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ALLENTOWN ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

James B. Kimberly, Association President has announced that this year four quarterly meetings for the Association membership will be held. The purposes of these meetings are to provide better communication between the Board and the general membership, heighten the involvement of the membership in the activities of the Association, and to discuss the problems, plausible solutions, and sources of pride present in Allentown.

The first of these meetings will be held MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 AT 7:30 PM IN THE ALLENTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER AT 111 ELMWOOD AVENUE. Please mark this date on your calendar as there will be no further notice of the meeting.

So that we may make adequate seating arrangements we request that you call the Association office at 81-1024 by September 15th if you plan to attend.

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BANKERS TOUR ALLENTOWN

The Allentown Association and the West Village Community Association jointly hosted a tour of the two neighborhoods for representatives of sixteen Buffalo financial institutions.

The goal of the tour was to convince the lending officers that these two neighborhoods have potential for solid residential and commercial development.

The interest of prospective homeowners, residents of the neighborhoods and private developers is more than evident. What is needed now is a solid commitment from our banks in terms of mortgages, home improvement loans and commercial investments.

Conducted on an English double decker bus, courtesy of WEBR Radio, the tour pointed out historically significant structures in our neighborhood, many of our finely rehabilitated homes, and buildings structurally sound - ripe for restoration.

Following the tour a luncheon was held at Papapgayo's which provided time for our guests to not only digest their luncheons but their new insights into our neighborhood as well.

The responses from the bankers was more than good. We hope it will help provide an impetus to a new surge of growth for Allentown.

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The Allentown Association is a 1975 recipient of the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce's Keep Buffalo Beautiful Campaign distinguished service award for our painting of the exterior of "5 Below Refrigeration!" Thanks to Ginny Tillou and Susan Buerk for spearheading the effort.

ALLENTOWN ACTION

On June 19, 1975 Woody Briggs, Action Committee Chairman and several committee members met with Captain James B. Cunningham of Precinct #10.

The subject of the meeting was the question of police enforcement in Allentown west of Elmwood Avenue. Specific items of complaint by the committee included open public drinking, numerous parking violations, noise and the Day's Park Mall situation.

During the course of the meeting Captain Cunningham made several commitments including instructing his patrolmen to enforce the open drinking laws of the City, making a concentrated effort to ticket illegally parked cars and to help control the noise problem resulting from the large crowds present Monday nights.

Members of the Association who have been patrolling Allen Street since early May every Monday night reported that the Action Committee's conversation with Captain Cunningham seemed to have had little effect on the situation.

James B. Kimberly, Association President, requested a meeting with Police Commissioner Blair, Mayor Makowski, and Corporation Counsel Faschio. On August 11th with the exception of the Mayor, these gentlemen, Councilmen Phillipone and Swift, and representatives of the Association met to discuss the problems.

We requested the Corporation Counsel to investigate the possibility of having a volunteer force of several Association members trained by the City to ticket illegally parked cars on Monday evenings and also to have the ordinance which deals with open

drinking be changed from a criminal to a civil offence which would allow patrolmen making arrests for these violations to issue summons on the street rather than taking the offenders back to the Precinct House to issue appearance tickets.

Commissioner Blair also promised that he would have a patrolman and K-9 patrol Allen Street and the adjacent residential streets on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 2-5AM to insure that patrons leaving the Allen Street Bars would behave in as quiet a manner as possible.

We are hopeful that conditions on Allen Street will improve as a result of this last meeting.

Our appreciation to the men of Precinct #10 for their whole hearted cooperation in this effort and to Mulligans' Brick Bar and Birdie's 19th Hole for the programs they have instituted to educate their patrons.

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THE OFFICE

It's only 8' x 10', but it's a busy place.

The Allentown Association Office is tucked into the northwest corner of the Community Center on the first floor.

And every weekday from 9a.m. to 5p.m. Association Executive Director Carole Holcberg and Association office secretary Barbara Darden keep it humming with a little help from the Allentowners who've memorized the phone number - 881-1024 that is.

The Association office and its staff serve a variety of purpose: 1) a source of information on the neighborhood; 2) a research effort on Allentown concerns; 3) a channel for problems; 4) a liaison with government agencies; 5) a clearinghouse for apartment rentals.

THE EDITOR

Pam Reed is an Allentown Newcomer, having moved to Buffalo in December. She lives at 52 Arlington on the first floor, with her husband Perry - WGR-TV news assignment editor and a shiftless basset hound, named Nelson as well as the dog's pet, a new kitty named Eddy.

Reed's current employment is on a free lance basis as camera operator at WNED-TV. She has also worked in the station's membership department from time to time.

During 1974 Pam worked as promotion director for an AM-FM-TV public broadcasting operation in Urbana, Illinois. In this capacity she edited an award winning monthly magazine describing the stations' programs and activities for their 2000 members.

Reed spent her childhood living in the Town of Tonawanda, moving to Illinois at age 13.

Upon her return to Buffalo, she and her husband chose to live downtown for the convenience and the charm of Allentown.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

In upcoming issues there will be a calendar of neighborhood events. If you want coverage of an Allentown event in the NEWSLETTER please call the Association office at 881-1024 by the 20th of the month preceding.

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CLASSIFINDS will also appear each month, including apartment listings, and can be placed by calling the Association office. Donations for this service are welcome.

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Your suggestions are welcomed for a possible ALLENTOWN NEWSLETTER change as well as for future continuing and/or special features. Again the number to call is 881-1024.

The ALLENTOWN NEWSLETTER wants to know your opinions, comments, and concerns about the neighborhood. Write your views and bring or mail them to the Association office by the 20th of the month for future publication.

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The NEWSLETTER will be published and distributed the first week of each month.

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PARKING SURVEY

Those Association members who reside within the boundaries of Allentown will find enclosed in their newsletter a parking survey.

The survey is designed to assist the Allentown Planning Board in determining the parking needs of Allentown.

Please fill out the survey and return it to the Association office at 111 Elmwood Avenue by the 10th of September. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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WANTED! A volunteer sales representative for our newsletter...to contact area businesses..hard sell not desired. call Association office if interested.. columnists and reporters as well.....

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NEXT MONTH

ALLENTOWN chosen as pilot project for commercial revitalization effort !

Association President James B. Kimberly will outline this year's program of events and activities for Allentown.

Interviews with the candidates who are running in the Delaware, Niagara and Ellicott Districts' councilmanic races.

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