

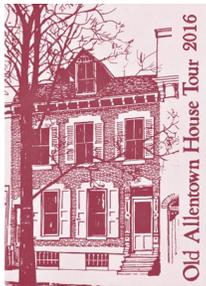
# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLD ALLENTOWN RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS - 1976-2016

SEPTEMBER 2016

## Old Allentown's 40th House Tour will take



place from 12:00 - 5:00 pm on  
Sunday, October 16, 2016.

This year's house tour celebrates  
the restoration, renovation and  
preservation of some of the oldest  
and most beautiful homes in the  
district, as well as the ingenuity

and imagination of the homeowners. We are once  
again partnering with the downtown district  
presenting some of the newest additions to  
Allentown, including the Bradbury and Sullivan  
Center and Easton Yoga. The Strata, Renaissance  
Hotel and Symphony Hall will all be open for the  
public to tour. The oldest and most historic are  
represented by the General Trexler Home, the  
Union and West End Cemetery and the Liberty  
Bell Museum at Zion Church. One of the houses  
on last year's tour is finished and the lower  
apartment will be open, showing the wonderful  
finished space. There are five homes represented  
on 8th Street, one of which was featured on the 1st  
house tour. Turner Street is well represented with  
another five homes. Also featured on Turner  
Street is a street fair that will be located in the  
McKinley School Parking Lot. Foodtrucks, music  
and educational information will all be available  
throughout the afternoon from 12-5:00 pm.

At press time there are twenty homes and  
businesses for you to visit - two trolleys will be in  
transit throughout the tour for your convenience.

There are still sponsorship & patron opportunities  
for businesses and individuals. Tickets and  
information are available through PayPal on the  
website - [www.oldallentown.com](http://www.oldallentown.com). Tickets are  
also available at Albright's Hardware, C. Leslie  
Smith, Weil Antiques, Liberty Bell Museum,  
RE-find, Moravian Bookshop in Allentown and  
Bethlehem. Pre-purchase \$12.00 / Members \$10.00  
Day of \$15.00 at the OAPA Office from 11:30-4:00 pm

## The Beginning of Historic Old Allentown

In the early 1970's there was a move to modernize the City  
by building apartments and taking the older, larger homes  
and converting them into multi-family dwellings. In 1976 a  
core group of citizens, who wanted to preserve the  
architecturally significant homes and stop them from being  
"destroyed", started creating the historic district. Many



Ben Walbert in front  
of 412 N. 8th Street

familiar names joined up to form the  
committee, among them, Bob & Judy  
Anderson, Hazel Stauffer, Marguerite  
Sandt, Fred and Barbara Schoenk (Fred  
designed the OAPA Logo) and Ben  
Walbert, whose house is featured on the  
cover of our 2016 house tour booklet. His  
home was on the original house tour and  
will be on display again in October. On  
September 26, 1978 an ordinance was passed  
formally creating the Historic District.

The group started meeting monthly at the homes of the  
committee members. The homeowners were soon on board  
with support. By 1977 monthly board meetings grew so large  
that they finally had to move to the UCC Church at 9th &  
Gordon. In 1978 membership grew to at least 200. Pot luck  
dinners were also held on a monthly basis averaging at least  
60 guests. As the group grew larger many social events were  
held throughout the district.

Acquisitions and Rehab of houses was a large part of the  
Association's goals. Seven to ten houses were rehabbed after  
being purchased with Federal CDBG money and money  
from the City. Volunteers worked together to repair the  
facades and basic repairs were made, the houses were then  
sold. Many of the group would take trips to Baltimore,  
Philadelphia or York to look at other historic districts and  
their progress in rehabbing homes.

During these early years the OAPA Warehouse in the 200  
block of 10th Street was started in the basement of Zimmer's  
Floor Covering Store. Members would locate houses being  
razed and recover the woodwork, doors and anything else  
that could be used in repairing the houses in the  
neighborhood. The items that owners needed were donated  
to help in the restoration of their homes. The Warehouse  
was the precursor of today's Preservation League.

With the guidance of the early committees it is the hope of  
today's association that the residents of our district will  
continue to restore, maintain and beautify, preserving  
the future.



### **\*Mona & Rafi Go Ethnic Eating**

We wanted to sample various ethnic restaurants, slightly outside the Historic District but close enough to recommend to our readers. There are quite a few on Seventh Street that we both wanted to try, and we selected three from a long list. On a hot, humid afternoon we set out on an ethnic adventure.

#### **El Rincón Criollo (Dominican):** 802 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street ★★ ★

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, eat-in and take-out.

The restaurant has a large dining area, with a daily lunch special (\$4.99) and a large menu. They serve soups, sandwiches, seafood, chicken, rice dishes, salads, and fritters. We ate our way through: chofán/dirty rice which had meat and vegetables, quite delicious; beef stew and goat stew, both great; mangú-smashed plantain; rice and beans. The portions were generous and the price just right.

Tel. 484.350.3429 / Mon-Thur: 9am - 9pm; Sat & Sun: 9am - 11pm

#### **Winston's Jamaican Restaurant:** 619 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street ★★★★★

Serving lunch and dinner, eat-in and take-out. The restaurant has limited seating with a variety of menu items. They serve chicken, goat, oxtail, beef, seafood, AMAZING mac-n-cheese, plantains, various vegetables and rice dishes and roti. Also have pastries and juices. Winston says "love is in the food, that's why my food tastes so good." He gave us samples to try and we made our selection. We sampled oxtail stew, it was great, chicken curry and chicken in brown sauce both oh so good! All the food we sampled was terrific, some spicy, some not. We had the lunch special, a bargain at \$6.00, accompanied by rice, sweet plantains, and steamed cabbage. We also sampled the Mac-n-Cheese, that is better than your mom's, a must have!

Tel. 484.221.9682 / Mon-Sat 11am - 9pm, Sun 11am - 8pm

#### **Miriam's Restaurant (Ethiopian):** 446 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street ★★ ★★

Serving lunch and dinner, eat-in and take-out. The restaurant has an African ambiance with spacious seating. Serving authentic Ethiopian cuisine: appetizers, mostly meat dishes and a few vegetarian choices. Additionally offering burgers and subs. We ordered doro wot - chicken curry simmered in berbere, spicy red pepper sauce, garlic, onions, herbs and boiled eggs served on Injera (East African sourdough flatbread with a unique spongy texture). Although an acquired taste, it is a must have. We also ordered veggie combo #2 - whole lentil, yellow wot, yellow peas, potatoes with carrots, cabbage, collard greens and red lentil wot on Injera, which was very tasty combining the different flavors atop the sourdough flatbread. No utensils - the experience of eating with your hands was fun! Tel. 484.661.5000 / Tue-Sun 11am - 8pm, Closed Monday

*\*Mona & Rafi are Independent Restaurant Reviewers who reside in the Historic District*

### **\*Mona & Rafi Salen a Comer Étnico**

Nosotros queríamos probar varios restaurantes étnicos un poco fuera del distrito histórico, pero lo suficientemente cerca como para recomendar a nuestros lectores. Hay un buen número de restaurantes étnicos en la calle Séptima que ambos queríamos probar. Por lo tanto seleccionamos tres de una lista larga. En una tarde caliente y húmeda salimos a una aventura étnica.

#### **El Rincón Criollo: (Dominicano):** 802 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street ★★ ★

Se sirve desayuno, almuerzo y cena, se come en el restaurante y se puede ordenar para llevar. El restaurante tiene un gran comedor, con un especial de almuerzo del día (\$ 4.99) y un gran menú. Ellos sirven sopas, sándwiches, mariscos, pollo, arroz, ensaladas y frituras. Ordenamos las siguientes selecciones: chofán, muy delicioso; ternera guisada y estofado de cabra, riquísimo; mangú; arroz con gandules o arroz con habichuelas. Las raciones son generosas y el precio estupendo. Tel. 484.350.3429 / Mon-Thur: 9am - 9pm; Sat & Sun: 9am - 11pm

#### **Winston's Jamaican Restaurant:** 619 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street ★★ ★★

Este restaurante es jamaicano. Se sirve almuerzo y cena, se come en el restaurante y se puede ordenar para llevar. El restaurante tiene pocos asientos disponibles y con una variedad de opciones en el menú. Sirven pollo, cabra, rabo de buey, carne de res, mariscos, macarrones con queso, que fue increíble, plátanos maduros, varias verduras, roti, y platos de arroz. También tienen bizcochos y jugos. Winston dice que "el amor está en la comida, es por eso que mi comida sabe buena." Él nos dio a probar varias carnes y así pudimos seleccionar nuestro almuerzo. Probamos rabo de buey, que fue genial, pollo al curry y pollo en salsa morena, buenísimo. Toda la comida que probamos estuvo fenomenal, algunas eran picantes y otras no. Comimos el especial del almuerzo, una ganga a \$ 6.00, acompañado de arroz, maduros y repollo al vapor. También probamos los macarrones con queso, que es mucho mejor que el que cocina tu mamá.

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#### **Miriam's Restaurant (Ethiopian):** 446 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street ★★ ★

Este es un restaurante etíope. Se sirve almuerzo y cena, se come en el restaurante y se puede ordenar para llevar. El restaurante tiene un ambiente africano con asientos amplios. Se sirve comida auténtica etíope: por ejemplo, aperitivos, la mayoría de los platos son de carnes y algunas opciones vegetarianas. Además ofrecen hamburguesas y sándwiches. Pedimos wot doro - curry de pollo cocinado a fuego lento en bereber, salsa picante, ajo, cebolla, hierbas y huevos hervidos servidos en Injera (este es un pan plano de masa fermentada con una textura esponjosa.) A pesar de tener un sabor adquirido, es el plato favorito y auténtico a comer. También pedimos la combinación vegetariana #2 - lentejas, guisantes amarillos, papas con zanahorias, y col, guisantes de lentejas rojas sobre Injera. Toda la comida que comimos estuvo muy sabrosa, combinando los diferentes sabores de la cocina etíope. No se come con utensilios - la experiencia de comer con las manos fue muy divertida! Tel. 484.661.5000 \* Mar-Dom 11am - 8pm, Cerrado los lunes

*\*Mona y Rafi son críticos independientes de restaurantes y residen en el distrito histórico*

## Neighborhood Electronic Pick Up Saturday, October 2, 2016 - 10:00am-12:00



**Help keep the District CLEAN!**

**Bring your electronics to the  
corner of 10th & Turner  
Streets**

**NO LARGE TV's**



### Allentown City Ordinance

#### 700.04 PERMITTING ANIMALS TO TRESPASS, AT LARGE ANIMALS PROHIBITED, LEASH LAW, AND CLEANUP OF ANIMAL FECAL MATTER



##### A. Permitting Animals to Trespass

The owner, possessor or manager of any animal shall not permit the same to trespass upon the premises of another property owner without prior permission or he shall be in violation

of this Article and shall have the burden of proving permission to trespass was granted.

##### B. Old Allentown Cemetery

The owner, possessor or manager of any pet shall not permit the same to enter upon or trespass in the Old Allentown Cemetery located at 10th and Linden Streets, Allentown, PA. (14455 §1 10/6/06)



### 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.

- **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.



### Allentown Fire Department Arson K9

#### Submitted by Lee Laubach Jr., CFEI, CVFI Fire Chief/EMC

Judge is a 7 year old yellow Labrador retriever that has been in service since early 2011. I met Judge for the first time in the spring class of 2011 and we have been partners ever since. He is a more vocal then the other arson dogs but I attribute it to his outgoing personality and drive to work!

Judge is a well-rounded K9 that thrives in 3 major areas, investigation, deterrent, and education. As an investigator, Judge has worked over 275 fire scenes and during that time, evidence he has found has led to multiple criminal arrests and civil penalties for insurance fraud cases. As a deterrent, the numbers speak for themselves. The number of arson fires has dropped 52.7 percent since Judge has been in service with the City of Allentown. As an educator, Judge has done over 500 fire safety programs and demonstrations for crime watch groups, specialty dog shows, elementary school and high school programs and everything in between. We have just started a pilot program with autistic children using Judge to get the life safety message to this group. He has been instrumental in making the entire Lehigh Valley and neighboring communities more aware of fire and life safety.

Judge will be appearing at the McKinley School Street Fair on October 16th.



## 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.*



### **Old Allentown Preservation Association Board**

**Chris Brown-President      Wendie Lazansky-Vice President**  
**Joe Calhoun-Treasurer      Angie Johnson-Secretary**

#### **Directors**

**Dale Fritchman, Deb Held, Becca Middeke-Conln, Ed Morrison, Tricia Morska, Steven Ramos**

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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 August 29, 2016.

141 N. 9th Street - \$155,000  
131 N. 8th Street - \$144,900  
323 N. 9th Street - \$129,900  
340 N. 9th Street - \$132,900  
326 N. 9th Street - \$139,900  
236 N. 10th Street - \$120,000  
136 N. 10th Street - \$179,900  
138 N. 11th Street - \$125,000



211 N. 11th Street - \$64,900  
1147 W. Turner Street - \$135,000  
1150 W. Linden Street - \$229,900  
325 1/2 N. Lumber Street - \$38,500  
325 N. Lumber Street - \$38,500  
426 N. 10th Street - \$94,500  
427 N. Howard Street - \$62,000  
1106 W. Liberty Street - \$119,000

