



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## OLD ALLENTOWN RESIDENTS & FRIENDS

MAY 2015

### New Business in Town

In the early 1900's a candy factory was located on 7th Street. The company was so successful that in 1902 they



built a machine shop for their delivery trucks on the corner of Pine and Hall in Allentown, behind the factory. The upper floor was used by the factory as a packaging area. The small warehouse had been used as a storage facility for many years and was recently purchased by Kenny

and Shelby Ek. This enterprising couple resides on Turner Street and have played an integral part in the transformation of Old Allentown. Their home was one of the featured houses in last year's House Tour and they are now working to refurbish this charming landmark warehouse.

Upgrading and renovation of the warehouse is well under way. Kenny states that he loves the simplicity of the solid



brick building as well as appreciating the fact that it is located off of the heavier traveled streets in town. Involvement in the neighborhood is a primary goal of this couple. *KeneK Photography* will open the studio by this Fall. A specialized photography business that caters to art clients, it is

a digital refuge for artists to have their work photographically documented. Kenny also provides business cards, postcards, prints and giclee prints. He has been in business for 15 years and is delighted that his vision of a larger professional space is materializing.

Shelby owns and operates her own business, *Salvage and Art*, with a showroom at the Weil Antique Center in



Allentown. Kenny re-purposes found items by transforming them into furniture, which Shelby then sells. Some of the pieces will be worked on in the warehouse studio before being transported to Weil. Eclectic housewares and wall art are also available. It is well worth the time to

seek out these one of a kind items.

The restoration of this historical warehouse is another important step in Old Allentown's revitalization. After the business opens take time to walk by and note the transformation of this historic building.

### Old Allentown Preservation Association Annual House Tour



Old Allentown Preservation Association is offering sponsorship opportunities in support of its signature fundraising event, the Annual House Tour, now in its 38<sup>th</sup> year. A number of homes and gardens will be featured in an effort to promote the urban lifestyle.

Our challenges continue to grow each year with the negative perception of living in an urban neighborhood. Our organization believes our "architecturally significant" housing stock is worth saving as we continue to build a safe and thriving downtown community for all our neighbors.

Please consider reaching a diverse population with sponsorship for this important Allentown event.

**Many Sponsorship Opportunities for Old Allentown  
Preservation Association's Thirty Eighth Annual  
House Tour are still available.**

**Sunday, September 20, 2015 - 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Please contact [wendie@ptd.net](mailto:wendie@ptd.net) or [info@oldallentown.org](mailto:info@oldallentown.org)**



**IT'S OUR 34TH YEAR OF HOUSE TOURS!!**



The 2015  
West Park Civic Association  
House Tour  
will be Sunday, June 21  
11:00 to 4:00

Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and  
\$15.00 day of tour. For details go to  
<http://bit.ly/WPCAHT> or call  
Tom at (610)-737-7132



**OLD ALLENTOWN  
FLOWER AND FLEA MARKET**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!**

**SATURDAY MAY 9, 2015 9AM – 2PM**

**Gordon Street Between 8th and 9th Streets**

**Come for your Mother's Day flowers  
and flea market treasures!!**

**Do you have some items you would like  
to sell? Set up a table!**

**Pre-sign ups are greatly appreciated!**

**Please e-mail [info@oldallentown.org](mailto:info@oldallentown.org) or  
Call 610-740-9919 to sign up or for more information.**

*MAY 9, 2015*

[www.oldallentown.org](http://www.oldallentown.org)



**ONE DAY ONLY DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

By showing your support of Old Allentown and renewing or signing up for a membership you are ensuring that we maintain the strength that has carried us for nearly 40 years. You will also receive announcements about events and news in our district and have the opportunity to join our committees and make a difference in our neighborhood.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

One Day Discount Membership May 9, 2015

\$10.00 **Cash or Checks Accepted**

**Please present this form on 5/9/15 at the Old Allentown  
Flower and Flea Market Event**



**Old Allentown Preservation Association Membership Application - 2015**

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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 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Please take a few moments to answer the following questions:

Are you interested in volunteering? \_\_\_\_\_

(We will get back to you with information regarding your particular area of interest for volunteering – Thank you in advance)

Are you interested in joining a committee? \_\_\_\_\_

(We will email you information about our current committees)

*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.*



Please **DO NOT place your TV or computer at the curb.**

They are no longer collected with your trash.

**FREE Electronic Recycling  
for Allentown Residents**

1401 Oxford Drive (at the city's yard waste site)

**Regular Hours:**

- April through November
- On the 1st & 3rd  
Saturday of each month
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Dates and times are subject to change.**

**Accepted items:** computers, keyboards, laptops  
monitors, electronics, printers, scanners and televisions\*

**\*one projection TV or  
two regular TVs per vehicle per day.**

**ALLENTOWN  
RECYCLES**

610-437-8729 ∞ www.allentownrecycles.org

Por favor **No coloque su televisor  
O computadora en la acera.**

Estos artículos ya no se recogen con la basura.

**Reciclaje de Electrónicos  
para los Residentes de Allentown Gratis**  
1401 Oxford Drive (centro de desperdicios de jardín)

**Horario Regular:**

- Abril a Noviembre
- El primer y tercer  
Sábado de cada mes
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Las fechas y horarios están sujetos a cambios.**

**Artículos aceptados:** computadoras, teclados, monitores,  
electrónicos, impresoras, escáneres y televisores\*

**\*una televisión de proyección o dos  
televisores regulares por vehículo por día.**

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**YARD WASTE  
RECYCLING**

**CURBSIDE:** Yard waste is collected once a week on your recycling night. For 2015 it will begin Sunday, April 5 and end the week of Thanksgiving (Sunday, November 22-Friday, November 27).

**GRASS, YARD WASTE, BRANCHES, TRIMMINGS, ETC.**  
Place in a can separate from your trash. Yellow stickers are available at the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste to identify your yard waste can.

**\* Please DO NOT USE paper lawn bags anymore.**  
Use containers with yard waste stickers as pictured below for grass and other yard waste.

**FALL LEAVES** Place in containers for regular collection through the week of Thanksgiving. Please check the City's website [www.allentownpa.gov](http://www.allentownpa.gov) for the fall leaf collection program information or call the Streets Department at 610-437-7638.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** and other yard waste are collected the second and fourth full weeks in January on your recycling night. Remove plastic bags, stands and all decorations.

**ORGANIC ITEMS ONLY!  
PUTTING THE WRONG THINGS IN YOUR YARD  
WASTE CAN CAUSES PROBLEMS.**

Trash and other debris that is improperly mixed in with your yard waste has a negative impact on processing and the mulch we produce for Allentown residents and our parks. Items such as plastic bags, lumber, bottles, cans, litter and other trash causes contamination in the mulch. Plastic flower pots may be recycled in the green recycling bin. Contamination can damage yard waste processing equipment and increase the cost of recycling.

**Organic Items ONLY!**

**YES**

Branches, Leaves,  
Grass and Other  
Plant Material



**NO**

...other Items!



No flower pots of any kind  
No plastic Bags  
No construction material



No cardboard

**NO litter, trash or any other debris  
in the yard waste cans!**

**Dog Waste Stations**

A number of waste stations have been made available the Old Allentown District. Turner, Gordon, Linden, North, Chew, 10th, Liberty & 12th streets all have stations. Other stations have been provided throughout the City. The attached waste cans are for the waste. The bags will be supplied and collected by the City Recycling Employees.



Make every effort to use these stations to clean up after your pet. No one wants to step in dog waste. Cleaning up after your pet makes life in the district better for everyone.



**Health Alert - Rabies**

A confirmed case of rabies in Allentown was reported in April and a rabid raccoon was captured in Center City. If



you see an animal that is not acting normally, especially a wild animal that you would not normally see around humans, report it immediately. **Call 911**

**or the non-emergency line 437.7751.** Do not try to capture or approach the animal.

**Wild Animals**

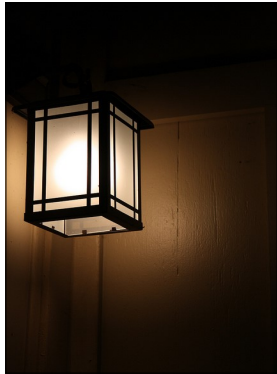
If you discover a wild animal that is injured, trapped or lost please contact **Barbara Miller @ 610.435.4729.** She is licensed through the state to tend to wildlife and will help to rescue and care for these animals.



Please do not try to treat them yourself.



# BE A BEACON BLOCK



## TURN YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON AT NIGHT

PPL Electric Utilities is providing  
**FREE LED Light Bulbs**

**FREE** light bulbs will be available at the Old Allentown Preservation Office, 147 N. 10th Street, on Saturday, May 16th & 23rd from 10:00 am - noon. This offer is for Allentown Residents only.

Sponsored by the City of Allentown Center City Initiative Public Safety Sub-Committee and PPL Electric Utilities.



## Earth Day

On Saturday, April 25th volunteers met on the 800 block of Chew Street for an Earth Day clean up. The volunteers



cleaned and spread new mulch in all of the tree wells. Last Fall Old Allentown planted 22 new trees, it appears that all of the trees have made it through



the Winter and they look wonderful!

## Faith Church Volunteer Clean Up Day

On Sunday, April 26th 1100 volunteers from Faith Church came into Allentown to perform a variety of tasks. They gave up their Sunday worship to volunteer in the City. In groups from 10 to 100 they helped clean 12 schools and 14 parks and cemeteries throughout town.



The Union and West End Cemetery had 50 church volunteers as well as additional district volunteers.



They cleaned and spread mulch in the rose garden, around young trees in the cemetery (approx. 30), in the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial and 10<sup>th</sup> street from Chew to the gate. Volunteers also picked up trash and leaves (67 bags) as they raked the perimeter of the cemetery and planted over 90 new ground cover plants (Goldenwort) on 10<sup>th</sup> street starting at North street. **A HUGE** thank you goes out to these much appreciated volunteers and to the Parks Department and the Bureau of Recycling who provided the mulch and tools to complete these projects.



### Old Allentown Preservation Association Board

**Chris Brown, President   Gerry Pegues, Vice President**  
**Edward Morrison & Alex Rolon, Treasurer**  
**Angie Johnson, Secretary**

### Directors

**Shane Fillman   Wendie Lazansky   Tricia Morska   Steven Ramos**

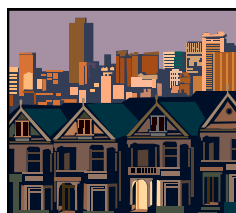
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**Homes for Sale in the District** - The following houses are currently listed for sale in Old Allentown with a local real estate office. The Old Allentown Preservation Association is not selling these homes. We encourage you to take a drive by and **contact the listing office** for more information on these homes. Listings as of April 29, 2015.

328 N 8th Street \$1300  
409 N 9th Street \$89,900  
324 N Fountain Street \$49,900  
928 W Gordon \$134,900



937 Monroe Street \$39,900  
931 North Street \$37,900  
938 W Pine Street \$63,000  
1031 W Turner Street \$75,999

