

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.

PUC TO MEET WITH CITY RESIDENTS ON GAS METER PLACEMENT

Allentown City Hall will host the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for an informational meeting explaining the proposed gas meter placement rule and what it means for City residents. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 14.

The PUC will also explain how interested citizens can get involved in the rulemaking process. UGI has been invited to attend.

Those on 13th Street may remember last year when UGI started placing the meters on the front of homes. Many residents opposed that change and UGI permitted meters to stay inside at the owners request.

The proposed changes may allow the owner to request inside placement of the meter. We don't know for certain if this is only for designated historical districts, or also neighborhoods like ours.

This is an opportunity to provide your opinion. For a copy of the proposed rules change, contact Nick Butterfield.

The City will have a news release to promote the meeting. Look for it on the City website www.AllentownPA.gov.

Join us for Allentown Candidates Night

Allentown Crime Watch Presidents' Council invites the public to a Candidate's Night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 6 at the Lehigh County Senior Center, 1633 Elm Street (17th & Elm streets).



Candidates for City Council, School Board, Sheriff, Lehigh County Judge, District Attorney, Sheriff, Controller, and County Commissioner have been asked to make brief presentations and respond to questions prepared by the Crime Watch President's Council.

There will be opportunity at the beginning and end of the meeting to meet with candidates personally.

This year our City, School District and County are facing many issues - financial, services and much more. Those elected will be part of the decision-making on these issues.

Voting is important. Know your candidates.

Party on the Deck
Friday September 16th
Top level of the parking deck at 8th and Linden Streets

From 5-8pm on Friday, September 16th, the top level of the parking deck at 8th and Linden Streets will be transformed into a destination featuring live music by M80, local artists and refreshing beverages. Guests will experience an incredible view – as the backdrop will be the breathtaking skyline including landmarks like Martin Tower and Coca-Cola Park.

The cost for the event is only \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are on sale now! The price includes: admission, parking, entertainment and a drink voucher (beer, sangria, soft drinks or water). The event is for individuals 21 and over.

For more information on Party on the Deck contact Tara Craig at 610-437-7530 or by e-mail at craigt@allentowncity.org

CLIP & SAVE IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

To Report	Number
Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police: Non-Emergency (call to report graffiti)	610-437-7751
Loud Music/Noise/ working on cars in street	610-437-7751
Chief MacLean	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7626
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/ Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
- Roach, insect or mice infestation	
- No heat or water	
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
Shopping cart pick up	610-437-8729
Sweep Officer	610-437-8729
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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NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO IMPORTANTES**

**Mark your calendars
for LANA's Fall Meetings**

- Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.
- Monday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m.
- December Holiday Luncheon

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**Hotel Traylor approved to rent
50 rooms for month, or longer**

The Allentown Zoning Appeals Board has decided the Hotel Traylor may now rent all of its 50 hotel rooms for extended stays.

Dan McCarthy, Zoning Board Chair, said the decision aims to stabilize the struggling hotel and relieve pressure on the neighborhood. McCarthy said the board had a choice between "life with occupancy or life with vacancy, but over time, it's worse with vacancy."

The board also required the owners to supply parking for renters to ease the on-street parking congestion, an oft-heard complaint from nearby residents.

The owners, James Baiman and David Bodnar, said 99% of the tenants desired 30-day or longer rentals. This would also give the owners more control and a better understanding of who the tenants are. Rooms would be inspected by the City Code office and disruptive tenants could receive DCR's.

Baiman said it would help the hotel do better business while filling a void for longer-term housing. The hotel has 50 rooms, 33 apartments and eight to 10 commercial units.

Neighbors were unsure that the parking requirement would resolve street crowding, and expressed concern about what will happen if the restaurant reopens. Dave Bodnar assured the LANA group that there will be not be another bar like Hary's.

Residents were also concerned about the building's appearance. Jim Baiman said they had a landscaping plan, but were going slowly, doing major interior work first. Since buying the Traylor 30 months ago, they have repaired the non-working elevators and restored heat to the rooming units. "With oil at \$3 a gallon and banks not lending, it's a slow process" Baiman said.