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Newsletters can now be picked up at any of the following locations: AHART'S MARET or WAWA or WILLY JOE's DOGGIES Also, Rep. Jenn Mann's Office. Compiled and edited by K. Pickel. Crime-prez@aol.com or 610-437-7160.

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 21ST, 2010. LOCATION: 1622 W. LIBERTY ST. B'NAI B'RITH APARTMENTS COMMUNITY ROOM WEST AT 7 PM. REFRESHMENTS.

Congratulations go out to the winners of the 2010 Leonard Buck Crime Watch Banquet. The Ben Gress Officer of the Year award went to retired Assi. Chief Ron Manescu. The Leonard Buck Award went to East Rittersvill President, Dennis Pearson. The Honorary Citizens Award for our group went to Debbie and Terry Messinger. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. We appreciate it!

West Park News: Art in the Park will be on June 19th from 10 to 5PM. Rain date will be on June 26th.

Are you breaking the law? Check out the City Ordinance on NOISE CONTROL. Article 710 Goe to the City of Allentown web site which is: <http://www.allentownpa.gov/> Click on government/ordinances www.allentownpa.gov/Portals/0/files/Legislative/Codified_Ordinances/7-GENOFFENSES/2NOISE,%20VEHICULAR%20SOUND.pdf. If the noise is coming from a neighbor, or a car near by, then call 610-437-7160 for an application for a Checmate card. You will be assigned a number to use when you call the non emergency police number at 610-437-7751.

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Primary Election Day is May 18th — Don't Forget to Vote!!!

Voting Tips:

On May 18th, you have a chance to speak your mind in one of the most effective ways possible, by voting. We thought it would be helpful to publish some lesser known voting tips:

- 1. Write ins-**Did you know that in a primary election you can vote for a candidate who is not in the same political party as you? You can write in your choice of candidate even if their name is not listed on your party's ballot.
- 2. Two out of three ain't bad-**Did you know that you can cast a vote for only one candidate. Don't feel obligated to take a 'package' if it means taking something (or someone) you don't want.
- 3. Voting or Guessing-**Did you know that the local newspapers publish information about ballot questions in the days before the election? You can be prepared by reading about ballot questions before you vote. Due to limited space, the question on the voting machine cannot fully describe the issues. Be prepared.
- 4. Ballot Questions-**You can vote on ballot questions if you are registered other than Republican or Democrat.
- 5. Absentee Ballots-**If you can't get to the polls, you can still vote by using an absentee ballot. You can pick one up from Lehigh County Voter Registration- 17 S 7th St.-ground floor.
- 6. Vote-** You can make a difference!

A letter from the Prez.....Please help us keep the noise under control as we get into the summer months. Many nights I am awakened by not just partying people byt children playing loudly at 2AM. We all have different life styles, but we all deserve Quality of Life. Ask yourself, "Am I unwittingly adding to someone's discomfort?" That night in question, I moved to the back bedroom only to be kept awake until the wee hours of the morning by a lovely couple entertaining friends in the privacy and comfort of their own home. But with their window open, even though many feet away, I could hear their words. The noise seems to be all around us on many occasions. Our Seniors have earned the right to a quiet and peaceful neighborhood which by the way detracts the criminal element. Also, the Graffiti is growing so please be aware and call it in when you see it. Use 911 if it in progress. Litter is another important issue. Please instruct you children to dispose of their litter properly. Last but not least, if you are at all interested in helping to keep this CW going, please call or come to our June meeting.kay

April was National 9-1-1 Education Month. This is a time when we place special emphasis on educating adults /children on the proper use of the 9-1-1 Emergency Number. An informed caller is 9-1-1's best caller. It's important that you, and your family, know how to help 9-1-1 help you. In an emergency, seconds matter,

911

so being knowledgeable and prepared can make all the difference. Here's what you can do:

Know WHEN to call 9-1-1. 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. You should only be dialing 9-1-1 if someone is hurt or in danger, or if you are in immediate need of police, fire, or medical assistance. If you aren't sure if your situation is an emergency, you should err on the side of safety and call 9-1-1 and let the expert who answers your call make the decision whether to send help or not.

Know WHEN NOT to call 9-1-1. Don't call 9-1-1 just because you burned dinner and your guests are arriving any minute, or because you are late for a meeting and need help finding an address. While those situations may count as emergencies for you, they aren't for public safety. Inappropriate use of the 9-1-1 system wastes resources and ties up the lines at the 9-1-1 center, and nobody wants to be on hold when they are in the middle of a real crisis. Not to mention that in most states harassing or making prank calls to 9-1-1 is a crime, and you don't want law enforcement showing up at your door.

Know the capabilities of the device you are using. 9-1-1 can be contacted from pretty much every device that can make phone calls (traditional landline, cell, VoIP), but the callback and location information that accompanies your call to the 9-1-1 center can vary drastically amongst technologies and between geographic regions. 9-1-1 and telecommunications professionals are hard at work to make sure 9-1-1 works the same on all devices in the future, but until then it is your job to be knowledgeable about benefits and limitations associated with various technologies. Contact your service provider(s) for more information.

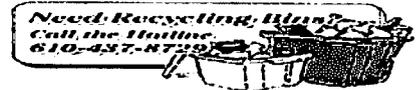
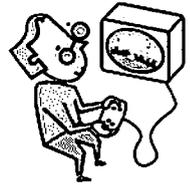
Know where you are. This is probably the most important information you can provide as a 9-1-1 caller, so try to be aware of your surroundings. Make a real effort to be as detailed as possible. If you are outside and don't know the street address, take a look around and try to find landmarks or cross streets. If you are inside a large building or one with multiple levels, you can help emergency services by letting them know which floor you are on, which apartment you are in, etc.

Stay calm. When you are on the phone with 9-1-1, you are their eyes and ears. Even though you may want to, try not to panic. If you are crying or yelling, it can be hard for the 9-1-1 operator to understand you. If you are able to stay strong, pull yourself together, and answer all of the 9-1-1 operator's questions, the faster they can get the right services to your location.

Never hang up. You may have called 9-1-1 by accident, or your situation may have resolved itself, but it is important to let the 9-1-1 operator know this. If you end the call abruptly, the folks at the 9-1-1 center are going to assume that something has gone very wrong and will either call you back or send help anyway. This will take away from the 9-1-1 center's ability to take calls and dispatch services to on-going emergencies, so make sure the 9-1-1 call taker tells you it is ok to disconnect before you hang up. Keep in mind that the call taker can dispatch responders to your location without disconnecting from the call, so, until you are instructed to do otherwise, make sure to hold the line so that you can provide any necessary information or assistance to the 9-1-1 operator.

Recycle Electronics on Saturday, July 10th, 2010

The City of Allentown Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste is offering an opportunity to recycle electronic devices. The collection event will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 9am to 12pm only at the Main Yard Waste Site at Fish Hatchery Road and Oxford Drive. This electronics recycling event is open to both city and non-city residents. The city will accept unwanted computers, keyboards, monitors, electronics, printers, copiers, servers, scanners, plotters, laptops, televisions and audio/video equipment for recycling. No batteries or fluorescent bulbs will be accepted. There is a \$2.00 cash fee for each item with the exception of monitors, copiers and televisions. The fee is \$5 cash per monitor and copier and \$20 cash for each television because of the extra handling required. No checks or credit or debit cards will be accepted. Please call the Recycling Hotline (610-437-8729) for the complete list of acceptable items or visit www.allentownrecycles.org for more information. People are asked not to arrive at the site prior to 9am. Users bringing electronics will have the convenience of drive-through service. Many electronic devices contain heavy metals. According to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency, electronics are among the largest contributors to lead found in landfills. Due to their lead content, cathode ray tubes found in monitors, as well as televisions, are the most toxic components of a computer. Last year, the Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste collected more than 1,800 items, including 337 central processing units, 524 computer monitors, 170 keyboards, 234 printers, and 128 televisions. The city will deliver the recycled materials to Com-Cycle, a wholly owned subsidiary of AERC, which is one of the nation's leading full-service recycling companies and operates two facilities in Allentown. Com-Cycle maintains a Zero Waste-to-Landfill Policy for all its electronic recycling services. Com-Cycle guarantees that any equipment dropped off at any of its recycling events will not end up in a landfill. Com-Cycle also offers secure data destruction of electronic data drives.



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.

Community Plant Exchange at Promenade Shops – May 15th -
 Container Garden Workshop Free
 Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Garden Tour - May 16th,
 - Sandra Neiman Cancer Memorial Garden Boyertown, Pa
 For more information on these events, visit
www.designbyplace.com Scott Rothenberger; designer