

EARN FRONTIER (May 20, 2013)



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Welcome to the EARN Frontier

Please Note --- Regularly Scheduled Neighborhood Meetings(Caucus) are held on the Third Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM ... The Location for our meetings is the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 1933 Hanover Avenue...

- Next Neighborhood Meeting
- Monday, May 20, 2013
- St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 1933 Hanover Avenue, Allentown PA 18109

- **We are the Lookout for the Neighborhood**

- - President - Dennis L. Pearson
 - Vice President - Denton Kriebel
 - Secretary - David Schell
 - Treasury - Robert Jacoby
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On behalf of the East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association we thank the City of Allentown for breaking ground 5/8/2013 on the new 3 Bay East Side Fire Station . The new image of new building unveiled at the groundbreaking. I also thank City Councilman Pete Schweyer for requesting that as an East Sider that I join City Councilman Joe Davis in unveiling the new exterior designs of the three bay fire house. I was also invited to join other city officials in breaking ground for the project. Construction will be guided by the Boyle Construction Company whose principal officer lives on the East Side's Adam Island



View From North Irving Street

ALLENTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT EAST SIDE STATION



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Yes indeed, I took part in the groundbreaking for the new East Side fire department ... We of EARN really worked hard for this moment ... But the job is not over until it's over. When the depiction of the new fire station seen above becomes actuality then our vigilance can rest on this issue. I believe that District Magistrate Michael D'Amore should have been in this picture as well . As President of Council he cheerlead a bond issue measure brought to him by the Administration which proved funds for the fire station in late 2011. But unfortunately, he did not attend the groundbreaking which was held only a short distance from his home ----- Dennis Pearson

The East Allentown Rittersville Neighborhood Association, Inc. is proud to announce that Elias Saba and Kimberly Ghorm, graduating seniors from Dieruff High School will be recipients of the 2013 EARN Mini-Scholarship award under the EARN Project Academia. By virtue of Project Academia rules, both students reside in zip code 18109 and expect to attend some school of higher learning in the fall. Each student will receive a modest \$200 from the neighborhood Organization. David Schell the neighborhood's elected secretary supervised the Project Academia program.

Now that the PA Supreme Court ruled on the redistricting of the State House and Senate planning will begin for the 2014 election. However unless there is a special election between now and November a huge part of Allentown will have lame duck representation. On the East Side Steve Samuelsson, Dan O'Neil and Justin Simons state redistricting has removed them all from being our representatives as of December 2014. On the South Side Justi

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Now that we know that a super majority on City Council has reacted favorably to Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski's Lease Proposal we don't expect the Mayor to stun his public by vetoing the measure. By this measure the LCA will take over operation of the Allentown Water Works and the Allentown Wastewater Plant and all the infrastructure related to both of them including providing these services to

All...

Partial minutes of the 4/15/2013 meeting

Captain Dean C. Schwartz of the Allentown Police Department spoke to the meeting, concerning the situation at Tony's Bar on Union Boulevard. He said that the situation can be solved easily—the matter is merely that the law needs to be abided by. If the noise can be heard beyond the property the police will deal with the issue. Association VP Denton Kriebel said that it is a false statement that we want the business to close. Tony Elchaar noted that he has been active in the business since 1980 and wants to be a good neighbor. Captain Schwartz said that they want the public to call them if there are problems, not deal with the matter themselves. The police take steps to protect the confidentiality of those who call with issues

Elchaar said that he lives a block from the business and has no problems with the Allentown police. He does not want troublemakers present. They have put in drywall and insulation to try to improve the property. The club manager noted that they don't want trouble but can't keep various ethnic groups out of the place. They don't want gangs. Denton Kriebel said that that is not the issue—the issue is n-o-i-s-e.

A neighbor behind the property said that the music starts right after 10 just about every evening. She gives it a chance to see if the thumping stops. Usually it does not until she calls the police. The police show up, the noise goes down or even off for about an hour and a half, but then it goes up again and she is unable to sleep. If she continues to hear the music she will continue to put

it into the hands of the law. Captain Schwartz noted that the noise is a violation regardless of the day of the week. Tony said that people could call his cell phone. The neighbor and the police said that the call should go to the police, not to Tony directly.

The bar management said that they tried to hire police officers to sit at the bar. Captain Schwartz said that this is at the discretion of the Chief of Police. By policy, police will not sit inside of liquor-serving establishments, but can sit outside the premises.

Discussion continued on police visits to the location. Captain Schwartz noted that if they show up and find no problems, that appears on their report and there is no citation. The bottom line is that if the noise is kept down there will be no problems.



Established in 1976, EARN wants your input and ideas. If you live, operate a business, or simply have a vested interest in Allentown's East Side, please come!

- Know what is happening in your neighborhood and be a part of the flow of information – have your voice heard.**
- Have a direct communication link with local government officials and other influential groups.**
- Help to preserve and improve East Allentown.**
- Plan social activities for your neighborhood.**

Let's get together, share our ideas, thoughts, and feelings and work cooperatively to make Allentown's east side a better place to live.

All neighborhood residents and guests are welcome ... This is your neighborhood ... Help it be a strong one ...Get Involved ... Be part of the adventure ... Be a Frontiersman for the neighborhood.

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