



OCTOBER 2014

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, October 18
10:00 AM
Allentown Public Library

Meeting with the Mayor

We are pleased to have Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski as our speaker for the Saturday October 18, 10:00 am meeting of the Library Area Neighborhood Association.

With the Arena's opening, we'd like to hear how all the changes and new construction may impact our neighborhood. Personally, I hope it will improve employment opportunities and restore housing values that were lost in the recession, but I would like to hear what Mayor Pawlowski has to say.

We have also invited candidates, and while I doubt we will have the governor or his opponent, we may have a few from local races.

Come on out and bring a neighbor.

Vote on Tuesday November 4

This year may feel like an off-year election. But we have our state's governor and lieutenant governor to vote for. We also have a state senate race in our district.

Voting is a privilege in many countries, and a right in ours, which many had to fight for. Don't take it for granted. Some elections have been decided by just a few votes. Make your vote count.

Besides - if you don't vote - how can you complain about anyone who has been elected?

September Meeting Notes

We were pleased to have nearly 25 residents come out for our speakers, our two district justices. Both are lifelong residents of Allentown.

Ron Manescu served 33 years as an Allentown Police Officer, rising to Assistant Chief of Operations, retiring in 2010 to become District Justice for an area that includes LANA south of Hamilton.

Rashid Santiago, a graduate of Widener School of Law, was an independent attorney. Prior to that he served as clerk to the Chief Judge of Berks County and as an intern and

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Mayor Ed Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
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Animal Control	610-437-7535
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Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
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Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366

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Next Meetings

Monday, November 17, 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 13 (Holiday Luncheon??)

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volunteer in the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office. His term started in January 2014. His district covers the north side of Hamilton in our neighborhood.

Although both have been trained and state certified, Manescu referred to his first year on the job as baptism by fire. The district justice hears the first charge in criminal cases, holds the preliminary hearing and sets bail conditions. He will preside at night court where the person has been incarcerated (although it can be done with video from his office) and serve on-call on weekends. He must also approve search warrants and Protection From Abuse orders. He will hear civil cases of up to \$12,000, hear landlord-tenant cases and truancy cases, and officiate at weddings.

Except for juvenile cases, hearing are open to the public. Children are not usually charged until age 13 – but the parents can be cited.

Since starting, Manescu notes that truancy cases have gone down. Truant officers are trying to work more in the school and by visiting the problem student. There is a daytime curfew – so call police if you observe young people not in school.

Rashid Santiago has similar duties. His territory includes Allen High School and Muhlenberg College, which has a number of under-age drinking cases. Between January and September of this year he has heard 500 landlord-tenant complaints, most of them brought by the landlord over rent. He notes that he and Manescu will share Arena complaints due to a 100 yard overlap.

Manescu added that he is on a task force overseeing and trying to reduce the county jail count. He noted most landlord-tenant cases come from unemployment and the inability to pay rent. Housing assistance has been greatly reduced. Regarding truancy, he finds many parents do not have the skills that would help keep their children in school.