



Meeting is on Monday, July 20, 2009
 at 6:30 pm in the Public Library
 basement conference room.
 Our speaker will be Tamara Weller, Director
 of the Allentown Parking Authority.

**“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

safety tips. For more information on keeping safe while swimming and picnicking, call the Allentown Health Bureau at (610) 437-7759.

Zoning Hearing: Habitat for Humanity Appeal to Build 8 units 200 block S Howard St. Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley has an agreement to buy two properties 1018-1024 Walnut St (a parking lot) and 1030 Walnut St (Office) from Program for Women and Families and desires to build 8 3-bedroom units (4 twin homes) on the parking lot.

The variance request is for the homes to be shorter in rear yard and width, and have two side by side parking pads in front. No street parking would remain on the east side of Howard St. Each unit would be about 1,900 square feet, suitable for a family of four. Estimated the cost to build each unit is about \$125,000, and the value about \$185,000.

The building at 1030 Walnut St requires extensive repairs. The rear addition, built as a mortuary, has structural problems and should be torn down. How Habitat would use the building has not been determined.

Residents expressed their concerns:

- Parking: Not enough anywhere. No off-street parking available. Always having to move for Street cleaning. Walnut St is hazardous to park on. One resident had her car totaled last week, and there have been other wrecks.
- Walnut Street – problems with speeders and visibility. “Pulling out on Walnut St is a crapshoot”
- Snow and icing problems in winter. Howard St becomes an icy hill. A City fire engine was stuck sideways on it last winter. Walnut St is a snow emergency route: all cars must move for plowing. Spring Garden and Howard St are low on the plow list with fewer parking spaces because of the snow.
- Children – too many all over, particularly on Spring Garden St. One resident counted 39 children on Spring Garden St last year.
- Too many units already and too many rentals, all built before parking was a zoning requirement.
- Could this property be built with fewer than 8 units?

Chris Bennick, Exec Director of Habitat for Humanity LV said Habitat’s intent is to return the blighted 1030 Walnut property to good use.

The Zoning Board will reconvene Monday July 20, 7 pm in City Council Chambers, to review testimony and make a decision on the Appeal request.

Picnic Tips: Follow these 4 critical steps to fight bacteria and prevent illnesses:

- **Clean** – Wash your hands before handling any food. Use clean utensils and cutting boards. Clean thoroughly between uses.
- **Separate** – Keep raw meats separate from prepared foods and ice used for drinks. Don’t store them in the same cooler with beverage cans, bottles or containers of other food.
- **Cook** – Cook all meats well done. That is 165 ° F for most foods. Use a metal stem thermometer to check that the food has been cooked completely.
- **Chill** – Store meats and prepared foods in coolers with lots of ice. Don’t leave foods out in the sun. Any foods left out for more than 2 hours after serving should be thrown away.

You can enjoy the sun, the pools and the food with confidence if you pay attention to these summertime

S Franklin Street YES WE CAN.....AND DID!
Faced with a block bordered by weeds and bushes gone wild, a group of S. Franklin Street Neighbors scheduled a "Clean Up Our Neighborhood Morning" for July 3rd.

Two of our goals were to take our neighborhood back visually and show our city that S. Franklin Street can exemplify pleasant city living.

Our stalwart volunteers were Linda Krisko, Principal of the Krisko Nationwide Insurance Agency at 1422 Hamilton, Mike Adams, who brought his power mower and truck to the site, Jonathan Figueroa, a recent AHS grad, Trudi Egan who did a masterful job of transforming large weeded areas into mulched beds, Lydia Figueroa who has a car-stopping garden at 27 South Franklin, Nick Butterfield whose expertise at shaping and trimming evergreens can readily be seen as you drive by and Sue Kratzer who was greatly inspired to action by Linda.

Oh..and the results....Mike's pick-up was completely filled with our work as well as 8 bags of yard waste. We were all delighted with the results.

Suzanne Kratzer S. Franklin Street

Would you like to be on our calling list? Call Dottie Anderson at 610-435-6684 and she will add you to the list or to receive e-mail notice of events, send an e-mail to Nick at butterfield@allentowncity.org.

HOME SECURITY: Keep doors and windows locked. Call 610-437-7751 to report suspicious activity.

Morning Call: Allentown City woman injured in home invasion

Allentown police are investigating a home invasion robbery in which a 69-year-old woman was assaulted in her S. 13th Street home. Police said a man entered the home of the woman on S 13th Street at 10:27 pm, July 6th, demanded money and then hit her on the head. She suffered minor head trauma.

LAWN MOWER SAFETY TIPS

Here are some tips to follow:

1. Be sure other people – especially children – and pets are out of the yard while mowing.
2. Never allow passengers on a riding mower.
3. Wear heavy duty shoes and long pants.
4. Do not mow at dusk or at night.
5. Wet grass is slippery; delay cutting the grass until it is dry.
6. Clear the yard of sticks, stones, and other debris that may be shot out while mowing.
7. Never leave a mower unattended with the engine running.
8. Never adjust mower height or clean/remove the grass chute with the engine running.
9. Stay clear of a hot engine. Mufflers can reach a temperature of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit.
10. Never drink alcohol before or during mowing.
11. Never smoke when filling the gas tank.
12. Never smoke when repairing or using a lawnmower.
13. Always disconnect the spark plug and let the engine cool 10 minutes before refueling. Gas spilled on a hot engine could cause a flash fire.
14. Always mow across an incline when using a walk-behind mower.
15. Always mow up and down an incline with a riding mower.
16. Disconnect the spark plug when the mower is not in use.

Fire Safety: Check your smoke alarms. There should be one working on every floor. Future requirements to consider now are one in every bedroom. If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, replace them.

Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhood Call us to volunteer!

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Dottie Anderson: 610-435-6684

Phyllis Alexander: 610-437-3674

Recycling Notes:

1. If you are recycling glass jars, please remove the lids. All the metal is picked up using a magnet and the glass jar will break if the lid has not been removed.
2. No broken glass of any kind is to be put in the green recycling bin. Nor is window glass recyclable, always tape window glass with an X and wrap it up, then put in a garbage bag.

If you have any questions call 610-437-8729.

LANA residents and many more enjoyed meeting at the Trexler House on Hamilton St, now the Nicos Elias Funeral Home.

Our Speaker, Frank Whalen is that rare breed of historian who delights in engaging his audience in much more than a factual recounting of a life. While we learned about General Trexler's business acumen, his interest in Civil War history, his love of 1227 Hamilton, and the resolve of Mary Trexler to "stay put" at 1227, we also caught a glimpse of the tipping point that led to the General's philanthropic endeavors that have enriched our lives for 76 years. Thank you, Frank, for a lively and informative look at the General.

Thanks also to Nicos Elias and his family for so graciously hosting our meeting. You made this one memorable LANA meeting!

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Our next meeting is on Saturday, August 15, at 10 am in the Library's basement conference room, then after the meeting go with us to visit the Communications Center on Fairview Street.