



**Next meeting: Monday,
May 18, 2009, at 6:30 pm**
at the Allentown Library
basement meeting room.

Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhoods

Call us to volunteer!

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**THE MAGIC OF MAYFAIR - ALLENTOWN'S
PREMIERE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**
MAY 21-25, 2009

Mayfair, Allentown's 23rd Annual Festival of the Arts, will take place in Allentown's parks from Thursday, May 21 through Monday, May 25. It will feature five days of fun, food, music, art, crafts, dance, and a special Military component. Mayfair will host THE MOVING WALL, a half-size replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans Memorial which has been touring the country for more than 20 years. It will be at Mayfair during each day of the Festival, placed at Cedar Beach Park, outside the Mayfair grounds, near the Rose Garden. Since this will occur during the Memorial Day weekend, this is a perfect complement. As always, there will be a large variety of food vendors and Mayfair's ever-popular Artists Market. Kids Space will offer many free children's activities. Sommerfest, a German Festival, joined with Mayfair in 2008, and will be back again in 2009. Mayfair will open on Thursday at 4 p.m. with a free preview night. As in past years, a full Festival pass is just \$5.00, and can be used over the remaining four days of Mayfair. Pre-festival passes will be available at a discounted rate at various Allentown locations prior to Mayfair. Volunteers are the life-blood of Mayfair, applications to volunteer will soon be available by going to Mayfair's website www.mayfairfestival.org.

Bethlehem homes destroyed in fire started by porch grill. Grill gas tank explodes, spreading flames. No one is hurt. Four homes on 9th Av in Bethlehem were destroyed April 26 when a gas grill on a back porch caught fire, setting off the propane tank. The fire ignited the back porch, then spread to the adjoining twin and the twin next door, destroying all four residences. The moral: It is not a safe practice to cook on your porch with any grill – gas, charcoal, hibachi. If you intend to grill, take it outside, away from combustible materials. Allentown Fire Code prohibits cooking with charcoal or propane on a combustible porch or within 10 feet of any combustible materials.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
Numens Telefonicos Importantes

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 Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Loud Music/Noise/People working on cars in street	610-437-7751
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	
Roach, insects or mice	610-437-7759
Infestation - no heat or water	610-437-7694
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

**LANA Clean up - a beautiful day in the
neighborhood -- and we made it better.**

It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood. We had about 15 residents turn out, and 7 new friends from Keenan House, Ryan, Ron, Shane, Daniel, Bart, Keith and Rudy to help us out.

We also welcomed newcomers Judy Harvey; and Samuel Negron and Wanda Rodriguez, from Franklin St who brought their three children.

Four political candidates paid us a visit at the start: Dick Nepon, running for Mayor; City Council candidates Michael D'Amore and Michael Schlossberg, and Walter Felton, Candidate for District Justice. Walter Felton, brought three campaign persons with him, Candy,

Boima and Sandy and they each stayed for an hour to help us out before they had to go for the next event. We broke into teams, with Jim Molchany, Carol Pulham, Bill Anderson, Stacy Stone and Kevin and Christa Taylor, heading groups out S 12th St, S Jefferson, while others went west on Maple St and took on Madison and Franklin Streets.

Jim Molchany's group took on the Barrister's parking lot and the WPA steps down to MLK Dr, and left a wonderful pile on Spring Garden St.

Carol and Bill's groups combined to clean out Willow St, the alley behind Union St and left another proud pile. And you could see our work up Union St at so many corners, and a few more places.

All told I think we gathered more than 35 bags of trash, two mattress box springs, 5 tires, and 7 tall recycling containers that I took over to the Recycling Center or put out Monday night.

Wanda Archilla and Jeanie from Union St couldn't take part in last week's LANA clean up, so they did their own this Saturday – their block of Union plus the 100 blocks of S 12th St, Blank St and Jefferson.

I want to thank every one who has taken part in the clean up. It really makes a difference to different blocks, and it really brings us together.

Nicholas

CITY OPERATING POTHOLE HOTLINE

Motorists who encounter a pothole on streets maintained by the City of Allentown are urged to call the city's Pothole Hotline. Standing near a pothole on 14th Street between Allen & Tilghman streets this morning, Mayor Ed Pawlowski said callers to the city's Pothole Hotline at 610-437-8775 can generally anticipate action in 48 hours or less.

"The Streets Department recording asks callers to give the exact location of the pothole along with their name and telephone number in case the city needs to reach them to ascertain a more precise location," said Pawlowski.

Callers can reach the Pothole Hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 610-437-8775. The number can also be found on the home page of the city's website at www.allentownpa.gov.

PENNDOT OFFERS SOBERING REMINDER TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AS END OF SCHOOL YEAR APPROACHES

HARRISBURG – With proms, graduations and end-of-school-year parties fast approaching, PennDOT asks high school students and parents to remember the potentially deadly consequences of drinking and driving.

"The last few weeks of school are an exciting time, but can have devastating consequences if not celebrated safely – especially behind the wheel," said PennDOT Secretary Allen D. Biehler, P.E. "Drinking alcohol impairs a wide range of skills necessary for carrying out the multiple tasks and split-second decision making required when driving. We ask students to celebrate in a safe manner and avoid dangerous or aggressive behaviors when driving."

Drivers between the ages of 16-20 were involved in 1,614 alcohol-related crashes in 2008. Thirty-seven in that age group were killed in those crashes, including 24 drivers who had been drinking and 10 passengers. Three individuals in that age group were drivers of other vehicles involved in the crash who had not been drinking.

Pennsylvania's Zero Tolerance Law carries serious consequences for those under 21 who are convicted of driving with any amount of alcohol in their blood. PennDOT also reminds young drivers that they may lose their driving privileges for any underage drinking offense, whether or not a vehicle is involved.

It is against the law for an individual under the age of 21 to consume, possess or transport alcohol, or lie about their age to obtain alcohol and carry a fake identification card. If convicted, the minimum penalties are a fine of up to \$500, plus court costs; a 90-day license suspension for the first offense; a 1-year suspension for the second offense; and a 2-year suspension for the third and subsequent offenses. Parents play an important role in advising their teens on the dangers of drinking and drinking. In addition, adults may be held accountable if they supply alcohol to minors. If convicted of knowingly and intentionally supplying minors with alcohol, adults are subject to a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense and \$2,500 for each additional offense and face up to one year in jail. Adults are even liable for guests who drink in their homes.

In addition to not drinking and driving, PennDOT reminds young drivers to buckle up no matter where they are seated in a vehicle.

For more safety tips for teens and parents, visit the Teen Driver Information Center - www.dmy.state.pa.us Remember Don't Drink and Drive. Buckle UP.

**Next meeting: Saturday,
June 20, 2009, at 10 am**
Trexler House – Nicos Elias Funeral Home
1227 Hamilton Street
General Trexler's Home
Frank Whelan- speaker

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