BonaNeighbors:

A Bonnie’s guide to living in Allegany
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- There are different stories that describe how Allegany got its name.
- A Native American tradition says the name comes from an old tribe called Allegewi that used to live along the Allegheny River’s banks.
- Another tradition explains that the name Allegany comes from an old Native American word meaning "lovely" or "beautiful" Allegany.
- It is one of the largest towns in New York by size, and in addition to the Village of Allegany, the Town of Allegany includes several small hamlets, including Rock City, Chipmonk and Knapp's Creek.
- The original name of the town was Burton, but Burton was officially named Allegany on March 28, 1851.
- It is claimed that John Chapman, also known as Johnny Appleseed, started his tree planting expeditions from the Allegany area, by traveling on the river for access to trading posts.
Greetings! On behalf of the entire Student Affairs Division, I would like to welcome you back for what is sure to be an exciting and enjoyable year. As a member of our off campus community, we realize that you may have many questions and concerns regarding safety, building codes, police and fire services and local laws just to name a few. To help you better integrate into the Allegany community, we are providing you with this guidebook.

Stop by the Student Affairs Office and read on for more details about life as a BonaNeighbor!

Sincerely,
Richard C. Trietley
Vice President for Student Affairs

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I’m a good great neighbor!

... Well, you can be with these simple tips:

**Introduce yourself.**
Get to know your next door neighbors and show genuine interest. If they know you, they will be much more likely to discuss any problems or concerns they have directly with you. This will prevent smaller issues from becoming larger problems.

**Make your house a home.**
You may only live in this house for a year or two, but the families next door and around the area have sometimes lived here their whole lives. They care about Allegany, not just their property. Show them you care too. Pick up beer cans, keep the outside of your house looking nice, notify the landlord with lawn care problems and shovel snow.

**Be our guest.**
When you have friends over to hang out or for parties, YOU are in charge of making sure laws are followed and guests are acting appropriately. Make it easier on yourself and provide trash cans so your friends aren’t throwing trash outside. Also, make sure they don’t leave with cans or bottles.

**RESPECT**
Make sure you and your friends don’t destroy or disrespect your neighbors’ property. Don’t let your pets or friends use the neighbor’s lawn as a toilet. Other than noise, this is one of the biggest complaints from Allegheny residents.

**Exchange digits.**
Give your neighbors your number and make a point of being pleasant when you see them. Ask them to come to you if they ever have a problem or question.
The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to deny housing to a tenant on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, disability, family status, or origin.

Residential rental units should be habitable and in compliance with housing and health codes—meaning they should be structurally safe, sanitary, weatherproofed, and include adequate water, electricity, and heat.

A landlord should make necessary repairs and perform maintenance tasks in a timely fashion, or include a provision in the lease stating that tenants can order repairs and deduct the cost from rent.

A landlord must give prior notice (typically 24 hours) before entering your premises and can normally only do so to make repairs or in case of an emergency.

If a landlord has violated important terms related to health, safety, or necessary repairs, you might have a legal right to break your lease.

Damage or security deposits are not deductible for "normal wear and tear."
**my rights?**

- Most states require landlords to return refundable portions of a security deposit within 14 to 30 days after the tenant has vacated the premises, even in the case of eviction.

- Landlords usually can't legally seize a tenant's property for nonpayment of rent or any other reason, except in the case of abandonment as defined by law.

- Landlords are legally prohibited from evicting tenants as retaliation for action a tenant takes related to a perceived landlord violation.

- A landlord cannot legally change the locks, shut off (or cause to have shut off) your utilities, or evict you without notice; eviction requires a court order.

- If a landlord makes life so miserable for you that it forces you to move, it may be considered "constructive eviction," which is usually grounds for legal action.

- In many states, it's illegal for a lease to stipulate that the tenant is responsible for the landlord's attorney fees in case of a court dispute.

***These are general statements for informational purposes only. You are responsible for knowing NYS laws and your lease agreement. Contact an attorney if you have specific questions regarding your rights.***
The speed limit in the village is 30 MPH.

The village has an open container law: On village streets and public property you may not have in your possession an open cup, glass, bottle, can or other container of any alcoholic beverage.

The village has a noise law: If you plan on hanging out with friends in the village at night, be considerate of residents and remember the noise law is in effect 24 hours a day and can result in up to a $250 fine.

The village has a urinating in public law: Please be respectful, and use proper facilities.

Littering is in violation of New York State and local laws. Keep the community clean.

Overnight parking is prohibited in certain areas: Overnight parking is not permitted year round on Main Street from North First Street to North Seventh Street between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00a.m. Overnight parking is also prohibited on some side streets connecting with Main Street. (this is marked by street signs)
From Nov. 1 to April 1 there is no overnight parking on all village streets from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

You can't rollerblade, skateboard, play sports on the sidewalk or road. Also, jaywalking and hitchhiking are prohibited.

No one under 21 years of age may possess an alcoholic beverage. The New York State ABC law also prohibits the sale of alcohol or giving alcohol to others without a permit. This includes charging people for cups. The NYS ABC and Penal Law prohibit alcohol to be given or sold to any person under the age of 21 years of age. This is a criminal offense and could result in a criminal record if convicted of such a charge.

If you have a fake ID in your possession you can be subject to stiff fines and or penalties for violating NYS laws.

If you own a dog, the dog must be contained or on a leash at all times. Failure to do so could result in fines and confiscation of the animal. You must also clean up after your pet.

Remember, the penalties for driving while intoxicated (DWI) in New York State are continually strengthened every year. Don't drink and drive. Use the Bona Bus or call a cab.
Meet your neighbors.

- Mayor: Richard J. Lamberson
- Police Chief: Dominic Papasergi
- Village Justice: Lance Brennan
In the event of any emergency, call 911 immediately.

The Allegany Police Department (APD)

The town clerk, Mary Peck, is responsible for issuing licenses such as dog or hunting and fishing licenses. She handles all town vital records.

Code Enforcement officer Lance Jobe enforces all safety codes and ordinances. He can help with unsafe rental properties.

St. Bonaventure Safety and Security is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year.

Emergency: 911

Police: 716.373.0873

Clerk’s Office: 716.373.1460

Code Enforcement: 716.373.1380

Safety and Security 716.375.2525
In case of Emergency

**How will you be aware in a crisis situation?**

The University will notify the campus community of emergency situations or crisis via:

1. *Steam Whistle Alert:* Indicates an emergency is taking place and you should seek cover and await instructions. Further instructions will be delivered via phone speaker system, E2 Campus text alert, and email system.

2. *Phone Speaker Alert System:* Found in every classroom and office on campus. Can provide detailed instructions in case of emergency.

3. *E2 Campus Emergency Text Message Notification:* Mobile device texting alert system, sign up via MySBU.

   All off-campus students should immediately sign up for the E2 Campus Emergency Text Notification System by visiting MySBU under general links.
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