



8th Ward Neighborhood Group

The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Stay Tuned for New Location for Meetings

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National Night Out - Tues. August 7th -6-9pm

Next Meeting: Tues. Sept. 11th -7pm

NEW LOCATION: St. Luke's Church

417 N. 7th St.

*Mark Your Calendars—National Night Out
August 7th, 2012*



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**Our Neighborhood,
Our Community,
Our Responsibility**

Please join us for some fun. Meet us
at 8th & Tilghman Sts.—6-9PM

Children's games & Crime Prevention Information

**Put your porch lights on and light up the night. Bring your lawn
chairs and join us for an enjoyable night out with your neighbors.**

Report Graffiti in Progress to 911

or Report Graffiti You See on Any Property

Call 610-437-8729

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YES!! I am very pleased with the work that the 8th Ward Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events

SORRY. I am not able to help the 8th Ward Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

8th Ward Neighborhood Group
& Send It to: 706 North 8th St.,
Allentown, PA 18102

Thank you for your support!

CHec-Mate Program

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHec-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.

Who's at Your Front Door

It might not be who you think.

When you hear your door bell ring, it might not always be a solicitor. Your first thought might be to ignore whoever is at the door but that might not always be the best approach. The problem is a burglar might be ringing the doorbell just to see if you are at home. Next thing you know, you might see the person in your backyard or in your garage. If they make it inside your house, you have a bigger problem; you might be at home with a burglar.

Most burglars don't want to encounter the homeowner. This is why they ring the bell. So, don't open the door to a stranger but say "no thank you" through the door and then walk away. You can always call your neighbors and have them keep an eye on the person as they progress down the street. If the person does not go away, or if they start to behave suspiciously, call the police department.

The best time to call the police department is when suspicious activity is taking place. Calling the police department now or 10 to 15 minutes later can make all the difference between the police officer contacting the suspicious person and or missing them.

Also, get into the habit of locking your doors when you walk into your house. So, even when you are at home, a burglar cannot just walk into your house. This includes the door from outside into your garage and the door from the garage into your home. Further, don't leave your garage door standing open. It is easy to walk in and walk out with your property. Finally, teach children (that are old enough to stay at home alone) what to do if the doorbell rings. Give them a list of trusted neighbors they can call for help. Always have a "Family Emergency Plan" for getting out of the house in any type of emergency and rehearse the plan with your children. Teach them how to call the police department and have a list of important phone numbers handy.

Allentown City Council Meetings—

Are you interested in hearing about your local government?

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Have a concern to advise Council about? Speak at courtesy of the Floor – which starts promptly at 7PM.

**Meetings: Aug. 1st & 15th and Sept. 5th & 19th at City Council Chambers located in the 1st floor of City Hall*

Numbers To Know August 2012

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Chief Maclean	610-437-7777
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
State Rep. Jenn Mann	610-821-5577
8th Ward BW—Bonnie	484-695-1967
City Planning	610-437-7613
Recycling/ Graffiti Removal	610-437-8729
Code Enforcement	610-437-7695
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Health Bureau	610-437-7760
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546

Senior Fraud

Many legitimate companies and charities solicit consumers by phone and consider it an effective way to raise money or increase company business. Unfortunately, others are simply up to no good. We at the National Crime Prevention Council believe seniors can prevent telemarketing fraud by being educated consumers.

According to the FTC, nearly 25 million Americans are victims of consumer fraud each year. Senior citizens continue to be a rapidly increasing segment of the population, and that makes them a prime target for con artists and thieves.

Americans who are 65 or older represent about 13 percent of our country's population, and their population will only continue to grow as the Baby Boomer generation begins to enter that age range.

Studies have shown that senior citizens are more at risk to be targeted by telemarketing scams than other age groups, and fraudulent telemarketers direct anywhere from 56 to 80 percent of their calls at older Americans. These con artists believe that senior citizens are vulnerable and more susceptible to their tricks. However, NCPC is helping many seniors to be shrewd and savvy citizens by keeping these tips in mind:

- Offers too good to be true usually are. Ask to receive the "unbelievable deal" or the "amazing prize offer" in writing so you can read it carefully before making a commitment.
- Never give out your personal information over the phone or Internet unless you have initiated the contact. Legitimate business callers will never ask you for this information over the phone.
- If a caller asks you to pay for an offer in advance or asks for your credit card number or Social Security number, tell the person *you don't give out personal information over the telephone.* Remember that legitimate telemarketers won't be turned off if you use these techniques. They will appreciate dealing with an educated consumer. *It's not rude – it's shrewd!*