Schell reported that the announcement and application for the mini-grants has been sent to the Dieruff counseling office.
- Schell questioned whether the \$50 permit fee for yard sale was paid in 2011. Mike D’Amore had offered to pay the fee and told the appropriate city official to send the bill to him but then never heard anything. Pearson confirmed that the fee was paid. Schell will let D’Amore know, and he has promised to reimburse the money to Pearson promptly.
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- Adjournment moved and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
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Respectfully,

David A. Schell, Secretary

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MINUTES of the East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association 5/21/2012

President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on May 21, 2012 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Present: All four officers (Dennis Pearson, Bob Smith, Bob Jacoby, and Dave Schell) and twelve other neighbors were present. Additionally, numerous public officials attended, some of who would also qualify as members due to their place of residence, although they are not counted in the number above.

Those in attendance were Mayor Ed Pawlowski; Fire Chief Robert Scheirer; new City Council member Joe Davis; City Public Works Director Richard Young; Don Hoegg, city Facilities Manager; District Magistrate Michael D'Amore; as well as Glen Lichtenwalner and Christine De Oliveira-Carl from the fire station's design group, Wallace and Walston Associates, PC.

Secretary Schell handed out copies of the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2012. Approval of the minutes was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

President Pearson announced that we will discuss the situation concerning city swimming pools at next month's meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Fire Chief Robert Scheirer, who had been invited to the meeting to describe progress on the reconstruction of the East Side Fire Station. The chief brought along a large rendering of the new station's exterior and floor plan of the two-story interior. He described the current situation and opened the floor to questions. There will be three pull-through bays, with living quarters upstairs. The building has been expanded in all directions in that it will now go from the property line to the south all the way to Green Street on the north side, taking over what is currently parking (south) and grass (north). The parking (eight spaces) will be moved to the rear of the building, and the building's front will be about six feet closer to N. Irving Street.

The project is presently in the demolition phase. The contract has been let for the demolition, and will take place within 3-4 weeks. Bids are presently being prepared for construction. The job will then be awarded to a general contractor and construction will begin over the summer. We are still hoping for a December occupation of the building, weather permitting, but will be in the building at the latest by January 2013.

Questions and discussion:

What is the design team doing to fix the drainage problem? A swale was created on the grass side so any water that comes on grade will go to either side of the building. A storm sewer drain was added on Irving Street south of the station so that flowing water in street will go into drain before it gets to front

driveway. There will be additional drainage beneath the station, including an under drain and membrane under the slab on which the building will rest.

Supposedly there was a stream flowing under that area, but the geologic examination did not show that so possibly it does not exist or exists only at certain times of year or certain conditions.

The people on Green Street behind the station will have better water since the line will no longer be a dead end line next to the station.

What will be housed there? Engine 13, the boat, the pickup truck, and divers' station—everything needed for the river operations. If the EMS wants to move in the station has provided for an office on second floor for them.

Area streets around the station will not be closed during construction.

Will the trucks have to back in from the street? No, the doors in front and rear are 12' wide and 14' high. The trucks are 8.5' wide. Moving last bay farther from Green Street will allow truck more area to swing.

What about the memorial in front of station will be retained, although has been removed for now. It memorializes a fire fighter killed in the line of duty.

Engine 13 is currently running out of the Hibernia station but is moved to the east side during rush hour traffic. The city also has a facility on the Allentown State Hospital grounds to be used in the event of bad weather, but we have not needed to use it yet. What about Engine 12, that was once at the East Side station? It was decommissioned years ago, before Scheirer was chief.

Would it make more sense to bring backup from the station on Susquehanna Street rather than from central? Scheirer thought that it would be a close call between those two places, although depending on events we usually have backup from one of the South Side stations. How many engines do we have, citywide? There are seven engine companies (pumpers) and two truck companies (ladders). The new station is costing \$1.8 million—all of it city taxpayer money, and the project is still on budget.

It was noted that the old station had problems with leaks. The chief noted that while we did have problem with mold caused by leaks from above the main problem that required the old station to be replaced was the problems with water from below. The mold problems could have been fixed relatively cheaply.

The main problem was structural.

Mayor Pawlowski noted that there have been no tax increases seven years, but we are investing the limited dollars we have in east side fire station. Question: once the new station is built, will any problems similar to those that plagued the old station be addressed? The city attempts to address all issues for all city-owned buildings, fire and otherwise. Once again, this station will have improved drainage on both sides of the station and beneath the station.

How is the water table there? Geo-technical borings do not report a water table problem. Possibly the water table rises in that area during major storms. This explains the precautions that we are taking in drainage. Additionally, the station will be raised slightly from the level of the old station.

Dennis Pearson noted that previous station had been in on a capital plan in 1987 and nothing large-scale had been done, which is why we are so concerned about City follow-up on this project.

How many firefighters do we have and are we fully staffed? There are thirty-six vacancies at present. The chief is hoping that we have a contract in the near future and then can move forward in filling the vacancies. At present the vacancies do involve having to schedule overtime.

How many designs were considered for the station? The city had twenty-eight designs to choose from. Who picked this one? A team that included the chief, deputy chief, Richard Young, and others made the choice. The group went with traditional but modern—they want people to know that it is a fire station.

Will there be an area for interaction with public? It was noted that in the past the firefighters had an area where they used to sell snacks, before a similar operation opened in the pool house across the street. There will be a large lobby area and public restroom. The engine area is open to the public as well. There is a 12' by 12' meeting room upstairs—which could accommodate perhaps fifteen people. Any snack-selling operation would be up to the firefighters.

There were no further questions, so the group thanked the chief, the mayor, and others involved with the project for the presentation, and the group departed.

As they were packing up, President Pearson noted that the mayor will be back on the east side on June 5th for a "Mayor's walk." All are invited to that and could point out to mayor things that need to be brought to his attention. The walk will start at 6 p.m. (P.S. - As it happened the Mayor had to cancel the walk and it was rescheduled for June 26, 2012 --- The area covered that day included on the South Hanover Avenue - The East N. Kiowa Street The North - E. Cedar Street and the West - N Tacoma Street and areas within these defined boundaries

Pearson noted that work is proceeding on the booklet updating the history of the East Side, and work will recommence once he gets back from a trip to DC at the end of this month for the National Space Society's ISDC Conference..

Pearson introduced Joe Davis, new member of city council. Davis was once on the Midway Manor crime watch many years ago. He introduced himself, noting that he used to live on W. Tilghman Street in downtown Allentown, but now lives in Midway Manor. Mike D'Amore added that Davis is a professional bricklayer by trade.

Question: What does he see as the problems with the east side? He thought that we have the same problems as other areas, but he thinks it's the best area of town. This area is self-contained—has everything that we need in this area—shopping centers, etc. We have sports programs, although not enough of them. He noted that we need to keep our eyes open and report suspicious activity to the report to the police since they can't be everywhere.

It was mentioned that we used to have a crime watch groups called Charlotte's Neighborhood and REACH covering part of the east side. They went out of business as its active members died or moved away but EARN is still here to carry on the work.

How touchy is the arena situation? This is in the hands of lawyers and judges so have to settle all aspects. The proposal involves an AAA team, which will draw better than the previous proposal, which involved an AA team. It will also have a hotel and conference center, not just the arena.

Why not fix up the Americus rather than build hotel? They are fixing it. Progress is being made, but this is a major project.

On June 18th there will be a public hearing at Council for zoning exception for a proposed hospital at the site of the former Agere on Union Boulevard. The opinion was expressed that an industry would be the best use, not a hospital. Schell noted that he and Bob Smith had been contacted by the Morning Call for comment on the project during Pearson's absence in Cuba. Smith had noted that a hospital would keep the building on the tax rolls and would not involve any new students for the schools.

Pearson noted that Agere had been the city's largest water customer and when they left town it caused a severe drop in water department revenues. Now the water department may face legal difficulties with its customers in western suburbs and the Lehigh County Authority over pricing.

Schell noted that we would be inviting someone to the June meeting to discuss the situation with the city pools and spray parks. Davis added that nothing had been settled with the matter except that the Council had accepted the report of the study group, "Swimming Towards the Future." It was noted that there is no kiddies' pool on the east side.

Schell handed out copies of the two successful mini-grant awardees chosen and sent to us by the Dieruff counseling office. This year we have a brother and sister winning—Brandon and Leslie Lukow. We had previously had two awardees in one family, but in successive years. There is nothing against the rules on this, however, and Schell requested that Pearson and Jacoby get him the two \$200 money orders to send to Dieruff for distribution.

It was noted that the music at Platinum Plus is so loud that it can be heard in the state store. A neighbor reported that she was in the state store and suggested that the staff complain. The PLCB personnel have hesitated to do so since they don't want to annoy possible customers.

The practice area for Dieruff football, off of East Tilghman Street west of North Irving Street, is also used by Little Huskies and is getting divots like Irving Park. Possibly this area needs to be rolled the same way that Irving Park was with some success. It was noted that we had both a School Board member and a City Council member present at the meeting, and word will get to the appropriate city official to deal with this.

There was further discussion about using sprinklers on hydrants in lieu of a pool or spray park, as long as no drought or heavy fire department use. It was felt that without these facilities kids will jump in the river, canal, and creeks with some drowning. Others noted that even with the facilities, kids will still jump in the creeks, as they did in the past near operating swimming pools.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

David A. Schell, Secretary

MINUTES of the East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association 6/18/2012

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- President Dennis Pearson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on June 18, 2012 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Present: Three officers (Dennis Pearson, Bob Smith, and Dave Schell) and four other neighbors were present. Additionally, Michelle McGinniss, Aquatics Manager, and her assistant, Ryan Griffiths, were present from the City of Allentown to discuss the Swimming Forward proposal for the city pools and spray parks.
- Secretary Schell handed out copies of the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 2012. Approval of the minutes was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
- Schell also handed out pictures of the East Side Fire Station being demolished over the past week. The new fire station went before the planning commission, and some city authorities raised concerns, particularly the need for a waiver from the Shade Tree Commission. There were supposed to be seven trees on the property, despite the fact that the previous station had only one tree and one shrub on it. President Pearson sent a communication to the effect that we were more concerned about safety than trees, and noted that there is a park right across the street where trees could be added if necessary.
- Pearson also noted that City Council is now also considering Abe Atiyeh's request to put a senior citizen personal care-Alzheimer's-hospital at the former Agere site on Union Boulevard. This would require a zoning waiver, possibly by use of an overlay over the industrial zoning now in

place. Parking for the Iron Pigs has been raised as an issue. Additional parking could use the former Boulevard Drive-In site for parking.

- Pearson called on the city representatives to discuss the pool situation. Irving Pool was built in 1937 and has outlived its expected lifespan. It is difficult to patch. The city would like to upgrade the facility and some have also wanted to add features. Parking is an issue. The pool is also not ADA compliant. Pearson asked if parking was necessary due to people being able to walk. Possibly the pool could be moved elsewhere on the east side where parking was not as much of an issue.
- Comment: The recommendation was to get rid of the pool and add a spray park. Answer: Yes, that was the recommendation but it was not carved in stone, but was only a recommendation. If the pool was moved elsewhere the pool space could be turned back to other athletic pursuits.
- What were the pool attendance numbers for last summer? Irving saw 2000 swimmers, about 15% of the total swimmers. This was up from the previous year. They saw an increase at Irving when Fountain Pool closed.
- Pearson: If we go to a spray park we would want to add one at Keck Park. Q: would two spray parks be acceptable instead of a pool? A: If we had to close the pool it would be acceptable, but a pool would be better. Q: How about opening the Dieruff Natatorium? Cannot be done in summer. McGinniss spoke to somebody from the school district administrative offices—she doesn't remember whom. The person was in overall favor of using the pool, but played devil's advocate with the various problems. Dieruff has the advantage that one can enter the pool area from the outside. We could not use Allen since people heading for the pool have to go through too many hallways. If this were to be done it would have to be done in fall, but not this fall due to the short time span.
- Note: many schools in Bucks and Berks use the school pools in the off-season for community use. In that case the community people got used to going to the pool both during the school year and in summer. Cedar, Jordan, and Mack pools have areas set off for swimming laps.
- Suggestion: build on Allentown State Hospital property in cooperation with a swim club. Objection: there is too little flat land on the ASH property. What about building along the Lehigh River—on the west bank. There are presently plans to develop this area, although the developer could be asked about including a pool in this area. We would prefer something on this side of the river, however.
- Is it our ultimate preference to redo Irving and keep it there? Yes, if possible. Ideally keep a pool at Irving but also put a spray park at Keck. Irving is ideal because of its central location. It was noted that Irving Park has been reconfigured before—at one time it had four ball fields. Q: Can the playground be saved? Would it have to be moved to accommodate pool?
- Estimated cost to repair and remodel Irving Pool, and bring it up to code, is \$750,000. This figure is about 30% of the cost of a total redo of the pool. If the city did a spray park at Irving it would be larger than the one at Boyle with some standing water for smaller kids. It would also have lockers and would have a need for lifeguards due to the kiddies' pool. A suggestion was made that something on the order of an "endless pool" could be substituted for those who want to swim laps in less space.
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- More East Side representation is needed at Council meetings if we want to keep pool in this part of city. City Council needs to hear most East Side voices to take notice.
- Q: Are we concerned about the admission cost? If it stayed at \$1 would that be OK? A: We have no trouble with \$1 or \$2 but wouldn't want to see it go to the price level of the other pools. It was noted that seniors (over age 62) and the disabled are allowed to get a free pass.
- Q: Did any of us get a survey about pool use? None of those present said that they did. Supposedly 1600 of them were sent out. 51% of those who responded said that they would drive 10 minutes to a pool. 307 responses were received. Nobody mentioned Irving Pool or the East Side at all.
- There is also the danger that the U.S. Justice Department will not allow opening in the future unless a plan is in place to become ADA compliant. Pearson noted that the city owns a lot on either E. Highland St. or E. Tremont St, somewhere west of Maxwell St. The site is probably not large enough for a pool, but could be for spray park if neighbors there approve. At one time there was also a ball field at Central Park area, where former Bennett Toyota parking lot is now.
- In other matters, Christine Breslin not here so we don't have date for yard sale. We had previously set a tentative date of August 25th. We will need a meeting of this committee in July to make some decisions.
- Pearson: Reapportionment has gone to a final vote. We will be in the former Jennifer Mann district (132nd). Our present representatives will be gone when the change takes place in two years. Overland Park (Ward 14-2) will go to the 22nd District. The other five voting districts east of the Lehigh River will be in the 132nd.
- There will be no full July EARN meeting although committees will possibly meet, particularly for the yard sale. The next full meeting will be on Monday, August 20th.
- There being no further business, adjournment was moved and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Respectfully,

David A. Schell, Secretary



Husky Pride Unleashed !

The Dieruff High School Alumni created its web site <http://www.dieruff-alumni.org/> to make it easy to reconnect and share memories with classmates who either graduated from or attended Louis E Dieruff High School since it opened its doors during the fall semester of 1959.

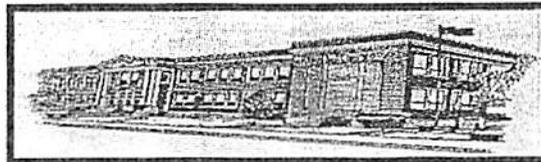
This website will be the main source for information in regard to upcoming events sponsored or hosted by your newly formed all-year Alumni Association.

Even if you haven't attended a reunion, nor kept in touch at all since graduation, update your profile and submit a photo or two. The Dieruff High School Alumni Association is certain your fellow classmates would love to hear from you!

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

Ritter Reunion

You are cordially invited to join Rocky for the first annual Ritter School Alumni, Staff, Family, and Friends Reunion!



November 3, 2012
Fullerton Fire Company
5:00-10:00 PM (21 and Over)
\$24.00/person
Includes dinner and dancing
Cash bar will be available

:)) Space is limited to first 200 paid reservations! ~

To reserve your seat, please make check payable to:

Ritter School Alumni Association

--- And mail to: Ritter Elementary School ,790 N. Plymouth Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18109 E-Mail --- ritterreunion@Yahoo.com

Please Send the tear off below with payment

Names(S) : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

EAST SIDE COMMUNITY YARD SALE

@ Irving Park

(corner of N. Irving & E. Tilghman Streets)

E.A.R.N.

Saturday, August 25, 2012

Rain Date Sunday, August 26, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 1 :00 p.m.

No early birds!

One - stop shopping

Bake Sale, Philly Pretzels & El Greco's Pizza - all proceeds to the scholarship fund

Sodas & Coffee will be available

To reserve your space, please complete the form below and send with your payment
(payable to E.A.R.N.) to:

EARN, P.O.Box 1136, Allentown PA 18105

Any questions??? Contact Christine 610-297-0454 and leave a message.

or

earnyardsale@hotmail.com

If you are conducting a yard sale at YOUR residence we ask that you consider making a small donation (\$10 to the association to defray the cost of yard sale advertising.

Set up begins at 6 a.m. - NO EARLIER!
SURROUNDING IRVING PARK
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE
GRASS ...

Names(S) : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Of spaces: _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Please make check or money order payable to E.A.R.N.

ABOUT THE Allentown SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

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 Pennsylvania. Allentown's 250th commemorates and celebrates our rich history, the revitalization of present day and an ever more promising future. The celebration will be one that is for the community and therefore shaped by the community. The year-long commemoration of Allentown's 250th will be on that makes a lasting impact not just for Allentown but for the region.

250th Anniversary City Without Limits: "Points of Pride" Parade and Community Festival

To celebrate Allentown's rich history, event organizers are planning an anniversary parade on September 29, 2012 that will include student bands, businesses and organizations, neighborhood associations, uniformed men and women in service to our country and city, historical characters, floats and more.

The parade will be organized under the theme, "City Without Limits: Points of Pride" and will culminate in a street festival that celebrates the diverse community assets for which our city is known. Artists, food vendors, interactive zones and more will bring the downtown to life. The parade will start from the

Allentown Fairgrounds at 11 AM and proceed to the downtown area, where it will disperse at approximately 12PM for the festival on Hamilton St, from 8th to 12th Streets. The parade audience will be invited to join in the festival when the parade concludes.

250th PCFC – PARADE DIVISIONS BY HISTORICAL PERIODS

These Divisions of the parade are based on historical periods.

Division 1: 1762-1811

Founding by William Allen -1762

Reading of Declaration of Independence - 1776

Liberty Bell hidden at Zion's Church during Revolution 1777-1778

Division 2: 1812-1861

Named Lehigh County Seat 1812

Lehigh Canal Opens - 1828

Iron Industry Begins - 1840

Lehigh County Fair 1854

Allen Infantry is among the First Defenders to go to Washington at the onset of Civil War 1861

Allentown - Iron Making Center of the Nation 1850's -1870s

Division 3: 1862-1911

Rise of Silk Industry 1881

Great Allentown Fairgrounds opens 1888

First Jewish Synagogue - Agudas Achim 1892

Future Hess's Department Store opens 1897

Soldiers and Sailors Monument Oct 19 1899

Allentown Hospital founded 1899

Teddy Roosevelt visits Allentown 1905

Mack Trucks Comes to A-town 1905

West Park A-town's first park opens 1908

First regular scheduled color movies in U.S. A-town 1910

Allentown Flag Day Association is founded 1907

First airplane flight over Allentown 1910

Division 4: 1912-1961

Allentown Library founded 1912

Sacred Heart Hospital founded 1912

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church built 1915-16

World War I 1917-1918

PPL created by General Harry C Trexler 1920

PPL Tower Building completed 1928

Allentown Park System created 1935 - 1939

St. James AME Church, first Black church in Allentown, founded 1936

World War II Allentown Arsenal of Democracy 1940-45

Kennedy/Nixon campaign visit 1960

Division 5: 1961-2012

Allentown Bicentennial Parade 1962

First Spanish mass held at Sacred Heart Parish 1965 (Spanish Speaking Apostolate)

Hispanic American Organization founded 1976

Liberty Bell Trek 1976

Hess's Heyday
Millennium 2000
Roberto Clemente Charter School founded 2000
PPL Center Plaza 2003
Allentown Celebrates 250th Anniversary
Proposed Division 6: Looking to the future!

Parade Divisions by Historical Periods, ver 5.0 (Compiled by Frank Whelan)
March 8, 2012

From the East Side perspective --- there is no mention of contributions that East Allentown made to the City of Allentown since its annexation ... We were Allentown's water front via the Lehigh Canal and the Lehigh Valley Railroad in Clader's Division. , The 1st State Toll Highway ran through our streets, We were the gateway to Bethlehem and Philadelphia, Western Electric and the transistor was here... Lee Iacocca who created the Ford Mustang and long-time Chrysler President was born and raised here We were the home of the Allentown State Hospital ,, We were the home of Hanover Acres-Riverview Terrace ... We were the home of the Central Park Amusement Park.... And now we are the home of the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs.

In this calibration year the history of East Allentown -- which we affectingly call the Borough of Penn's Manor in honor of one of the Penn Families nearby Manor called Fermor should not be forgotten.. Indeed East Port and Rittersville were taken over by annexation by the City. But we are not or should not be an occupied people. We are the true little Apple of Allentown and its most independent thinking people ... And because of that were honored to salute the Liberty Bell as it was wagon wheeled on Hanover Avenue and E. Hamilton in East Allentown during 1976 to reach its honored destination at Zion's UCC Church. This being the memory of the fact that the bell during the Revolution was rescued from the State House in Philadelphia , was carted on a highway from Philadelphia leading up to the Lehigh Valley, was forded across the Lehigh River in Salisbury Township via Ferry, proceeded to use the road which followed through current Allentown State Hospital grounds, and around Sherman Street it was carted through East Allentown via the then called King's Highway. Once again forded across the Lehigh River , carefully avoiding being observed by the Tory residents of Trout Hall to get to its destination a much younger Zion's Church

P.S. --- Peter Roads was a member of the Zion's Church Congregation which hosted the bell. In 1811 he became the 1st Burgess of the village of Northamptonowne (formed 1862) when it become a Borough. In 1812 he became one of the 1st Judges of the newly formed County of Lehigh. Peter Roads married into the Kohler family which EARN President Dennis Pearson is a descendant of. Roads was a merchant in Allentown before his political involvement in the village and Borough. His home and business now destroyed was located on 7th Street in the proposed Arena area.

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