



Meeting is on Monday November 16, 2009
at 6:30 pm in the Public Library
basement conference room.

The 2010 Census by Francisco Sainz de la Pena
A census always attracts public attention because it is an event that occurs once every 10 years. Some people think that the information the census collects violates their privacy and can be used against their interests and personal property. That is not true. The main objective of the census is to count everyone who lives in the United States.

The 2010 Census will be conducted on April 1, 2010. You will receive the census form by mail. You will need only 10 minutes to complete the form. This time, the Census Bureau is using a short form. You will be asked to provide information about your household, such as if you rent or own your home. And six questions about each individual in the household, including name, sex, age, date of birth and race.

You do not have to provide your social security number or driver license number.

Vacant Dwellings & Vandalism - Things to be aware of

- Keep bricks, stones and other hard objects off the street, sidewalk and lots. They are easily used by juveniles to break a window or commit some other form of vandalism.
- Ask the city or the neighborhood to plant grass seed on vacant lots to beautify the area and reduce areas where broken bottles, bricks, etc., are located (and where trash gets dumped).
- Report persons who throw bricks, stones, etc., or who dump trash illegally – get license number and other descriptive data and report to the police; be willing to appear as a witness.
- Report persons who are inside a vacant structure.
- Report anyone who is selling copper tubing, sinks, toilet bowls and other household items in a used condition and for a low price; inquire about where this person got such items. Report such information or suspicious activity to the police.
- If restoring or working on a vacant dwelling, post a sign in the window for the entire neighborhood to see announcing who you are that you're restoring or working on the structure or grounds.
- Report anyone who has been working on a property but who is "working" in a vacant dwelling whether it is daytime or nighttime. Most contractors and workmen doing legal business have a sign posted or a building permit for all to see. Those that do not may be doing illegal things such as stripping the house.

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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

A Lehigh Valley Christmas 2009 in concert at the beautifully restored Allentown Symphony Hall on Sunday, November 29, 2009 at 7 pm. This is a live performance of Holiday Classics by seventeen of the area's Best Artists. For tickets, contact the Allentown Symphony Hall Box Office at 610-432-6715 or visit www.AllentownSymphony.org.

**Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhood
Call us to volunteer!**

Nick Butterfield: 610-770-1751
butterfield@allentowncity.org
Dottie Anderson: 610-435-6684
Phyllis Alexander: 610-437-3674
Marie Reph 610-439-8934

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 Butterfield at butterfn@aol.com

Expansion of Weed & Seed Area

Thirty persons from different neighborhoods met at St Paul's Church on October 27 to discuss expanding the Weed & Seed area to include surrounding neighborhoods.

Phyllis Alexander, Weed & Seed Coordinator, said a grant request for the new area must be submitted in November. Tonight's meeting was to discuss what residents would like.

Needs listed included:

Community Policing – 'An officer that we know well who knows us well'; more frequent drive- or walk-bys; more follow up to serious incidents, and roving/portable cameras.

Housing Support - Inspections, home loans and grants, façade loans, home ownership incentives and mortgage assistance, deconversions and increased pressure on the owners of substandard/unfit properties either to repair or sell.

Also job readiness support such as GED and ESOL classes to prepare people for employment.

After School Programs and Safe-havens for kids.

Developing a leadership from the community reflective of who's living there.

Street lighting and curb cuts throughout area.

Assets included architecture and parks in a compact area; good transportation availability; proximity to downtown historic sights, properties & cultural activities; active churches and other institutions such as the Library and YM/YWCA.

Phyllis Alexander with Mike Hefele and Alan Salinger from Planning will incorporate these recommendations into the plan. There will be one more meeting before the plan is sent to the State.

Nick Butterfield

Written Verification of Social Security Benefits: www.socialsecurity.gov

For loans and major purchases, state benefits, heat programs, and energy assistance to people with limited income and resources, you'll need to provide proof of your income. If you get Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, you can get proof of the amount of your benefit quickly and easily by going online. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Whatever your reason, Social Security makes it easy for you to get the written verification you need at www.socialsecurity.gov. Just look in the left column under "What you can do online," expand the "If you get benefits" section, and select the "Request a Proof of Income letter" link.

In addition to offering proof of your income, the letter is an official document that verifies your Medicare coverage, retirement or disability status, and age. The letter does not include your Social Security number.

From the time that you complete the online request, it will take about 10 days for you to receive the proof of income letter in the mail. If you need one sooner, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit your local Social Security office.

Happy Holidays

This is our last flyer of the year and November 16th will be our last meeting. We want to wish everyone in the Library Area Neighborhood - Best Wishes for these Holidays. We give Thanksgiving for our county, our family and our friends and neighbors; We celebrate the New Year. We find hope and new beginnings in many different ways.

Happy Holidays to All!!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10 am at the Library. Our other meeting dates are:

Sat. Feb. 20 @ 10 am	Mon. March 15 @ 6:30 pm
Sat. April 17 @ 10 am	Mon. May 17 @ 6:30 pm
Sat. June 19 @ 10 am	Mon. July 19 @ 6:30 pm
Sat. Aug. 21 @ 10 am	Mon. Sept. 20 @ 6:60 pm
Sat. Oct. 16 @ 10 am	Mon. Nov. 15 @ 6:30 pm

Our Accomplishments in 2009"

- * Good meetings! We have fun together and it makes a difference. We have had up to 43 people come out for a meeting.
- * We have a dedicated group of deliverers for the flyers; and we have Dottie Anderson calling residents about our meetings.
- * Mayor Pawlowski came to speak with us in May
- * The 4th Annual Clean-Up, with the help of Keenan House was quite successful.
- * In July we met at the Trexler Home, guest of Nicolas Elias
- * We provided the opportunity for residents to discuss pro's and con's of Habitat's proposed construction at the Program for Women and Families on Walnut St. Parking, vehicle safety and overcrowding were key concerns. The proposal was turned down by the Zoning Appeals Board.
- * Members got a tour of the Communications Center in August
- * We heard from both District justice Candidates in September.
- * We had a surprise party for Nick Butterfield on his retirement from the City.
- * Both Mayoral and all six City Council candidates spoke at our October Meeting.
- * We continue to report problems and concerns to the Police and City and the City has tried well to respond.