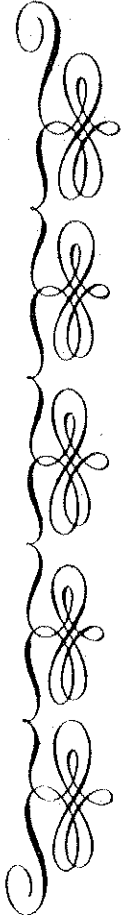


ALLENTOWN GAZETTE



MARCH 1980

Allentown Association, Inc.
204 Allen Street
Buffalo, New York 14201

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A new monthly report to supplement our quarterly newsletter, "News From Allentown". The Association will publish this monthly update as an effort to keep you informed about issues that affect our neighborhood, information about historic preservation and programs available which may be of assistance.

TOPESS DANCING?? NO!!!

On Tuesday, March 18, 1980, the Common Council voted unanimously to deny the application of the Cobbler Shop, 563 Delaware Avenue (Corner of Allen and Delaware), for a "go-go dancing license", effective March 25, 1980.

Last Tuesday, a public hearing was held before the Committee on Legislation of the Common Council to determine whether "exotic entertainment", i.e. topless dancing, should be permitted at the Cobbler Shop. About twenty-five neighbors showed up to strongly protest the fact that the restaurant has been featuring such entertainment for four months with an "illegal" license. A "go-go dancing license" was mistakenly issued by the City's Division of Licenses and Permits when someone failed to notice that the property was located in the Allen Street Special Zoning District.

The full Council vote was based on the recommendation to deny made by the Legislation Committee after the public hearing.

ALLENTOWN ART FESTIVAL 1980

This year's Allentown Art Festival will be held on June 7th and 8th, 1980 (rain dates are June 14th and 15th). The Allentown Village Society is accepting applications of artists and others interested in exhibiting, until April 1, 1980. The participants will be selected by a jury of Allentown Village Society members.

For further information please call the Allentown Village Society at 881-4269.

The Sanitation department will resume picking-up heavy trash the week of April 7, 1980. Heavy trash will be picked up every other week on your usual trash day.

City Division of Inspections & Licenses Will Enforce Historic Preservation Ordinance

The City Law Department has designated the Division of Inspections & Licenses as the enforcement agency for the Buffalo Landmark & Preservation Ordinance. Inspections & Licenses also is responsible for enforcement of the Building Codes.

By law, any work in any structure in Buffalo requires the contractor or owner to get a permit if electrical or plumbing is involved. If total work costs will exceed \$150 a permit is required except for painting and wallpapering.

In Allentown and the three other Buffalo Historic Preservation Districts owners and contractors planning exterior work must also get a Certificate of Appropriateness. Building permits cost only a few dollars, but there is no charge for a certificate of Appropriateness.

If you have any questions as to whether any of your proposed improvements requires the above please call the Allentown Association at 881-1024. We will be happy to help. Remember, if you do not comply with the law, Inspections & Licenses can take you to court. And if you see work in progress in Allentown without a permit prominently displayed, please let us know so it can be checked with the city.

Nominations for New Board Members

The Allentown Association, Inc. is seeking new members for election to its board of directors. Interested persons should contact the Association office. Those wishing to nominate an individual should put their nomination in writing and submit it to:

Jim Cole

Chairman, Nominations Committee
Allentown Association, Inc.
204 Allen Street
Buffalo, New York 14201

Neighborhood?

234 Allen Street -- Robert M. Miller Management Company, Inc.
has been open and accessible since the middle of December. Scheduled for a hearing April 1, 1980.

123, 125, 127 Edward Street - Elmwood Park Development Corp.,
has been open and accessible since November. A demolition hearing was held February 11, 1980. Mr. Donald McLeod appeared and spoke for Mr. Licata (the President of the Corporation). Mr. McLeod claimed that he would assume ownership of the property within the week.

On Friday, March 14, 1980 a hearing was held and Mr. Licata reported that the building would be sold by April 30, 1980. An inspection will be made Friday, March 21, 1980 to make sure that the building is properly sealed.

110 Elmwood Avenue -- Albert Moreton
Adjourned until March 17, 1980 pending update of search.

112 Elmwood Avenue -- Arthur S. Redeving
"Poor Man's Antiques" scheduled for a hearing April 17, 1980.

***** Notice to Shopkeepers *****

All of Allen Street and Elmwood Avenue, within the Allentown boundaries, are specified as special zoning district.

No new exterior signs shall be allowed unless it complies with the following standards:

- (a) Pertains to permitted use on the premises.
- (b) Is attached flat against the building.
- (c) Does not face the side of any adjoining lot in any residential district.
- (d) Does not increase light intensity emitted from a premises by more than 1 foot candle as measured from a distance of 25 feet.

When making sign changes, please check first with the department of Inspections and Licenses, the department of Public Works and the Landmark and Preservation Board.

Women For Downtown

Women For Downtown is a new group being formed to give women a voice in downtown revitalization efforts. The group has developed a questionnaire to solicit input such as, what brings women downtown, what means of transportation they use, and what improvements they feel are necessary. Questionnaires are available at the Association office and should be returned to:

Women For Downtown
Joan Bozer, Erie County Legislature
25 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

by April 20, 1980. For further information please contact Ms. Bozer's office at 846-7500

Certificates of Appropriateness

The following people were found to be working without proper permits or certificates of Appropriateness.

- 256 North Street -- no permits
or certificates of Appropriateness
- 50 Park Street -- no permits
or certificates of Appropriateness
- 152 Park Street -- no permits
or certificates of Appropriateness
- 57 N. Pearl Street -- no permits
or certificates of Appropriateness

Only one of those owners has made an attempt to contact Ray Cich, a Building Inspector for the City of Buffalo assigned to the Allentown area, about permits. Court action will be started on the remainder.

The City of Buffalo and the Department of Inspections & Licenses will take immediate action to stop all work being done without proper permits or certificates of Appropriateness by prompt court action.

If there are any questions call Raymond Cich, 856-4200 ext. 471.

Annual Beautification Awards

As you may be aware, each year the Allentown Association, through its Beautification Committee, presents awards at the annual meeting in May to those residents and businesses who have enhanced the appearance of Allentown by making significant improvements to their property during the past year.

The Beautification Committee welcomes nominations for these awards and would appreciate your putting them in writing. These suggestions will provide the committee with a wide range of nominations from which they will make their final recommendations.

Each nomination should provide the following information:

- Address
- Name of owner
- Nature of improvement
- Date of improvement

To allow the committee sufficient time to review all nominations, we would request that responses be made by April 14, 1980 to:

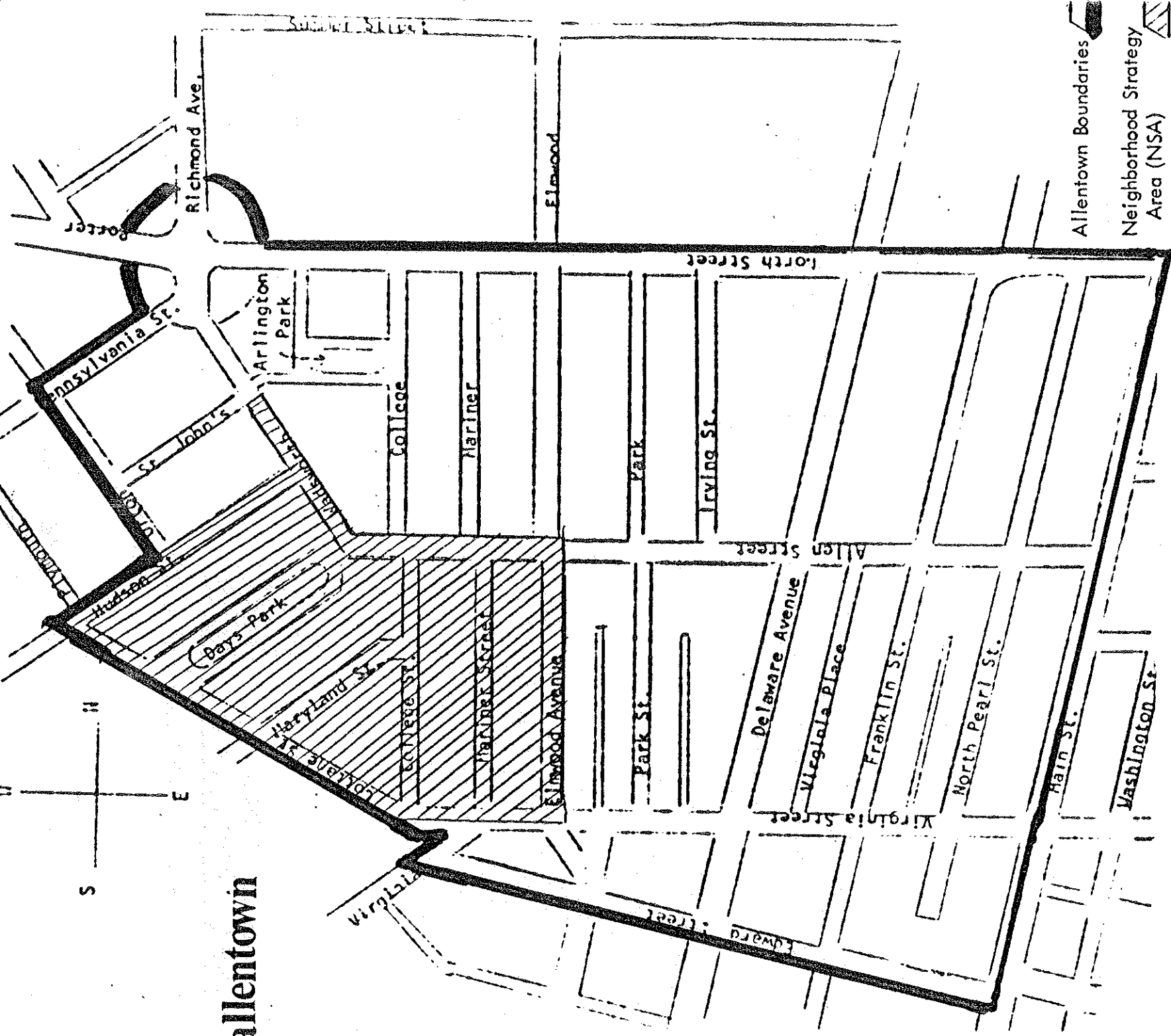
Mrs. Margaret Gaughan
Beautification Chairman
Allentown Association, Inc.
204 Allen Street
Buffalo, New York 14201

!!!!!! Homeowner Beware !!!!!!

You may have gas lines in your home which once supplied gas to light fixtures. In most cases these lines are still connected to your main gas supply. They are easily detected and can be capped with a minimum amount of work.

If you have questions, a plumber should be called.

YOU CAN BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ALLENTOWN ASSOCIATION WITH A \$5.00 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION!! FOR MORE INFO CALL US AT 881-1024



As a homeowner in the Allentown NSA, the association offers an exterior paint program; a materials grant program (of up to \$500. to be used exclusively for emergency repair materials); and also participates in the City-wide Grant Subsidy Program (which provides grants of up to \$5,000. to eligible homeowners). The association has adopted the same income guidelines as issued by the city. They are as follows:

# dependents	%Subsidy :	100%	75%	50%	25%	10%	
1		7500.	8620.	9735.	10850.	11970.	I
2		8300.	9665.	11035.	12400.	13765.	N
3		9100.	10720.	12335.	13950.	15565.	C
4		9900.	11770.	13635.	15500.	17365.	O
5		10700.	12620.	14535.	16450.	18365.	M
6		11500.	13470.	15435.	17400.	19365.	L
7		12300.	14330.	16365.	18400.	20435.	
8 plus increments \$800. per person		13100.	15180.	17265.	19350.	21435.	

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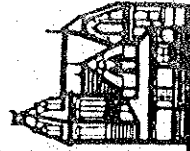
Allentown Association ----- 881-1024
 Allentown Community Center----- 885-6400
 William L. Marcy, Jr. ----- 856-4200
 Delaware District Councilman ext. 572
 Elizabeth Sole ----- 856-4200
 Niagara District Councilman ext. 574
 Buffalo Landmark & ----- 856-4200
 Preservation Board ext. 606
 Inspection & Licenses ----- 856-4200
 Department (City Hall) ext. 464or465
 Police Service ----- 911
 Precinct 3 ----- 855-4403
 Precinct 10 ----- 855-4410

The Allentown Association office is open 9a.m. to 5p.m. Monday through Friday. Our staff is always here and willing to help.

Executive Director ---- Joan Forman
 Housing Specialist ---- Diane Cummings Bennett
 Office Manager ----- Kristin Stanton
 Preservation Specialist--Michael Todd
 Publication Specialist - Ran Webber

If there is any way we can be of assistance to you please call 881-1024 or stop by our office at 204 Allen Street.

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