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The Manor Vibes

Midway Manor's Official Newsletter

2022 Officers

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From the President

Happy New Year Everyone!

Hopefully this message finds you all healthy and well. I want to say that 2021 was an eventful year for us. We had several successful events - Easter Bunny Visits, Memorial Day at the Park, our Annual Yardsale, Halloween at the Park, Operation Santa. Another huge success story is the return of our sports program under the direction of Athletic Director Marc Stewart. We had flag football, soccer and basketball. Thank you to Marc and his volunteer coaches for spearheading this venture. Please see his article in this issue. A huge Thank you to my fellow Board members and Committee members for all their hard work this year. Our organization would not function without you!

I also need to take the time to thank several people, without whom these events and other happenings would not be possible - Enid Cruz, Amy Feidler, Sue Marek, Andrea Naugle, Julie Rodriguez, Alice Romberger, Stephanie Sigafos, Joe Svetecz, Sarah Svetecz, Kim Tagg, Felicia Wiedemann, Erin Wiedeman, Yolanda Davis, Gladys Wiles, Kristi Wagner, Ann Marie Egizio, Samantha Egizio, Ed Farrell, Andrea Naugle, Sophia Wiles, Ethan Wiles, our Vibes deliverers and Dick Wilburn.

We're looking forward to another eventful year as we celebrate 65 years of Midway Manor. We hope to plan a community wide event to celebrate this milestone and we continue to look for volunteers to spearhead the 65th Anniversary Committee. Look for more info in this issue and those to follow.

If you have an interest in helping with any committee or event please contact any Board or Committee member to volunteer or find out more about your specific interest.

It's a new year, be sure to complete and renew your membership. A form is available in this issue. Our goal is to reach 200 members this year!

David Tagg, President

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Special points of interest

- MMCA is celebrating 65 years of community service this year
- All families living in Midway Manor are eligible to join the MMCA
- MMCA meets monthly on the first Monday at New Christian Harvest Church
- Read this issue to learn what's going on in your community



Kids Need Kiwanis!



"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time"

Visitors are always welcome to attend our meeting and learn about the great things we do for children!

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast meets on Wednesdays at Noon and the last Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm at Denny's Restaurant, 1871 Catasauqua Road

Contact:

Catherine Kane 610-776-8270, or

Andrea Naugle 610-740-9391

ALLENTOWN N.E. KIWANIS IS PROUD TO SPONSOR:

Midway Manor Community Assn.

Dieruff High School Key Club

Ritter Elementary Student of the Month

Bethlehem Catholic Key Club

Roberto Clemente Charter High School Key Club

Roberto Clemente Elementary Charter School K-Kids

2022 Calendar of Events

Community Meetings

All Meetings Held at New Christian Harvest Church Ulster & E. Pennsylvania Streets

January - NO MEETING - WINTER BREAK

February 7

March 7

Membership Drive Begins January 1st

\$15 per family household per year, \$10 per senior household per year

Easter Egg Hunt and Visit by the Easter Bunny at the Park -

Saturday April 9 Raindate Saturday April 16 Time to be Announced



MIDWAY MANOR SECURITY PATROL

Midway Manor has a neighbor, Mike Valle of East Highland Street who has taken on the job of patrolling the neighborhood and reporting any suspicious activity that he sees to the Communications Center.

You may have seen him throughout the day driving through the Manor. His car has magnetic signs on the door identifying him as the Midway Manor Security Patrol. Unfortunately he is not able to patrol at night as we do not allow patrolling alone. If you would like to volunteer to help Mike, please contact him to find out the requirements to participate.

If you see him, wave and let him know you appreciate all he does in helping to keep our community safe!

CHECK MATE NUMBERS PROGRAM

The Allentown Police Department has a program call **Check Mate**, which allows callers to report incidents using a check mate number instead of their names and address. The number also expedites the reporting process resulting in quicker police response.

Check Mate applications may be picked up at any Community Association meeting or by emailing a request to info@midwaymanor.org

The Manor Vibes can be found on the City's website in the Neighborhood Groups section - <http://allentownpa.gov/CommunityNeighborhoodGroups/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

It is also available on our website at midwaymanor.org

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Thank you to the New
Christian Harvest Church for
the use of your facilities for
our monthly meetings

Midway Manor Intramural Basketball

- **Fridays in January-February (January 7,14,21,28 / February 4)**
 - **Boys & Girls - 4 to 8 years old**
 - **Ritter Elementary School Gym**
- **6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - Arrive at 5:50 PM**
 - **MMCA Membership required**
 - **\$15 family membership fee**
 - **Waiver form required**

**** MASKS ARE REQUIRED****

Email : midwaymanorsports@gmail.com
To sign up or for more information

Sign ups at Ritter Elementary School Friday
January 7th

Del Presidente

¡Feliz Año Nuevo a todos!

Esperamos que este mensaje los encuentre a todos sanos y bien. Quiero decir que 2021 fue un año lleno de acontecimientos para Midway Manor. Tuvimos varios eventos exitosos: Visitas del Conejo de Pascua, Día de los Caídos en el Parque (Memorial day), La Venta Anual y Operación Santa. Otra gran historia de éxito es el regreso de nuestro programa deportivo bajo la dirección del Director Atlético Marc Stewart. Tuvimos fútbol de bandera, fútbol y baloncesto. Gracias a Marc y sus entrenadores voluntarios por encabezar esta empresa. Consulte su artículo en este número. Gracias a mis compañeros miembros de la Junta y miembros del Comité por todo su arduo trabajo este año. ¡Nuestra organización no funcionaría sin usted!

También necesito tomarme el tiempo para agradecer a nuestros muchos voluntarios, sin los cuales estos eventos y otros acontecimientos no serían posibles: Enid Cruz, Amy Feidler, Sue Marek, Andrea Naugle, Julie Rodriguez, Alice Romberger, Stephanie Sigafos, Joe Svetecz, Sarah Svetecz, Kim Tagg, Felicia Wiedemann, Yolanda Davis, Gladys Wiles, Kristi Wagner, Ann Marie Egizio, Samantha Egizio, Ed Farrell, Andrea Naugle, Sophia Wiles, Ethan Wiles, our Vibes Deliverers, Dick Wilburn.

Esperamos otro año lleno de acontecimientos mientras celebramos los 65 años de Midway Manor. Esperamos tener un evento en toda la comunidad para celebrar este logro y seguimos buscando voluntarios para encabezar el Comité del 65º Aniversario.

Si tiene interés en ayudar con algún comité o evento, comuníquese con cualquier miembro de la Junta o del Comité para ser voluntario o averiguar más sobre su interés específico. Es un año nuevo, asegúrese de completar y renovar su membresía. Hay un formulario disponible en este número. ¡Nuestro objetivo es llegar a 200 miembros este año!

David Tagg, Presidente

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We rely on volunteers to ensure the successful running of our organization and the many programs we offer throughout the year. We have a small core group of dedicated volunteers who have been mainstays but like any organization, the more volunteers we have, the less work for all.

We'd like to see more help for the many events we offer, especially the Easter Egg Hunt coming up in April. If we feel we do not have enough help we will not go forward with the Hunt.

As noted in Marc Stewart's article, volunteers are paramount to keeping the sports program running. There are many areas for parents to help out, please ask Marc. Help is also needed for the Snack Shed which is a big source of funds for MMCA.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS WHO CURRENTLY SERVE ON THE BOARD AND COMMITTEES AND WORK TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS SERVED!

This is your neighborhood, please consider giving back by being a volunteer!

NOTE TO DOG OWNERS

Per City of Allentown ordinance, all pets are required to be leashed when off your property and while you're on walks. Also, please take your bagged poop home instead of disposing in the corner receptacles at the park - they are only emptied weekly and the odor can be overwhelming.

MEMBERSHIP MANIA 2022

It's that time of the year again!

Time for all of our Midway Manor residents to sign up and/or renew your 2022 Midway Manor Community Association membership dues. Your dues help support a wide variety of programs we offer to our community such as the Shed and Shed Insurance, Operation Santa, Halloween, Easter Bunny visits, our sports programs and meals for seniors.

PLEASE take the time to fill out the form at the bottom of this page and along with your payment, drop it off or mail to:
David Tagg, 1124 N. Wahneta Street Allentown, PA 18109

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES PER YEAR
FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD \$15
SENIOR HOUSEHOLD (60 AND UP) \$10

ANY QUESTIONS - email - davidatagg@gmail.com or info@midwaymanor.org

MMCA MEMBERSHIP : PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address: _____

Adult Names: _____ Youth Name(s) _____

PAYMENT (check one) Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____

VENMO Payment - DavidTagg@midwaymanor

Please: mail _____ I will pick up _____ my membership card

Midway Manor will Celebrate 65 Years in 2022

Throughout 2022 we will be highlighting the 65th Anniversary of the founding of Midway Manor Community Association in 1957 by a group of civic minded neighbors. I am told we are the oldest community organization in the City so that's something to be proud of.

Upcoming Vibes issues will spotlight long time Midway Manor Residents who will tell their stories of growing up in Midway Manor. We will also be reprinting various articles and tidbits from old issues of the original newsletter, the Manortones as well as it's successor the Vibes.

We start off our anniversary with a page in this issue that is a reprint of the front page of the Manortones from February of 1965. An interesting step back in time and yes, the newsletter was printed monthly back then!

If any long time Manor resident would like to tell their story, please contact Stephanie Sigafoos at ssigafoos@gmail.com.

We hope to have a community event sometime later in the year, possibly a Community Days and Picnic at Midway Manor Park. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please let us know!

We encourage you to submit articles of community interest for publication in the Vibes

Articles for the Spring Issue are due by **March 20, 2022** and can be emailed to info@midwaymanor.org. All articles are subject to approval and editing

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following businesses for your on going support of Midway Manor. We ask that you return the favor by supporting these businesses!

Kohut & Downing Funeral Homes

Joe's Battery & Tire

Sherman Street Brewery

Scentsy - Mary Judd

Stahley's

Snyder & Wiles Law Firm

Social Still

Drake's Pizza

SPORTS CORNER

This past year a return to normalcy was upon us with our sports program. Sports returned to the Manor in late spring and summer with a summer basketball program which welcomed all children ages 6-12. Practices took place at the park once or twice a week and children were having fun! We placed a team in the City Summer League and had a generous sponsor for our jerseys, Joe's Battery & Tire. Without our sponsors and our volunteers, we would be unable to restart the sports program.

As we progressed into Fall the interest in soccer was typical for the Manor. We had 30 children in 3 teams. The oldest team (13 under) was led by longtime favorite coach, Rocky Rivello. Our youngest team (7 under) brought in a experienced new coach, Ryan Creange. We also had a 11 under team coached by Rocky.

Without these volunteers and the interest within the community we could not offer a sports program. Along with anonymous donations to the program and behind the scenes help from our board members, the sports offerings are truly a representation of our strong community.

With that said, my name is Marc Stewart and I have been the Athletic Director since the beginning of the year. I've live in the Manor with my wife and two sons since 2015. With the pandemic crippling opportunities for our youth, restarting the sports program for the neighborhood was obvious. Children need to interact with each other, be active, learn, try something new, and most importantly, have fun while doing all that! Getting involved in sports is fun and teaches so many lessons our children will encounter throughout their life. We offer out programs for any skill level. As long as we continue to get volunteers for our pro-

gram offerings, we can provide a safe, fun learning outlet for all children. Our volunteers are required to provide State of Pennsylvania clearances and all adults and children are required to be an MMCA member.

As we move into the winter season, our basketball program has approximately 50 children in 4 teams in this year's City Winter Basketball League. Practices are held at Ritter Elementary School gym thanks to a City and school district sponsorship. With the flyers we put on our Facebook page and at Ritter Elementary the interest has grown and volunteers have emerged as well. For our winter program we have almost 10 volunteers and 3 new head coaches.

Currently we are running an Intramural basketball program, free for all MMCA members, for boys and girls, ages 4-8 years old. Every Friday night in January at Ritter Elementary School from 6-7:30 pm we will be holding instruction and scrimmages for our "Little Mustangs."

I am happy to say that sports are back in Midway Manor. Once basketball season concludes, we will move into Spring Soccer. We have a goal of fundraising to purchase new soccer uniforms for this upcoming year.

I thank ALL the volunteers, parents and children who participate to provide valuable opportunities for the youth of our neighborhood. If you have any questions, reach out to midwaymanorsports@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!

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CIRCULATION - 600 HOMES

FEBRUARY, 1965

Sports Banquet Arranged

The seventh annual sports banquet will be held on Monday, February 15, 1965 at 6:30 P. M. in the Moose Home on Hanover Ave. The guest speaker this year will be Bob "Moose" Mantz, who is a professional basketball player and member of the Allentown Jets. Master of Ceremonies will be Ernie Steigler of radio station WAEB.

A large crowd of athletes and their parents are anticipated to attend this event. Twelve awards will be presented to most valuable players on three baseball and three basketball teams. Due to the unfortunate disbanding of our Junior baseball team in mid-season, there will be no awards. *Athlete Of The Year* will be chosen by Cliff Young and Joe Zairo. This award is being presented by Allentown Beverage Company. The Champion American Legion team held their banquet last Fall, therefore, these boys will not be present.

Any person not receiving tickets to this banquet in the mail, please contact Cliff Young 432-0980 or Joe Zairo 432-7111. Adult ticket is \$2.50 and children under 12 is \$1.50.

41 Juveniles Arrested

In the month of December, the police arrested 33 boys and 8 girls on theft charges.

Listed in Lt. Bakes' report, twenty juveniles were arrested for larceny, 15 for shoplifting, four on burglary, and two for auto theft. The eight girls were arrested for shoplifting.

The following arrests were also made by the Allentown police: disorderly conduct, five; false alarms, two; malicious mischief, seven; morals, eight; discharging fire works, one; and finally assault and battery, one.

Five of those arrested were listed for Lehigh County Juvenile Court, and thirty-six were counseled and released in the custody of their parents.

Prices Are Rising

During the past two years the officers and members of the AMCA board have been active in assisting the residents of Midway Manor to join the Cetronia Ambulance Corp, when their services were needed. The fee was small and the response was likewise. Now, according to the Allentown City Council, a fee of \$15.00 will be charged when the city ambulance is used for private citizens.

The Cetronia Corp charges \$2.00 for husband and wife and \$1.00 for all children living in the same household who are under the age of 18. This fee includes use of wheelchairs and walkers to help anyone who would need them.

As it was previously mentioned, this group is completely non-profit. Men operating the equipment do this on their own time. Their entire effort and time is donated for the betterment of community and to help their fellow man when they are needed and called upon.

Bob Bechtel will be available to assist anyone in filling out the necessary forms if you wish to have this protection. Also, any questions you may have concerning this group, their work, or joining will be gladly answered by Bob

Santa Arrived

Santa Claus had a real surprise for all the kiddies who attended the outdoor Christmas party on December 21. Good ole St. Nick wasn't able to bring Rudolph, but he did come in a horse and wagon across the baseball field. He had goodies in his pack and several children were introduced to his horse Flicka.

Trophies were given to the following on their house decorations:

Best House

1. Thomas W. Deibert, 1018 N. Ulster St.
2. Harold Thomas, 2126 Tremont St.
3. Joseph Long, 1915 East Columbia St.

Best Lawn

1. Clifford Miley, 2314 E. Woodlawn St.
2. Art Heiser, 1926 E. Woodlawn St.
3. Lee Klopfenstein, 1919 E. Fairmont.

Best Overall

1. Edward Kudla, 2211 E. Columbia.
2. Richard Miller, 1232 Club Ave.
3. Joseph Dudeck, 1102 N. Tacoma.

Chips Bartholomew to be Honored

On February 2, 1965 at 8:00 P.M. in the William Allen Auditorium Clifford Bartholomew will be honored for his two score years of service in the field of education. State and local officials will be on hand to honor Mr. "Chips." All his friends and acquaintances are invited to attend this noteworthy event.

THANK YOU

The solicitors, who collected for the Pat Hagemus Fund, wish to take this opportunity to thank all the neighbors for their generosity in a time of great need.

The Hagemus Family would also like to thank everyone for their aid and condolences during such a time of sadness.

7th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

FEBRUARY 6, 1965

Moose Home

10-2

Foaming Liquids



Buffet, Door Prize

Music by Joe Ciccone
\$2.50 per person

The majority of the complaints received were on Saturday. Under motor code violations, there were 23 males and 2 females apprehended.

2022 Photo Gallery



CITY OF ALLENTOWN - Contact NUMBERS

Allentown City Hall	610-439-5999
Building/Permits	610-437-7592
Code Enforcement	610-437-7694
Garbage Complaints	610-437-8729
Police Non Emergent	610-437-7751
Recycling & Trash	610-437-8729
Streets	610-437-7639
SWEEP	610-437-8729
Zoning	610-437-7630
Lehigh County Auth.	610-437-7515

Our first **Halloween at the Park** event was a success beyond our wildest imagination. What started out as an Halloween Night event in an enclosed safe environment turned into something we did not anticipate for a first time event and that was a phenomenal turnout attended by nearly 400 people and many ghouls, vampires and other costumed folks. We had Trunk or Treat in the School parking lot with two organizations - LAMA motorcycle group and Street Alliance Car Club. We also had many neighbors trunk or treating on the field by the Shed. Allentown Police PAL also was in attendance. There were all kinds of activities from paint your own pumpkin to all kinds of games and prizes and candy were given out. The Shed was open for snacks. We had a best costume contest and a best dressed pet contest. Needless to say, this will be an annual event and we have no doubt that next year's Halloween event will be bigger, scarier, and better!

Operation Santa was once again a success. Santa and his merry elves delivered presents to 53 children and over 20 pets with the assistance of the Allentown Fire Department. The bad weather held off and it was a pleasure to see all the happy and smiling children thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The **Holiday House Decorating Contest** was tough to call this year. More and more Manor residents turned their homes into sparkling, shiny winter light extravaganzas. The judges had a difficult time choosing winners but this years winners were:

CHRISTMAS ELEGANCE	1120 N WAHNETA STREET
MANOR'S BEST	1313 N ULSTER STREET
HALLMARK MOVIE READY	2323 E COLUMBIA STREET
BEST USE OF LIGHTS	1268 N VAN BUREN STREET
THE CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD	2310 E PENNSYLVANIA STREET

PLEASE SEE PAGE 7 OF THIS ISSUE FOR PICTURES OF ALL THREE EVENTS - OTHER PHOTOS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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