

# ACDC NEWS

# DECEMBER 2006

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### BINGO & RAFFLE NIGHT!

**Where:** Caliguiri Senior Highrise Recreation Room (803 E Warrington Ave)

**When:** Thursday, December 14 at 7pm

The December ACDC Meeting will be the annual Holiday Bingo & Raffle. Please join us in celebrating the joys of the season! We will be raffling off prizes donated by local businesses.

## OLD NEWS: WHAT'S HAPPENED?

The **November ACDC Meeting** was attended by approximately 50 area residents.



Judy Hackel presenting Mayor Ravenstahl with *The Story of Allentown* book.



Judge Richard King, Councilman Jeffrey Koch and Kevin Bartko

ACDC President **Judy Hackel** introduced the speakers.

Pittsburgh Housing Authority's Associate Director of Section 8 **Kevin Bartko** addressed the issue of Section 8 housing in Allentown as well as facts and myths surrounding the subject. He explained that people incorrectly assume that most problematic neighborhood homes are Section 8 when in fact they are not. He explained the strict requirements for those in the Section 8 program and pointed out that 75 percent of Section 8 participants spend less than 5 years in the program.

The main speaker **Mayor Luke Ravenstahl** talked about the Redd Up Pittsburgh campaign and the 311 system. Residents are to call 311 for any non-emergency issues that they would like the Mayor's office to take care of in their community. He also talked about his aim to increase the police force to 900 officers.

Councilman **Jeffrey Koch** Zone 3 updated everyone on the many projects and problems he is working on. He encouraged everyone to attend the next Weed & Seed meeting (more information TBA). He brought up his legislation to limit the number of South Side bars.

District Justice **Richard King** discussed building inspections and the Housing Court and how it can be made more efficient. He answered questions about how he and the courts handle repeat offenders and clarified what he can and cannot do within the justice system.

*The November meeting was very delightful due to the donations by the following two businesses:*

Refreshments were provided courtesy of *Warrington Beer* (812 E Warrington Ave).

Pastries were provided courtesy of *Michelle's Diner* (740 E Warrington Ave).

*Have a Safe Holiday Season!*



# MEET THE ALLENTOWN CDC OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

Starting in January of 2007 each of the following ACDC Officers will begin a two-year term in their assigned capacity.

## President - Judy Hackel

She was a board member of the Allentown Civic Association from 1992 to 1996. Since 1996 she has been the President of the ACA and now she continues in that capacity with the ACDC. Mrs. Hackel is also a board member of the Allentown Senior Center.

## Vice-President - Ken Wolfe

He was the VP of the Allentown Civic Association and transitions into the same role with the Allentown CDC. He is also involved in the Mt. Washington Community Development Corporation. Mr. Wolfe is the President of the Young Democrats of Allegheny County and the President of the Zone Three Public Safety Council. He also is an elected member of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee for the 18th Ward 11th District.

## Secretary - Sally Tupi

She was the Treasurer for the Allentown Civic Association for 5 years during the 1990s and a member of the Allentown Main Street Task Force for about 1.5 years. She is also on the board of the Allentown Senior Center.

## Treasurer - Tom Smith

He has worked with the South Pittsburgh Reporter since 1978, and has been the editor and publisher since 2000. This is his first term as an officer/board member of any Allentown group, but he has been a member of Allentown Main Street Task Force. Mr. Smith is the President of the South Side Chamber of Commerce and its representative to the South Side Planning Forum. He is a member of the Brashear Association's Board of Directors and serves on Bravo, Brashear! Committee and Facilities Committee. He is a participant in the Neighborhood Leadership Program and the South Pittsburgh Partners 4 Kids.

The Allentown CDC Board Members are as follows:

### One-Year Term

Amy Averbeck  
Marilyn Kautz  
Ralph Monti  
Fr. Thomas Wilson  
Harry Wolfe

### Two-Year Term

Helen Baney  
Dennis Doas  
Mike Germeyer  
Saeed Hudson  
Rich Ripley



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