



Meeting is on Saturday, August 15, 2009
 at 10:00 am in the Public Library
 basement conference room, then
 after the meeting go with us to visit the
 Communications Center on Fairview Street.

Swimming Tips:

- Check the pool - is the water clean and clear? You should be able to easily see the bottom. Cloudy water is a sign of a maintenance problem. Only swim in a clear pool.
- Is there a strong chlorine odor? This indicates a water quality problem exists. A well maintained pool has little odor.
- Don't swim when you have diarrhea. You can spread your germs to other swimmers.
- Practice good hygiene. Shower before you swim. The pool is not a bath tub.
- Don't swallow the pool water. Do you want another swimmer's germs?
- Check your kid's diapers frequently and change them in a bathroom not at the side of the pool. Fecal matter can end up in the pool. Make sure you wash their rear end thoroughly before sending them back in the water.

You can enjoy the sun, the pools and the food with confidence if you pay attention to these summertime safety tips. For more information on keeping safe while swimming and picnicking, call the Allentown Health Bureau at (610) 437-7759.

Here are some questions about accidents for you to ponder this summer:

1. How can you increase your chances of surviving a crash by 45 to 60 per cent?
2. What can parents do to keep their children from being involved in a crash?
3. What is the cause of most motorcycle crashes?
4. Are you using your child safety seat properly?

To answer these questions, and to give motorists greater access to highway safety resources, PennDOT has established a new traffic safety website:

<http://www.drivesafepa.org/>

This was unveiled just last week. The summer driving season is here. More family vehicles, bicycles, and motorcycles are on the road, and it is important to make sure everyone is properly bucked up, and arrives at their destination safely. By establishing this site, PennDOT hopes to save at least 100 or more lives on Pennsylvania's highways each year.

DriveSafePA.org offers information and tips on these highway safety areas: aggressive driving, bicycle / pedestrian, child passenger safety, heavy trucks, engineering infrastructure, impaired driving, mature drivers, motorcycle safety, school bus safety, seat belts, work zones and young drivers. Each of these areas is highlighted as part of an interactive quiz that allows

**"Clip and put this on your fridge."
 IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

To Report:	Number to call:
Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police Non-Emergency	610-437-7751
Call to report graffiti	
Chief McLean	610-437-7777
Police-Vice Unit	610-437-7626
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/Housing	610-437-7695
Problem Properties	
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Loud Music/Noise/People	610-437-7751
working on cars in street	
Graffiti – to request removal	610-437-8729
Tall grass & weeds	610-437-8729
Property not recycling, incorrect	
storage of trash or garbage	
out before 6 pm	610-437-8729
Special Operator (after 7 pm)	610-437-7571
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
Roach, insects or mice	
Infestation also no heat or water	
Over grown shrubs	610-437-7589
Shopping Carts pick up	1-800-244-2278
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Garbage	610-437-8729
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366
Sweep Officer	610-437-8729

motorists to test their highway safety knowledge. Recently enacted traffic safety laws such as the "Steer Clear" law and wiper and headlight law are also included on this site.

Remember, there are many tragic losses that could be prevented by simply remembering to DriveSafePA.

Have a pleasant and safe summer!

Susan Rutt, Manager of Lehigh Carbon Highway Safety Program with the Allentown Police Department

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

Nick Butterfield: 610-770-1751

butterfield@allentowncity.org

Dottie Anderson: 610-435-6684

Phyllis Alexander: 610-437-3674

West Park Concert series:

- August 14th, 7:30 pm – Marine Band at West Park
August 14th, 8:00 pm – Royallaires, Dancing Under the Stars at Cedar Beach
August 15th – 7:00 pm – Midway Manor at West Park
August 16th – 7:30 pm – Municipal Band at West Park
August 21st – 7:30 pm – Allentown Band at West Park
August 22nd – 7:00 pm – Martine Band at Irving Park
August 23rd – 7:30 pm – Marine Band at West Park
August 28th – 7:30 pm – Allentown Band at West Park
August 28th – 8:00 pm – Royallaires; Dancing Under the Stars at Cedar Beach.
August 29th – 7:00 pm = Municipal Band at Daddona Terrace (previously known as Union Terrace)
Last concert of the summer is on Sunday, Sept. 13th
at 3:00 pm – Allentown Band at West Park – Bert Meyers Concert.

Web Safety for Children

Before you allow your child to go online without your supervision, make sure you establish a set of rules that you can all agree on. If you're not sure where to start, here are some ideas on what to discuss with your kids to teach them about using the Internet more safely.

1. Encourage your kids to share their Internet experiences with you. Enjoy the Internet along with your children.
2. Teach your kids to trust their instincts. If they feel nervous about anything online, they should tell you about it.
3. If your kids visit chat rooms, or use instant messaging (IM) programs, online video games, or other activities on the Internet that require a login name to identify themselves, help them choose that name and make sure it doesn't reveal any personal information about them.
4. Insist that your kids never give out your address, phone number, or other personal information, including where they go to school or where they like to play.
5. Teach your kids that the difference between right and wrong is the same on the Internet as it is in real life.
6. Show your kids how to respect others who are online. Make sure they know that rules for good behavior don't change just because they're on a computer.
7. Insist that your kids respect the property of others online. Explain that making illegal copies of other people's work – music, video games, and other programs is just like stealing it from a store.
8. Tell your kids that they should never meet online friends in person. Explain that online friends may not be who they say they are.
9. Teach your kids that not everything they read or see online is true. Encourage them to ask you if they're not sure.

10. Control your children's online activity with advanced Internet software. Parental controls can help you filter out harmful content, monitor the sites your child visits, and find out what they do there.

Bike Allentown and the Lehigh Wheelman Association invite you and your family to their monthly bicycle ride and ice cream social. The ride starts at 7:00 pm on Friday Night's August, 14 and Sept. 11th. Meet at the Ritz's Barbecue at 17th & Chew Streets for a 9 mile ride through town ending back at Ritz's for ice cream!

Riding Rules:

- Children must wear helmets.
- Adults should wear helmets.
- We obey ALL traffic rules.
- Tail lights are recommended.
- Please arrive at the Ritz's by 6:45 pm.
- If there is heavy rain, the ride(s) will be canceled.
- For more information you can contact BikeAllentown@gmail.com or lehighwheelmen.org.

**Our next meeting is on Monday,
Sept. 21, at 10 am in the Library's
basement conference room.**

Tamara Weller, Executive Director, Allentown Parking Authority.

Thanks for inviting me. Your group is passionate about their neighborhood and that's commendable!

I discussed the benefits of a Residential Parking Permit program, particularly around the unit block of S. Jefferson Street. The first permit costs \$25; annual renewals cost \$20. A resident proves residency and vehicle ownership to be eligible for a permit. A permit would discourage employees from neighboring businesses from parking in this residential area.

The one-hour parking zone on Spring Garden Street that we are hoping to remove is in the 1100 block. The meter removal request is on Chew Street, between 8th and 10th Streets.

As for snow days, with the exception of our neighborhood lots (which are already taken by neighbors in the evening) we generally do make our lots available after 5 p.m. and until 7 am for neighbors.

The parking Authority night patrol responds to comm. center complaints and enforces regulations until 10:30 p.m. We are considering changing Saturday enforcement to city-wide, as opposed to just in the central business district. One of our primary goals is the creation of appropriate neighborhood parking lots. I hope this helps. Let me know if you need further details.

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