

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLD ALLENTOWN RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 2015

Featured Business - Kow Thai - 1201 W. Linden St.

This Thai food restaurant has been in business for 10 years. The current owners, Pheraphat (Peter) Phromsorn and Dean Curtis took over the business two years ago. Peter creates Thai food that he mastered while working with his family at their restaurant in Thailand. His regional specialties and Cosmopolitan cuisine are influenced by the original family Bangkok recipes, thereby offering the most authentic Thai food in the Lehigh Valley.



Dean's favorite dish is the Green Curry with Pork. The most requested dishes on the menu are the red and green curries, Pad Thai and drunken noodles. The Golden Grub award was awarded for the #1 Pad Thai in the region. Numerous vegetarian and vegan dishes are always on the menu. All of the food is purchased fresh from local Asian markets as well as New York and Philadelphia, Dean makes sure that he personally picks out only the freshest items! The menu is reasonably priced and the food is always prepared by the order. There are many regular customers that enjoy the convenience of take out, which comprises the majority of the business. Take out may be ordered no later than 8:00pm Monday through Friday by calling 610.770.9100. The hours of business are 11:00 am until 8:30 pm.

Since taking over the restaurant Dean and Peter have redesigned the interior by opening up the kitchen, updating the motif, streamlined the cooking line and revamping the menu. If you have time there is a small sitting area where you can observe Peter creating a hand crafted meal for you while you engage in some friendly conversation with Dean. It is well worth the time to savor this local and appealing restaurant.



Community Need

The Union & West End Cemetery is looking for a reliable snow removal person to take care of snow removal on its sidewalks. Preference given to applicants who live within one mile of the Cemetery. Salary negotiable. Snow blower, gasoline, and de-icer provided.



Call UWE President Everett Carr for details, 484-951-1568

2015 Residential and Commercial Façade Program

The Center City Initiative is now accepting applications for Façade Grants for the 2015 construction season. Grants are available for both residential and commercial properties.

The Façade Program is aimed at improving the external appearance of properties in Center City, within the bounds of Tilghman St (N.), Union/MLK (S), Jordan Creek (E) and N. 12th St (W). Maximum grant amounts are \$10,000, however, not all applications are guaranteed to receive the maximum amount. Proposed façade grant proposals should preserve the original building design and be compatible with the architectural character of the surrounding neighborhood. Eligible improvements include: removal of brickwork, brick and stone masonry repair, exterior woodwork, doors and windows, painting, awnings, exterior lighting and repair to Mansard and peaked roofs. Façade grants do not include roof replacement, interior work or landscaping.

Grants of up to \$10,000 (no cash match required) are available for income qualified home owners whose total household income is at or less than 80% of the prevailing area median income. Also eligible are occupied residential buildings of no more than four units, whose owner is at or below the 80% of the area median income. If the applicant's total household income exceeds 80% of the area median income, the applicant is responsible for 50% of the project. A 50% match is also required if the property has five or more units.

Applications are available at and will be submitted to: CADCA, attn: Peter Lewnes. CADCA is currently located at: 443 N. 7th St., Allentown, PA 18101, however, they are in the process of moving to: 523-525 N. 7th St., Allentown, PA 18101. If approval is granted by the Committee and the work is approved by the City the applicant will pay a \$300.00 processing fee which is non-fundable.

Facade improvements on buildings located in designated historic districts shall be subject to design standards and review administered by the HARB. In designated historic districts, a Certificate of Appropriateness from the city must be received before the commencement of any exterior work can take place.

Improvements on properties not located within Old Allentown or Old Fairgrounds but located within an area determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places will conform to The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and reviewed by the Program Manager for compliance.



The property may not have any outstanding municipal debt, including but not limited to city taxes, utilities, or other municipal liens.

OAPA Annual Meeting - Friday, January 9, 2015

CONGRATULATIONS to Edward Morrison, Diane Teti and Joe Calhoun on your re-election to the Board of Directors and to Tricia Morska and Steven Ramos on being elected to the board.



Over 50 guests were in attendance at the annual meeting. Eight new memberships were received as well as eight renewals. A total of \$724.00 was collected between membership dues, the raffle auction and the 50/50 raffle.

The next Board Meeting of 2015 will be held on Wednesday February 11th at 6:30pm at the office at 147 N. 10th Street. All members and district residents are invited to the public part of the meeting at 6:30pm. Come and meet your neighbors! Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



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 Meeting hosted by the Association.

Your yearly membership helps with promotions and on-going projects throughout Old Allentown. Attached is a membership application which is also available at the OAPA Office, 147 N. 10th Street, on our website www.oldallentown.org or via email by contacting info@oldallentown.org.



Old Allentown Preservation Association Membership Application - 2015

By showing your support of Old Allentown and renewing or signing up for a membership you are ensuring that we maintain the strength that has carried us for nearly 40 years. You will also receive announcements about events and news in our district and have the opportunity to join our committees and make a difference in our neighborhood.



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Individual Membership	\$25.00
Family Membership	\$40.00
Senior or Student Membership	\$15.00
Business Membership	\$80.00

Mail form and check to: OAPA, 147 North 10th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Please take a few moments to answer the following questions:

Are you interested in volunteering? _____

(We will get back to you with information regarding your particular area of interest for volunteering - Thank you in advance)

Are you interested in joining a committee? _____

(We will email you information about our current committees)

The official registration and financial information of the Old Allentown Preservation Association may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Please

DO NOT place your TV or computer at the curb.

They are no longer collected with your trash.

FREE Electronic Recycling for Allentown Residents

1401 Oxford Drive (at the city's yard waste site)

Winter Hours:

- Saturdays, February 7, March 7 & December 5
- 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Dates and times are subject to change.

Accepted items: computers, keyboards, laptops monitors, electronics, printers, scanners and televisions*

*one projection TV or two regular TVs per vehicle per day.



Regular Hours:

- April through November
- On the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Por favor

No coloque su televisor O computadora en la acera.

Estos artículos ya no se recogen con la basura.

Reciclaje de Electrónicos

para los Residentes de Allentown Gratis

1401 Oxford Drive (centro de desperdicios de jardín)

Horario de Invierno:

- Sábados, 7 de Febrero, 7 de Marzo y el 5 de Diciembre
- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Las fechas y horarios están sujetos a cambios.

Artículos aceptados: computadoras, teclados, monitores, electrónicos, impresoras, escáneres y televisores*

*una televisión de proyección o dos televisores regulares por vehículo por día.



Horario Regular:

- Abril a Noviembre
- El primer y tercer Sábado de cada mes
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ANIMAL CONTROL

VACCINATION AND LICENSING Dogs & cats 3 months and older **MUST** be vaccinated against rabies and dogs **MUST** have a current Lehigh County license. Information must be provided to the Animal Control Officer upon request.

BARKING Pet owners must take measures to prevent their pets from excessive barking and making annoying noise.

WALKING YOUR PET All animals must be secured by a leash. Animal droppings must be picked up immediately. No domestic animals are permitted in the Old Allentown Cemetery, 10th & Linden.

Look for the new pet waste stations in the city. These pet stations help areas stay clean.

AT YOUR HOME Animal owners must provide adequate water, food, and clean and proper shelter both indoors and outdoors. Pet owners are required to pick up all animal droppings on their property daily.

Please call Animal Control at 610-437-7535 with any questions. SWEEP tickets are issued for violations of the Animal Control Ordinance.



Electronics Recycling - Saturday, January 10, 2015

The 1st quarterly recycling pick up event of this year was a huge success. Despite the frigid temperatures we collected and recycled 12 crates of electronics - enough to fill half of a semi-trailer! The truck was full before noon - additional items were placed in the OAPA office and then taken to the recycling center the following Monday.

Penske Rentals supplied the truck for the day - a huge thank you goes out to them!

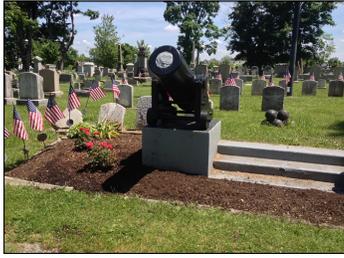


January 10, 2015

Our next re-cycling date is Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 11 - 2:00 pm. Once again, a truck will be available outside of the OAPA office at 10th and Turner Street.

Please do not bring TV's over 32" or oversized objects. **Take note of the re-cycling dates that the City is offering and drop off your larger items on these dates.**

There is a noticeable difference in the amount of abandoned items in the district. Keep up the good work everyone!



May & June Rose Project



September Tree Planting



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2014 Retrospective - Old Allentown

January - Annual Meeting

April - Participated in the History Expo at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum

Earth Day Tree Planting - 700 Block of Chew St.

May - House Tour & Street Festival

Pocket Park Clean Up - Fountain and Turner

May - June - Rose Project - Chew St., 10th - 12th

June - First Monday

Tree Wells, 900 Block of Turner

July - Participated in Promise Neighborhood Block Party

August - HARB Historic District Presentation Hosted

September - Tree Planting - 800 Block of Chew St.

Electronic Recycling Event and "Flower & Flea"

October - Pocket Park Landscaping

Progressive Dinner with West Park Association

Halloween Treats for Neighborhood Children

November - Christmas Tree Lighting & Children Activities

Newsletters published Quarterly

Façade Program

Thanks to all of our neighbors,
members and Volunteers

Old Allentown Preservation Association Board

Chris Brown, President Gerry Pegues, Vice President

Edward Morrison & Alex Rolon, Treasurer

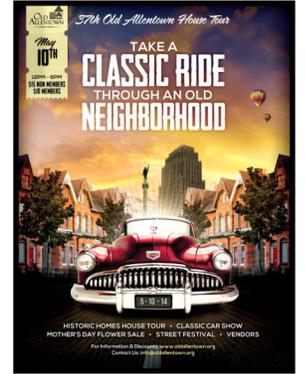
Angie Johnson, Secretary

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Joseph Calhoun Shane Fillman Wendie Lazansky Tricia Morska Steven Ramos Diane Teti

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May 10th House Tour



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Christmas Tree Lighting

Homes for Sale in the District - The following houses are currently listed for sale in Old Allentown with a local real estate office. The Old Allentown Preservation Association is not selling these homes. We encourage you to take a drive by and **contact the listing office** for more information on these homes. Listings as of February 3, 2015.



139 N 10th Street #1 \$795

217 N Fountain Street \$850

930 Oak Street \$900

336 N 8th Street \$945

1036 W Chew Street \$1,150

326 N Lumber Street \$26,500

221 1/2 N Fountain Street \$34,900

931 North Street \$37,900

415 N 9th Street \$44,900

1135 Chestnut Street \$59,000

940 W Chew Street \$59,500

509 W Washington Street \$59,900

435 W Liberty Street \$60,000

951 Gordon Street \$65,000

1038 1040 W Turner Street \$69,900

532 1/2 W 15th Street \$75,000

926 W Chew Street \$79,900

501 N 8th Street \$94,900

409 N 9th Street \$97,000

309 10th Street \$109,900

1036 W Chew Street \$109,900

1012 W Chew Street \$114,900

142 N 10th Street \$119,900

140 N 10th Street \$129,900

144 N 10th Street \$129,900