



Midway Manor Vibes™

April/May/June, 2012 Edition
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Message From The Board

The board has been emphasizing the need for all neighbors to be vigilant in watching out for each other and calling the police non-emergency number (610.437.7751) if you see any suspicious activity in your area. Please read the articles included in this issue regarding "scams" etc. and continue to be aware of what is happening. When making calls to the non-emergency number don't forget to document the call. All calls should be reported on the "Crime Analysis Report" (page 10) provided by the Allentown Police Department. We have recieved reports that cars have been entered at night and things taken. Please be sure to keep you vehicle locked and never leave any valuable items in the vehicle.

All Midway Manor residents are encouraged to attend and participate in our monthly meetings. They are held the first Monday (or the second Monday due to a holiday) of the month at 7 PM in the basement of Faith Fellowship Church, located at Ulster and Pennsylvania Sts. There are many important issues facing/affecting our neighborhood.

We value everyone's opinion and look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

The MMCA Board

President – Richard Wilburn	610-435-2678
Vice Pres. – Dolly Spade	
Recording Sec. – Karen Ali	610-434-6347
Coresponding Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550



Please join our Facebook Group "Midway Manor Community Association". If you join the group you will receive email announcements of upcoming MMCA activities.



"Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it."



Midway Manor on the Web and Facebook

For updated Midway Manor Community Association news visit our website at www.midwaymanor.org.

If you would like to receive neighborhood alerts via email send a request using the "**Email**" link on the website. Email alerts will not display email addresses in order to protect the privacy of our members.



Also join our facebook group "Midway Manor Community Association".

New Neighbors

Do you have new neighbors on your block? While you were out walking, have you seen a moving van in front of a house? If you have, please let the welcoming committee know. We would like to give these new neighbors a bag containing pamphlets about Allentown, recycling, and other helpful information. Please call me with the address of the new residents

Ruth O'Connell
610-432-5022

On a Personal Note...

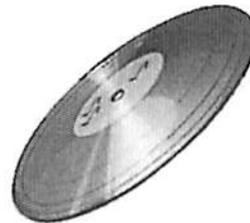
Having a baby? Birthday? Anniversary? Graduation? Contact Tom Schweyer at ritaandtom@gmail.com and we will announce your special event in the Vibes.

Thanks to Jamie and Joan Chernobyl

Thanks to the efforts of Jamie and Joan Chernobyl, the oldies dance, held on January 21st at the Fullerton Fire Co., was a rousing success. \$560 was raised and will be used for Midway Manor playground equipment.

It was a fun night out and we highly recommend this event to everyone. Next year's dance has been scheduled for January 12, 2013.

We are grateful to Jamie and Joan and look forward to next year's dance.



Tom Schweyer

Kiwanis Breakfast

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast
To support the **Kiwanis Northeast Division**
Saturday, May 12, 2012
8 AM to 10 AM
2109 Motel Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18018
\$6 per person
Contact Justin Bartholomew at 610-751-7636

New Contact Info:

New contact phone number for MMCA
security patrol
Ernie Atiyeh 610-570-8584

MEMBERSHIP

Although our annual Midway Manor membership drive began in January it is not too late to join. We have over 150 households so far and would certainly welcome anyone else who supports what we do here in our community. The cost is \$10.00 for SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS (60 and older) and \$15.00 for NON-SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS. If you are interested in joining, please send or deliver your check (payable to MMCA) or cash to Sandy Wilburn at 1039 N. Van Buren St. We encourage all friends and neighbors to join our association.

DISCOUNTED BJ's WHOLESALE CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Midway Manor Community Association members are eligible for discounted BJ's memberships. (All paid MMCA members are eligible, not just residents.) The discounted membership price is \$25, and the membership will run from September 2011-September 2012. Contact Patty Wilburn at 610-439-3469 or at looneytunefan@rcn.com to obtain an enrollment form.

Midway Manor Barkfest

Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 11 AM to 3 PM. See flyer for details. To volunteer to help with set up, raffles, directing vendors, etc., contact Christine Hill tine630@aol.com or 610-821-4229.

Midway Manor Yard Sale

The annual Midway Manor yard sale will take place at the park on September 8, 2012, (rain date September 9) from 8 AM to 1 PM. Spaces are \$10 each (\$8 for MMCA members). Breakfast and lunch will be available at the snack shed. Set up begins at 6 AM.

The Vibes can be found on the City of Allentown's web site, in the neighborhood groups section at: <http://www.allentownpa.gov/Community/NeighborhoodGroups/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

The registration flyer is attached and also available at www.midwaymanor.org.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY POSITION

The board position of Corresponding Secretary is vacant. Duties of the office: "The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all the correspondence of the Association including correspondence to members of the Association and Board dealing with meeting notices, etc. and any and all other correspondence."

If you are interested in the Corresponding Secretary position please contact Richard at 610-435-2678 or email BOPW@PTD.NET

MMCA Events in 2012

Monthly meetings at 7PM at Faith Fellowship Church

April 2	Sept 10 – Nomination of Officers
May 7	Oct 1 – Election of Officers
June 4	Nov 5
July 2	Dec 3
August 6	

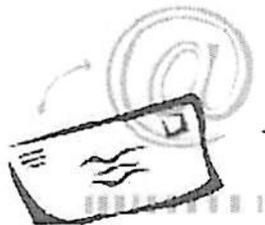


Other Midway Manor Events

March 31	Easter Egg Hunt
April 14	Opening Day
July 7*	Summer Celebration
Aug	Fall Sports Signups
Sept 8	Yard Sale
Sept 22	Barkfest
Oct 19*	Halloween Parade
Nov 16	Sports Banquet
Dec 8*	Children's Christmas Party

*Tentative dates

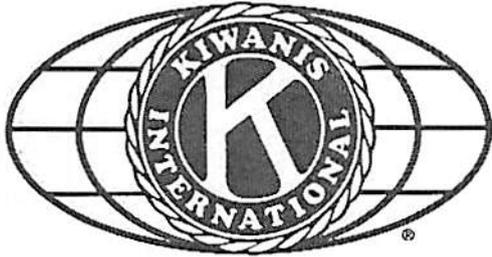
Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to ritaandtom@gmail.com by June 5th and are subject to approval and editing.



MMCA Contacts



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V. President - Dolly Spade		
Recording Secretary - Karan Ali	610-434-6347	
Treasurer - Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550	tom.schweyer@midwaymanor.org
Athletic Director – Eric Wilburn	610-439-3469	
Bulletin Board – Patty Wilburn	610-439-3469	looneytunefan@rcn.com
Fundraising – Patty Wilburn	610-439-3469	looneytunefan@rcn.com
Membership – Sandy Wilburn	610-435-2678	
New Neighbors – Ruth O'Connell	610-432-5022	
Security Patrol – Ernie Atiyeh	610-570-8584	atiyeh12@aol.com
Vibes – Tom Schweyer	610-439-0550	ritaandtom@gmail.com
Children Activities - Erica Spiegel	610-432-2218	spiegggy@rcn.com



"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time."

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast meets every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at Denny's Restaurant, 1871 Catasauqua Road, Allentown. Visitors are always welcome!

Contacts can be made with:

Justin Bartholomew, President
610-751-7636

Harold Thomas, Secretary
610-625-2585

Andrea Naugle, Board Member
610-740-9391

The Kiwanis Club is PROUD to sponsor –

- ❖ The Key Club at Dieruff High School
- ❖ Students of the Month at Ritter Elementary School
- ❖ Aktion Club from LIFEPAATH, Bethlehem
- ❖ LV Children's Center – reading to the children program

Congratulations to Richard Huber

We are proud to announce that we have another Midway Manor resident who has been inducted into the PA Voter Hall of Fame. He is Richard Huber and he has voted in every November election for at least **50 consecutive years.**

We thank Mr. Huber setting a fine example for the rest of the neighborhood.



PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY -- APRIL 24
Poll Hours - 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Poll Location: Faith Fellowship Church
Ulster & Pennsylvania Sts.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

The Board is looking for someone to coordinate the "Summer Celebration" / "Summer Festival." Dates in July and August are available. Anyone interested should contact a member of the Board or attend the next Community Association meeting on April 2.

"Volunteers polish up the rough spots in our communities."



Barkfest 2012

It's time again for Midway Manor's Barkfest. We are making plans, and getting vendors and demonstrators set up to attend.

Mark your calendars :
Saturday
September 22, 2012
11:00am-3:00pm
rain or shine.



We are always looking for new suggestions for vendors and people/groups to do demonstrations. Have an idea? Let me know.

Christine Hill
mmcabarkfest@gmail.com
610-821-4229.

BAKERS DOZEN

Anyone who would like to join the group who bakes for special occasions can contact Sandy @ 610.435.2678. If you are currently on the list you do not need to replay unless you need to be removed. Thank you for your continued support of MMCA.

The Allentown Parking Authority is exploring new on street parking meter technology. Residents can complete a survey by logging onto their home page:

www.allentownparking.com

Please do not use the trash containers around the park to deposit your dog droppings. Not only is it a health hazard but the odor after being in the container on these hot summer days is not at all pleasant. Please carry bags and take your dropping home for disposal.

MIDWAY MANOR SHED 2012 SEASON

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP SERVICE EVENTS

SHED WILL BE OPEN FOR ALL HOME GAMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**INCLUDING: EASTER EGG HUNT, OPENING DAY, SPRING FEST, DOG FEST,
FALL YARD SALE, BAND CONCERTS, ETC.**

*** WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOUR INPUT *
PLEASE CALL WITH ANY MENU SUGGESTIONS
IDEAS FOR SPECIALS
AND TIMES AND DATES THAT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

**SHED WILL BE RUN BY – CATHY LEON
Phone: 484-838-8103
CALL ANYTIME.**

SPORTS PAGE

Spring Clean Up 2012

Midway Manor sends a very **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped get the sports field and shed ready for spring play.

Thank you to:

Bill and Stacey Burch
Cathy and Isaac Leon
Chas and Tyler Hein
Dale Wiles
Erica Spiegel
Haller Family (Tom, Kourtnie, Jayden)
Hinkel Family (Brad and Brad Jr.)
Jason Penrose
Long family (Bob, Bobby and Brandon)
Matt Tyson
Rocky Rivello
Santiago Family (Juan, Isaiah, and Jacob)
Wilburn family (Richard, Eric, Patty
and Austin)



Having that many people give their time made it possible to complete ALL the work that needed to get done. This is what makes Midway Manor so special. Thank you so much.

Midway Manor Community Association

SPORTS TEAM SCHEDULES

Please look at the bulletin boards at the corner of the park for spring and summer sports schedules. We will be posting baseball and soccer home game schedules. Please come down, enjoy a game and a hot dog from the shed and cheer on our Midway Manor Mustangs.

Baseball Players NEEDED!!

We are desperately looking for 5-6 more 7, 8, and recently turned 9 year olds to help fill our Alternate Bidy team ASAP. No experience is necessary. Please pass this information on to anyone you might know that is looking for a place to play baseball. Please contact Coach Eric @ 610-439-3469 for more information.

OLLIE JACKSON DEDICATION

The dedication of the tree and stone marker for Ollie Jackson Memorial Field will be held during the Opening Day ceremonies on Saturday, April 14. Residents who remember the Jackson family will want to be there to honor and celebrate with the family.

OPENING DAY

Saturday, April 14

Parade Starts Promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Meet on the baseball field by 10:40 a.m.

First Pitch - Rocky Rivello 2010 Citizen of the Year

First Kick - Steffon Kellman - 2011 Citizen of the Year

Introduction of Coaches and Teams

Drawing of 50/50 Raffle

Unveiling of the Ollie Jackson Memorial

Harrison Morton Band will lead the parade and play on the field during ceremonies.

Beware of Scams

Driveway pavers steal jewels from Springfield house

By Frank Warner, Of The Morning Call 6:13 PM EST, February 21, 2012

A couple who blacktopped a Springfield Township homeowner's driveway Monday also stole the home's valuables when the resident wasn't looking, police said. The couple and three children showed up 1:30 p.m. in a black pickup truck at the Pleasant View Road home, where the couple made a deal with the homeowner to seal-coat the driveway, township police said. As the man from the black Silverado completed the work, the woman with him asked the homeowner if she could use his bathroom, giving her access to much of the house, police said. The homeowner consented.

Once the woman was inside, her partner asked the homeowner to come outside and take a look at the driveway. Police said the homeowner became suspicious, but he left the woman alone in the house for about 5 minutes. The homeowner then paid the couple for the driveway seal coat, and after the pickup drove off toward Route 212 about 3 p.m., the resident discovered the woman had taken thousands of dollars worth of gold jewelry.

Police also cautioned that residents should never let a stranger into their homes, and when in doubt, they should call for police to help establish the intentions of the stranger.

This time of year brings out disreputable and criminal elements going door to door looking to make a fast dollar by selling non-existent or poor quality service or attempting to distract you while an accomplice steals from you.

To be safe, do not open your door to any unknown person or persons until they provide adequate identification and a City of Allentown permit to sell door to door.

If you are at all suspicious we urge you to call the APD comm. center at 610-437-7751 and report the incident. If you feel you are in imminent danger or are witnessing criminal activity call 911.



Community: "Inside the Mind of a Burglar"

It is common practice for police officers of different police agencies, specifically detectives, to share information in regards to crimes and crime patterns. This is especially useful when tracking criminals who operate in multi-city and multi-county regions. Many times, burglary suspects will commit a series of crimes in a large geographical area, targeting specific homes for varying reasons.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with a colleague who had interviewed a burglary suspect who had committed a series of these crimes in the Lehigh County area. I found what he had to say to be extremely important for those of us who focus on crime prevention. I also believe that it is vital that this information be shared with residents so that they may prepare themselves and their homes properly to avoid becoming a victim of a burglary.

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Please note that the information listed below was relayed directly to me by a Lehigh County detective who interviewed the suspect. The suspect's name, the detective's department, and the location of the crimes is being withheld due to the fact that the investigation is not complete.

(Suspect's name) is a seasoned criminal with a history of drug abuse and property crimes. (Suspect) advised me and Detective (name removed) during our interview that he selected his targets by canvassing the street in search of homes that appeared to be empty. All were during the day. (Suspect) looked for homes with no cars, lights off, and no animals. (Suspect) also looked for houses with entrances that were discrete and hidden. In addition, he looked for homes that did not display emblems on the windows advertising that the home was protected by an alarm system. If those criteria were met, (suspect) would then knock to see if anyone was home. When no one responded, he would knock on the rear doors and then, using a tool and force, he would enter the building taking predominately jewelry and some expensive electronic such as laptops and Ipods. He would also enter homes of elderly people if he saw them just leaving. (Suspect) would pull over and/or stop walking and wait until they were out of the area and then enter.

A couple important things to note...Remember, this is one burglary suspect. Not all use the same methods. However, many burglaries in the BLRPD jurisdiction have occurred during the daytime with forced rear entry. This is extremely common.

Cleanup of Animal Fecal Matter

Advice from APD Captain Schwartz on how to deal with pet owners not cleaning up after their pets:

In response to your concern about the increase in animal feces being found at Midway Manor Park, I have included a copy of the City Ordinance which makes it a requirement of animal owners to clean up after their animal. This includes public or private property. If a person observes this occurring they should contact the Allentown Communications Center at the non-emergency number (610-437-7751) and inform the dispatcher of the violation. This information will be passed on to the Animal Control Officer who will attempt to follow up on the complaint when he becomes available. Upon the conclusion of his investigation and if evidence indicates a citation is warranted, he will issue a SWEEP ticket violation. The information that will be needed to issue a citation is important. The complainant must be able to identify the owner of the animal that committed the violation and if possible give an address where they can be located. The Police also have the authority to issue SWEEP tickets if a violation is observed, but when possible the Animal Control Officer will handle these complaints.

700.04 PERMITTING ANIMALS TO TRESPASS, AT LARGE ANIMALS PROHIBITED, LEASH LAW, AND CLEANUP OF ANIMAL FECAL MATTER

D. Cleanup of Animal Fecal Matter

1. No owner of any animal or any person having the care, custody and control of any animal shall permit the same to discharge or deposit any fecal matter upon the property of another without immediately removing such matter and disposing of it in a sanitary manner. The term "property of another" shall be interpreted to include the property of the City of Allentown or of any other political subdivision.

Capt. Dean C. Schwartz
Allentown Police Department

Neighborhood Patrol

The Midway Manor Security Patrol is always vigilant in keeping the community aware of criminal activity in the neighborhood. There has been individuals in the neighborhood attempting to gain access to homes with the pretense of cleaning chimneys. The police are aware of this activity and warn homeowners not to allow access to your home to anyone you do not know. To protect yourself and your possessions we recommend the use of deadbolt locks, even when you're at home. Other safety recommendations include promptly reporting suspicious activity to the police (**NON EMERGENCY CALL 610-437-7751 /EMERGENCY CALL 911**), notifying neighbors when going away, and leaving exterior lights on overnight. When going on vacation notify the MMCA Security Patrol. With everyone on the alert we will force the criminals to look elsewhere.

Also, we are looking for residents to help patrol during early morning, daytime, and evening hours. If you are able to help, please contact Ernie at 610-570-8584 or atiyeh12@aol.com

Please keep the manor safe—get involved!

The Police Department of the City of Allentown provide "Crime Analysis Reports" to the neighborhood crime watch groups. The list reflects calls made to the Allentown Communications Center at the non-emergency number (610-437-7751). This issue of the Vibes contains incidents from 1/1/12 thru 2/29/12.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
08-Jan	Disturbance	Tacoma & Columbia Sts.
16-Jan	Suspicious Auto	1200 Blk. Club Ave.
22-Jan	Theft From Auto	1200 Blk Sherman St.
25-Jan	Suspicious Auto	1900 Blk. Tremont St.
27-Jan	Stolen Auto	900 Blk. Sherman
31-Jan	Theft From Building	1100 Blk. Wahneta
31-Jan	Suspicious Auto	Tacoma & Union Blvd.
04-Feb	Suspicious Auto	2100 Blk Union Blvd.
05-Feb	Noise Complaint	1100 Blk. Wahneta
05-Feb	Vand. to Vehicle	1900 Blk. Livingston
09-Feb	Disturbance	900 Blk. Sherman
12-Feb	Suspicious Auto	Sherman & Union Blvd.
13-Feb	Suspicious Auto	2200 Blk. Union Blvd.
16-Feb	Theft From Building	1900 Blk. Union Blvd.
17-Feb	Theft From Auto	1200 Blk. Troxell
19-Feb	Suspicious Auto	1200 Blk. Troxell
25-Feb	Suspicious Auto	2000 Blk. Pennsylvania
28-Feb	Disturbance	2000 Blk. Pennsylvania
29-Feb	Suspicious Auto	1200 Blk. Troxell

When calling police provide the dispatcher with a detailed description of the person or persons and description and license plate number of the vehicle. (If you have a checkmate number you do not have to provide your name just your checkmate number. If you do not have a checkmate number, contact me for an application.) Make a note of the activity, time and date called, and the dispatcher's number, and provide me with the details. I track and follow up on all reports.

Ernie Atiyeh

**"Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander."
- Holocaust Museum, Washington. DC**

Recipe from Janice Malozi

Almond Granola with Dried Fruit

1/3 cup real maple syrup
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
4 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup vegetable oil
5 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
2 cups raw almonds, chopped coarse
2 cups raisins or other dried fruit, chopped

1. Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Line rimmed sheet with parchment paper.
2. Whisk maple syrup, brown sugar, vanilla, and salt in large bowl. Whisk in oil. Fold in oats and almonds until thoroughly coated.
3. Transfer oat mixture to prepared baking sheet and spread across sheet into thin, even layer (about 3/8 inch). Using stiff metal spatula, compress oats mixture until very compact. Bake until lightly browned, 40-45 minutes, rotating pan once halfway through baking. Remove granola from oven and cool on wire rack to room temperature, about 1 hour. Break cooked granola into pieces of desired size. Stir in the dried fruit. (Granola can be stored in airtight container for up to 2 weeks.)

Pecan-orange granola with dried cranberries

Add 2 tablespoons finely grated orange zest and 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon to maple syrup mixture in step 2. Substitute coarsely chopped pecans for almonds. After granola is broken into pieces, stir 2 cups dried cranberries.

Spiced walnut granola with dried apples

Add 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon, 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger, 3/4 teaspoon ground allspice, 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg, and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper to maple syrup mixture in step 2. Substitute coarsely chopped walnuts for almonds. After granola is broken into pieces, stir in 2 cups chopped dried apples.

Tropical granola with dried mango

Reduce vanilla extract to 2 teaspoons and add 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger and 3/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg to maple syrup mixture in step 2. Substitute coarsely chopped macadamias for almonds and 1 1/2 cups unsweetened shredded coconut for 1 cup oats. After granola is broken into pieces, stir in 2 cups chopped dried mango or pineapple.

Hazelnut granola with dried pear

Substitute coarsely chopped, skinned hazelnuts for almonds. After granola is broken into pieces, stir 2 cups chopped dried pears.

LEHIGH RIVER WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN

You Are Invited To Attend The Lehigh Riverfront Public Meeting

Date: April 4, 2012
Time: 6:15 PM Registration
6:30 - 7:30 PM - Presentation
7:30 - 8:00 PM - Discussion with the Audience
8:00 - 8:30 PM - Open House

Location: Sheridan Elementary School
541 North 2nd Street, Allentown, PA

Parking: On street parking is available on Liberty Street and North Second Street.
Parking is also available within the Sheridan School lot.

We invite you to learn about and provide feedback on the emerging preferred plan for the Lehigh River Waterfront Master Plan. We will also learn about a more detailed analysis that is being conducted on the Neuweiler Brewery Building

Lehigh River Waterfront Plan Study Area Map



Fill A Bag. Feed Families.



Saturday May 12, 2012

DEAR MIDWAY MANOR COMMUNITY :

A PERSONAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LETTER CARRIERS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE IN YEARS PAST. AMAZING!

THAT TIME IS COMING AROUND AGAIN AND I HOPE YOU ONCE AGAIN RALLY LIKE YOU HAVE IN THE PAST. YOUR COMMUNITY PRIDE AND CARING REALLY SHOW THROUGH.

SO WATCH FOR OUR POSTCARD IN YOUR MAILBOX AND THE GROCERY BAG TO FILL. THANK YOU AGAIN!

HAVE SOME FUN WITH IT!
 PICK A "THEME" FOR YOUR BAG.
 (E) A BREAKFAST BAG, TACO BAG
 MAKE YOUR BAG WITH CHILDREN OR THE ELDERLY IN MIND.
 MAKE A BAG OF TOILETRIES
 CLEANING SUPPLIES
 MAKE A BAG TOGETHER WITH NEIGHBORS. POOL YOUR RESOURCES.

Chrissie Shaper your Letter Carrier

*REMEMBER
 - NO GLASS
 - NO EXPIRED ITEMS



On May 12, 2012

letter carriers across the country, in partnership with the U.S. Postal Service, will be collecting food for families in need.

It's easy to help:

1. Collect and bag non-perishable* food items
2. Place by mailbox for letter carrier to deliver to a local food bank or pantry

*Donate items like canned meats, fish, soup, juice, vegetables, pasta, cereal and rice. Please do not include items that have expired or are in glass containers.