

# Old Town Opinions

Old Town Neighborhood Watch

OTNW

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## OAPA Celebrates 30th Anniversary!

By Sharon Smith

The OAPA House Tour will celebrate its 30th Anniversary this year. They are looking for nice restored homes to be open for people to tour in our neighborhood for the October 1, 2006 date. If you are interested in having your home on the tour, please contact Jeanne Wells, House Tour Chairperson at [jwells@muhlenberg.edu](mailto:jwells@muhlenberg.edu) or leave a message at the OAPA office number 610-740-9919

Also call if you would like to serve on the committee and help to plan and run the event. We are always looking for more people to get involved. We need people to solicit businesses for ads in the tour book, to help distribute posters, volunteer the day of the tour in many of the open homes.

### OAPA Coming Events:

**Spring Thaw Party** - 7 PM - Saturday, April 29, 2006 -

Hosted by OAPA members Jeanne & Jeremy Wells

**Flower & Flea Market** - 9AM-3PM, Saturday, May 6, 2006 -  
800 block of Gordon Street -

**OAPA/OTNW Multi-Cultural Festival**-  
Saturday, June 17, 2006 -  
11th Street between Chew & Turner

**Progressive Dinner** - 6 PM - Saturday, July 22, 2006

**30th Anniversary House Tour** -  
11 AM-5 PM - Sunday, October 1, 2006

**Holiday Party/Tree Trimming** - 7 PM -  
Saturday, December 16, 2006

### ELM STREET PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.

We have several projects under way and are in desperate need of people to help.

What can I do you ask? Well here are a few things we could use.

1. Bilingual folks to help us translate flyers and brochures into Spanish.
2. People to help do research on the old cemetery.
3. Clean up crews to help with our monthly neighborhood sweeps.
4. Flyer distribution—we need help in delivering monthly flyers.

“It takes a long time to  
bring excellence to  
maturity.”

Publilius Syrus



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## OTNW Meeting Schedule

We meet the last

Wednesday of every  
month at 7 PM at  
St. Michael's

Lutheran Church at  
916 Turner St.

### March Meeting:

**3/29/06 @ 7 PM**

### April Meeting:

**4/26/06 @ 7 PM**

Nosotros tenemos un  
reunion el final  
miercoles del mes en  
la iglesia San Miguel  
(St. Michael's)

916 Turner a las siete.

### Marzo Reunion:

**3/29/06 @ 7 PM**

### Abril Reunion:

**4/26/06 @ 7 PM**

## Please Sweep Up!



### KEEP YOUR STREET CLEAN!

This is your home, and our neighborhood, not a garbage dump. Please help by not littering and teaching your children to do the same. We have 2 garbage pick-ups a week and still our town is a mess!

Report messy trash or trash out early to the Allentown Health Bureau at 610-437-7759. The new SWEEP Program is in effect, and citations have already been issued in our neighborhood.

If you need recycling bins, **Call the Hotline** or stop by the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste Office, 1400 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

***Proof of residency required.*** Bring your broken bin with you. We'll recycle it!

## Fred Moyer Plumbing Comes Through!

By Sharon Smith

It turns out that another of our neighbors really cares about our local Fire Station. Three cheers for this generous local business who offered to make up the difference in the funds we needed to replace the worn out bedding at the Central Fire Station.

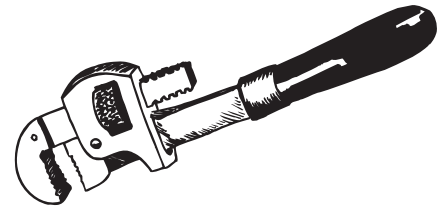
After reading the February newsletter, Sharon got a call from Fred Moyer Plumbing offering to help. We gladly accepted.

This will be a win-win situation for the fire fighters who really need a good night's sleep when they can get it. It also continues our makeover of the living quarters, which started with our fabulous paint job complete with murals. Then we got a new sofa and now, bedding.

THANKS to Fred Moyer Plumbing!

And on a side note, they are really good reliable plumbers. I know first hand from having a flood in my kitchen from a kitchen sink drain blowing a hole. They came right over and fixed up the mess in no time. So call them for your plumbing needs. We like to support our local neighborhood businesses. See his ad on the back page.

Now we need to come up with a new project so we can still have the spaghetti dinner. We must need something else!



Olive Garden is willing to give us the fixings! All we need to supply is the time and place. But we don't like to have money lying around—we like to spend it on our neighborhood.

Any ideas, anyone? Call Anne (610-432-2168) or Sharon (610-821-9638) with your idea.

“There is no substitute for hard work . . .”

Thomas Alva Edison

### OUR NEXT OTNW MEETING

The new Allentown Police Chief , **ROGER J. MACLEAN** will be attending our March 29th meeting.

The Chief will be addressing the group on his plans to fight crime and rebuild the department. Please plan to attend this meeting. It is important for all of us to know our new leader and let him know what our issues are for this neighborhood.

As always, OTNW will be supportive of the Allentown Police and will partner with them to make things safer in our neighborhood

## Save This Date: Block Party on June 16th

This year the annual block party will be held on Saturday June 17th. We have more funding to provide entertainment and hope to fill the streets with fun things to do, all kinds of food, games for kids, and a large flea market.

So start collecting your treasures you want to sell, and pull out your best recipes. We will be blocking off North 11th Street between Turner and Chew Streets and posting signs for the event. More details to come in the following newsletters. If you have an idea for something fun, let us know.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** - if you can offer your help with the following tasks we would be very grateful.

1. Communicating with all religious groups in the neighborhood to come and join the block party.
2. Asking area business for their support with donating an item or service for the raffle.
3. Hanging posters in windows
4. Help with set up in the morning
5. Help with clean up at the end of the day
6. Asking any other non-profit organization to come and join us for the day

Everyone is welcome to come and set up a table with information, games, or do a fundraising event. If your organization is selling food, you will require a permit from the city.

This will be a joint OTNW, OAPA, NHS, Elm Street event and will celebrate OAPA's 30 year anniversary. Come and help us celebrate all the good things in the neighborhood.

## A St. Patrick's Day Recipe For YOU!

### SHAMROCK PUDDING

- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 3 T cornstarch
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- Green food coloring to desired color.

Mix cornstarch, sugar, and salt together. Add 1/4 cup cold milk to dry ingredients. Stir until smooth and leave aside. Scald two cups milk over double boiler. Add cold mixture to hot milk and cook 15 minutes until mixture thickens, stirring often. Cool slightly and add vanilla. Chill. Serve in individuals dessert bowls and top with whipped cream if desired.

Have a very Happy St. Patty's Day, if you're Irish or if you're not!



## Important Phone Numbers!

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-emergency</b>	
<b>Police Calls</b>	<b>610-437-7751</b>
<b>Noise</b>	<b>610-437-7679</b>
<b>Disruptive Tenant</b>	<b>610-437-7616</b>
<b>Fire Code Violations</b>	<b>610-437-7758</b>
<b>Garbage</b>	<b>610-437-8748</b>
<b>Housing Code Violations</b>	<b>610-437-7696</b>
<b>Parking</b>	<b>610-437-3366</b>
<b>Quality of Life Patrol</b>	<b>610-437-7571</b>
<b>Old Town Neighborhood Watch</b>	<b>610-821-9638</b>
<b>Mayor's Office</b>	<b>610-437-7546</b>
<b>Liquor Control Enforcement</b>	<b>610-366-0609</b>

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