

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLD ALLENTOWN RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS - 1976-2016

JUNE 2016

FEATURED BUSINESS - LA PLACITA

For authentic and affordable Mexican food, visit La Placita at the intersection of 12th and Turner. With delicious, traditional food made only from the freshest ingredients and the friendly staff, you will think you have been transported to Mexico upon entering this family owned and operated restaurant.



Owners Jorge and Ana immigrated to the United States from Puebla, Mexico in 1978. (Mexico's victory over the French Empire in The Battle of Puebla is the event celebrated on Cinco de Mayo, which is only observed in Puebla)

Having learned to cook while growing up in Mexico and after spending years working Italian, Greek, and American restaurants Jorge and Ana were well prepared to open their own restaurant in Allentown on August 27, 1997. Jorge notes that the menu is full of his favorite food; hence, everything on the menu is his favorite.

The restaurant may appear small from the outside, but they have several tables in the back of the restaurant if you want to dine-in, while enjoying traditional Mexican Banda and Ranchero music.

In addition to a full restaurant menu, they also sell popular Mexican grocery items, including traditional herbs and spices, sauces, cheeses, hot sauces, beans, and canned peppers. Jorge jokes that everything in the restaurant is for sale, except the owners and his daughter Betty who works with her parents, taking orders and waiting on tables.

Be sure to try their burrito, a rich and hearty treat and a personal favorite! If the salsa verde proves to be too spicy a sip of horachata --sweetened rice milk-- will help you chill out! Remember to bring cash, as credit cards are not accepted!



Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday, Saturday - 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Closed Tuesday

Submitted by: Joseph Calhoun

North Eighth Project: Food and Art Co-op

The Food and Art Co-op is a community based collective of like minded individuals all working towards common, mutually beneficial goals. The primary purpose of our co-op is to bring high quality, local, sustainable, and when possible, organic foods, groceries, cleaning, and health/beauty products to the downtown Allentown area. The co-op will be a member-owned and operated for-profit business. Our collective has spoken and thinks that a metropolitan area the size of Allentown deserves and needs a food market of this kind. Incumbent



of a co-op are also many other functions. These are: community outreach, education, shared meeting and seminar space. The immediate initiatives of our co-op are green roofs and rooftop garden projects, food choice and nutritional courses, energy consumption awareness, and many other children's workshops.

A co-op gets started through the lifetime membership fee of \$300.00. This fee entitles members to voting privileges, seats on committees, proposal of committees, membership discounts, rights to membership functions, and the opportunity to become a working member for further discounts. Employment also offers an automatic membership.

We are currently taking pledges of membership so that we may begin collecting the funds to begin our journey.

Find out more at <http://northeighthproject.com>
Or Like us on Facebook - North Eighth Project: Food and Art Co-op

Ryan Sabo & Tara Morrison,
Founders North Eighth Project, Food and Art Co-op

Submitted by: Angie Johnson



District News and Upcoming Events

- ◆ April was a busy month in the district. Many electronic items were collected on April 16th and taken to the recycling center. Another collection date is being planned for September - watch for the details. Earth day weekend was a huge success on April 23rd and 24th. Many volunteers participated in the clean up of the Old Allentown Cemetery and the Union and West End Cemetery.
- ◆ *June 11th* - **BLUES, BREWS & BARBEQUES** - 12 noon to 10 p.m.
The Hamilton District presents the 9th Annual Blues, Brews & Barbecue festival in downtown Allentown.
Visit us at the OAPA Booth.
- ◆ *June 18th* - **WEST PARK 42ND ANNUAL ART-IN-THE-PART** - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Information available: 610.434.0657.
- ◆ *June 19th* - **34th ANNUAL WEST PARK HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR** - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Information available: 610.737.7132.
- ◆ *June 22nd, June 24th, June 25th* - **FREE SMALL LANDLORD SEMINARS** - 8:30 am - 5:00 pm daily. A project of Upside Allentown presented at Sacred Heart Hospital Auditorium.
Call or email:
Planning Department, City of Allentown, 610.437.7613 / landlord.seminar@allentownpa.gov.



Old Allentown Preservation Association Membership Application - 2016



By supporting Old Allentown and renewing or signing up for a membership you are ensuring that we maintain the strength that has sustained us for 40 years. You will receive announcements about member activities, general events, downtown discounts, 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

Are you interested in joining a committee? _____ volunteering? _____

(We will email you information about our current committees and volunteer opportunities)

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.



Be Responsible!

Picking up after your dog is the Law!

City ordinance No. 12450, as amended.

Se Responsable!

Recoger los desechos de su perro es la ley

Ordenanza de la ciudad no.12450,
en su versión modificada.



- Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners.
- ◊ Sus vecinos podrán apreciar sus buenos modales.

- **It's easy to clean up by carrying plastic baggies and paper towels in your pocket.** The baggies can be secured and thrown away in the garbage. The City of Allentown also provides doggie waste stations as a convenient way to pick up and discard of pet waste.
- ◊ **Es muy fácil limpiar, pueden cargar bolsas y toallas de papel en el bolsillo.** Pueden amarrar y tirar la bolsas a la basura. La ciudad de Allentown también ofrece estaciones de desechos de perros como una manera conveniente para recoger y desechar de los desechos de su mascota.



Neighborhood Cleanup April 23rd & 24th

On Saturday, April 23rd volunteers from Muhlenberg College Phi Mu Sorority, the Naval Junior ROTC from William Allen High School and residents and friends of Old Allentown Historic District met at the Old Allentown Cemetery on Turner Street to clean the tree wells, rose garden and pocket park on Fountain and Turner. The City of Allentown provided fresh mulch, which volunteers spread throughout the Pocket Park and Cemetery.



On the 24th over 60 volunteers from Faith Church as well as neighborhood volunteers cleaned and mulched the rose garden on Chew Street at the Union and West End Cemetery. Volunteers assisted with additional maintenance projects including, replacing American flags at the gravesites of military personnel, up righting tombstones, pulling weeds, raking leaves and picking up litter.

It would be impossible to maintain these hallowed grounds and provide the respect that is due without the continued support of our volunteers.

Submitted by: Dale Fritchman

Sinkhole Insurance:

An investment that you might need

Recently three beautifully restored homes on 10th street were demolished due to a sinkhole that damaged them beyond repair in December of 2011.



A local insurance agency gave a quote of \$33.00 a year for sinkhole insurance. This quote is based on a replacement value of \$165,000.00 on a home located in the district.

Sinkholes are somewhat common in Allentown and this affordable insurance could be a very good investment.



TRASH - DOG WASTE - DOG WASTE BAGS

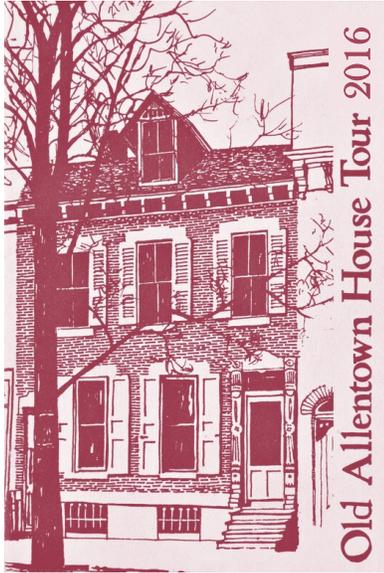
Do not dump trash on the ground. Extra trash cans are being installed in the District - please use them. **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!** No one wants to walk through your dog's waste. The dog waste bags are provided by the City to help keep the sidewalks and grassy areas clean - do not take the entire roll of bags out of the containers.



40th House Tour

Sunday, October 16, 2016, 12:00 - 5:00 pm

The House Tour Committee has obtained a number of houses and businesses to be featured on the annual tour. If you are interested in featuring your home, we still have room for more! Please send your information to: OAPA, 147 N. 10th St., Allentown, 18102 or email housetour@oldallentown.org



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Preservation Sponsorship Package - \$750.00

Five Sisters Sponsorship Package - \$500.00

CENTERFOLD - \$500.00 - SOLD

Liberty Sponsorship Package - \$350.00

Union Sponsorship Package - \$250.00

Pocket Park Package - \$150.00

Patron Opportunity:

\$100.00 - 4 house tour tickets (\$60.00 Value) & listing in the tour book

\$50.00 - 2 house tour tickets (\$30 value) & listing in the tour boo

\$25.00 - listing in the tour book

Complete information on our website

Pre-Sale Tickets will be available August 15th on our website and at the following select stores: **Moravian Bookshop (Allentown and Bethlehem), Albright's Hardware, RE:find (Easton and Allentown), Liberty Bell Museum, Civic Theatre**

www.oldallentown.org



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Some of the 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 May 31, 2016.

137 N. 10th St. - \$43,000
936 Chew St. - \$61,900
837 Chew St. - \$64,900
315 N. Fountain - \$66,400
343 N. 10th St. - \$74,000
129 N. 10th St. - \$80,500
226 N. 10th St. - \$84,000



343 N. 8th St. - \$124,900
1042 Chew St. - \$130,000
340 N. 9th St. - \$132,900
224 N. 9th St. - \$139,000
326 N. 9th St. - \$139,900
131 N. 8th St. - \$144,900
1150 W. Turner St. - \$189,900

