

THE FAIRVIEWER

Newsletter of the Fairviewers Neighborhood Crime Watch

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MEETING CHANGE NOTICE

Meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2009 in the 1st floor meeting room of the Fairview Fire Company. Members are to enter by the club entrance door on Wyoming St. and press the buzzer. The club steward will then buzz you in.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

- Attendance- 11 members, 2 police officers, 2 guests.
- State Representative Karen Beyer was our guest speaker last month. She wants to open an acute care facility at Mountainville Memorial. This will be similar to the one operating at Mosser Village. She also talked about the current unemployment rate. Anyone that is having difficulty filing for unemployment because of the backlog should contact Karen's office. You will be able to set-up your account to file there. She also talked about the stimulus package. The state budget is experiencing some difficulties because of the recession. There is a shortfall of funds usually collected from sales tax and income tax. She is not supportive of many of Gov. Rendell's budget proposals and explained why to the membership. She is supportive of the proposed arena.
- Captain Daryl Hendricks reported that the police department continues to increase in size. Currently it is up to 197 officers. Six are in field training. The administration has a force of 215 in the budget. PAL is running an after school basket ball program at Jefferson Elementary on Wednesdays.
- Members reported some issues. Capt. Hendricks and Ken will research the issues.

GUEST SPEAKERS

April 20- Mayor Pawlowski

BEN GRESS

Ben Gress passed away in his home on March 7, 2009 at the age of 84. Ben was a remarkable individual. Ben along with Leonard Buck founded the Crime Watch program in Allentown in 1974. As Crime Watch Coordinator for Allentown he was responsible for organizing and training crime watch members. For his efforts Ben received many awards both locally and statewide. Among the awards are the Leonard Buck Award which is given by the Allentown Crime Watch President's Council for the outstanding volunteer and the Governor's Award for Crime Watch volunteer services. Ben was the president of the Mountainville 30 Crime Watch. He frequently attended our meetings and he was the driving force of the annual Leonard Buck Awards banquet. To raise money for the Mountainville 30 crime watch he volunteered with many of his members at the Coke Wagon at the Valley Farm Market on Emmaus Ave. He organized annual trips to Harrisburg that was open to all crime watch members in the city to participate in.

In his twilight years, Ben devoted his life to making Allentown a safer place to live. Ben always believed that the crime watch program had to remain apolitical to be successful. A fact proven by the program's longevity. No one will ever be able to replace Ben. He will be missed very much by all residents of Allentown whether they knew him or not. For in today's society, Ben was truly an unsung hero and an icon of the neighborhood crime watch program. Ben may no longer be among us, but Ben's legacy is the Allentown Crime Watch program.

PROPERTY REPORTS

The following properties have violations that have been reported to Bureau of Building Standards. Bring all property issues to the next crime meeting for Ken to research and to forward to the proper department.

932 S. 7th St.

(2) refrigerators on back porch with doors still attached

CRIME REPORTS

The following reports have been received since the last newsletter:

2-3	701 Harrison St., apt 202	9:58 PM	Noise complaint
2-3	747 Pittston St.	11:26 AM	Suspicious activity
2-4	816 St. John St., 3 rd floor	10:09 PM	Noise complaint
2-7	1201 S. Hall St	5:46 PM	Noise complaint
2-8	701 Harrison St., apt 203	10:41 PM	Noise complaint
2-9	1024 S. 8 th St.	3:17 PM	Suspicious activity
2-10	805 St. John St.	11:36 AM	Burglary report
2-10	701 Harrison St., apt 327	2:15 PM	Burglary report
2-10	701 Harrison St., apt 203	10:52 PM	Noise complaint

PHONE NUMBERS

Police Emergency/Fire/Ambulance	911	Police Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police Vice (drugs)	610-437-7726	Noise Violations (Police)	610-437-7751
Neighbor Disputes (Police)	610-437-7773	Parking Authority	610-437-3366
Building Safety & Standards	610-437-7697	Health (garbage)	610-437-7759
Animal Control (Recycling Dept)	610-437-7535	Recycling Office	610-437-8729
Water Resources	610-437-7642	Allentown Graffiti Busters	610-437-8729
Allentown Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546	State Sen. Pat Browne	610-821-8468
State Rep. Karen Beyer	610-791-6270	Shopping Cart pick-up	1-800-244-2278 or K-mart @ 610-791-3033

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, March 16, 2009

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: FAIRVIEW FIRE COMPANY
1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
7TH & WYOMING STS