8th Ward Neighborhood Group

The Patroller

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of Every Month

Seibert Church; 10th & Allen Sts.

June / July 2010

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8th - 7PM

June Guest Speaker: L.V. Auto Theft Task Force

July Meeting: July 13th - 7PM

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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!

8th Ward Neighborhood Group's Block Party

Yard Sale / Crafts / Games / Kid's FREE Raffle / Adult's Raffle / Food / Fun for Everyone!

Our neighborhood group's annual block party is scheduled for July 17th with a rain-date of July 24th at Seibert EC Church—outside at 10th & Allen Sts. If you are interested in selling any crafts or yardsale items and would like to reserve a spot, please call Bonnie at 484-695-1967. To reserve a spot, please send $5.00 to 8th Ward Neighborhood Group and mail to: 8th Ward Neighborhood Group—706 N 8th St; Allentown, PA 18102—earmark the check "block party reserve spot". This will reserve your spot for the day. No food items may be sold without a health permit. Hours of the block party will be 10am-4pm. If you would like to make a donation for our yard sale, bake a cake, pie or cookies for our bake sale, or have a new or like new item to donate for our raffle, please contact Bonnie at 484-695-1967.

St. Luke's Church Block Party

St. Luke's Church—located at 417 N 7th St—will be hosting it s annual block party June 5th—12-3pm. Food/ Fun / Games

Old Allentown Street Festival

Saturday, June 19, 2010 10:00am - 4:00pm at 200 Block of North 11th Street (Between Turner & Chew Streets)
Call Sharon Smith at 610-821-9638 for information or email at sesmith@rcn.com
Or also contact Anne Crothers at 610-432-2168 - healingworks@enter.net

Report Graffiti in Progress to 911
or Report Graffiti You See on Any Property
Call 610-437-8729

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A Message From Our Patrol Area Captain

Hello Neighbors,

I just wanted to take a few moments and talk about some of the issues in PSA 4 and the northern section of our PSA. Summer is here and we are again experiencing those Quality of Life issues that seem to always surface as the weather heats up. Loud music, loud people and parties, littering and loitering. Etc.

I have informed the officers in our PSA to enforce these violations with citations and Disruptive Conduct Reports for rental properties. When you call, if you know, please inform the dispatcher that the address in question is a rental and you are requesting a DCR report.

Recently, I spoke with Kim Beitler about some of the issues in this area of our PSA. We felt that some are reluctant to call to report issues for fear of retaliation or lack of confidence Some would like some closure or information as to what happened on something that they did call about. I have created an email address for our PSA. You can send information on something you would like to report. I can then respond to you by email, both acknowledging that I got your email and then can send back an email informing you as to what we are doing or have done on the issue. That address is PSA4@allentowncity.org

I am working on ways to increase uniformed officers on walking patrols in the northern part of the city. Please send me feedback if you see them and your interaction with the officers. Please feel free to approach them and talk to them. They are your police officers. Let them know you are glad to see them, tell them what is happening in your block.

One last word for this newsletter. We are experiencing an increase in burglaries and some street robberies. Please take a moment to ensure your house is secured. Even if you are just going to be away for a moment or two. If sitting on your front porch, be sure the back is locked. Call the police if you see something or someone you feel is suspicious. You know your neighborhood better than anyone.

For the next newsletter, I will report on some of the crime statistics for our neighborhood, results on some of the initiatives I touched on and the Department's COMPSAT process.

See you in the neighborhood! Captain Mould

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.

Numbers To Know	June / July 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

Happy Father's Day!

Is Your Child Involved in 4H?

If not, would he or she like to be? If your child is between the ages of 8-18 they can participate in our local 4H "Tropical Jungle". There's much to learn in 4H—from plants, nutrition, animals, and a variety of life skills—all taught in a fun manner. For more info call Bonnie at 484—695-1967. Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at Seibert EC Church—located at 10th & Allen Sts.— between 6-7pm.

Report Graffiti NOW

Graffiti is once again becoming more prevalent in our neighborhood. If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 and give the best info. you can concerning what the individuals look like and their location. DO NOT CONFRONT YOURSELF—Call the Police. I would recommend giving your name and number in case the officer(s) responding need more info. NOTE—You can report with CHEC-mate or anonymously if you choose.

If you see properties anywhere in the City of Allentown (even though they may not be your property) with graffiti on them, please report it to 610-437-8729 to put it on the list for removal. So much graffiti is going up we need everyone to do their part to make sure it gets reported and removed ASAP.