

# ACDC NEWS

# MAY 2007

## SPROUT FUND

Last month you read that our application for a Sprout Fund Mural had been accepted. Since then brainstorming sessions for design ideas have taken place and we have two artists working on designs for the mural.

The next step involves determining which artist's design will be chosen to be the Allentown Mural.

The official debut of the designs for the mural took place on May 17 at the Concept Art Gallery. Those in attendance also were able to view the potential designs of the other Sprout Murals that will be created in other neighborhoods.

The Allentown CDC now has the two designs in Allentown and they are available for the neighborhood to view. Each person has the chance to vote on which of the designs he or she likes best. We are displaying the designs in various locations and allowing people to vote at those locations. The final voting will take place at the ACDC May meeting on May 31 because the Sprout Fund needs to have our community's decision by June 1.

If you are unable to make it to any of the Design Displays or the ACDC Meeting you will be able to access pictures of the designs as well as vote on them online at the ACDC Web Site: [www.allentownalive.org](http://www.allentownalive.org). Just fill out the form and submit it and the ACDC will have your vote! Or you can vote by emailing [allentownalive@allentownalive.org](mailto:allentownalive@allentownalive.org) or by calling the ACDC office and include your name and which design you are voting for.

In addition to the Design Displays, the two Artists will be at the ACDC meeting on May 31 to discuss their designs.

After an artist and his or her design is chosen a group will be meeting with the artist through the month of June to modify and perfect the design. Mural site preparation and the beginning of painting is scheduled for July.

Call the ACDC office at 412.325.3371 with any questions you have about when and where you can vote on the Mural Designs!

Pictures of the two designs can be found on the back of this newsletter!

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Allentown CDC's **August 7, 2007 National Night Out** presenting sponsor is **UPMC South Side**.

National Night Out is a nationwide event that takes place on August 7. It is a police-community partnership that promotes public safety and it is a time for the community to join together and connect with their neighbors. We have done this event in the past and we are hoping to make our event even more successful this year, and one way we will be able to do that is with UPMC South Side's sponsorship.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

ACDC Residential Committee Chair Harry Wolfe has undertaken the task of reclaiming the space that used to be the old Allentown Community Garden located near the corner of Arlington Ave and Industry St. If anyone or any group is interested in helping to reclaim the land and help make it a Community Garden again please contact the ACDC.

## ACDC May Meeting

### Final Voting on Sprout Mural Design

**When: Thursday, May 31 at 7pm**

**Where: St. John Vianney - Dining Room  
(823 Climax St; down the ramp)**

## GRANDVIEW PARK

**Earth Day** (April 22) was a success! Students from Grandview Elementary planted flowers by the school on Friday and on Sunday Mayor Luke Ravenstahl officially dedicated **Grand View Scenic Byway Park** as Pittsburgh's fifth regional park. It is now in the same ranks as Frick, Schenley, Highland, and Riverview Parks.

Many volunteers joined together to do plantings and beautify Allentown's park. Members from the Allentown CDC, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Friends of Grandview Park, Mt. Washington CDC, Grandview School, Teen Girl Squad, and many other groups and individuals came out on this sunny day to make these aesthetic improvements to the park and to hear what the Mayor had to say.

Take a stroll through the park to see the new plantings and to enjoy all the hard work done by these caring volunteers.

## PUBLIC SAFETY - Crime Watch

At the Crime Watch meeting on April 23 Officer Christine Lufey reviewed the past month's crime statistics. She also made some key points that are useful to everyone, not just those who attended the Crime Watch meeting. If you want to get involved in the Crime Watch or just start looking after your neighborhood these are useful pointers:

- "Be the squeaky wheel." Be persistent and consistent with reporting the problems and the problematic properties.
- "Don't give up." Since these issues affect your quality of life (QOL) you need to keep at it to help stem the problem(s) and make things better for your QOL.
- "Strength in numbers." The more people who call the better. Keep calling 3-1-1 or 9-1-1 to report the problems. Document the issues as well as when you call.
- "Someone has to step up to the plate and hit the ball." You need to take action and make the phone calls. Simply complaining will not cause change, nothing will change until you start making the calls. The number of police in the zone are determined by two things: 1. The number of calls 2. The square miles of the zone. Zone 3 is the biggest zone, so we need to make more calls in order to get more officers.

If you are interested in participating in the Allentown Crime Watch please contact Mike or Maureen at the Allentown CDC office by calling 412.325.3371 or emailing [allentownalive@allentownalive.org](mailto:allentownalive@allentownalive.org).

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

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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**Design 1**



**Design 2**



**Allentown's Sprout Fund Mural - The Designs.** *Read more about the Mural inside this issue!*



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