



MAY 2014

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, May 17 10:00 am
Allentown Public Library

Our May 17 Meeting

At our upcoming meeting, we usually invite candidates running for the primary election – which takes place May 20 – but there are few if any contested local elections on our ballot. Make sure to come out to your polling place and vote on May 20!

Candidates and office holders are welcome to our LANA meetings at any time.

We have invited Allentown Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald to join one of our meetings. His schedule has been busy, but we may see him at our Saturday June 19 meeting, along with Library Executive Director Rene Haines. Please join us!

18 Trees, 25 Bags of Trash and Lots of Neighbors and Friends!

by Nick Butterfield

On Saturday April 19, many LANA members and friends met on Hamilton Street at 8am to plant trees in the 1200 block of our neighborhood. Rick Holtzman, Parks Superintendent, and Rick Howells, Parks Tree Inspector, and a number of other Parks City workers were already there putting out the trees in tubs alongside prepared spaces.

Donato and I were first to arrive at 8am, but the numbers swelled quickly with LANA neighbor Cheryl, and Pastors Don and Royce from Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church who gave a prayer to get us started. The tools were ready and so were we.

A backhoe dug each hole, Parks employees removed the tree from the tub, prepared it and dropped it in, and the LANA volunteers tucked the rest of the soil back in, followed by fresh compost still steaming.

Very quickly we were joined by nine friends from Keenan House – Lex, Robert, Rob, Andrew, Tom, Tony, Omar, Andy and Ross; also Reema, Leticia and Mrs. Leckner from the Allen High School Rotary Service Club; then Pat, Nicos and Genny, Rachel, Susan, and Diane from LANA; and at least five friends from West Park – Mar, John, Tom, and two Egolfs – and finally Pastor Bill Maxon and Dan from Christ Lutheran Church, beneficiary of several trees in front of the church and the parking lot on the south side of Hamilton Street. (We are ever grateful to Christ Lutheran Church for buying this lot, as it kept a big box store from coming in and changing our neighborhood).

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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
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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

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June Events in West Park

Saturday, June 21 Art-in-the-Park 10am-5pm
 Sunday, June 22 House Tour 11am-4pm
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18 Trees, continued

When Phyllis arrived for the 10am shift, we were just finishing up. Each tree has a 20 gallon water bag that the City will fill every week for nearly two years. Rick said these trees, non-shedding sycamores (plane trees) will take off quickly, growing to 60 or more feet tall and long lasting.

Thank you to Donato for the idea of this project, Nicos for following up with the businesses on the block, City Parks for finding and preparing the grant that paid for this, Keenan House, Lehigh Valley Presbyterian members coming out on a very busy day, and all the residents of LANA and West Park who helped out and made such a difference.

After that success, I was afraid that everyone would rest on their laurels. I was wrong!

We had a great turnout the following Saturday for our annual neighborhood clean-up: 15 or more from the LANA neighborhood, and I know of four others who did clean-ups in their own blocks. For newcomers, we had Jim, Shirley and Eissie from Madison St., Osvaldo also from Madison St., and Paul from Union St. Thank you.

Mayor Pawlowski greeted us, then we broke into groups led by Luke, Cheryl, Donato, Ardel, Jim and Phyllis. With the help of nine more from Keenan House, we took on Madison, 13th, 12th north-south, and going east-west, Maple, Walnut and Spring Garden streets.

Altogether we collected 25 bags of trash, a good collection of recyclables, plus the remains of a broken TV. Finishing, we enjoyed a nice lunch at Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church with our Keenan House friends.

We have had two successful efforts in two weeks - a bit of a stretch for all, but with the support of our friends we have succeeded very well.

Here's to our neighborhood, clean and green!