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Dear Allentown Friends and Neighbors,

We at The Allentown Village Initiative, Inc., a historic preservation-based, community service organization, want to share this “Short History of Allentown” with you to enjoy! At our website, you will find that we are committed to promoting a sense of community, revitalizing and enhancing the downtown, and beautifying the town generally by strengthening those characteristics which make us special. This document took the authors almost eight months to upgrade in order to share it with you. We hope you will take your time reading it and be as amazed, as we are at TAVI, at the importance of our unique, 'special place'.

Living or working in a small community like Allentown requires advanced citizenship. The Borough has a small staff and a limited budget which cannot be enhanced without raising taxes. Service organizations in town are the backbone of our feeling of community and allow us to enjoy an enriched nostalgic lifestyle. On the reverse side of this letter, we have listed a few organizations where you can volunteer. We hope each of you will find a place to contribute a few hours of your time per week to assist these organizations. You could help beautify our town, keep the library going, or help protect our residents, businesses and property owners through the First Aid Squad or Hope Fire Company. Alternately, you might help keep our cherished Harvest Festival or Memorial Day Parades continuing for years to come. There are so many ways to volunteer.... everyone needs you!

In the meantime....Enjoy reading Allentown's unique and inspiring story and let me know what you think!

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

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(And you know of course.....where the churches and the schools are!)