



JULY 2014

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
Saturday, July 19 10:00 am  
**the Trexler House**  
**1227 Hamilton St.**

## **Saturday, July 19 LANA Meeting**

We are pleased to have Frank Whelan, well-known Allentown historian and our own LANA neighbor, as our July speaker! Frank will deliver another of his General Harry Trexler talks, from the Trexler Home, now Elias Funeral Home, at 1227 Hamilton St.

**This meeting takes place at the Trexler House at 1227 Hamilton Street!**

Learn the details about General Trexler's life, his funeral, and about his role in the 1904 Lehigh Valley Transit strike. And of course: bring a friend!

## **June LANA Meeting**

Thirty people attended our June meeting, a fine crowd. We were pleased to have five newcomers. With the Library summer hours we had more speakers than could fit in the program. Nick Butterfield was embarrassed that no time was left for our scheduled speaker, Renee Haines, Library Director, but we hope she can return in November.

Our special unscheduled guest was Joel Fitzgerald, Allentown Police Chief. He chose to respond to a variety of questions from the audience. Here are questions and responses:

- 1) For unsupervised children playing recklessly on S. 13<sup>th</sup> and Hickory streets, Chief Fitzgerald suggested a conflict resolution workshop as a possible answer; also to have a police officer talk to the parents of the children.
- 2) Cars parked on private property with no registration or license plates. If a car is parked on someone else's property, the owner needs to put up a sign stating that it is an assigned space and offenders will be towed.
- 3) Videotaped incidents of children throwing stones: Captain Struss will follow up.
- 4) For discarded furniture and leaf pile build up, contact the appropriate City agency: Recycling & Solid Waste.
- 5) In terms of long term goals, Chief Fitzgerald stated an officer's response should be problem solving so police don't have to return to the situation.
- 6) Bicycle officers, currently on 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> streets: please go as far as 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and more bicycle officers in summer. Also, a request to have new police recruits cross-trained as bicycle officers and cruise officers.

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*June meeting notes, continued*

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; uncleared sidewalks	610-437-7589
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366

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**Upcoming LANA Meetings**

Tues., August 12 - Walk with the Mayor

Mon., Sept. 15 – Our Magistrates

Sat., Oct. 18 – Candidates Night

- 7) Can there be more online communications from Allentown police to neighbors and community groups?
- 8) 4<sup>th</sup> of July limits? Answer: Discharging firearms violations will be first priority.
- 9) Youth Police Academy – focus on possibilities of future careers and build rapport with youth.
- 10) How can residents partner with police? Answer: by communication.

**Captain Gail Struss** provided a crime report. There were five burglaries in past month, four in one day; and two were interrupted. Take notice and call police about suspicious characters knocking on doors who don't seem part of the neighborhood. There were three thefts, including a bicycle from bike rack at library, and one armed robbery in which the victim knew the suspect. Thefts from motor vehicles took place from vehicles either unlocked or with keys obvious. A shooting at 11<sup>th</sup> & Walnut streets is under investigation. **Officer Tim Yanders** from Crime Prevention discussed car safety.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary West Park Civic Association Weekend**

was a great success! Starting with Saturday June 28 Art in the Park, it concluded with the Sunday June 29 Tour of Homes, including 2 City Center and the Lehigh Valley Trust Building, as well as Frank Whelan and Bob Wittman's Walnut Street home.

**Cherry Hill Area Trees – Clear-Cut Area**

In June, Alan Tjelvelt, Nick Butterfield and Rachel Osborn walked with Parks personnel on the tree clear-cut area along MLK Jr. Drive to review what may be possible to beautify this greenscape and create a parallel walking pathway to MLK. We are also working on a beautification grant proposal.

Stay tuned for plans to beautify our neighborhood!