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**Bike Derby, Food and Ferrous Headline 7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Cumberland Gardens Community Fair**

*Allentown, Pa.* – The 7th Annual Cumberland Gardens Community Fair at Cumberland Gardens, hosted by the Allentown Housing Authority, will be held Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and feature a visit from Ferrous, the Lehigh Valley Ironpigs mascot as well as a bike derby, pony rides and other entertainment for residents and community members.

The Community Fair will be held at the Cumberland Gardens Community Building, located at the corner of East Cumberland and South Ellsworth streets.

“Summer is starting and we want to make the residents aware of positive, family oriented activities that are available during the summer months”, Lenny Jenkins, AHA Social Services Director said. “Also, school will be out soon and we want to be proactive in making the

residents and their children aware of programs and activities that are an alternative to staying at home, or maybe getting into trouble.”

The Allentown Optimist Club and Civil Air Patrol are joining forces through the Allentown Health Bureau to add a bicycle derby to the fair this year.

The housing authority has created a number of partnerships in the community to provide services to the residents. Many of those partners will be represented Saturday and will be available to answer questions and sign residents up for activities. The community partners participating are; Allentown Health Bureau, Allentown Police Department, El Faro Bible Fellowship Church, Roosevelt Elementary School, CareerFORCE, Community Services for Children, Lehigh County Juvenile Probation office, Community Bike Works, Capital Blue Cross., UnitedHealthcare, Muhlenberg College, Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Harkins Builders.

“This is an event that has been very well-received by the community over the past six years,” Daniel Farrell, AHA Executive Director said. “It’s part of our commitment to keep our neighborhoods safe and make residents aware of the opportunities in the community.”

Cumberland Gardens is a 200-apartment community managed by the Allentown Housing Authority.

**Community Partners and Contact Information:**

*El Faro Bible Fellowship Church, Pastor Steve Diaz, 484-387-0936*

*Roosevelt Elementary School, Heather Bennett, 484-765-4465*

*CareerFORCE, Peggy Mulligan, 610-841-0389*

*Community Services for Children, Anca Badei 610-437-6000*

*Juvenile Probation Office, Elizabeth Fritz, 610-782-3143*

*Allentown Health Bureau, Jim Carlisle, 610-437-7598*

*Allentown Police Department, Assistant Chief Joseph Hanna, 610-437-7755*

*Community Bike Works, Jessica Webster, 610 434-1140*

*UnitedHealthcare, Elsie Batista, 610-746-9011*

*Boys and Girls Club of Allentown, Pat Johnson, 610-432-9944*

*Harkins Builders, Len Oteri, 610-627-4945*

*Zion Evangelical Congregational Church, Pastor Gary Morrel, 484-347-3834*

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