



SEPTEMBER 2014

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NEXT MEETING:  
Monday, September 15  
6:30 PM  
Allentown Public Library

## September Meeting

The Library Area Neighborhood Association next meets Monday September 15, 6:30 pm. Our guests will be the two Magisterial District Justices who serve our area, Ron Manescu and Rashid Santiago. I look forward to an interesting discussion of their experiences and observations.

## Walk with the Mayor Postponed

I want to thank each person who volunteered to walk with the Mayor on September 18. We had more than enough. However the City cannot do that date. I think it's best to leave it to next year.

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## July Meeting Notes

25 persons turned out to the Trexler Home on Hamilton St to hear Frank Whelan give us a fine story about how Harry Trexler took over the Lehigh Valley Transit Company when it went bankrupt in 1902.

Albert Johnson, the initial organizer for Lehigh Valley Transit, had a dream of making Allentown the hub of electric traction lines between Philadelphia and New York City. Unfortunately in 1902 he died while exercising with a wagon of beer barrels, leaving the company in receivership.

Trexler with other investors got the transit company working again, but refused to deal with the transit workers, to the point that they organized. When he fired the leaders

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Police Chief	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Ed Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/Problem Properties	610-437-7695
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- (Infestations, no heat/water)	
Street light out	610-437-7735
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-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
Streets	610-437-7638
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
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**Next Meetings**

Mon., Sept. 15 – Our Magistrates  
 Sat., Oct. 18 – Mayor Pawlowski & Candidates

*July meeting notes, continued*

rather than deal with them in 1906, they called out a general strike of all union people in Allentown.

Pennsylvania State Police troopers with their horses were called in by the Lehigh County sheriff. They tried to round up the union leaders, creating a near riot situation. It took more than a week of negotiations. The General, who would later chase Pancho Villa in Mexico, had no interest in that, but Fred Lewis, Allentown's former Mayor and Police Chief helped persuade him to settle things down, and get an agreement that gave the workers their jobs back but not much else.

The whole affair had given General Harry such a bad name with Allentown German-American populace that Trexler started thinking of what he could give to the community to make things better. The first was West Park, an empty field, and that may have been the start of his philanthropy.

The Trexler Home was built in 1897 for George Ormrod, partner of Trexler. Trexler bought it for his own home in the 1920's. When he died in 1933 he was laid in state in the home.

Our thanks to Nicos Elias for providing the Nicos Elias Funeral Home as a venue for this occasion. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of Frank Whelan's talks on Allentown history. We look forward to his return.

Police report: Lieut. David Reinhart said the recent West End burglaries, which included LANA, stopped with one person's arrest. While they cannot prove each burglary to the person, he fit the pattern.

-For noise and nuisance complaints Police are issuing Disruptive Conduct reports (DCR's) to tenants, or SWEEP tickets to owners.

-Captain Ryan and Police staff are holding weekly meetings to prepare for the opening of the Arena. The City has also brought in a traffic control expert to review traffic issues brought on by the Arena.