

# This is your neighborhood newsletter



**PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME TO READ  
INCLUDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT:**

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

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**EVENTS**

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# Midway Manor Vibes

January, February, March, 2020 Edition  
www.midwaymanor.org

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.” **John Steinbeck**

Hi neighbors! Here's hoping you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season with your families. This is obviously the quiet time of the year in Midway Manor with many of us escaping the cold of winter to the warm indoors with the exception of our neighborhood's hardy dog walkers who brave all manner of weather.

We continue to actively seek folks to help out with many areas of our association. We especially need someone to coordinate the sports program in order that we may offer Spring programs to the kids in the Manor. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact one of our board members. We also need a volunteer to oversee the security patrol and as of the December meeting, still need someone to take on the role of Treasurer for the Association. January also begins our membership drive/renewal for 2020. Please consider becoming a member of the Association. Our dues remain \$15 for a family membership, \$10 for a Senior membership. Dues monies help to fund our meals for seniors program, our shed at the park and various other aspects. It's a good investment in your community!

I ask that you try to attend our monthly meetings, held on the first Monday at the Lou Ramos Center on Sherman Street, to find out what's going on, where we're going and help us grow as a community. Plus you get to participate by voicing your opinions and suggestions and voting on things that matter to us. Be a part of the solution, don't sit on the sidelines!

David Tagg

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Corres.Sec -- Anna Claudio	610-865-5602





# Help Keep Our Neighborhood Clean



## MMCA Events in 2020

### MMCA MONTHLY MEETING DATES IN 2020

The monthly association meetings are held on the first Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at 6:30 PM (**NOTE NEW TIME**) at the Lou Ramos Center, 1344 N. Sherman Street. The meeting dates for 2020 are:

- January 6
- February 3
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 1
- July 6
- August 3
- September 14 Nomination of Officers
- October 5 Election of Officers
- November 2
- December 7 Holiday Buffett



Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto:info@midwaymanor.org) by March 15<sup>th</sup> and are subject to approval and editing.

### 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.

The MMCA board would like to thank Greg Ramos for his generosity in allowing us to hold our monthly meeting in the Lou Ramos Center.



# Happy New Year!

*MIDWAY MANOR*  
*CITIZEN OF THE YEAR*  
*2019*  
*JOSHUA*  
*FEICHTEL*



Josh is a young man who grew up in Midway Manor. Many of the residents remember him playing at the playground with our children and playing baseball on Manor sponsored teams. But that is not why he was chosen as the Citizen of the Year.

Josh, after growing up and starting his own family with his wife Bernadette, decided to return to Midway Manor to raise their family. I guess the community made an impression on this young man while growing up here. But that is not why he was chosen as the Citizen of the Year.

Josh and Bernadette can be seen walking the streets of Midway Manor with their dog Lilly or their pet pig Speedy. Speedy drew a lot of attention from neighbors which helped the Feichtels get to know more of the residents of the community. But that is not why he was chosen as the Citizen of the Year.

Last year another lifelong resident, Scott Bedics, was searching for a kidney donor. We ran an article in the Vibes about his situation which got the attention of Josh. "After research and much soul searching, this courageous young man quietly informed Scott of his decision to begin the testing process to donate his kidney. The rest is history...!" And this **IS** why he was chosen as the Citizen of the Year.

The Midway Manor Community Association's Board was very pleased and proud to accept the recommendation of the nominating committee to name Joshua Feichtel as our 2019 Citizen of the Year.



Ed Feichtel, Nancy Feichtel, Bernadette Feichtel, Josh Feichtel, Scott Bedics, Joann Bedics, Bill Bedics



## KIDS NEED KIWANIS

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

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

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown North East meets on Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon and the last Wednesday of the month at 5:15 p.m. at Denny’s Restaurant, 1871 Catasauqua Road, Allentown.

Contacts can be made with:  
**Catherine Kane 610-776-8270 or Andrea Naugle 610-740-9391**

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### Allentown N.E. Kiwanis Club is PROUD to sponsor –

Midway Manor Community Assn.  
Children’s Programs

Key Club at Dieruff High School

Students of the Month at Ritter Elementary School

Key Club at Bethlehem Catholic High School

Key Club at Roberto Clemente Charter High School

K-Kids Club at Roberto Clemente Elementary Charter School

## Midway Manor Security Patrol

We need neighborhood residents to patrol during the day and evenings hours. If you are available and are interested, contact any board member for details.



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>



Keep your outside light on at night

## 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 [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto:info@midwaymanor.org).

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

Don't forget, another source for timely information is our facebook page, Midway Manor Community Association.

## ATTENTION PET OWNERS!



Once again we are getting complaints from neighbors about off leash pets in the Manor. Periodically we need to remind residents that the City of Allentown has an ordinance in place requiring all animals to: **“be secured by a leash no longer than six (6) feet controlled by a human when on public property but not limited to streets, sidewalks and parks or with or without a leash if on private property without the consent of the owner of such property.”**

While your pet may be well trained, the law requires them to be leashed at ALL TIMES off of your property. If the City is called for an unleashed pet, you can potentially receive a SWEEP citation of \$50.

## 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”.



Our Police Service Area (PSA1) Captain is:  
Captain James Keiser  
425 Hamilton St  
Allentown, PA 18101  
610-437-7713  
[James.Keiser@ALLENTOWNPA.GOV](mailto:James.Keiser@ALLENTOWNPA.GOV)



Police Contact Numbers:  
Emergency – 911  
Non- Emergency – 610-437-7751  
10<sup>th</sup> Street Desk – 610-437-7753

## Calling Com Center

Please call the APD Com Center (610-437-7751) to report safety and quality of life issues. The police may not be able to respond to every call due to more pressing issues but all calls are logged and call volume is reviewed by APD management. Limited police resources are assigned based on the volume and of issues.

Posting warnings on facebook certainly helps to warn our neighbors but calls should always be made to the Com Center first.

## Our calls count!

## Check Mate Numbers

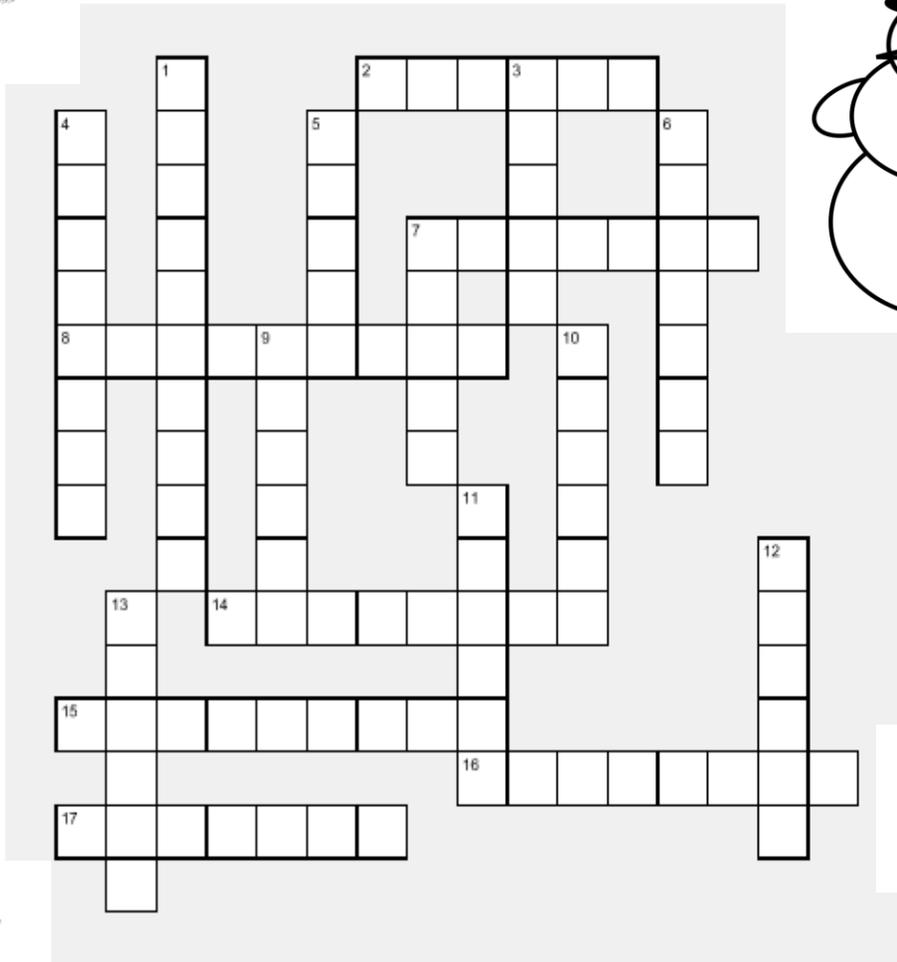


The Allentown Police Department (APD) has a program called **Check Mate**, which allows callers to report incidents to the call center using a check mate number instead of their name and address. The number also expedites the reporting process resulting in quicker police response.

Check Mate Number applications can be picked up an any Community Association meeting, or by emailing a request to [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto:info@midwaymanor.org)

No one from the police department (Captain Keiser, the police desk, the officers on duty) or anyone from the Com Center monitor social media to determine the need to dispatch an officer to investigate a complaint. If you see a problem and don't call it is not recorded and nothing is being done to solve the problem.

# Winter Crossword



## ACROSS

- 2) Frozen spike
- 7) Winter sculpture
- 8) Present day?
- 14) Winter coasting
- 15) Hearth
- 16) Rudolph and teammates
- 17) Winter \_\_\_\_ Games

## DOWN

- 1) White Rabbit's milieu
- 3) Hot chocolate
- 4) Winter outerwear
- 5) Icy coating
- 6) Rink dancing
- 7) Neck wrap
- 9) Snow remover
- 10) Aspen activity
- 11) Small shake
- 12) Stanley Cup sport
- 13) Uncomfortably cool

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The board is always looking for individuals who are 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).

Volunteers are also needed for the sports programs (Coaches, Assistants, Field Prep) -- Ground work at the park -- Security Patrol.

Sports programs were canceled for the fall due to the lack of volunteers. Let's not deny our children the opportunity to participate in other activities because of the lack of adults volunteering their time and talents.

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

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## Discounted B.J.'s Membership

Hello all Manor friends who are BJ's members. We have renewed the Manor's BJ's membership for 2109-2020, so all our supplemental members can now renew as well. The cost is \$30 per year.

Also, if you haven't joined our BJ's membership yet, remember that B.J.'s membership runs from November 2019 to October 2020. You'll need an enrollment form stating that you're a MMCA member in good standing, which simply means that you've paid your 2020 MMCA dues. BJ's Manor memberships are \$30 per year for an individual household member. If you'd like an enrollment form send a request via email to [info@midwaymanor.org](mailto:info@midwaymanor.org) or call 610-439-3469. If you currently have a membership through Midway Manor you only have to renew your membership with MMCA, you do not need a new enrollment form when renewing at B.J.'s.

### PHONE NUMBERS TO KNOW

City Information Desk	610-439-5999	Pothole hotline	610-437-8775
Code Enforcement	610-437-7694	Lehigh County Authority	610-437-7515
Crime Prevention Unit	610-437-7719	Street Lights	610-437-7735
Police NON-EMERGENCY	610-437-7751	Traffic signals	610-437-7769
SWEEP	610-437-8729	Traffic signals	610-437-7769
Recycling/Trash/Yardwaste	610-437-8729	Zoning violations	610-437-4360
Parking Enforcement	610-841-9090	Hazardous Waste	610-799-4177

# Happy New Year

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell the name of a popular location for celebrating New Years Eve.

S E I B A B N E W Y E A R S E V E Y  
 G C H A M P A G N E T Y I M N S T T  
 E N S S U E T H C D A N C E D R H R  
 S Q I N F E T O O D M U A Y O E I A  
 E F C G F I N A S L S U E R F K R P  
 D H E F N F R R R R I A S E D A T S  
 A I U S E I A S E B R D N I E M Y K  
 R B B T T E S M T I E S A F C E F R  
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| APPETIZERS | DECORATIONS      | HATS          | PARADES        |
| BABIES     | END OF DECEMBER  | HOLIDAY       | PARTY          |
| BALLOONS   | EVENTS           | HORNS         | PUNCH          |
| BANNERS    | FAMILY           | KISS          | RESOLUTIONS    |
| BUFFET     | FATHER TIME      | MIDNIGHT      | SINGING        |
| CELEBRATE  | FEAST            | MUSIC         | STREAMERS      |
| CHAMPAGNE  | FESTIVITIES      | NEW YEARS DAY | THIRTY FIRST   |
| CONFETTI   | FIREWORKS        | NEW YEARS EVE | TIARAS         |
| DANCE      | FIRST OF JANUARY | NOISEMAKERS   | WINE           |
| DAY ONE    | FRIENDS          | OCCASION      | YEAR IN REVIEW |





# ANIMAL CONTROL

2019 annual Dog Licenses are now available at the Recycling office. Dog Licenses are required by law in the state of Pennsylvania. State Law also requires that dogs and cats, three (3) months and older, **MUST be vaccinated against rabies.**

## Common Animal Control Issues:

**BARKING:** Pet owners must take measures to prevent excessive barking, crying, or annoying noise.

**AT-LARGE ANIMALS:** Animals are not allowed to run loose in the city. All animals must be secured by a leash. No domestic animals are permitted in Old Allentown Cemetery at 10th and Linden Streets.

**PROPER CARE:** Pet Owners must provide adequate clean water and food daily. They must also provide clean and proper shelter both indoors and outdoors. Pet owners are required to pick up all animal droppings on their property daily and must immediately pick up droppings deposited on private or public properties. **SWEEP tickets are issued for violations of the Animal Control ordinance.**



## Electronics Recycling

(TVs, computers, printers and other electronics)

- ✓ **LIMIT 3 TVS PER ADDRESS PER YEAR.**
- ✓ Call to schedule and a voucher will be mailed to you to bring with you for your scheduled appointment.
- ✓ **RESIDENTS MUST UNLOAD ELECTRONICS FROM VEHICLE.** Assistance is available if needed.

**Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste**  
641 S. 10th St. 610-437-8729  
[allentownpa.gov/recycle](http://allentownpa.gov/recycle)

# 2020 Yard Waste Drop-Off

1401 Oxford Drive

Allentown Residents Only

## WINTER DATES (weather permitting)

January 4	10:00am-12:00pm
February 1	10:00am-12:00pm
March 7	10:00am-12:00pm
December 5	10:00am-12:00pm



## Large Metal & Appliance Pick-up

- ✓ City residents must call **610-437-8729** to schedule a pick up of their appliances and large metal items.
- ✓ There is a \$20 fee for the collection of FREON appliances (*refrigerators, A/Cs, dehumidifiers, water coolers*). This fee must be paid before a pick-up is scheduled. **The fee is charged even if it does not have Freon.**
- ✓ The \$20 fee can be paid in person or mailed to the Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste. Please include your phone number.
- ✓ No charge for other appliances or large metal items.



## Confidential Document Shredding

Shredding Services are available by appointment to City of Allentown residents and businesses. This service is free and allows residents and businesses to see their documents being shredded.

**Nothing bigger than a staple is allowed.**

# Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees and other yard waste will be collected on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remove plastic bags, stands and all other decorations. Christmas trees are recycled and made into mulch by the Recycling staff.

Any other yard waste can be put out on those nights as well. Place yard waste in containers as you do during the summer months.



Allentown is trying out an online service that enables city residents to recycle clothing, TVs, computer monitors and other electronics from their doorstep.

The city has begun a one-year pilot program with retrievr. In addition to the convenience factor, Allentown officials believe the platform will cut costs related to landfill disposal.

Here's how it works:

Visit [retrievr.com](http://retrievr.com) or text PICKUP to 757-70-FETCH (757-703-3824) to schedule your pickup date.

Specify the clothing or electronics you wish to recycle.

On your pickup day, set out your electronics and bagged clothing on your porch or next to your front door.

The retrievr truck will collect it.

Residents can also earn rewards (such as an Amazon gift card or a donation made in your name) by texting photos of the to-be-recycled materials to retrievr. This gives the company a better sense of what it can fit in the truck and “get a jumpstart” on identifying where and how to recycle various objects.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 CHRISTMAS HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS



**Best Use of Lights**

1342 N. Ulster St



**Christmas Elegance**

1343 N. Troxell St.



**Griswold Award**

2310 E. Pennsylvania St.



**Manor's Best**

1923 E. Highland St.  
(You really need to see the video)



## OPERATION SANTA



Operation Santa was conducted on Saturday, December 7. Santa visited 30+ homes of children, pets, and seniors giving out gifts provided by your Community Association. Santa was accompanied by elves and drivers who helped distribute the gifts.

Santa began his trip at the Bright Futures Child Care Center where he had gifts for two groups of children there. We then delivered gifts to 32 children, 11 dogs, 5 cats and a rabbit. In addition stops were made at 15 senior homes where Santa had a bag of baked goods and other sweets for their enjoyment. We also gave out treats to neighbors and their pets that we encountered along the way.

Please check out the pictures and additional comments on the next page.

### *Thank You To:*

- *Chris & Laura for shopping for gifts*
- *Carol & Janet for Baking for our Seniors*
- *Joe & Sara for providing toys for the dogs*
- *Tom & Rita for planning and coordinating the event and providing lunch afterwards*
- *Joe for stepping up to be our "Jolly Old Elf"*
- *Amy, Steph, Chris and Tom (Our Elves)*
- *Dick and Austin for providing safe transportation*



Everyone had a great time providing laughter and smiles to all the homes visited. The children and pets all seemed excited although some were a little bashful greeting Santa. Santa had a great time giving out gifts to the children at our first stop, Bright Futures Child Care Center, on Sherman Street.



The seniors' smiles and expressions of gratitude made us all feel warm on a chilly day, and grateful that we have the ability to serve such a caring and appreciative neighborhood.



**MEMBERSHIP MANIA 2020**

It is once again time for all of our Midway Manor residents to sign up for 2020 MMCA membership. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

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

**HOUSEHOLDS \$15.00**

**SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS (60 AND UP) \$10.00**

**(QUESTIONS, CALL Richard AT 610-435-2678**

Membership cards can be picked up during any Association Meeting or by stopping by 1039 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_