



Our meeting is on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 10:00 am in the Allentown Public Library basement conference room.

6th Annual Clean -Up Saturday April 17 10 am

Join us for our 6th Annual Clean-up starting outside the Allentown Public Library at 10 am.

We will break into teams to clean up our neighborhood and have the much appreciated assistance of members of Keenan House.

Afterwards we are all invited to enjoy refreshments at the Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, 31 S 13th St.

Bring your work gloves. Most other implements will be provided by the City of Allentown Bureau of Solid Waste and Recycling. If you know of spots in your neighborhood that really need our help, call Nick Butterfield in advance at 610-770-1751 so it can be on the clean-up list.

LANA volunteers recognized at Allentown Crime Watch Presidents Council Dinner.

Each year at the Allentown Crime Watch Presidents Council Leonard Buck Dinner, on Thursday, April 15th - 6 pm at Fearless Fire Co, residents of each neighborhood will be recognized. This year LANA will recognize Latif Matt of Fairview St and Don and Joan Giaquinto of 13th St.

Personally, I appreciate what each person brings to our group: knowledge and understanding of resources, willingness to go to City meetings to speak for LANA about tree plantings or zoning issues, and above all taking part in our community in one way or another. My special thanks this year to Latif, Don and Joan.

Nick Butterfield

**Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhoods
Call us to volunteer!**

Nick Butterfield	610-770-1751	butterfn@aol.org
Dottie Anderson	610-435-6684	
Phyllis Alexander	610-437-3674	
Marie Reph	610-433-1517	
Katrina Quintana	610-392-7838	

Pick up after the dog!

One resident looked out to see a woman walking by with a big dog that left a big plop in the middle of the sidewalk. As the woman walked away, our friend ran out and said "You left something behind". The woman said, "I don't have anything to pick it up with." Our friend gave her a baggie. The woman complained, "This is the 3rd time my dog has pooped today."

This is a request to any resident walking a dog: Please pick up afterwards. Dog turds do not go away by themselves. They smell; kids get into them, they get on your shoes and tracked into your house. It doesn't matter if you are walking on the streets or in the parks: Please Pick Up afterwards!

If reported for leaving dog turds behind, you could receive SWEEP Tickets with fines of \$25 or \$100.

Scheduled meeting dates for 2010:

Monday, May 17, 6:30 pm	Saturday, June 19, 10 am
Monday, July 19, 6:30 pm	Saturday, Aug 21, 10 am
Monday, Sept 20, 6:30 pm	Saturday, Oct 16, 10 am
Monday, Nov 15, 6:30 pm	- last meeting of the year.

The week of April 11th - 18th, 2010 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

This week, celebrated annually, honors the thousands of men and women, who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment and render life-saving assistance to the nation's citizens.

Here in Allentown, our Communications Center is staffed with twenty seven dedicated professionals who provide **first class** emergency service to our citizens and public safety officers. Answering 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls, dispatching Police, Fire and EMS units, accessing local, state and nationwide databases and monitoring the city's camera network are just some of the tasks the staff performs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 2008, the Communications Center dispatched over 135,000 calls for service with a level of professionalism that exemplifies the true spirit of public service.

Of equal importance is the staff of the Technical Services Bureau. Their hard work and effort keeps all the radios, computers, bells and whistles working properly, allowing the Comm Center and Public Safety Officers to effectively and safely do their jobs.

During this special week, we take a moment to say:

THANKS for a job WELL DONE!!!

City of Allentown Police Recruitment ends April 30

The City of Allentown is recruiting applicants for the new Police eligibility list. Applicants must be a US Citizen, 20 years of age to apply and 21 at the time of appointment. They must have a high school diploma or GED, driver's license and pass written, physical agility test, background check and interview.

Salary begins at \$46,856. For a job description and more information visit the City's website

www.AllentownPA.Gov or go to the Human Resources Department at City Hall, Room 233, 435 Hamilton St, Allentown PA 18101-1699.

The complete application must be received by Human Resources by Friday, April 30, 2010 at 4:30 pm along with a non-refundable \$50 application fee (Certified bank check or money order only)

YARD WASTE DROP OFF SITES – New Spring SPRING - April 3 through May 29

Main Site (Fish Hatchery Rd. & Oxford Dr.)

Saturdays Only - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Proof of City of Allentown residency is required.

Please call 610-437-8729 or visit

www.allentownrecycles.org for more information.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS ON APRIL 4

Curbside yard waste collection in the City of Allentown begins Sunday, April 4. Yard Waste is collected on recycling nights. Hedge trimmings, weeds, branches, etc., can be put in 30-gallon paper lawn and leaf bags or any durable container (no lid) and placed out for collection. Branches may also be bundled and placed at the curb. Grass clippings should be left on the lawn to naturally decompose; however, if you wish to have grass clippings collected, they must be placed in 30 gallon paper lawn and leaf bags. Trash is not allowed to be mixed in bags with yard waste.

The Month of April is also National 9-1-1 Education Month.

This is a time when we place a special emphasis on educating adults and children on the proper use of the 9-1-1 Emergency Number. An informed caller is 9-1-1's best caller. It's important that you, and your family, know how to help 9-1-1 help you. In an emergency, seconds matter, so being knowledgeable and prepared can make all the difference. Here's what you can do:

Know WHEN to call 9-1-1. 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. You should only be dialing 9-1-1 if someone is hurt or in danger, or if you are in immediate need of police, fire, or medical assistance. If you aren't sure if your situation is an emergency, you should err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1 and let the expert who answers your call make the decision whether to send help or not.

Know WHEN NOT to call 9-1-1. Don't call 9-1-1 just because you burned dinner and your guests are arriving any minute, or because you are late for a meeting and need help finding an address. While those situations may

count as emergencies for you, they aren't for public safety. Inappropriate use of the 9-1-1 system wastes resources and ties up the lines at the 9-1-1 center, and nobody wants to be on hold when they are in the middle of a real crisis. Not to mention that in most states harassing or making prank calls to 9-1-1 is a crime, and you don't want law enforcement showing up at your door.

Know the capabilities of the device you are using. 9-1-1 can be contacted from pretty much every device that can make phone calls (traditional landline, cell, VoIP), but the callback and location information that accompanies your call to the 9-1-1 center can vary drastically amongst technologies and between geographic regions. 9-1-1 and telecommunications professionals are hard at work to make sure 9-1-1 works the same on all devices in the future, but until then it is your job to be knowledgeable about benefits and limitations associated with various technologies. Contact your service provider(s) for more information. Know where you are. This is probably the most important information you can provide as a 9-1-1 caller, so try to be aware of your surroundings. Make a real effort to be as detailed as possible. If you are outside and don't know the street address, take a look around and try to find landmarks or cross streets. If you are inside a large building or one with multiple levels, you can help emergency services by letting them know which floor you are on, which apartment you are in, etc.

Stay calm. When you are on the phone with 9-1-1, you are their eyes and ears. Even though you may want to, try not to panic. If you are crying or yelling, it can be hard for the 9-1-1 operator to understand you. If you are able to stay strong, pull yourself together, and answer all of the 9-1-1 operator's questions, the faster they can get the right services to your location.

Never hang up. You may have called 9-1-1 by accident, or your situation may have resolved itself, but it is important to let the 9-1-1 operator know this. If you end the call abruptly, the folks at the 9-1-1 center are going to assume that something has gone very wrong and will either call you back or send help anyway. This will take away from the 9-1-1 center's ability to take calls and dispatch services to on-going emergencies, so make sure the 9-1-1 call taker tells you it is ok to disconnect before you hang up. And keep in mind that the call taker can dispatch responders to your location without disconnecting from the call, so, until you are instructed to do otherwise, make sure to hold the line so that you can provide any necessary information or assistance to the 9-1-1 operator. **Michael D. Hilbert**

Next meeting: Monday,
May 17, 2010 at 6:30 pm
in the Allentown Public Library
basement community room.