



September 2013

LANA Meets Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. Allentown Library

Please attend our Library Area Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday September 16!

Rick Howells of the City's Parks Department will be joining us to discuss trees in our neighborhood, including what may be a response to beautifying or replanting the site along Martin Luther King Drive that was clear cut of trees to protect power lines.

Your presence at the meeting on September 16 is very important. Neighbors who wish to support the replanting of trees in our neighborhood, along Hamilton Boulevard and other locations, need to join us.

Also, if you would like to be heard regarding plans to beautify the clear cut site, now is the time. Mark your calendar for Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. We are so pleased that Rick Howells will be joining us. Please let me know your plans to attend. Thank you.

Upcoming LANA Meetings

Monday September 16, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 19, 10 a.m.
Monday November 18, 6:30 p.m.
(December holiday luncheon)

Tree Removal on Martin Luther King Boulevard

You've noticed the clear cutting off the trees along Martin Luther King Drive from S Jefferson to S Franklin Streets, at the border of our Library Area Neighborhood Association district. The cutting goes back for nearly 100 feet from the road.

Several of us are very concerned about this, how it changes the landscape and reduces our sound barrier. We have been in communication with the City of Allentown. LANA did not receive notice of this event, nor during the Mayor's walk, although a notice was sent to the Morning Call on August 16.

The City needed to remove trees to protect power lines, especially for the water treatment plant in the event we have another storm, like Storm Sandy or the October snowfall of the year before. (I am sure you all remember when power was out in our neighborhood for some 5 days due to fallen trees.)

The City consulted with the Wildlands Conservancy and the Lehigh County Conservation District about the cutting, but will wait to review the undergrowth, to develop a plan for replanting or beautifying that former greenway area of mature trees.

LANA's Neighborhood walk

More than 25 persons, including Mayor Ed Pawlowski, State Representative Michael Schlossberg and 8 City employees took part in a walkthrough the Library Area Neighborhood on a beautiful evening, Tuesday August 20.

We walked up 12th St., over to 13th, down to Walnut St., out to 11th St. and back to the Library on Maple.

Dave Paulus, Building and Safety Standards, wrote up problem properties, including 38 N 12th St. (row house boarded with open and broken windows on the 2nd and 3rd floor), 1246 Walnut St. (twin boarded with porch propped up for past two years) and 1104 Walnut ("Unsafe Structure" for past two years).

Tom Harper from Recycling took SWEEP complaints. We also had Fire Chief Robert Scheirer and Police Captain Keith Morris, and Phyllis Alexander, City Neighborhood Coordinator and our own resident.

Overall our neighborhood looked very good. This gave us the opportunity to talk about trees with John Mikowychok, Director Parks and Recreation, and Rick Howells, Tree Inspector. There's a gap on Hamilton we would like to see filled and other areas where trees are gone and should be replaced.

Rick Howells said there formerly was a plan for tree planting on Hamilton, and it may be possible to renew it. John Mikowychok said need to take ownership of trees when planted to ensure their survival and upkeep. Owners will get help with planting trees if they agree to do follow up care; there may be a cost to selection and planting

Our thanks to Mayor Pawlowski, Representative Schlossberg, City employees and LANA residents

for turning out and helping to highlight our neighborhood.

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Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7626
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Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Ed Pawlowski	610-437-7546
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Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
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