

Purpose Statement-Rose Garden Neighborhood Assoc

1. The Association is a resource of historic information for current and future residents. Research may be conducted with the assistance of the Lehigh County Historical Society.
2. The Association develops community events throughout the year that utilizes park facilities and the neighborhood homes. These events may include picnics in the pavilion, neighborhood garden tours, holiday parties, and arts related events in the Rose Garden.
3. The Association is advocate for the neighborhood by acting as a liaison between City Hall and the residents. Advocacy issues include street and walkways maintenance, lighting, code enforcement, and other quality of life issues.
4. The Association supports the Parks Department through volunteer activities such as spring cleanups, assistance with the gardens, rules enforcement, and working with the City Parks Department on long range plans. The "Friends of the Parks" program should be the vehicle for establishing future involvement.
5. The Association should have responsibility for creating a crime watch program. This initiative should involve the Allentown Police and Muhlenberg College Campus Security.
6. The Association should eventually have a website as a means of communicating with the residents and the surrounding communities.
7. Through education, the Association would assist residents in gardening practices that protect wildlife (such as reduced use of chemicals) and encourage eco-friendly plantings such as native flora that will sustain local wildlife. Volunteers and programs are available through the Penn State Lehigh County Extension Office Master Gardener program. These efforts would also be coordinated with the City Parks tree specialists.
8. The Association could ultimately partner with the College and surrounding businesses in developing a stronger 19th business corridor.

