

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLD ALLENTOWN RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

Welcome to the District's Newest Business

Linden Street Deli and Grocery

Opened on June 1st this centrally located Deli and Grocery provides Spanish and American Groceries to the neighborhood. Owners Maria Reyes and her husband Raul are completely renovating the former Anastasia's Flower Shop into a bright, modern neighborhood store. The entire building is having a makeover, from the brickwork to the roof! The front of the building is being re-done through a façade grant from the Old Allentown Preservation Association.



Located at 1101 Linden St., the Deli and Grocery is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Sundays the shop is open 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

A Grand Opening is being planned for late Summer or early Fall - watch for the date! Drop in and introduce yourself and help to support this new business in the District.



Façade Grants Program

Grants for façade work for improvement to the front of houses in the Old Allentown District are available through the Old Allentown Preservation Association. Applications are being accepted for work beginning next year. Funds are limited and will be approved and distributed in order of submission. Complete information on the Façade Program as well as the application may be obtained at www.oldallentown.org



"New Trash and Recycling Schedule"

"The City of Allentown has announced new trash and recycling collection nights for certain parts of the Old Allentown area that will take effect the week of August 10. Post cards are being mailed containing information specific to each address. Please check your mail.

For the part of Old Allentown from 7th up to but not including 11th :

CURRENT: Tuesday and Friday trash and Tuesday recycling

NEW: Will now have Sunday and Wednesday trash and Sunday recycling

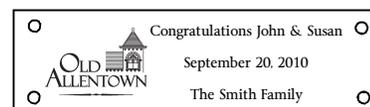
For the part of Old Allentown from 11th to 12th:
NO CHANGE in collections

If you haven't received the post cards, you can obtain your new night information by going to the City's website at www.allentownpa.gov and following the prompts for trash and recycling information or you may call the Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste at [610-437-8729](tel:610-437-8729). Thank you for your cooperation and keeping Allentown Clean & Green!"



Summer/Fall Project

Planters are still in the process of being placed in the District in late Summer and early Fall! The Association is recycling the old cement trash receptacles that were used throughout the City. Initial placement will be 10th to 12th streets on Chew St. The planters will be permanent and will beautify the neighborhood. The Association will be offering attractive memorial plaques to be purchased and placed on the planters. Celebrate a wedding, birth or any other life event. Commemorative Plaques are \$100, 2' x 5', and will be attached to the planters.



Contact: info@oldallentown.org
Call: 610.217.4930 Plaques courtesy of Waitz Corp.

Mans Best Friend - or not?

Dog Waste Facts:

1 - Dog Poop is **NOT** fertilizer! Contrary to popular opinion not all poop is created equal. Dogs have a high acidic waste product that is bad for grass and can leave parks, right of ways and your backyard looking like, well, not looking like much at all.

2 - Dogs are a very significant host of bacteria that is harmful to humans. One gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. Dog waste can spread giardia and salmonella as well.

3 - Parasites from dog waste can be passed on to children, other dogs and even back to themselves. Some ailments that can affect humans are: Parvo Virus, Trichinosis, Whipworms, Hookworms, Roundworms, Giardia and Coccidia.

4 - One pile of pet waste can take a **year or more** to fully breakdown.

Far more info than you ever wanted to know about your favorite furry friend's business, right? But, it's true. Your Dog may be YOUR best friend - but your neighbors may not feel the same way when they have to deal with waste in parks or on the sidewalks.

Please be courteous and make sure that all waste is properly picked up and disposed of correctly.



Allentown Facts:

1 - Not cleaning up after your pet is a violation of the City Ordinance. Tickets in the amount of \$25 or \$100 may be issued.

2 - Walking Domestic Pets between 4th & 12th Streets on Hamilton St., inside the Union and West End Cemetery and inside the Old Allentown Cemetery is prohibited.



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Cultivating Our Future Together

Spring Project

Through the City's "Love Our City" Grant the Old Allentown Preservation Association completed the Spring Rose Project. There is a new rose garden in the Union and West End Cemetery from 10th to 12th Streets on Chew Street. There are a total of 138 rose bushes in the garden. There were an additional four roses placed at the 12th Street Navy cannon memorial. All of the roses are showing growth and look great!

The project was completed over a four week period from May 18th through June 8th. Volunteers from the schools and neighborhood helped out clearing and raking the garden, digging the holes, mulching and finally planting the rose bushes. The City Parks Department initially cleared and weeded the garden, also supplying the mulch and a watering truck on planting day to give the roses a good soaking. Fortunately the weather has cooperated with regular downpours to give them a good start in the first year. The Association is supplying on-going maintenance to the roses.



The Union and West End Cemetery is the 2nd oldest in the City. There are over 700 Civil War Veterans interred making it the largest Civil War Cemetery outside of Gettysburg! This is a lasting, sustainable improvement in the District that will supply beauty for years to come.



Old Allentown Preservation Association Membership

As you look around Old Allentown, take notice of the beautiful Bronze Plaques on some of the homes designating the year the house was built. These plaques are available through the Association at a cost of \$75. As a member, plaques are available for \$60 - a \$15 savings. House Tour tickets are \$15, as a member you will pay \$10. The newsletter will be emailed to you. Members are also invited to the Annual Holiday Party and Meeting hosted by the Association.

Your yearly membership helps with promotions and on-going projects throughout Old Allentown. Membership applications and information are available at the OAPA Office, 147 N. 10th Street or via email by contacting info@oldallentown.org.



Meet Our Facade Grant Manager Lauren Golden

Submitted by: Diane Teti

A Lehigh Valley native and Parkland graduate, Lauren currently resides in her family home in Kuhnsville, which she is renovating with an eye towards ownership at some point in the future. But her experience is not limited to this farmhouse built in 1865. Lauren got her first job in preservation when she was 15 as an office assistant for Noble Preservation Services.

She was then inspired to work towards a masters degree in historic preservation. Her interest took her to the University of Pittsburgh, where she quickly realized she didn't want an undergraduate degree in architecture. After four years in California working in construction, Lauren proceeded to obtain a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a dual major in art history and drawing. Lauren, who saw the parallels between art and architectural history, came home while applying for masters programs. During that time she spent a year working at the Allentown Art Museum.

Working on her Masters from Clemson University, Lauren spent time in their program at the College of Charleston, where she wrote her thesis on the architectural hardware of Drayton Hall. A plantation house, built in 1738, it is a national historic landmark just outside of Charleston. Drayton was the only plantation house not burned during or after the Civil War because its owner, a doctor, put up signs around the perimeter stating it was a "small pox hospital".

When not managing our facade grant program or renovating her bathroom, Lauren enjoys outdoor activities such as running in the parkway, rock climbing, hiking or biking. She serves on the board of the Allentown Preservation League. Lauren also owns her own company, Golden Preservation Company, which involves a lot of desk work and research. Being the Facade Grant Manager is a complement to this work and gives Lauren hands on experience while allowing her to flex her construction muscles she doesn't otherwise get to use.

"Allentown's buildings aren't necessarily significant as individual buildings; they are significant as a group or as a neighborhood. The facade program addresses the individual needs of each building in the service of preserving the significance of the group. Any building - old or new - requires maintenance. What old buildings suffer that new buildings don't, are years of inappropriate maintenance. This program serves to historically correct inappropriate maintenance or alterations to historic facades".

Excited to be a part of our program and the revitalization of Allentown, Lauren feels "it's a very different place than the one I left 11 years ago and that's exciting."



Houses for Sale in the District

The following houses are currently listed for sale in Old Allentown with a local real estate office. We encourage you to take a drive by and contact the listing office for more information on these homes. Listings as of July 29, 2014.

339 N 10th Street \$15,000
942 W Pine Street \$34,000
931 North Street \$37,900
233 N Poplar Street \$54,900
940 W Chew Street \$62,500
926 W Chew Street \$79,900
924 Oak Street \$79,900
1038-1040 W Turner Street \$85,000



1026 W Liberty Street \$86,500
409 N 9th Street \$97,000
142 N 10th Street \$124,900
140 N 10th Street \$139,900
144 N 10th Street \$139,900
425 N 9th Street \$140,000
138 N 11th Street \$143,200
446 N. 10th Street \$324,900

