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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hosted two of our biggest events in August and September and both exceeded our expectations for attendance and success. On Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Dinner and a Movie event made its debut. We now know that when you plug an enthusiastic crowd, great weather, delicious food, and a classic movie together, the electricity generated can power quite an evening of excitement and fun. Maison Blanc provided food for nearly 300 people and overall attendance probably reached more than 400. Folks patiently waited in line for food, then socialized over their dinner at tables scattered through the park greens, adorned with flower cuttings from the Allentown Rose Gardens. When they finally settled down for the movie, the movie theater-like silence was only interrupted by the occasional lyrics and laughter induced by the familiar classic "Grease." We look forward to adding this successful event to our annual calendar. A special thank you goes out to the volunteers that helped with caterer arrangements, reservations, and setting up tables and chairs.

On Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>, the long awaited 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of West Park was finally celebrated. In our own estimates, close to 1000 people attended. Local, county, and state dignitaries were on hand to recognize the significance of West Park in the history of Allentown and the role it plays today as the city's crown jewel of parks. Mayor Pawlowski presented the West Park Civic Association with a proclamation designating September 14, 2008 as West Park Appreciation Day in Allentown. The bandshell was bedecked with all the same red white and blue trimmings it displayed back in 1908 at the original dedication. Also, the ribbon was cut on the new information kiosk that now houses the old Franklin firehouse bell, informational signs about the park, and a glass enclosed display case that we have access to for posting our own WPCA events and announcements. Our association provided much needed refreshments for the unusually hot September day. A thank you is in order for all those who helped the day of the event, especially Violet and Deb Feden who always seem to be at the front of the volunteer line when help is needed. Another special thank you goes to our endlessly devoted Rob and Peggy Egolf for the time they invested in months of meetings and planning leading up to the celebration. We may not be around for the next 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but I think we made a memorable mark on this century.

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## NEW NEIGHBORS



We want to thank our new neighbors in the West Park Historical District for the welcoming to the neighborhood and for their concern as property owners living in the West Park area. The expression they show of how proud they are of the area makes us proud to be new home owners at 42 North West Street. A special thank you goes to Thomas Yuracka for keeping us informed on what properties were available in the historical area. Without him, this purchase never would have happened. We also would like to mention Glenn Neiman and thank him for the outstanding job he is doing as president of the West Park Civic Association.

Many Thanks,

Ralph E. Bovey and William D. Amey

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT.

On Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> the association hosted our annual block party. Although unpredictable weather caused cancelations from participants, we were still able to have our flea market and the Community Craft folks just moved up onto West street porches. Rob and Peggy Egolf provided Pizza and soft drinks for all that attended. And I have to give a personal thanks to Nancy Jensen for ordering those awesome Fall Dogs on the grill from husband Steve to cure our craving as we worked the flea market stand. Despite uncooperative weather, the association was still able to raise money from donated flea market items and in general, we all seemed to have a fun day. Thanks to everyone that made donations so that the WPCA could benefit.

The events continue as we roll on into October and November. Please check the calendar in this issue for more details. As always we welcome anyone willing to volunteer to help out at any of the upcoming events as well as future events planned for 2009.

Glenn C. Neiman

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

JOIN US!

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## CHEC-MATE

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHEC-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.

## OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Saturday, October 18th***

***Interfaith Blessing of West Park***

**Blessing of West Park 3pm, West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and W. Turner Sts., For more information call 610-434-0155**

Both Jews and Christians have traditions of taking branches and having a procession around the perimeter of a property to ask God's blessing on that place. We invite the community to join us in an interfaith procession and blessing for West Park and its neighborhood. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.



***Friday, October 31st***

***WPCA Member and Guests Halloween Party***

**Annual WPCA Halloween Party 7-8:30pm at The Church of the Mediator, 1620 Turner Street. Please call Violet or Deb Feden at 610-437-0454 to register to attend.**

WPCA is pleased to announce the return of our annual Halloween Party thanks again to the efforts of Violet and Deb Feden. Enjoy games, contests, prizes, and of course treats! We ask that all adults and children come in costume and that you bring a treat to share with the others. We look forward to seeing you at this bewitching event!!!

***Saturday, November 8th***

***Walking Tour of the West Park War Memorials***

**Honoring our war veterans 10am, West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and Turner Sts., for more information call 610-428-7736 or 610-434-0657**

Please join us as we honor our war veterans by exploring the war memorials at the East end of the park. Learn the history of each monument and enjoy refreshments following the event.

***Friday, December 5th***

***Annual Holiday Craft Night***

**Holiday Tree ornament craft night, 7-8:30pm at The Church of the Mediator, 1620 Turner Street. Please call 610-428-7736 or 610-434-0657 for more information.**

Families and individuals are invited to Join WPCA members as we make ornaments for the West Park Holiday tree. Express your creativity as we make nature-friendly decorations to be used the following evening at the tree lighting event. Light refreshments will be served.

***Saturday, December 6th***

***Annual Holiday Tree Lighting***

**Holiday Tree lighting and celebration, 7pm at West Park, 16<sup>th</sup> and Turner Sts., Please call 610-428-7736 or 610-434-0657 for more information.**

Gather round the tree for an evening of fun decorating the tree, enjoying holiday music, singing, and enjoying family, friends, and neighbors. A great way to get into the holiday spirit! Refreshments.

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WESTPARK-  
CA.ORG FOR  
OUR FULL  
CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS

For more information on all events, contact Peggy Egolf at 610-434-0657 or [peggy.egolf@verizon.net](mailto:peggy.egolf@verizon.net); or Glenn Neiman at 610-428-7736 or [gneimanwpca@yahoo.com](mailto:gneimanwpca@yahoo.com) you can also visit the West Park Civic Association website at [www.westpark-ca.org](http://www.westpark-ca.org)



## 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](mailto:gneimanwpca@yahoo.com)

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## FROM THE EDITOR—GET INVOLVED

I am currently enrolled in both the Citizen's Police Academy, sponsored by Lehigh County, and Inside Allentown, sponsored by Allentown, programs and find them very informative. Inside Allentown focuses on how the city operates and who does what within our city government. The Citizen's Police Academy focuses on the what crimes are being committed, their prevention and how they are handled in the county. For anyone who wants to get involved in or start a Crime Watch group, or if you are at all interested in local politics I highly recommend taking part in these programs when they are offered again. The Police Academy will be offered again in January and if there is enough interest the city will run another session of Inside Allentown in the near future.

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

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## 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](mailto:nsjensen@rcn.com).

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## *2008 West Park Civic Association Contact Information*

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<b>Membership</b>	Nancy Jensen	610 432 3834	<a href="mailto:nsjensen@rcn.com">nsjensen@rcn.com</a>
<b>Clean &amp; Green</b>	Harry Crapser	610 434 3995	
<b>Art-in-the-Park</b>	Rob & Peggy Egolf	610 434 0657	<a href="mailto:peggy.egolf@verizon.net">peggy.egolf@verizon.net</a>



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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 [gneimanwpca@yahoo.com](mailto: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
SNOW CONTROL - STREETS	610-437-7669
ANIMAL CONTROL	610-437-7535