



FEBRUARY 2014

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, February 15 10:00 am

Allentown Public Library

Community Room

Topic: Police Recruitment

Celebrating the Life

Library Area Neighborhood Association members took part in the 5th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Monday January 20, 2014 at St James United Church of Christ, Allentown PA.

More than 175 people participated in the program and in the two luncheons given for the benefit of residents of Episcopal House, The Traylor, Daybreak, and the Library and Raub neighborhoods.

Speaker Ce-Ce Gerlach of the Allentown School Board told participants, "We will not reach the promised Land unless we confront festering injustices in our society. King instructed us to be a bright light in a dark world. When we refuse to shine light on the evils of society, it's like we operate in social amnesia that we use to deny the troubles of the city.

"Allentown shouldn't just be good for some: we should be good for all. Justice doesn't happen; it takes constant pushing from a grass-roots effort. King said, 'No social advance rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through tireless efforts and persistent work.' We cannot wait. We must speak audaciously.

Evelyn Stewart's beautiful voice filled the church sanctuary during the program with songs, "Oh Freedom", "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" closing with "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands." We truly hope she will come back to sing again.

Special thanks to Sue Kratzer, Bob and Eileen Bernhard, Rev. Donald Stone, Chris Cocca and more who planned the program; the members of St James UCC and Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church who helped with the meal preparations, sponsorship support from 1st Presbyterian Church, the anonymous donor of the Jandl turkeys, and many more.

LANA January Meeting

Sixteen people attended LANA's monthly meeting on Saturday January 18 at the Allentown Public Library.

Allentown Police Captain Gail Struss said the most frequent crime in west Allentown including LANA was theft from unlocked vehicles, followed by break-ins to locked cars where articles were in plain sight. Day-time burglaries were down. Copper thefts – spouting and pipes is ongoing.

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CLIP & SAVE IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
GUARDE ESTOS NÚMEROS IMPORTANTES

Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police: Non-Emergency	610-437-7751
Loud Music/Noise/Working on Cars	610-437-7751
Police Chief	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Ed Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
-(Infestations, no heat/water)	
Street light out	610-437-7735
Recycling, trash & garbage	610-437-8729
-Special Operator (after 7 p.m.)	610-437-7571
Graffiti (to request removal)	610-437-8729
Tall Grass & Weeds	610-437-8729
Shopping cart pick up	610-437-8729
Streets	610-437-7638
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
Uncleared sidewalks	610-437-7589
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366

Snow shoveling rules

City ordinance specifies that an owner must clear a 36 inch walkway no later than 10 hours after snow has stopped.

If the City verifies a complaint, the owner may receive a SWEEP Ticket, just like for trash or garbage left out or put out at the wrong time. The cost is \$25 for a first offense, and \$100 for subsequent offenses. To file a complaint, call **610-437-7589**.

For snow shoveling help, call Lehigh County Information **610-782-3200** or Lehigh County Senior Center (renamed- Lehigh Valley Active Life **610-437-3700**.

LANA January Meeting (Continued)

The Police station at 10th and Hamilton has a medicine return box for expired medication, open 24 hours a day.

Police recruitment will begin in February and be open for a month. The Physical Agility test will be given before the Written test. Cost of application: \$60.

To a question about a nuisance garage in the 1200 block of Hickory St, Capt Struss said it had been shut down in Fall 2013 by the Auto Theft Task Force. Cheers!

Tasers are not legal in Allentown. **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION FROM CAPTAIN GAIL STRUSS: Tasers are legal in Allentown.** It is considered a prohibited offensive weapon if it is used in a commission of a crime or possessed by someone who is a person not to possess a firearm. If you use it in self-defense it is ok. The law is very confusing in the way it is worded.

RE: Downtown Security. A Tactical Police unit is out every night 7 pm to 3 am, 4 am on weekends. With the coming of the Arena, there will be further review of security.

Other Events: Villa Rosa, 19th and Hamilton Streets will hold a Valentines Dinner on Friday February 14, \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Call Donato Giaquinto 610-770-1370 for more information and to reserve.

5th Annual Martin Luther King Jr Luncheon, Monday, January 20. St James UCC, 15th & Walnut Streets. Sue Kratzer invited LANA residents to take part both in preparations and in the program.

Trees for Hamilton St. Allentown has submitted a grant request for trees along the 1200 block of Hamilton St. Nick Butterfield and Nicos Elias talked to owners along the block, who are very positive but would like to know more about the grant proposal.

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