



Meeting is on Tuesday,
September 20, 2010 at
6:30 pm at the Public Library.
Our speaker is Mayor Pawlowski.

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)	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

great food from the restaurants on 7th Street! Come join us and have some scary fun!

LANA in 2010

In March Leonard Lightner, BSS, talked to us about home repair loans both for home owners and landlords. During our April cleanup we collected 36 bags of trash, 8 tires, and more car parts. The six who came from Keenan House – Kevin, Raymond, Jeff, Steve, Lennie and Anthony were very helpful.

For the May meeting 22 of us enjoyed a neighborhood dinner at the 4-Aces at 13th and Hamilton.

After the June meeting we had a tour of the Communications Center. Mike Hilbert, Superintendent Communications, said last year the Comm Center received more than 215,000 calls, and turned these into 112,000 Police calls; 12,000 to Fire; 13,500 to EMS; 8,500 to the Parking Authority and about 2,000 to Public Works. About two thirds of the calls received now are from cell-phones and the number keeps growing.

We learned about the dispatchers duties, and watched the City's 64 cameras on video screens. A very worthwhile tour. Thank you Mike!!

Also in June several of us walked the 100 block of S Franklin with George Middlecamp, Building Safety & Standards (BSS) to point out problem properties. In July we walked with Mayor Pawlowski, and City Staff from the Library down maple St to 13th, up Union to Madison, then maple again, 14th St, Madison and 13th. Although there were small violations our neighborhood looked pretty good.

In August we took a vacation. It was hot and we were tired.

Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhoods

Call us to volunteer!

Nick Butterfield:	610-770-1751	butterfn@aol.org
Dottie Anderson:	610-435-6684	
Phyllis Alexander:	610-437-3674	
Marie Reph	610-433-1517	
Katrina Quintana	610-392-7838	
Julio Collazo	484-350-8150	

First Annual Day of The Dead Festival

Save the date of Saturday Oct 30th from 5pm to 9pm on N. 7th Street. Come celebrate this traditional festival where we pay tribute to our ancestors.

There will be a haunted house, vendors selling cool stuff, palm readers and spiritual advisors all along the street. We will have a salsa tasting, music, and lots of

National Design Experts Coming to Downtown Allentown

We Need Your Voice!!!! **Public Input Session** on Brew Monday, Sept. 27th from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Allentown Works, 812 Hamilton St, 3rd floor.

Continuing on the past visioning work for the Hamilton District, a team of national experts assembled by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) will conduct a planning event focused on Downtown Allentown. The AIA Center for Communities by Design has assembled a team of professionals from around the country to address topics such as downtown and main street development, adaptive reuse, preservation, transportation and parking, urban housing and urban design. Their program/approach is called SDAT, the Sustainable Design Assessment Team program,

working toward a sustainable future. We want you to attend one or both meetings!!!!!!

(For more information, call Lauren Giguere, Deputy Director of DCED at 439-5965 or email giguere@allentowncity.org)

Newsletter Editor and Note Recorder needed

Having a monthly newsletter has been a most valuable asset to our neighborhood. Far more people read it and use the telephone numbers to report problems or concerns than come to our meetings. For more than 10 years Debbie Nichols has gathered, edited and pieced together the newsletter. However she is finding that her family and back problems have made it necessary to cut down on her outside activities.

I help Debbie by writing articles and making it all fit, but it takes more than me. Please give me a call or e-mail to volunteer, and Deb and I will explain what is needed. Deb will still take charge of the printing. Nick Butterfield 610-770-1751 Butterfn@aol.com Because of my continuing hearing loss, I am requesting the help of a note-taker at our monthly meetings. Notes don't have to be long but would inform on what the speakers said and other issues that came up and need to be followed up. Thanks, Nick

Next meeting: Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Allentown Public Library basement community room.

Fire Prevention Week is October 3 – 9, 2010
The theme of this year's campaign is: *Smoke alarms a sound you can live with!*

Smoke alarms save lives - 65% of home fire deaths happen in homes with NO smoke alarms at all or no smoke alarms that work. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Safety Tips

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, use both alarm types or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save instructions for testing & maintenance.

- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.
- An ionization alarm with a hush button or photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement, in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.
- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights. Vibration equipment can be added to these alarms.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

Make your home escape plan

Draw a simple floor plan of your home showing all exits, including windows. Sit down with everyone in your home, talk about the two best ways to get out of each room and mark those exits on your plan.

Make sure all exits are clear. If you have security bars, make sure they have quick-release devices on the inside. Decide on a safe meeting place outside the home where everyone will gather after they have escaped a fire. Be sure everyone knows the emergency phone number of the local fire department. Make sure everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds to get out and stay out. Then **PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!**

Winterize your home:

Fire Safety: Check your smoke alarms. There should be one working on every floor. A future requirement to consider now is one in every bedroom. If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, replace them and remember to change batteries when daylight saving time ends.

Oil furnaces should be checked every year; gas furnaces every 3 years. Consider a Carbon Monoxide alarm in the house, one by your furnace and another by the bedrooms. Check your chimney to be certain it's not blocked and have it cleaned every 10 years.