

# This is your neighborhood newsletter

**PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO READ**

**INCLUDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT:**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**SERVICES AVAILABLE**

**MEETING NOTICES**

**EVENTS**

**EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM**



# Midway Manor Vibes

October, November, December, 2016 Edition  
www.midwaymanor.org

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## Message from the Board

Hi all, We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. Fall is a great time of year too (except for the leaves). We look forward to the cooler temps, celebrating Halloween and Thanksgiving, and putting our lawn mowers away for the season.

What doesn't change with the calendar are thieves continually attempting to scam us out of our hard earned savings. Here are a few red flags to what out for that could be scam attempts:

- Uninvited and unknown persons coming to your home to solicit products or services; they often allege to be doing work in the neighborhood or were sent by a friend or neighbor;
- Phone calls or emails from persons claiming to be the IRS looking for past due taxes (official IRS correspondence is via US mail);
- Phone calls or emails from persons claiming you won a lottery;
- Unknown persons appearing at your door and seeking your help; do not open your door, call the police immediately 610-437-7751 or 9-1-1;

The best advice we can give is do not open your door to strangers, nor respond to phones or emails from unknown parties. If you're not sure, call a friend or family member or even one of the MMCA board members.

### The MMCA board

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



# Midway Manor Facebook Group

All are welcome to join our FB group (Midway Manor Community Association). As of now we are up to 392 members. Our FB has been very successful in tracking suspicious activity (please also call the comm center) and locating lost pets as well as helping residents with various questions.

We remind our FB members to abide by the guidelines approved by the board, which are posted at the top of the page on the right. We really do not enjoy removing people from the group.



## MMCA Events in 2016

### Monthly Association Meetings

The Midway Manor Community Association meets the first Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Lou Ramos Center, 1344 N. Tacoma St. Meeting dates for 2016 are:

October 3	Monthly Meeting and Election of Officers
November 7	Monthly Meeting
November 18	Deadline for Operation Santa registration
December 5	Monthly Meeting and Holiday Luncheon
December 10	Operation Santa
December 18	House Decoration Contest and Luminary Night



Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to [ritaandtom@gmail.com](mailto:ritaandtom@gmail.com) by December 15<sup>th</sup> and are subject to approval and editing.

### Meal Delivery Dates:

**October 3**  
**November 7**  
**December 5**



**NOTE TO DOG WALKERS:** Thanks for picking up after your “kids”, but please take the poop bag back to your home for disposal. Do not put the bags in the garbage receptacles on the playground. They are emptied weekly and the odor can be overwhelming.

### Halloween Parade

We will not be having the Midway Manor Halloween Parade this year. We encourage our families to enjoy the local municipal Halloween events. The City of Allentown’s parade is Sunday, October 16, at 2 PM and Trick or Treat is Friday, October 30, from 6 to 8 PM.



*“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 Wednesday at 12:00 Noon and last Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm at Denny’s Restaurant, 1871 Catasauqua Road Visitors are always welcome!**

Contacts can be made with:

Cathy Kane, President  
610-776-8270

Andrea Naugle, Secretary  
610-740-9391

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- \* Students of the Month at Ritter Elementary School
- \*Midway Manor Community Assn.
- \*Roberto Clemente Charter School Key Club and K-Kids Club
- \*Lehigh Valley Children’s Center

## **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](mailto:looneytunefan@rcn.com) to obtain an enrollment form. If you currently have a membership through Midway Manor you only have to renew your membership, you do not need a new enrollment form.



# BARKFEST 2016



CONGRATULATIONS Christine Hill, Laura Vita and Serena Davis for a very successful BARKFEST!!! Your dedication and time made the day a fun event for our neighborhood and for those who came from outside. Thanks to your hard work, \$430 will be donated to the rescue groups who were at the event.

The board also would like to thank all those who volunteered for BARKFEST. Set-up started early in the morning and cleanup was not complete until after 4:00. Long day for those involved.

The Event could not have been as successful without the support of our volunteers:

Lynn & Dan Lewis  
Shayna Romano  
Tom & Rita Schweyer  
Mike Hill

Contest Judges:

State Rep. Mike Schlossberg,  
APD Captain Dan Weidemann  
APD Officer Fegley.

Shed Workers:

Dolly Spade  
Bob & Darlyn Foster  
Kathy Rehyer  
Ed Farrell  
Tara Polaha



Thank You to those who donated items for the chinese auction:

Stahley's Bar & Restaurant  
Borderline Restaurant  
Charles Pizza  
Mike Schlossberg  
Anna Nichol  
Bonnie Hodge  
Lisa Wieser for Tastefully Simple  
Annamaet dog food  
Lotsa Knots  
Kathy Young for Premier Jewelry  
Dreamweavers Agility Club  
Rob Aptka Southwest Designs Jewelry  
Barkley's Bakery.



Thank You to our Demonstrators:  
Kym Ohmacht from Mrs. Beasley's Dog Training  
Allentown Fire Chief Lee Laubach and Judge  
Allentown K9 Officer Fegley & Harley  
Dreamweavers Agility Club.





**A big SHOUT OUT to St. Peter's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
(1933 Hanover Ave.)**

On September 11 they sent a work crew to Midway Manor Playground. The crew spent hours cleaning the shed, pulling weeds, picking up trash, and emptying trash cans.

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## Election of Officers

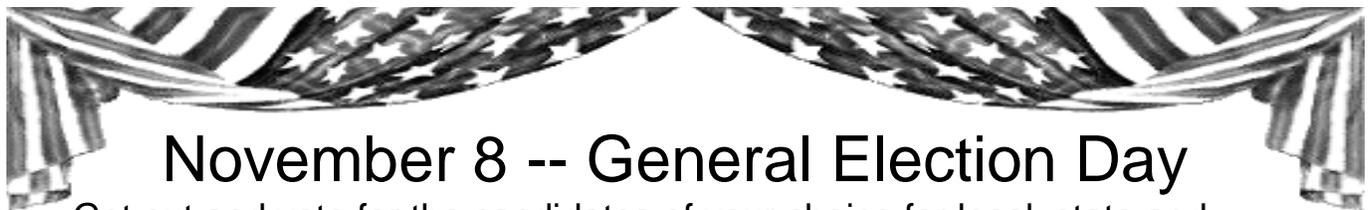
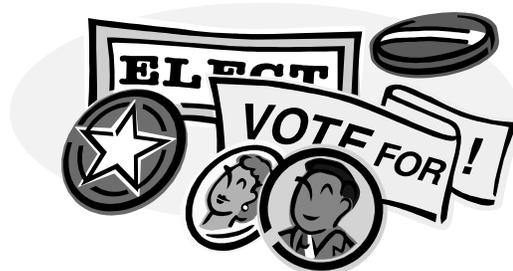
Nomination of MMCA officers took place at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and election of officers will be held at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or have their name placed in nomination should attend the October meeting. Nominations will be accepted for all offices.



Keep your  
outside light  
on at night

Those nominated at the September meeting were

President	Richard Wilburn
Vice President	Dolly Spade
Recording Secretary	Sue Irelan
Corresp. Secretary	Anna Claudio
Treasurer	Tom Schweyer



## November 8 -- General Election Day

Get out and vote for the candidates of your choice for local, state and national office.

**Deadline Alert: 10/11/2016 is the last day to register before the 11/08/2016 election.**

If you are not registered you may register at Lehigh County Offices – 17 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. or you can go on line to the Lehigh County Web Page and complete the form.

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 • We need neighborhood residents to  
 • patrol during the day and evenings  
 • hours. If you are available and are  
 • interested, contact Charles Harris at  
 • 484-347-7997 to volunteer your time.  
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**Message From Captain  
 Wiedemann of the Allentown  
 Police Department**

Please do not hesitate calling the comm center (610-437-7751) to report incidents or concerns. Each call is logged and retained which is very useful in prosecuting habitual offenders.



Our Police Service Area (PSA1) Captain is:  
 Captain Daniel Wiedemann –  
 610-437-7713 or  
[DANIEL.WIEDEMANN@ALLENTOWNPA.GOV](mailto:DANIEL.WIEDEMANN@ALLENTOWNPA.GOV)



Keep a pen and paper near your phone. When you report anything to the police or city departments, mark down the dispatcher number or the person to whom you spoke, the date, time and any information you gave them.

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



**a safe place**

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.)

# Dealing With Noisy Neighbors

If it's an ongoing issue/problem, call the APD COMM CENTER 437-7751 to have an officer respond. If it is a new issue or you have a good rapport with the neighbor, ask them to lower the noise and if they refuse, then call.

When reporting a noise complaint, it is important that as much detail is given to our comm center as possible. Where is the noise coming from (ie what part of the house or property)? Is it music? Loud party? Loud car? How long has it been loud? What is the property owner's name? Is it a rental property? Do they turn down the noise when they see a police cruiser coming up the street? All of that information is helpful for the responding officer. Also, if the occupant is a renter request the officer issue a DCR (disruptive conduct report).

You don't have to give your name, you can simply say you want to remain anonymous or give your Checkmate number.

## 710.03 PROHIBITED ACTS

### A. Noise Disturbance Prohibited

No person shall make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any noise disturbance. Non-commercial public speaking and public assembly activities shall be exempt from the operation of this section.

### B. Enforcement

The Department of Police shall have primary responsibility for the enforcement of Prohibited Acts under Section 710.03(C).

## January 2014 Part 7 – General Offenses - Noise, Vehicular Sound, Sound Trucks 4

### C. Specific Prohibitions

The following acts, and the causing thereof, are declared to be noise disturbances and therefore in violation of this Ordinance:

1. Radios, Tape Players, Television Sets, Musical Instruments, Electronic Amplification, Equipment and Similar Devices Operating, playing or permitting the operation or playing of any radio, television, phonograph, drum, musical instrument, sound amplifier, automobile radio, automobile stereo or high fidelity equipment or similar device which produces, reproduces or amplifies sound:



# SOME NOTES FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL SCHLOSSBERG:

Representative Schlossberg: Services Available to Midway Manor Residents

My office is available to assist with state government related matters, including:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebates
- Applying for Pennsylvania birth certificates
- Renewals for car registration, driver's license and photo identification
- Parking placards for people with disabilities
- Pennsylvania "Do Not Call" list registration
- Photo identification for minors
- Veteran License Plates
- Interaction with any state agency to assist with state government matters

My office is located at 2030 W Tilghman Street and is open Monday through Friday 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Feel free to stop by or call (610-821-5577).

Thank You!

Thank you to the many volunteers who made the Midway Manor's Annual Yard Sale and Barkfest A great success. Midway Manor continues to be a shining example of community spirit with wonderful neighbors!



## Unclaimed Property Searches and Claims

One in 10 Pennsylvania residents has money or financial property held by the PA Treasury, waiting to be claimed. This could be an old savings account, a forgotten paycheck or refund, a stock dividend or insurance claim. My office has helped residents of the 132<sup>nd</sup> district claim over \$112,000 from the unclaimed property database in 2016 alone.

Take a look at [www.PATreasury.gov/claim](http://www.PATreasury.gov/claim) or give my office a call (610-821-5577) to ask for help in doing a search for you or somebody in your family. We would be happy to help you in claiming that money.



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](mailto:ritaandtom@gmail.com) and we will announce your special event in the Vibes.

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## Membership Dues

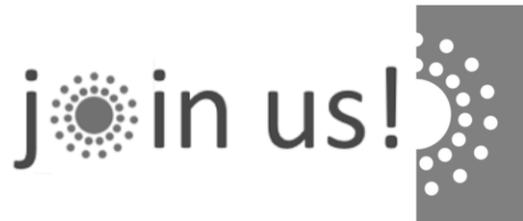
If you haven't paid your 2016 dues it's not too late. Only \$15 per household (\$10 for residents age 60 and up).

Send your check **payable to MMCA** c/o Sandra Wilburn, 1039 N. Van Buren St., Allentown, PA 18109.

By joining you are entitled to participate in association activities, enjoy discounted membership at BJ's Wholesale, and support our children's programs and other activities that make Midway Manor special.

Detailed financial transactions are reported at the monthly association meetings and subject to approval by the members.

Thank you to Tom and Rita Schweyer for delivering membership cards in the community.



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## 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



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Website: [www.midwaymanor.org](http://www.midwaymanor.org)  
Email: [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto: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 – Serena Davis	484-358-5884
Membership – Sandy Wilburn	610-435-2678
Security Patrol – Charles Harris	484-347-7997
Shed -	
VIBES – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550
Welcoming – Ruth O’Connell	610-432-5022
Yard Sale – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The board is always looking for individuals who would be willing to volunteer their time and talents to provide programs and activities for the residents of our community.

We always need help with the children’s activities – individuals to organize or assist with running the activity (Easter Egg Hunt, Opening Day for Sports, Summer Play, Halloween, Christmas)

Sports programs (Coaches, Assistants, Field Prep)

Ground work at the park

Security Patrol

Shed Coordinator

Anyone willing to give some time to their neighborhood should contact any member of the board. **WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT ACTIVITIES CANNOT BE PROVIDED.**

## 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 to join the email alert system, email your email address to [tom.schweyer@midwaymanor.org](mailto:tom.schweyer@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.

# DIERUFF HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Win a Prized Autographed Football Signed by 38 NFL Hall of Famers

\$10 Raffle Tickets – 6 Tickets for \$50

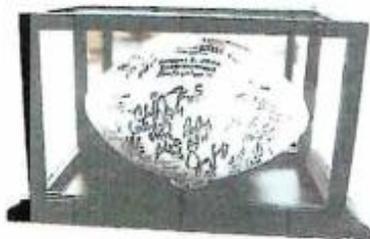
Drawing date: Saturday  
October 29, 2016  
At the  
Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game

You have two questions to ponder: How many raffle tickets should you buy to give yourself a good chance to win this prize? And then, should you be fortunate enough to capture this valuable trophy, where would you display it?

Dieruff High School Alumni Association has received an incredible gift that we are using to raise money for our “School Spirit Scholarship Fund”. The gift is a priceless commemorative ball, signed by 38 Pro Football Hall of Fame recipients who attended the 2014 enshrinement ceremonies that honored Dieruff High School Alum Andre Reed. Signatures on the ball include Mike Kitka, Gale Sayers, Don Fouts, Paul Hornung, and Marv Levy.

The football has been donated to our Association by Joyce Hemerly Reed-Ebling (Dieruff Class of 1962). She had received the ball as a keepsake from David Baker, President of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, during the enshrinement of her son, Andre.

Valuable Collector’s Trophy Football – Every original autograph on the football was signed at the Hall of Fame Ceremony in Canton, Ohio during Andre Reed’s enshrinement in 2014. Each name is a Hall of Fame who is honored to wear the coveted Gold Jacket.



Order Raffle Tickets online at [www.dieruff-alumni.org](http://www.dieruff-alumni.org)



## New for November

The City of Allentown just partnered with Recyclebank to reward their residents for making a cleaner, greener community through recycling and other good actions. Teaming up with millions of members nationwide, Allentown residents can earn up to \$170 a year in rewards values—which can be used toward gift cards, deals at local businesses or even exclusive discounts on sustainable

Already a Recyclebank member? Refer your neighbors to their recycling rewards program and you could earn a \$5 gift card for each one that successfully signs up.

To find out more about this exciting program, visit [Recyclebank.com](http://Recyclebank.com) or call 1-888-727-9278.



## Midway Manor on the Web and Facebook

For updated Midway Manor Community Association news visit our website at [www.midwaymanor.org](http://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”.

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## Christmas House Decorating Contest and Luminary Night

The Christmas House Decorating Contest is being held Saturday December 18. Prizes will be awarded to the best and most unusually decorated homes. You do not have to be a member of the MMCA to win.

This is also the night to display your luminaria (any time after 6PM). We are not selling kits this year but they are available at several area stores.



Every Dog Should Have A Kid!!

## OPERATION: SANTA

**MISSION:** We are excited to announce a new holiday program, in lieu of the Holiday party, called "OPERATION SANTA." Santa and his troops (elves) will be delivering toys and goodies to participating children and pets.

Here are the details:

- **DATE:** Saturday December 10, 2016.
- **TIME:** Santa and his elves will start gift deliveries at 11 AM (you must be home to participate). We will be giving location updates that can be followed on Midway Manor's Facebook page.
- **WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** All Midway Manor residents, children, and pets.
- **REGISTRATION:** A registration form will be in the October VIBES, Midway Manor website, and can be emailed.



If you would like to join our Operating Santa committee or have questions about the program please send an email to [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto:info@midwaymanor.org) or call Tom at 610-439-0550.



**KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN NORTHEAST**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
APPLEBEE'S RESTAURANT,  
CATASAUQUA ROAD,  
ALLENTOWN, PA**

**Adults - \$7.00  
Children (under Ten Years) - \$5.00**

**Benefiting the Kiwanis Children's Projects  
including Ritter Elementary School, Roberto Clemente  
Charter School, Midway Manor Community Assn., and  
many other community organizations.**

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



# **M.M.C.A. December Meeting**

**Plan to attend and help us celebrate all our accomplishments  
over the past year.**

**Help us thank all those who have given their time and  
talents to make Midway Manor a great place to live.**



**Refreshments served at 7:00 p.m.  
Citizen Of The Year Award  
General Meeting following**



**All residents and non-  
resident members welcome**

**Meetngs are held at the Lou Ramos  
Center – 1344 N. Sherman St.**



# OPERATION SANTA REGISTRATION FORM

OPERATION SANTA takes place **December 10, 2016**, starting at **11 AM**. All neighborhood children and pets are eligible to participate. You **must** be home to welcome Santa and his elves, who will be delivering presents to your children and pets.

**MIDWAY MANOR RESIDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESIDENT ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER ONLY):** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN'S NAME:**

**AGE:**

**GENDER (CHECK ONE):**

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**PET NAMES:**

**TYPE:**

**WEIGHT (APPROXIMATE):**

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Completed Registration Forms:

Drop off or Mail to:

Tom Schweyer  
1903 E. Fairmont St.  
Allentown, PA 18109

**DEADLINE: on or before **NOVEMBER 18, 2016.****

OPERATION SANTA contact information: email [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto:info@midwaymanor.org), phone 610-439-0550

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