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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday March 22nd, the annual WPCA Spring egg hunt was held in West Park. An overwhelming response to this event brought almost 100 children to the park to take part in the activities. Dozens of colorful eggs were spread through the park for the various age groups and gifts awaited the lucky holders of prize eggs. The local B104 radio station provided music entertainment and their mascot bee was on hand to greet children and mug for photographs. The ladies of WPCA rounded out the day with refreshments. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to make this event a success.

On Saturday April 19th, we continued the West Park 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year events with special Earth Day celebrations. Neighbors and scout groups gathered to help with an initial cleanup of the park. Mayor Pawlowski was on hand to kick-off the Remembrance Tree Program by planting the first tree in West Park and calling for the challenge to have 100 trees dedicated by the official West Park rededication ceremony on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The West Park Civic Association is grateful for all the time, expertise, and donations that our volunteers contribute towards events and the organization in general. Unfortunately, the burden seems to fall on many of the same folks when it comes to planning and executing many of the special events we host. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage more members to become involved and at the very least attend the events whenever possible. The added support goes a long way towards adding to their success and validates the time and effort put into the planning stages. The experience can be fun and the public response fulfilling. As neighbors and caretakers of West Park, we all have an investment in the importance the park adds to our community. As with any other asset, the return is paramount; therefore, the more we can contribute to the value of West Park, the more chance we have of increasing our quality of life, property values, and recognition as a vital city resource.

As you may have already noticed, our newsletter has taken on a new look and a new name, "The West Park Press." We hope you will find this new format refreshing and easy to navigate. We owe many thanks to Bob Berner and Century 21 Locher Realtors for publishing our newsletters and contributing to the content.

**Glenn C. Neiman**

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's message*
- *Police changes*
- *Things to do*
- *Art-in-the-Park*
- *House Tour*

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## COMMUNITY POLICING



Harry Crasper and Glenn Neiman attended one of the city's public meetings on the Community Policing Plan. The meeting included presentations by Mayor Ed Pawlowski, Police Chief Roger MacLean, and Dr. George Kelling; faculty-chair of the Rutgers Police Institute. In summary, the city has concluded that the best strategy for policing Allentown would be to utilize a community police plan. What this means is that police officers would be assigned to designated areas of the city, like our west end, and stay in that area during their shift with few exceptions. This would allow the officers to become familiar with the residents, problems, and overall dynamics of the community they police. Residents would also have the opportunity to develop a relationship with the officers. The ensuing familiarity and partnership would increase the advantages for addressing problems and crime. The meeting was an opportunity for attendees to express their concerns and offer specific problems that they feel need to be addressed. Attendees were also solicited for ideas on how the officer's time would be best utilized when not responding to service calls.

If you would like to participate in a similar meeting, the city has another one planned for the month of May. That meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Mosser Elementary School at 129 South Dauphin Street.

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FIRST TUESDAY  
OF EACH  
MONTH  
7:00 PM  
CHURCH OF THE  
MEDIATOR

JOIN US!

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## EMAIL NOTICE

If you are currently receiving WPCA notifications via email, and your email address has recently changed, or you would like to be added to the list, please send your correct email address to Nancy Jensen at [nsjensen@rcn.com](mailto:nsjensen@rcn.com). Thank you.

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## SUNDAYS

Need something to do on a Sunday afternoon? The Allentown Art Museum, a great place to visit anytime, is free on Sundays. Funds from a grant secured from Target are being used to continue Free Sundays, a program that waives general Museum admission on every Sunday of the year. The Museum's hours are 11:00 to 5:00 Tuesday thru Saturday and 12:00 to 5:00 on Sundays. The Museum's website is [www.allentownartmuseum.org](http://www.allentownartmuseum.org).

Close by to the Art Museum is America on Wheels at the former site of A&B Meats. The exhibit, don't call it a museum, celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. They have everything from Pee Wee Herman's favorite bicycle to a 1919 Mack Fire Truck. For more information, visit America On Wheels online at [www.americaonwheels.org](http://www.americaonwheels.org) or call (610) 432-4200.

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## ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Are you interested in hearing about your local government? Knowing what legislation is being passed? Tired of hearing about things in the Morning Call after the fact? Come to the City Council Meetings. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Have a concern to advise Council about? Speak at courtesy of the Floor—which starts promptly at 7PM.

Meetings for May are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> located in the 1st floor of City Hall



## MAY/JUNE 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Sunday, May 4th***

***Festival of Bands and Church Celebration***

**Four City Bands' Kickoff Concert 2:30pm West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and W. Turner Sts.**

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of West Park, the Four City Bands' Kickoff Concert will take place at our beautiful West Park Bandshell. Be there for the official unveiling of the NEW Band Concert sign.

**The Episcopal Church of the Mediator's Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sanctuary, Choral Evensong 5:00pm followed by Festive Dinner, 1620 West Turner St., For information call 610-434-0155 or email [mediatorec@verizon.net](mailto:mediatorec@verizon.net)**

The church invites the community to join in celebrating with beautiful music, words, food, and fellowship. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrates the addition of the sanctuary which was added to the original church, built when West Park was barely a decade old. Reservations are required for dinner. Find out more at [www.episcopalmediator.org](http://www.episcopalmediator.org)

***Saturday, May 17th***

***Children's Day at West Park***

**Children's Day at West Park 2:00pm, Victorian Games and Activities for children ages 5 to 12 and Children's Author Melissa Bell. For information call Recreation Bureau at 610-437-7757. West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and Turner Sts., Allentown.**

A fun-filled day for children ages 5-12! Enjoy the Victorian games enjoyed by children living 100 years ago. Meet children's author, Melissa Bell, who will discuss her two books on Harry Trexler, [The Life of Harry Clay Trexler](#) and [The Legacy of General Harry Clay Trexler](#).

***Saturday, June 21st***

***The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Art-in-the-Park***

**Art-in-the-Park 10:00am to 5:00pm, Original works by leading artists, West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and Turner Sts., Allentown. Entertainment provided by The Allentown Band 1:30pm and The Repertory Dance Theatre 3:30pm. For information call Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657 or send email inquiries to: [peggy.egolf@verizon.net](mailto:peggy.egolf@verizon.net).**

Enjoy the original works by over 80 local and regional artists at the serene setting of West Park. Also enjoy a concert by The Allentown Band and performances by the Repertory Dance Theatre.

***Sunday, June 22nd***

***West Park House Tour***

**West Park Historic District House Tour 1:00pm to 5:00pm, West Park neighborhood community. Advanced tickets: \$12.00, Day of Tour: \$15.00 For more information call Thomas Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or send email inquiries to: [gneimanwpca@yahoo.com](mailto:gneimanwpca@yahoo.com)**

Once again residents of the Historic West Park District of Allentown will open their homes to share the architectural designs of the period and how they have been enhanced with personal decorating techniques. For more detailed information on the tour and advanced ticket sales, check the West Park Civic Association website at [www.westpark-ca.org](http://www.westpark-ca.org) for postings as they become available.



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OUR FULL  
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## WEST PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

OF ALLENTOWN, INC.

The West Park civic Association (WPCA) exists to preserve, protect, enhance and promote West Park and its surrounding neighborhood area. WPCA advocates prevention of park and neighborhood blight and deterioration, enforcement of laws and ordinances within the area and park and neighborhood safety and beautification. WPCA encourages harmonious human relations among the residents of the West Park Neighborhood. Please consider joining WPCA, as we can be a stronger organization with your help.

### 2008 West Park Civic Association Membership Application

**Dues: WPCA dues are due and payable by the calendar year, January – December**  
**\$10.00 per Household Membership**  
**\$5.00 per Senior Citizen or Single Membership**

name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 date: \_\_\_\_\_ new member: \_\_\_\_\_ renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues must accompany membership form. Mail to:  
 Nancy Jensen, 1642 Turner St., Allentown, PA 18102.

As a member of the WPCA, and in order to further the above stated goals of the association, I would be interested in helping with the following:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| _____ Art in the Park     | _____ Zoning      | _____ Membership                 |
| _____ Code Enforcement    | _____ Crime Watch | _____ Newsletter                 |
| _____ Clean 'N Green      | _____ House Tour  | _____ Board of Directors         |
| _____ Egg Hunt            | _____ Hospitality | _____ Historic District          |
| _____ Children's Programs | _____ Welcome     | _____ Historic Preservation Week |

## NEWSLETTER STAFF AND SUBMISSIONS

We hope that you find our newsletter useful, informative and somewhat entertaining. Along with information about our neighborhood and West Park, we will be including articles about goings on in our fair city. If there is anything that you feel our members would be interested in knowing about please let us know. It can be something to add to the calendar or an article about a person, place or event in the city. While we can't promise to print everything that you may want to submit, we will certainly consider any submissions that our readers send in. We would also like to hear any feedback you may have about this newsletter or our Association. You may send any comments or submissions to:

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## SHAMELESS SELF PROMOTION

I've been a member of the West Park Civic Association for a few years and have been publishing this newsletter for a few months now. I have sold a few homes around the park and it is one of my favorite parts of the city. We have a very strong Association made up of people who care deeply about their neighborhood and West Park. In celebration of West Park's 100th anniversary, I will donate \$100 to the West Park Civic Association for any home I list or sell for a member of the Association, or for a client that is referred to me by a member of the Association.

If you know of anyone that is undecided about buying a home, now is a great time to do so. Interest rates are still near their historical lows and there are a lot of great homes to choose from. Mortgages are available and while 100% financing is a thing of the past, you don't need a ton of cash to buy a home. Feel free to call me at 610 434-3223 or send me an email at [boberner@rcn.com](mailto:boberner@rcn.com) if you are thinking of buying or selling a home.

**Bob Berner**  
**Associate Broker**  
**Century 21 Locher Realtors**

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 ABOUT MYSELF!

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 YOUR  
 SUBMISSIONS FOR  
 THE NEWSLETTER.

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### *Classified section*

If you are interested in advertising items or services for sale in the WPCA newsletter, please contact Tom Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or [gneimanwpc@yaho.com](mailto:gneimanwpc@yaho.com). Advertising space can be purchased for a small fee. The proceeds will be used to help defray the costs of publishing and mailing our newsletter.

#### *“Post card and T-Shirt Sales”*

West park vintage post card reproductions and West Park logo T-shirts are available for purchase at any time. If you are interested in making a purchase, please call Tom Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657.

#### NUMBERS TO KNOW

POLICE – FIRE - AMBULANCE	911
POLICE – NON - EMERGENCY	610-437-7751
PARKING AUTHORITY	610-437-7751
ZONING OFFICE	610-437-7630
FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS	610-437-7758
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