

ACDC NEWS

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**The February ACDC Meeting:
Thursday, February 22 at 7pm at the Caliguiri Senior Highrise (803 E Warrington Ave).
Members of the Graffiti Task Force will be speaking.**

Allentown Crime Watch Meeting

**Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm
Allentown Senior Center
(631 E Warrington Ave)**

Objectives of the Meeting:

- Meet neighbors, make connections
- Learn ways to keep yourself and your neighbors safe
- Learn how to make a difference in public safety
- Learn how to hold a Crime Watch meeting on your block
- Learn how to report crimes safely



We encourage you to attend this upcoming Crime Watch. We want businesses and residents to join us so we can start to take back our community and make Allentown a safer place to live, work, and play.

Getting involved in the Crime Watch is

- easy
- a minimal time commitment
- a very effective approach in protecting the community

The more people we have supporting each other and watching out for the safety of each other the better off we all will be.

At this meeting you will meet your concerned neighbors and learn the simple steps of how to get active in protecting your block. We hope that you will take the time to attend this meeting and learn more about the ways to keep yourself and your neighbors safe.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 412.325.3371 or email Maureen: mkenney@allentownalive.org or Michael: massad@allentownalive.org.

We hope to see you at the Crime Watch!

“Changing our little corner of the world one day at a time.”

As you read about last month, the Community Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) is assisting us in organizing a National Night Out/Community Day (NNO/CD). Since then we have met and started working with our Community Connections Specialist. The Allentown CDC welcomes **Shalonda Scott**. We will be working with her on various projects up through the NNO/CD on August 7. She is currently helping us organize the upcoming Crime Watch.

At the November meeting the Associate Director of Section 8 **Kevin Bartko** from Pittsburgh's Housing Authority discussed Section 8 housing. At the meeting **Michael Assad** was selected as the liaison between **Section 8** and Allentown residents. If any resident has a concern regarding Section 8 they should contact Mike. He will then be able to contact the appropriate personnel at the Housing Authority to express the resident's concerns. This is the process because the Housing Authority prefers to have one community contact person to work with in order to handle issues effectively and so that they can do their work efficiently.

The Allentown CDC is still in the process of forming the **Committees for 2007**. Allentown CDC members are eligible to join any of the committees. Appointment to a committee must be approved of by the Committee Chair. The chairs of the committees are as follows:

- Fundraising - Sally Tupi
- Mainstreet - Dennis Doas
- Membership - Judy Hackel
- Public Safety - Ken Wolfe
- Residential - Harry Wolfe

Contact either Mike or Maureen at 412.325.3371 or email allentownalive@allentownalive.org if you are interested or if you would like more information about what each committee does.

Take Note!

If you are receiving this newsletter and are not yet a member of the Allentown CDC this is your last newsletter. Only if you join the Allentown CDC will you continue to receive the newsletters, so please consider joining.

Enclosed you should find a Membership Form and a letter about the benefits of membership. If you no longer have the form you can contact us at the ACDC for the information.

For an individual membership is only \$5 and for a business it is only \$25. These membership dues help to offset the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter as well as to fund community activities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Allentown CDC Meetings for 2007

7pm on the last Thursday of every month, except January and August when there is no meeting, and December when the meeting is the Thursday before the holidays.

February 22
March 29
April 26
May 31
June 28
July 26
September 27
October 25
November 29
December 20

Every meeting location is TBD.

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The Allentown CDC is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

The Allentown CDC is currently applying for a mural from the **Sprout Fund**, a nonprofit organization supporting innovative ideas and grassroots community projects that are catalyzing change in Pittsburgh. Every year the Sprout Fund commissions eight to ten murals throughout the city and this year we hope we will get one in Allentown.

The Sprout Fund works to foster and nurture community-driven solutions toward the common vision of a region that is thriving, progressive, and culturally diverse – a region which can better attract and retain its young talent.



On January 26 we walked around Allentown with the Sprout Fund Public Art Program Coordinator **Morton Brown**. We examined potential sites for the mural and he helped us pick out walls that would be best suited for a mural. In the next few weeks we will be firming up plans and sending out the application. We will keep you updated on our progress.

The Allentown CDC's mission is to improve Pittsburgh's Allentown neighborhood with better housing, public safety, community awareness and community connectedness in order to make the neighborhood a more vibrant place for people to live, work, and play.



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