



JANUARY 2012

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m.
Allentown Library

Snow shoveling help for seniors

Allentown senior citizens who own homes and need help with snow shoveling may pick-up an application for the "Snow Way Out" program at the Lehigh Senior Center or on the city website www.AllentownPA.Gov under the SERV Allentown Logo.

All applications for snow removal services must be delivered to the Lehigh Senior Center, located at 1633 W. Elm Street, in Allentown.

Volunteer snow shovelers must contact Joshua Keller Volunteer Chief Service Officer at City Hall, 435 Hamilton Street Allentown. PA 18101. [610-437-7688](tel:610-437-7688). The approval process requires a background check.

Save the Date!

LANA Meeting Dates for 2012

- Saturday, January 21
- Saturday, February 18
- Monday, March 19
- Saturday, April 28
- Monday, May 21
- Monday, June 18
- Saturday, July 21
- No August Meeting
- Monday, September 17
- Saturday, October 20
- Monday, November 19
- December – Holiday luncheon

Fire Safety Reminders

Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer Lee Laubach has these words for us:

- Careless or forgotten cooking and kitchen mishaps are the most frequent cause of fires. Leaving burners unattended for even a few minutes can result in a fire that engulfs the entire house.
- If you have a fire of any kind, call 911 immediately. You may feel foolish about the Fire Department coming out, but you would feel much worse if your house is burned.
- Another frequent cause is wiring – overloaded because of too many attachments, or frayed or damaged. Power cords are not failsafe.
- Space heaters are another concern, because while they can heat a room, they can also ignite nearby papers, curtains and clothing. When using a space heater, make sure it is a safe distance from flammable objects.
- Wood stoves, like oil and gas furnaces, must have a City permit before installation, for your

personal safety. They burn hotter than you may expect and can clog your chimney with dangerous creosote.

- For a fireplace, even one used occasionally, check to be sure your chimney is clear of debris and squirrel and bird's nests.
- Check all your smoke detectors. If the battery is more than a year old, consider replacing.
- Consider adding a Carbon Monoxide detector.
- **If at any time you smell gas in your house, leave immediately!** Call 911 from a safe distance outside your house. The gas leak may not be from your house but one next door and you do not want to be inside it ignites.
- Finally, plan a safety exit route in your house to be prepared for a fire. If your stairway is blocked, how will you get out? Is there a porch roof or room closer to ground level that you can use?

For further questions about fire safety, feel free to call Fire Prevention Officer Lee Laubach at [610-437-7758](tel:610-437-7758).

CLIP & SAVE IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

To Report	Number
Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police: Non-Emergency (call to report graffiti)	610-437-7751
Loud Music/Noise/ working on cars in street	610-437-7751
Chief MacLean	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7626
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/ Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
- Roach, insect or mice infestation	
- No heat or water	
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
Sweep Officer	610-437-8729
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

GUARDE ESTOS NÚMEROS IMPORTANTES



*Wishing you
a safe and
happy
2012!*

Neighborhood Contacts:

- Nick Butterfield, 610-770-1751
Butterfn@aol.com
- Dottie Anderson, 610-435-6684
Cattysack1212@verizon.net

Call 211 to connect with local services

Effective Jan 2, 2012, Valley Wide Help, an information and referral program of the American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley, will become a part of the statewide 2-1-1 program led by United Way of Pennsylvania. Valley Wide Help calls will be handled by United Way of Lancaster County's LINC Information and Referral Service (I&R), the seven-county regional call center.

2-1-1 is a national number designated by the Federal Communications Commission that enables people to connect to local services quickly and easily with the guidance of trained information call specialists. According to 211us.org, 2-1-1 serves over 260 million Americans (86.6 percent of the entire population) covering all 50 states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Sinkhole signs

Sinkholes are a chronic problem during the winter season of freezes and thaws. Most of our area has a limestone base with underground cavities that may enlarge with rain and open up unexpectedly.

Sometimes water main leaks may cause sinkholes, although it is frequently a question of which came first - the sinkhole or the water main leak.

If you hear running water in your basement, next door or outside, or find that your house has new cracking and the doors won't shut, **call 911 immediately**. The City will send someone out to check - the sooner the better.

Also check you home owner's insurance policy about adding a sink-hole rider. The cost could be \$35 to \$70 dollars per year and worth the peace of mind.