

**EARN FRONTIER (FALL 2009)**

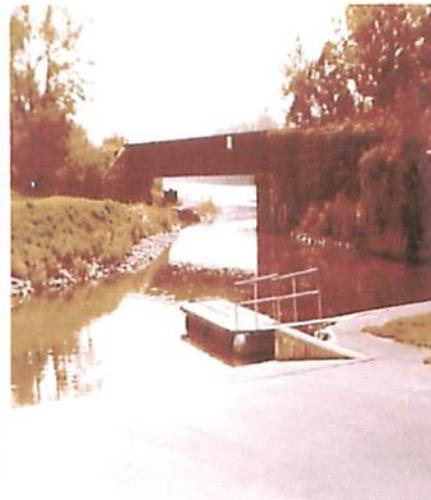
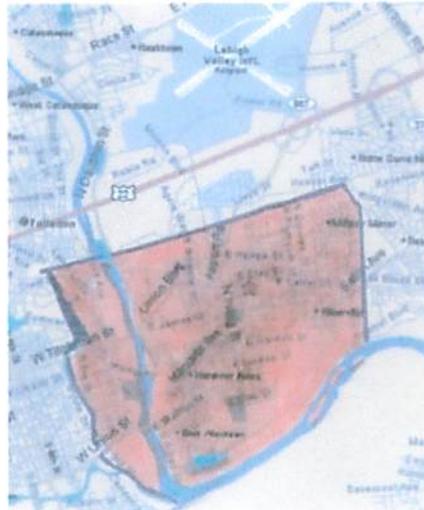
**EAST ALLENTOWN RITTERSVILLE**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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**Next Neighborhood Meeting --- Monday, October 19, 2009  
7:00 PM. St. Peter's Evan. Lutheran Church, Hanover Avenue**

**Get Involved ...Interested neighbors are needed to serve on the Neighborhood Board of Directors and whatever neighborhood committees may be formed to carry out the purpose and function of the neighborhood... This is your neighborhood ... Help it be a strong one ... Membership in our organization is voluntary but automatic and is not dependent on dues payment ... If interested in serving contact President Dennis Pearson at (610) 434-1229 or by E-Mail -- [dpearson@enter.net](mailto:dpearson@enter.net)**

**THE EARN FRONTIER --- WE ARE EAST OF Lehigh River**

## Don't Let Them Lurk in the Shadows

**Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Crime Watch, Community Child watch -- whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.**

### **PROJECT HAAS CHRISTMAS IN IRVING PARK DISPLAY 1994 –2009**



The time is again at hand for the EARN Project Haas Christmas Decoration Committee to act in preparation for this year's holiday lighting event.

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 being our prime spot. To refresh 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 will continue this year.

What the neighborhood did in these prior years was to place a special holiday scene in the pool area, place lights around the entire roof of Irving Park's Bath House and turn the Park's Flag Pole into a lighted Christmas tree that a former Allentown Mayor the "Sparkle Tree."

That we intend to do this year.

We are very appreciative of the financial and/or volunteer support that businesses and individuals gave to us last year ... **Can we count on your help again to promote our activity this year.** We are very appreciative that companies like the PP & L provided high lift vehicles and essential manpower, which were very important ingredients in making the "SPARKLE TREE" become a reality these past fifteen years. And of course, the same ingredients will bring the "SPARKLE TREE" to life for the Sixteenth year with your promotional, financial and/or volunteer support.

In addition, the neighborhood is very grateful that the Budget Store and Lock Village Self Storage granted us space in its self-storage business for the storage of these holiday decorations

Without volunteers we cannot improve our project nor can we set up what we did before. If any of your colleagues are interested in helping us contact one of the following individuals: DENNIS PEARSON 610-4341229, BETTY HAAS 610-435-9283, BOB LITTS 610-437-2962, Robert Jacoby 610 435-3417. **PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO EAST ALLENTOWN RITTERSVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, P.O BOX 1136, ALLENTOWN**



Excerpts of correspondence from PFC Kenneth L. Pearson of the 166<sup>th</sup> Signal Photo Corp to Egyptian newsletter staff member Helen Steward .... The letters were sent to the son of PFC Kenneth L. Pearson, Dennis L. Pearson, by Gloria Fischl of Coplay PA the daughter of Helen Steward in a packet postmarked July 17, 2003 after her mother died..

February 27, 1945 ---"I am somewhere in Luxemburg and the weather is pretty good right now. But we did have plenty of snow this winter but now it is all melted...I also want to thank the Lord for me (safe) this far and if you trust in him you have nothing to fear about ... I know he does answer prayer because he has helped me out time and time again...Everything is running along smoothly forward, if it keeps up the war in this side will not last to much longer.

April 7, 1945 --- "Dropping you a few lines letting you know that I received every one of my Egyptian copies that I am entitled to have ... I meant to write to you sooner but due to the fast process of the war I didn't have time to do so .. I enjoy these copies very much for I find them most interesting and the news is excellent ...I am now somewhere in Germany and the weather is rather chilly for this time of the year..."

May 5, 1945 --- "I have been quite busy these days since the big push has carried us all the way across Germany. I have been lucky so far due to the prayers from the home front...I manage to read a little of my Bible each day no matter how busy I am. I myself believe the war with Germany will be over by the middle of this month. This should prove that the Yanks on the Western Front are living up to their good American record ... By the help of the Egyptian I found out where my good friend Donald Reitz is and also feel better to know that he is safe and well."

May 26, 1945 --- " I sure like reading in the Egyptian what is going on back in little Egypt ... That is why I can't wait until I receive the next issue because that is what I find in the book. It urges you work that much more to get I over in a hurry knowing that each and every one is doing his part back in Egypt ... I have moved again since I wrote to you last; and this time we are close to the Austrian border...We are in an immense big house in a valley surrounded on all sides by huge mountains

June 20, 1945 --- "I am still in Germany but it is a military secret what will happen to me now. I haven't enough points to be discharged because my total is 66 and a possibility of having 76 points is not yet credited for the two new battle stars. So Helen you can make your conclusions what will be my future duty in the army."

July 17, 1945 --- "I have traveled a long way back since I wrote to you last. I am now located at Camp New Orleans in France. This place reminds me like the weather in California. Very hot during the day time and at night a little cool so that it is very nice sleeping,. The only thing wrong is that it is very dusty and dry. We could stand a good rain to settle the dust. ... Next month I will have eighteen months overseas and I don't expect to be back in the States for another year or so. "

August 14, 1945 .... From Camp New Orleans in France --- "We aren't doing much of anything right now besides little details and going out on passes ...I guess you and everybody else all over the world are anxious to see what Japan's reply is ... I hope it is for the good because each and every one in the service will be home quicker to our families and loved ones ... I pray and hope that this will be the end of all wars ... We can praise God for the wonderful way he has protected our young men and young women in the service... Well in closing I want to thank each and every member for making the Egyptian possible ... have each and every one in prayers every day and again I thank you very much for everything you done for me."

September 11, 1945 .... "I believe by now the children are at school and football getting into their blood ... I would like to be home to see at least one game this year ...I have done quite a lot of traveling over here in Europe since the war is over and the two places or countries that are most for scenery are Germany or Switzerland ...Helen I have been in Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, Austria, and Germany (and Switzerland) ...Well, it looks now that I will be home for Christmas and discharged from the Army. Boy that will be a happy reunion when I see my wife and little

girl. ( Editor's Note --- The little girl he was referring to was his daughter Beverly Pearson now Beverly Folk of Southampton, PA)