



Midway Manor Vibes

January/February/March 2016 Edition
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Message from the Board

A very happy "2016" to all our residents and members. A few thoughts as we begin a new year.

- Congratulations to Ruth O'Connell who was named as our 2015 Citizen of the Year.
- Welcome to the many new families who moved into our neighborhood last year;
- Let's keep an eye out on our senior neighbors, especially during the winter months;
- If you are concerned about the well being of a senior neighbor or relative you can contact the Lehigh County Information Referral for assistance; the number 610-782-3200;
- Welcome to our newest board and committee members, Anna Claudio, Corresponding Secretary, and Charlie Harris and Jim Searfoss, Security Patrol;
- Congratulations to Litza Montanez, Midway Manor resident and chair of our Children's Activities committee, for winning the title of Mrs. Pennsylvania American Beauty;
- With the crows tearing up the garbage we recommend using a garbage can when placing trash at the curb;
- Thanks to all who fly the American flag at their homes; remember to replace torn or worn flags when needed;
- Thanks to the Lou Ramos Center for hosting our monthly meetings and this year's Children's Holiday Party;

MMCA Board

President -- Richard Wilburn	610-435-2678
Vice Pres. -- Dolly Spade	Unlisted
Recording Sec. -- Sue Irelan	610-437-2778
Treasurer -- Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550
Corres.Sec --Anna Claudio	610-865-5602



Happy New Year!

2016



MMCA Events in 2016

Monthly Association Meetings

The Midway Manor Community Association meets the first Monday of the month at 7PM. Meeting dates for 2016 are:

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January 4th
February 1st
March 7th
April 4th
May 2nd
June 6th

July 11th
August 1st
September 12th (nomination of officers)
October 3rd (election of officers)
November 7th
December 5th

Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to ritaandtom@gmail.com by March 15th and are subject to approval and editing.

Meal Delivery Dates:

January 11, 2016
February 8, 2016
March 7, 2016

Other Midway Manor Events

March 19*	Easter Egg Hunt
April 16*	Opening Day
July 9*	Summer Celebration
Sept 10	Yard Sale
Sept 24	Barkfest
Oct 29*	Halloween Parade
Dec 10*	Children's Christmas Party

*Tentative dates

Please join our Facebook Group "Midway Manor Community Association". If you join the group you will receive email announcements of upcoming MMCA activities.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

MIDWAY MANOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Ruth O'Connell

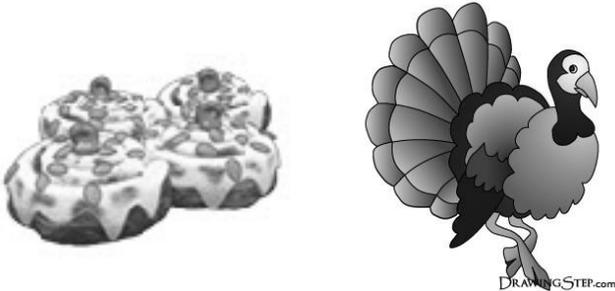


Congratulations to our 2015 Citizen of the year, Ruth O'Connell. Ruth has been involved in numerous association activities for many years. She is the head of our welcoming committee, co-chairs the membership committee, volunteers at the snack shed, and is always willing to pitch in where needed; Ruth is also heavily involved in the Dieruff Alumni Association, including running an afterschool program called "Sew What Club"; please congratulate Ruth when you see her!

Congratulations from the Board of the Community Association for a job WELL DONE.



**Thank You
Carol Yenik & Janet
Laubach for the delicious
Pumpkin Rolls prepared
for residents of Midway
Manor at Thanksgiving**



New Neighbors

Do you have new neighbors on your block? While you were out walking, have you seen a moving van in front of a house? If you have, please let the welcoming committee know. We would like to give these new neighbors a bag containing pamphlets about Allentown, recycling, and other helpful information. Please call me with the address of the new residents

Ruth O'Connell
610-432-5022

**Midway Manor on the Web
and Facebook**

For updated Midway Manor Community Association news visit our website at www.midwaymanor.org.

If you would like to receive neighborhood alerts via email send a request using the **"Email"** link on the website. Email alerts will not display email addresses in order to protect the privacy of our members.



Also join our facebook group "Midway Manor Community Association".

**Join the Midway Manor
email alert system**

Many participants in the Midway Manor email system have commented on how helpful these alerts have been. The alerts are used to warn of criminal activity, reminders of upcoming meetings and events, trash pickup changes, and other time sensitive issues affecting our neighborhood.

If you would like join the email alert system, email your email address to info@midwaymanor.org.

The alerts **do not** show the email addresses of the members.

Another source for timely information is our facebook page, Midway Manor Community Association.

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Website: www.midwaymanor.org
Email: info@midwaymanor.org
Facebook: Midway Manor Community Association
Address: P.O. Box 4236, Bethlehem, PA 18018

Midway Manor Committees

Athletic Director – Eric Wilburn	610-439-3469
Audit – Lynn Lewis	484-201-5812
BARKFEST – Christine Hill	610-821-4229
Bulletin Board – Patty Wilburn	610-439-3469
Children’s Activities –	
Membership – Sandy Wilburn	610-435-2678
Security Patrol – Charles Harris	484-347-9114
Shed -	
VIBES – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550
Welcoming – Ruth O’Connell	610-432-5022
Yard Sale – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550

Shed Manager Needed

The Board is seeking someone who would be willing to run the shed. The income from the shed is one of our largest fund raisers. The individual(s) would be responsible to open the shed for the activities held on the field, purchase supplies, and prepare financial reports for the Treasurer.



MEALS TO SENIORS

The new “Meals to Seniors” program has been an overwhelming success; donations to the program amounted to \$804.50 last year, which will keep it funded for years to come;

Special thanks to Carol and Janet for running the “Meals” program;



*What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
A thesaurus.*

Mrs. Pennsylvania Winner from Midway Manor

It is with great joy, I come to you as your friend and neighbor. I was born in Puerto Rico and came to Pennsylvania when I was 21. I have 4 kids and have been married for 18 years. I'm a cosmetology teacher for 5 years and I work at the Beauty Institute for over 2 years. I love the field and have a passion for seeing my students be successful.

I decided to be in the Mrs. Pennsylvania American Beauty Pageant because I want to be a role model for my girls and to help out my community. Being Mrs. Pennsylvania is such an honor to represent this state that I truly love. I am looking forward to being involved in the community and hearing all your concerns.

Please free to find me on FB Litza Montanez and also feel free to call my advisor (Mrs. Marisol Bracken @ [484-929-8759](tel:484-929-8759)) to schedule any events you would like me to attend.

I thank you all for your support.

May God bless you all,

Mrs. Litza Montanez
Mrs. Pennsylvania American Beauty
Representative

DISCOUNTED BJ's WHOLESALE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Midway Manor Community Association members are eligible for discounted BJ's memberships. (All paid MMCA members are eligible, not just residents.) The discounted membership price is \$25, and the membership will run from November 2015 – November 2016. The \$25 covers an individual membership not family. Contact Patty Wilburn at 610-439-3469 or at looneytunefan@rcn.com to obtain an enrollment form.

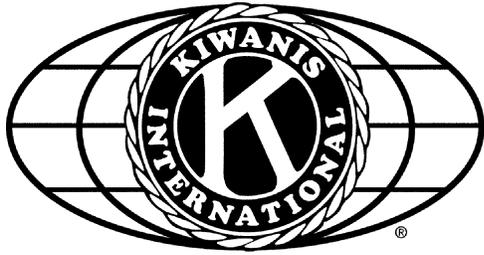
Scratch a dog and you'll
find a permanent job.

[Franklin P. Jones](#)

Keep your
outside light
on at night



*I'm reading a book
about anti-gravity.
I just can't put it
down.*



“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.”

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast meets 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon and the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at Denny’s Restaurant, 1871 Catasauqua Road, Allentown. Visitors are always welcome

Contacts can be made with:

- S Catherine Kane, President
- Diane Farleigh, President Elect
- Andrea Naugle, Secretary
- Dennis Pearson, Treasurer

The Kiwanis Club is PROUD to sponsor –

- ❖ The Key Club at Dieruff High School
- ❖ Students of the Month at Ritter Elementary School
- ❖ Midway Manor Community Association



2016 MMCA MEMBERSHIP

Our 2016 MMCA membership campaign is underway. The annual fee is \$15.00 per household, \$10.00 for **senior** (60 and over) households. Our mission is to provide a pleasant and safe environment in which to live. It is composed of neighbors helping and caring for neighbors. We also help the children and youth of Midway Manor to be actively involved in healthy sports activities in the spring, summer and fall. Please join and be a part of helping to keep Midway Manor the best neighborhood in Allentown. Membership includes free participation in association events which include children’s holiday activities, sports programs for children ages 5 - 14, and any other activity sponsored by MMCA.

Use the attached envelope to mail or drop off your check (payable to the Midway Manor Community Association) to:

Sandy Wilburn
1039 N. Van Buren St.
Allentown, PA 18109

Membership cards can be picked up at the Wilburn’s or at any Community Association Meetings.

The Vibes can be found on the City of Allentown’s web site, in the neighborhood groups section at: <http://www.allentownpa.gov/Community/NeighborhoodGroups/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

On a Personal Note...

Having a baby? Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation? Contact Tom Schweyer at ritaandtom@gmail.com and we will announce your special event in the Vibes.

A NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Officers and Committee Chairpersons and volunteers of the Midway Manor Community Association. The Officers and Committee Chairpersons have made my job as President an easy task, one of which I get great pleasure. Because of the dedication of these individuals Midway Manor is recognized by the city as one of the best areas in the city and uses our neighborhood as a model for others.

I firmly believe that Midway Manor is a "one of a kind" place to live and raise a family. Sandy grew up in the neighborhood and we raised our two sons here. Eric came back to the neighborhood after getting married to raise his children here. Because of our belief that it is important to give back to your community we have been very active in the functions of the Community Association during the times while our children were growing up and again when our grandchildren were participating in the activities of the Association.

It has always been the purpose and desire of the board to provide activities for all residents and promote an atmosphere of neighborliness. We believe in providing supervised recreation for our children through our sports programs and holiday parties. We believe in taking care of our older residents by providing meals and other assistance where necessary. We try to alert the neighborhood about problems and announcements that affect the neighborhood through our email, Facebook page, and web site. We attempt to make new residents feel welcome by providing them with information about the neighborhood and city shortly after they arrive in the neighborhood. We hopefully provide useful information through this publication. The Board and the group of residents who meet each month are always trying to find remedies to needs and problems that arise.

Unfortunately, some of the activities that were once an annual event have been discontinued due to lack of volunteers. We ask in each of these publications and through word of mouth for volunteers to come forward to help provide assistance or take charge of projects and activities.

We are currently in need of volunteers to continue to provide programs for our residents.

- Soccer Coordinator
- Shed Coordinator
- Children's' Activities Coordinator
- Grounds/Field Coordinator



Without someone stepping forward to fill these positions, activities cannot and will not be provided.

I realize how difficult it may be for you to find extra time in your busy schedules to volunteer time and get involved. Most people say they will help but do not want to be in charge because of the time and responsibilities. We will accept Co-Coordinators if that will encourage you to get involved. I believe that we all must take a look at our priorities and decide what is important for us, our families and our neighborhood.

Richard Wilburn, President
Midway Manor Community Association

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS



1145 N. Wahneta St.
Luis Murillo



1123 N. Van Buren St.
Gladys Wiles



1151 N. Van Buren St.
Soda and Joe Kassis



1131 N. Wahneta St.
John and Kim Hippensteal

Thank you also to our judges for a job well done.



MMCA SPORTS

The sports program is in desperate need of help. We are looking for volunteers to run/help with:

- Uniform distribution and collection
- Fundraisers
- Sports Signups and Roster Maintenance
- Field Preparation and Maintenance
- Coaches

Soccer Coordinator needed. Anyone willing to run or help with running the soccer program please contact ericfav22@rcn.com. After 10 years of service to the soccer program, Eric has decided to step down running the soccer program. The Manor needs people to step up to help continue the program or there will not be a spring season.

Training will be provided. If individuals do not step up to fill these responsibilities there will not be a 2016 spring sports soccer program.

Sports sign-up dates will be decided by the individuals running the signups.

Coach Eric is willing to stay on as Athletic Director but because of other responsibilities he will no longer be available to complete the tasks listed above. He will be available to train new volunteers and answer questions about the program.

The Board appreciates all the time and hard work that Eric has given to the sports program and children of our community. He has been an excellent role model for our children and an asset to the program. We are happy that he has agreed to stay on as Athletic Director to help with any transition necessary.

We are hoping that someone will step up soon to make sure that the spring program will continue without interruption. Please contact Eric or any Board member.



It is my great HONOR to announce that our own.....

ROCKY RIVELLO (Coach Rocky) has WON the EPYSA (Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association) Recreational COACH OF THE YEAR for 2015!!!!

He will be honored in Philadelphia on March 12th 2016 for his dedication to the youth of Midway Manor. We are honored and blessed to have such a great man, friend, and coach working with our children.

Congratulations to Coach Rocky and the entire Rivello family!!

This is not an Allentown award...this is not a Northern Valley Youth Soccer League Award...this Award is for Coach of the Year across ALL of Eastern Pennsylvania.

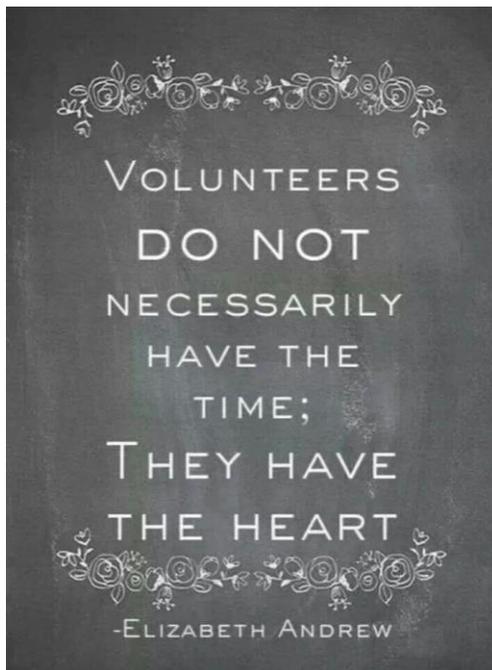
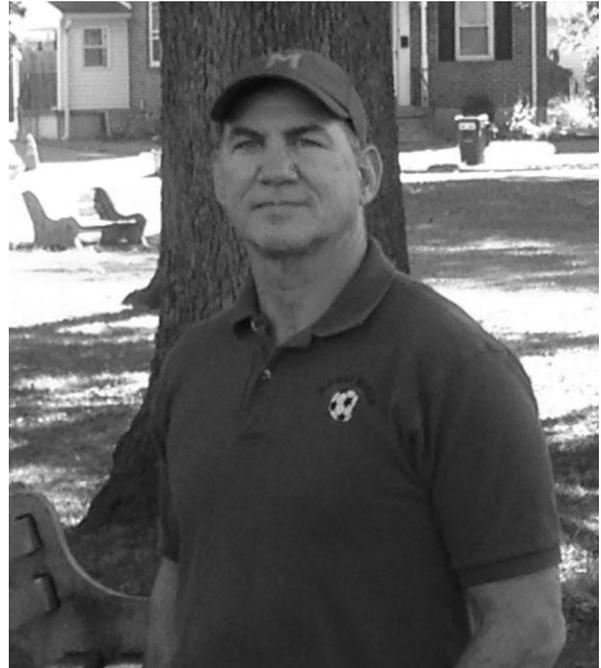
When you see him...make sure you share your appreciation and give Rocky congratulations for all of his years of dedication and hard work with your children.

Again, Midway Manor sends it's love and thanks to Coach Rocky.

Happy Holidays everyone.

Eric Wilburn

MMCA Athletic Director



*The board of the Midway Manor Community Association congratulates Rocky and says **THANK YOU!!!** for all the hours you have dedicated to the children in our sports program. Rocky, who is not a resident of Midway Manor, is truly an example of what volunteerism and dedication is about. It is an honor knowing him and being able to call him a friend. He is a true friend of Midway Manor.*

5 STEPS TO SLASH YOUR HEATING BILL

Winter temperatures are setting in quick, which means it's once again time to fire up the heater. According to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, the average U.S. household spends just over \$2,000 a year on energy. For the greater United States, just over 40% of that is for space heating. So anything you can do to bring down your heating costs can save you big money. We have five simple steps that will easily shave dollars from your monthly energy bills.

1. TAKE CONTROL OF THE TEMPERATURE

One of the easiest ways to lower your heating bills is to install a programmable thermostat. These can range anywhere from \$20 for a basic model to several hundred dollars for a top-of-the-line "smart" thermostat, such as the Nest. With a regular programmable thermostat, you can drop the temperature while you're away at work or at night when you're bundled up in bed. A "smart" thermostat will learn your routines and preferences, so no programming is required. Either way, you're only heating the house when you actually need the warmth, and that brings savings. Also, if you want to reduce the temperature on the thermostat without sacrificing warmth, you can use a portable space heater in specific rooms. Set your thermostat a few degrees lower than you normally would, then position the space heater nearby to make up the difference. That way, you won't waste money heating up rooms you rarely use, like that empty guest room.

2. LIMIT 'PEAK HOURS' USAGE

You can lower your heating bill this winter simply by turning the heater back a few notches during the evening, or saving the laundry for the weekend. Most power companies set electric costs based on the time of day. Running your electronics and appliances during "peak hours" can cost you 30 to 60% more. Peak hours tend to run between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Holidays and weekends are usually off-peak.

3. BUY ENERGY-FRIENDLY GADGETS

You probably already know that Energy Star appliances can help lower your bills, but replacing appliances is expensive. You'll have to weigh the upfront cost against future energy savings. You might be able to get some help on that upfront cost, though. Many energy-efficient appliances can qualify you for a rebate from your power company. You might even qualify for a small rebate for switching to compact fluorescent bulbs or LED bulbs, which are going to be less expensive to run during the long dark hours of winter. The amount will depend on your power company, so you should definitely ask.

4. SLAY VAMPIRE ELECTRONICS

You might think you're saving energy by turning off unneeded lights and easing back on the thermostat, but your home is filled with dozens of sneaky energy-draining gadgets. We like to call them "vampire electronics." Vampire electronics quietly suck up hundreds of kilowatt-hours of electricity per year, even when you're not using them. The biggest culprits are TVs, computers, gaming consoles, cable boxes, and audio and video equipment. Unplug them when they're not in use to stop them from driving up your bill. You can use a power strip to make it easier to turn on and off the equipment.

5. REIN IN YOUR COMPUTER

You can lower your bills even more by targeting one of the biggest energy-suckers in your house. Or at least one you can turn off without spoiling your food. We're talking about your computer. Your computer actually doesn't use a lot of electricity at once, as long as it's relatively new. However, people tend to keep them on for days and weeks, which means a steady drain. That's why when you aren't using it, it's a good idea to make it use as little electricity as possible. Yes it will not cause problems with your computer if you turn it off when it is not in use. The only problem is waiting for the computer to boot up when you turn it back on.

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PATROL

Reporting Suspicious Vehicles

If you see a suspicious vehicle please report it to the Allentown Police Department using the non emergency number **(610-437-7751)**. Suspicious vehicles include those continually driving around the neighborhood and ones parked and occupied for long periods of time. Most of us recognize which vehicles belong on our streets.

When calling please provide as much information as possible including vehicle make and model and license number. **Under no circumstances should contact be made with vehicle occupants.**

The Security Patrol is looking for residents to help patrol during early morning, daytime, and evening hours. If you are able to help, please contact Charles Harris at 484-347-9114 to volunteer your time.

Don't invite someone to break into your vehicle. Don't leave items visible. Lock your vehicle at all times.

Police Contact Numbers
Emergency 911
Non Emergency 610-437-7751



Monthly Crime Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
9/3	Stolen Auto	1200 Blk Van Buren
9/6	Juvenile Complaint	1900 Blk Jonathan
9/6	Theft From Building	2300 Blk Union Blvd.
9/6	Noise Complaint/Loud Radio	2000 Blk Union Blvd.
9/15	Noise Complaint/Loud Radio	1900 Blk Jonathan
9/22	Noise Complaint/Loud Radio	1900 Blk Jonathan
10/10	Noise Complaint/Loud Radio	900 Blk Van Buren
10/20	Theft From Auto	2300 Blk Union Blvd
10/23	Disturbance/Not Family	1900 Blk Jonathan
10/24	Disturbance/Not Family	1100 Blk Wahneta
10/30	Forcible Entry/Residence	1900 Blk Livingston
11/8	Juvenile Complaints	2000 Blk Pennsylvania
11/9	Theft From Auto	1200 Blk Ulster
11/11	Disturbance/Not Family	900 Blk Wahneta

If you run your vehicle to warm it up, get an extra set of keys and lock your car doors.

When calling police provide the dispatcher with a detailed description of the person or persons and description and license plate number of the vehicle. (If you have a checkmate number you do not have to provide your name just your checkmate number. If you do not have a checkmate number, contact someone on the board for an application.) Make a note of the activity, time and date called, and the dispatcher's number.

3 things you must know before buying your next light bulb

You might remember two years ago, and for several years before that, there was a big battle about the humble incandescent light bulb. The U.S. government was trying to phase Edison's big invention out in favor of more efficient, but more costly, options, and consumers weren't happy about it.

While the rule the government passed ended up being defunded, most manufacturers had already switched their focus to incandescent alternatives, so most types of traditional incandescent options are no longer being manufactured. You can still find some on the store shelves, especially specialty and 3-way bulbs, but standard 40/60/100 watt A19s are no longer available.

1. KNOW THE OPTIONS

The alternatives to incandescent haven't changed in the last two years. You'll still find three major options: halogen, CFL and LED.

Halogen -- Halogen bulbs are a more efficient version of incandescent. In many stores, they're even labeled as "eco-incandescent." They managed to eke out an improvement of 28%, which puts them over the 25% limit needed to avoid the bulb ban. So, the energy savings aren't too great, and they only last as long as standard incandescent. They also put out more heat than older incandescent, although many have an inner layer that reflects that heat back toward the filament for improved efficiency. In terms of cost, they're the cheapest alternative, and they have the traditional color temperature of incandescent. If you want a no-fuss replacement for your existing bulbs, this is still a good choice. In four years, however, the second stage of the lighting efficiency rules go into effect and halogen bulbs will probably disappear as well.

CFL -- CFL or compact fluorescent bulbs have been around for a while, and have improved since they were introduced. You can see up to 75% energy savings and they last around 10 times longer than incandescent. Price-wise, they're only a few dollars more than halogen. One concern with CFLs is that they contain trace amounts of mercury. This does make cleanup of broken bulbs and disposal of old bulbs a bit more complicated. Like larger fluorescent lights, CFLs also can take a second to turn on and a little time to warm up to full brightness. Manufacturers have improved on this, but there might still be a delay. Also, like any other fluorescent lights, CFLs can flicker, which might be a strain for some users.

LED -- LED or light-emitting diode technology is the newest addition to the home lighting market. However, you've already seen LED lights in LCD TV and monitor backlights, car headlamps, Christmas lights, municipal lighting and other places. LEDs save even more energy than CFLs, and they last up to 25 times longer than halogen (at 3 hours a day usage, they can supposedly last 20 years). Of course, they can cost six times more than halogen bulbs, so it's a bit more of an investment up front. But you should see big savings down the road. Also note that not all LED lights are dimmable, so if you have dimmer switches at home, be sure to check before buying.

2. WATTS VS. LUMENS

When you used to buy an incandescent bulb, you knew to look for a 40-, 60- or 100-watt bulb to tell you how bright it is going to be. However, a watt is actually a unit of energy not brightness. With newer, more efficient lights, a watt goes a bit further. That means a 10-watt CFL might give you the same light as a 60-watt incandescent. Fortunately, most lighting packages will say "60-watt equivalent" so you know. But that measurement won't be around forever, and it isn't always right. You might get a 60-watt equivalent CFL but find that due to the shape or color it's not as bright as you were hoping. That's why you should start looking at the bulb's lumens rating, which is the measure of brightness. When you buy a new bulb, try it out and make a note of the lumens. That will help you find the sweet spot for your rooms. And no matter what type of bulb you buy in the future, you know the brightness will be right.

3. COLOR TEMPERATURE

Color temperature is something many people don't think about. It's what makes the difference between a warm homey lamp and sharp white daylight. Any bulb that you buy is set to a specific color temperature. The lower the number, the warmer the light will be. Warm light is good for area lights and bedrooms at night. The reason many people didn't like LED lights at first was because the only available color temperature was on the high side and seemed too bright and harsh for most space. However, you can now find LED lights, and CFLs, in the full color temperature range. So, what color temperatures should you consider? 2700K to 3300K will give you a warmer light like an incandescent bulb. Many manufacturers call it "soft white." Just for reference, a candle is around 1900K. 3500K to 5000K is usually called "bright white." It isn't as warm, but provides more detail in the room. 5500K and higher gives an effect like white sunlight and some manufacturers label it "daylight." This is better for reading lights or work lamps because it helps you pick out text and detail. Just be aware that it will trick your brain into thinking it's daytime, which can affect your sleep schedule. As a side note, staring at an LCD screen before bed can cause the same problem. A program like [F.lux](#) changes your monitor's tint throughout the day to better match the color temperature of the outside light. It can help reduce eye strain and improve your sleep cycle.

MEMBERSHIP MANIA 2016

It is once again time for all of our Midway Manor residents to sign up for 2016 MMCA membership. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

All you have to do is fill out the chit at the bottom of this page, drop it off or send it with your check or money to Sandy Wilburn, 1039 N. Van Buren St., Allentown, PA 18109.

HOUSEHOLDS \$15.00

SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS (60 AND UP) \$10.00

**(QUESTIONS, CALL SANDY AT 610-435-2678 OR RUTH AT 610-432-5022)
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Membership cards can be picked up during any Association Meeting or by stopping by 1038 N. Van Buren St.
(Please call before stopping)



MMCA INFORMATION SHEET: PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Family Name:

Address:

Phone Number (s): _____ and _____

Email Address: _____

Adult Name(s): _____ Youth Name (s): _____

Payment (check one): Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____ (Made out MMCA)

Signature: _____