



8th Ward Neighborhood Group

The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Meeting Location: St. Luke's Lutheran Church - 417 N. 7th St. - 7pm

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP BOUNDARIES:

Gordon Street north to Sumner Ave. & 7th Street west to 12th Street

Mission Statement: Promoting a community of informed, inspired, and committed citizens who are actively engaged in confronting the challenges facing our neighborhoods.

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December's Meeting: Tuesday; December 11th - 7PM
Holiday Potluck! Bring a Snack or Dessert
St. Luke's Lutheran Church - 417 N. 7th St.

13+ Things a Burglar Won't Tell You

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste ... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it. .
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway. e how long it takes you to remove it.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom-and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at faketv.com.)
14. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

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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!

*"From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another.
The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other."*

Anonymous

Snow Removal Ordinance

All persons owning, controlling or occupying any private property, premises, lot or tract of land adjoining or fronting upon any of the streets of the City shall remove snow and ice from the sidewalk area or footway of such premises within ten (10) hours after it shall have ceased snowing, sleeting or raining. It shall be considered compliance with this section if a cleared portion three (3') feet in width shall have been made upon such sidewalk or footpath.

To report snow/ice not cleared from sidewalks, please call 610-437-7596

Our Group's Purpose

- To educate people, to minimize them from becoming victims of crime.
- To educate the public about what affects the health of our neighborhoods and where to seek aid in addressing such issues as Health, Code, Recycling & Solid Waste, Crime Prevention, etc.
- To create a sense of community and emotional well being among individuals throughout the neighborhood.
- To encourage people to become CHEC-MATE members and notify police immediately of any possible criminal activity that is occurring.
- To become actively engaged in confronting the challenges facing our neighborhoods.

Little Shopper's Corner at S Salem United Methodist Church

If you know any Allentown kids in need, Salem United Methodist Church will be offering a free program where they can pick out Christmas gifts for their family members, and get them gift-wrapped. It is open to ages 4 to 12. It is from 9 am to 1 pm Sat. Dec. 8th at Salem United Methodist Church, 14th and Linden Streets, Allentown. Parents can wait downstairs and watch a Christmas movie, eat popcorn, and pick out free children's books.

Numbers To Know

December 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

Desperately Seeking Deliverers

**Please help us with getting newsletters out to
your neighborhood. Our feet are hurting!**

Deliverers are needed.

Call Bonnie 610-432-8280 to help.

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- 15.** The two things I hate most: Loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
- 16.** I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
- 17.** Your alarm only works if it's on. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
- 18.** I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
- 19.** Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
- 20.** Lock your windows. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
- 21.** If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs crimedoctor.com; and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.