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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June was a prolific month for events. An extremely successful Art-in-the-Park, on Saturday June 21, was followed by our well attended house tour on Sunday June 22. Both events tied in well with the celebration year for the park and helped to keep the momentum going as we approach the official 100th anniversary celebration event in September. As always, many thanks to Peggy and Rob for their tireless efforts in rolling out the 34th annual Art-in-the-Park and also to the many volunteers that assisted on the day of the event. And another big thanks to Tom Yuracka for organizing the house tour from stem to stern and to all the participants who were gracious enough to open their homes to the public and the volunteers who contributed to the success. These combined events are our biggest opportunity to showcase West Park, our historic district within the city, and all the wonderful characteristics of our neighborhood. Again, job well done to all!

On Saturday July 12th we were fortunate enough to have Scott Rothenberger return and give another lecture on the gardens of West Park and landscaping in general. Scott's presentation began with an interesting Power Point presentation on design and the many considerations that go into landscaping a residential home. This took place at the Church of the Mediator and was then followed by a walking tour of the West Park gardens that Scott created the master plan for. The event was attended by about 40 people and proved to be very informative with regard to residential landscaping as well public space projects like the park. Many thanks to Scott for volunteering his time to do this presentation and all the time he has given to the city in an effort to create more beautiful and cohesive gardens in the park for us all to enjoy.

The next big event will be our "Dinner and a Movie" in West Park, on Saturday August 23rd. The movie will be a continuation of the city outdoor movie theater program featuring "Grease." In an effort to take this event up a notch, the WPCA has engaged Maison Blanc to cater a dinner before the movie. The menu will include some entrée choices, side dishes, desert and beverage. We are asking folks to make reservations for this event in order to give the caterer an approximate count and so we can reserve seating for both the dinner and the movie. Please check the separate article on this event in the newsletter for more detailed information and the contact information for making reservations.

Glenn C. Neiman

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's message*
- *Lehigh Valley Hospital Issues*
- *Things to do*
- *Dinner and a Movie*
- *Thanks to volunteers and participants*
- *Submissions*

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LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL



At the June West Park board meeting, it was brought to our attention by a member that employees at the Lehigh Valley Hospital, 17th street location, are crossing West Street, behind the hospital to smoke. Unfortunately, these people are leaving their residual litter behind in public spaces and on private property, where neighbors become responsible for cleaning up after them. In response to this information, I contacted Dr. Elliot Sussman of LVH and received the following response.

Glenn Neiman

Re: Your letter dated June 18, 2008

Dear Mr. Neiman,

Dr. Elliot Sussman shared your recent letter with me regarding hospital employees who leave residual smoking litter in our neighborhood's public spaces and on private property. Please accept and convey my heartfelt apology to those who have been affected, as good neighbor relations are extremely important at all Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network locations, and especially here at LVH 17th & Chew. You are correct in that we have a zero tolerance policy regarding smoking on hospital property, but that does not excuse hospital staff members who would exhibit unacceptable behavior by being inconsiderate of our neighbors. A second issue raised by Mr. Chuck Billy is hospital staff members choosing to park on neighborhood streets in lieu of parking in our employee parking lots. I will be addressing both issues in an all-department communication stressing considerate behavior on smoking and parking concerns as highlighted above, with a copy to our Human Resources department. My communiqué will contain the advisory that violation of established Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network PRIDE behaviors is cause for progressive disciplinary action potentially leading to termination, and we won't hesitate to act when offenders are brought to our attention.

My apologies again for the concerns that you raised, as our sincere goal is to be a valued neighbor and to lead by example. Please keep me apprised if you don't see visible improvements over the next several weeks.

Very Sincerely,

James F. Geiger

Senior Vice President, Operations

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network

(610) 969-4290 office voice

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

JOIN US!

JUNE/JULY 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 23rd (Rain date Sunday 24th)

“Dinner and a Movie”

Dinner and a Movie at West Park 16th and Turner Sts., Allentown, For information or to place a reservation for dinner, call Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657 or Glenn Neiman at 610-428-7736 or send emails to peggy.egolf@verizon.net or gneimanwpca@yahoo.com

Please join the West Park Civic Association for our first “Dinner and a Movie” at West Park. Guests will have the opportunity to relax and enjoy a catered dinner in the park, followed by a film presentation projected on a large screen in the bandshell. Come and take pleasure in this occasion to dine out, socialize, and take in a movie with friends. For more detailed information on this event, check the West Park Civic Association website at www.westpark-ca.org for postings as they become available.



Sunday, September 14th

Official Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of West Park 2pm-5pm

Speeches at 2pm, Allentown Band concert 3-4pm, Planting of the 100th Remembrance tree and the Time Capsule 4-5pm. For information call the Recreation Bureau at 610-437-7757 or Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657 or email peggy.egolf@verizon.net

Be a part of history by joining in the official rededication of West Park marking the park's 100th anniversary. Enjoy speeches by our local leaders, hear the Allentown Band play just as they did 100 years ago when the park was dedicated, and help plant the 100th Remembrance Tree and the Time Capsule.

GO TO OUR
WEBSITE
WESTPARK-
CA.ORG FOR
OUR FULL
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

Saturday, September 27th

West Park Civic Association's Annual Block Party 1-6pm

North West Street between West Turner and Linden Streets, food, Games, Music, demonstrations, and Flea Market. For information call Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657 or Glenn Neiman at 610-428-7736 or send emails to peggy.egolf@verizon.net or gneimanwpca@yahoo.com

Get to know your West Park neighbors and enjoy food, games, music, demonstrations, a flea market and more!

DINNER AND A MOVIE

“Grease” is the word

Please join the West Park Civic Association for “Dinner and a Movie” at West Park. The city’s outdoor movie theater program will present “Grease” on Saturday August 23rd in West Park with a rain date of Sunday August 24th. The movie will begin at approximately 8:30PM. Preceding the movie at 7:00PM, Maison Blanc will offer dinner featuring “Deliciously Wicked Barbeque.” The price range for a combination meal will be from \$7 to \$10 and they will also have a la cart pricing (please see menu below) The city is currently trying to engage a car club and dance studio to add to the fun with vintage automobiles from the 50’s and swing dance entertainment. The West Park Civic Association is asking that people, who intend to have dinner, make reservations so food and seating can be planned accordingly. People with reservations will also have reserved seating in the theater area. The caterer will also be prepared to handle walk-ups who choose to have food that evening, but seating cannot be guaranteed. All cash transactions will take place the evening of the event, no deposits or payments will be required when reservations are made. To make reservations, please call 610-434-0657 or 610-428-7736 or send emails to peggy.egolf@verizon.net or gneimanwpca@yahoo.com

Deliciously Wicked Barbeque Station Menu

Smoked Majic Rubbed BBQ Chicken

Pennsylvania grown pulled chicken

Seasoned with our 14 secret herbs and spices. Slow smoked to absolute perfection.

Slow-Smoked BBQ Pulled Pork

(Offered with Roll, Potato or Nachos)

Our pork shoulder is hand rubbed with a special “dry & wet” rub

Slow smoked for a minimum of sixteen hours until it literally falls apart.

Texas-Style Deliciously Wicked Barbequed Brisket

We’ve learned over the years the right amount of smoke-lots, heat-low,

And time—measured in half days rather than hours

Deliciously Wicked Barbeque Nachos—Plain and BBQ

Tortilla chips buried under melting cheese &

Offered with the above mentioned Smoked Meats and BBQ sauce

Jalapeno peppers, sour cream and salsa on the side

Baked Idaho Potatoes

Offered with sour cream & melted cheese

buried under any of the above mentioned Smoked Meats

Assorted Beverages

Bottled Water, Coke, Diet Coke & Sprite

Desserts

ART-IN-THE-PARK

Absolutely Awesome!!

Beautiful weather, 86 outstanding artists, fantastic performances by the Allentown Band and the Repertory Dance Theatre, 3500+ patrons, and wonderful volunteers all made this year's 34th annual **Art-in-the-Park** absolutely awesome!

Special thanks to our two art show judges, Jason Gordon and Tracy A. Rabenhold who had the difficult task of picking this year's winners from all the spectacular works of our 86 participating artists. The winners were: Watercolor - Sylvia Roth, Allentown (1st), Joseph Sofka, Hellertown (2nd), Bernie Tyler, Bethlehem (3rd), Steve Zazenski, New Hope (HM); Oils/Acrylics- Edith Roeder, Allentown (1st), Irene Bartz, Stroudsburg (2nd), Jeann Krantz, Whitehall (3rd), Jack Weinperl, Allentown (HM); Photography- Vicki DaSilva, Allentown (1st), Bill Cooperman, Allentown (2nd), Jane Caruso, Center Valley (3rd), Cynthia Underhill, Bethlehem (HM); Graphics-Jacqueline Lewis, Allentown (1st), Claudia McGill, Wyncote (2nd), Jacqueline Meyerson, Macungie (3rd), Elizabeth Gohn-Boynton, Souder-ton (HM) and Student Winner- Zachary Heffelfinger, Emmaus (1st). Numerous patrons complimented the high quality of work done by all of the artists and many were seen carrying purchases throughout the day!!! Our compliments to all of the participating artists!!!

We also sincerely thank the grant support from the Lehigh County Arts Grant, our sponsors Robb and Peggy Egolf, Mary Hessinger and Friends of Art-in-the-Park and our advertisers- Bob Berner-Prudential Patt White Real Estate, NY Style Pizza, Ben, Fiona & Family, The Good Buy Girls, Hang-Ups, Jacqueline Lewis-Photography, Remax Real Estate, Fairgrounds Poultry Market, Stoltzfus Amish Deli, Red Barn Produce, Heckenberger's Seafood, Stephen's Funeral Home, Emmaus Chorale, Printforce, and Gillespie Printing. We also would like to thank the Allentown Band for a spectacular concert featuring the selections that they would be playing at their upcoming trip to France, the very talented students from the Repertory Dance Theatre who wowed the crowd, The Episcopal Church of the Mediator for providing their food stand for hungry patrons and artists, the Masonic Temple for allowing us to use their parking lot, Greg Weitzel, director of Parks and Recreation and all of his staff for making West Park look fabulous, and all of our fantastic volunteers who helped Arron Lichtenfus and his crew from Lehigh County Juvenile Probation, Violet and Deb Feden, Ralph Graber, Pat and John Ziegler, Dot Shue, Dorothy Stewart, Ellie Shue, Nancy Bahr, Althea Yuracka, Glenn Neiman, Tom Yuracka, Kathy Guth, Maria Welsh, Maryann Merkel, Joann McHale, Mary Hessinger, Grace Van Schoeck, Julian and Arno Armstrong, Lorraine Graber, Marvin Wheeler, and Ibi Balog.

Preparation for our 35th annual **Art-in-the-Park** are already underway...so mark your calendar for next year's art show **Saturday, June 20th, 2009!!**

Peggy & Robb Egolf

WEST PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT HOUSE TOUR

Thank You!

Thank you to all the home owners and volunteers who spent many hours preparing for the house tour this year. Approximately 200 people spent the afternoon enjoying the rich and diverse architectural heritage of the Historic West Park District. Many shared restoration advice, decorating tips, or just enjoyed making new friends. We are already planning for the 2009 tour. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating or would like to join the house tour committee, please contact Thomas Yuracka at 610-435-8850. We are always looking for new homes, house sitters, or help on any level.

Thomas Yuracka



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

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
If you have any questions, please call 610-428-7736

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:

	Art in the Park		Crime Watch		Membership
	Board of Directors		Historic District & Preservation		Newsletter
	Clean 'N Green		Hospitality Welcome		Special Programs & Children Events
	Code Enforcement & Zoning		House Tour		Website

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:

Glenn Neiman, President 610 428-7736 or gneimanwpca@yahoo.com

Bob Berner, Editor/Publisher 610 762-5061 or bobberner@rcn.com

Deb Feden, Liaison, 610 437-0454 or debfeden@msn.com



FROM THE EDITOR

As Glenn mentioned in his comments, we have had a busy summer so far. We had excellent weather and attendance at both Art-in-the-Park and on our Home Tour. Art-in-the-Park is the perfect showcase for local, and this year, international artists. If you haven't yet made it to our Home Tour you don't know what you are missing. The West Park Historic District has some of the nicest and best preserved homes in the City of Allentown and it isn't often that they are open to the public. In August we will have the first, and hopefully annual, Dinner and a Movie in the park. I don't know of any other neighborhood in the city that has so many great events held in their very own beautiful and historic park. I hope to see you there.

IF WE DON'T
ALREADY HAVE
YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS, WHY
NOT SEND IT TO
NANCY SO WE
CAN KEEP YOU
INFORMED?

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

Periodically we send emails to WPCA members to announce upcoming events, important meetings or Crime Watch information concerning our neighborhood. We never send junk mail, just timely neighborhood information. If you haven't updated your address, please send an email to Nancy Jensen at nsjensen@rcn.com.

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If you are interested in advertising items or services for sale in the WPCA newsletter, please contact Tom Yuracka at 610-435-8850 or gneimanwpca@yahoo.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.

Garages for Rent - Tom Yuracka has two garages for rent in the West Park area. Give him a call at (610) 737-7132 if you are interested or want more information.

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
RECYCLING / GRAFFITI REMOVAL	610-437-8729
MAYOR PAWLOWSKI	610-437-7546
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD	610-437-7613
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ANIMAL CONTROL	610-437-7535