# Allendale Announcer Summer 2021

## **2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

It is that time of year again when we ask everyone to participate in becoming part of the Allendale Association. The yearly dues are \$25 which is used for upkeep with the mall maintenance/landscaping, the directory, the activities throughout the year, which include the fall hayride, steak and ale night, breakfast with Santa, the Easter egg hunt, National Night Out and the annual college scholarship. Please complete the attached membership form (dues form link below) and return that plus your \$25 membership dues (check payable to Allendale Association or cash) to the mall drop box. If you would like to make an extra donation to help with unexpected events, it would be greatly appreciated! Ways to get membership forms:

- 1. Mall black drop box inside the door
- 2. Lower Allen Township website:

https://www.latwp.org/wp-content/uploads/ALLENDALE-ASSOCATION-MEMBERSHIP-FORM-2019 2020.pdf

3. You can contact Shelly Fountain directly at (570) 885-4993 or <a href="mailto:mfountain18@gmail.com">mfountain18@gmail.com</a>

Thank you in advance for all that you do to make our community a great place to live! Your dues are appreciated as well as the little extra which makes Allendale a place to call home.

Shelly Fountain, Vice President/ Membership Chair (570)885-4993 <a href="https://www.forloveofthecookie.com">www.forloveofthecookie.com</a>

# Allendale Annual Garage Sale

The annual yard/garage sale will be June 11th and 12th from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm, rain or shine.

# **Nick Pantalone Scholarship**

Congratulations to Alex Widmer for winning the Allendale annual scholarship this year. Best of luck to you in your future pursuits!

#### **MALL UPDATE**

We would like to thank the community who helped last year in keeping the mall looking so well-maintained and welcoming. Thank you so much for the following families who helped with the weekly mowing: The Campbell Family, The Widmer Family, The Woodwards, The Dolan Family, The Bednars, The Midgarden Family, The Grays, The Bailey Family, The Nace Family, The Lewis Family, The Andersens, The Ritters, and The Nokovich Family. If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign up genius to find an open week. This is a great opportunity for kids who need community service hours. A mowing takes between 30-45 minutes. Here is the link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054baea729a3f94-allendale3

If you would like to help maintain the various flower beds, please feel free to bring your gloves and tools. We have a great group of volunteers, but the work crew is always looking for more help. Thank you so much to The Goff Family, The Widmer Family, The Adams Family, The Batchelers, The Andersens, and The Nibbelink Family for your continued help.

You may have noticed some maintenance work and plumbers at the mall in the past year. Unfortunately, we had a leak caused by the increased water pressure. We needed to install two pressure reducing valves to help prevent this from happening again in the future. Your dues continue to help to maintain this.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mcnealmelissa@yahoo.com.

# **Sewer/Water Utility Emergency Coverage**

With the recent increase in contractor activity in our neighborhood, especially on Allendale Way over the past few months, I thought I would bring it to everyone's attention regarding coverage for their outside underground utilities, mainly sewer and water. Most of us don't think about this but our infrastructure within our neighborhood is unfortunately aging, deteriorating, and/or being severely impacted by large mature trees along the streets. I encourage you to think for a minute if you had a waterline or sewer emergency (from the street to your house) how would you pay for it?

The repairs can be very, very costly. As a home owner you are responsible for your sewer line to where it connects in the street as well as your water line from the curbstop valve, typically by the curb, to your house. The Lower Allen Township is only responsible for the actual sewer main and PA American Water is only responsible for the water main and the small portion of the water lateral to your curbstop valve, typically near the curb.

Many "mainstream" home insurance companies, such as State Farm, Erie, and others, offer home owners peace of mind by offering an add-on coverage for sewer and water lines that lead to your home for a mere nominal cost. Often, you can get complete coverage for both your water line and the sewer to the street for a reasonable coverage. As an example, Erie Home Insurance offers a bundle plan where a home owner can get complete coverage for an emergency with their sewer or water line, outside of their home, up to \$25,000 for a mere \$59 per year and your deductible. This plan also includes any sewer backup, sump pump malfunctions, or water emergency that may happen inside the home as well.

Please take some time and think about your situation and give your homeowners insurance a call. You may be glad you did!

## **Allendale Annual Fall Hayride**

SAVE THE DATE! Get ready for an evening of fun with Allendale friends at the annual Allendale Fall hayride!

When: Saturday, October 16th, 2021

Time: 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Where: McCurdy's Tree Farm, Dillsburg

Costs: Free for members (up to a family of 5 individuals), \$10 for non-members

and members with families over 5 individuals.

The evening begins with a 30-minute hayride through McCurdy's Tree Farm, followed by a cookout around the bonfire. We will be roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, making s'mores, and enjoying hot chocolate. The kids will enjoy playing at the popular Mc-Tube Slide and the large Hay Bale Climb!

Please make your reservations now by contacting Christopher or Christine Catherman at 717-761-1292. Please remember to include your name, phone number, and number of people attending, identifying how many are members and how many are non-members.

Please kindly arrive at the farm by 5:30 PM to allow time for check-in, collection of money (if required), and loading onto the wagons. Also, don't forget to bring your long sticks for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, lanterns, flashlights, and or course, your camera!

\*\*\* Please note that McCurdy's Tree Farm and/or the Allendale Association reserves the right to cancel the event due to the changing requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For directions and location: McCurdy's Tree Farm 127 Chestnut Grove Road Dillsburg, PA 17019 <a href="https://www.mccurdysfarm.com">www.mccurdysfarm.com</a> 717-432-4017