



8th Ward Neighborhood Group

The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Seibert Church; 10th & Allen Sts.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9th- 7PM

February 2010

Contact Us

Old Allentown Preservation Association will be our guest speaker and presenter at our next meeting.

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Do you like receiving our newsletter and find that your schedule doesn't allow you to attend our monthly meetings? There is a way you could help the group and your neighborhood. Sign up to help with the delivery of this newsletter. This past summer we lost some deliverers due to moving and vacation and we could really use your help. Call Bonnie for more information 610-432-8280. Newsletter delivery takes no more than a half hour a month of your time and our neighbors really enjoy this publication.

13 Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

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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.
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. (Continued on pg2)

Call the Police Anonymously

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

CHEC/MATE NO. _____

Law Name: _____ Fee Name: _____

Department or Firm: _____

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Please fill-out and mail to: Crime Prevention Unit
Allentown Police Dept.
621 Hamilton Street
Allentown PA 18101

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

(If address of home phone available)

CHEC/MATE
This is my name. I am a member of the _____

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Next Meeting

13 Things A Burglar Won't Tell You—Continued

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. 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.)

8 MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU:

1. 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.

2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

3. 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.

4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

5. 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.

6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

7. 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.

8. 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*.

Numbers To Know February 2010

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

CITY OF ALLENTOWN ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet in Council Chambers, Room #118, City Hall, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing the following appeals.

A-62943 809½-813 North 7th Street Appeal of Joseph Negro to convert used furniture store into a TAKE-OUT RESTAURANT, & change face of existing flat wall sign (3' x 16'), non-illum., at front, being a change of a use and sign granted by the Zoning Hearing Board under Application No. 50864 on November 22, 1994, located in a Medium High Density Residential (R-MH) District. Applicant requests approval on the basis of either a variance or as a change of a nonconforming use, and requests a finding that the property is nonconforming with respect to parking. Alternatively, applicant requests a parking variance.

3. **A-62954 714-724 Liberty Street** Appeal of Edis Fermin for variance to remove all existing signs and ERECT 5 SIGNS (1 flat wall @ 5' x 8' on Liberty St. non-illum.; 2 flat wall @ 2' x 6' non-illum. & 1 flat wall @ 2' x 8' interior illum. on N. Hall St. side, and 1 freestanding sign 4' x 5' non-illum., at northwest corner), with flat wall signs on Hall St. not permitted (one, 40 sq. ft. sign per street frontage permitted; one, 40 sq. ft. per street frontage proposed; 3 additional flat wall signs at 40 additional sq. ft. proposed), and freestanding sign not permitted (non-residential building not set back minimum of 20 feet from street right-of-way), located in a Limited Business/Residential (B-1/R) District.

All persons interested or those desiring to protest against the allowance of the above appeals may appear and be heard. The appeals listed above may be reviewed at the Zoning Office, 4th Floor, City Hall, 435 Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania