



Raub Area Community Watch

▶▶▶▶▶ Future Meetings April 7th and May 5, 2011 @ 7PM-Lehigh County Sr. Center
All are Welcome...a forum for all residents to learn and share neighborhood issues and events!

April/May '11

April Dates

- 4/1 April Fools Day
- 4/7 RACW Mtng. 7PM
- 4/17 Palm Sunday
- 4/19 Passover
- 4/22 Good Friday
- 4/24 Easter

May Dates

- 5/1 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 5/8 Mother's Day
- 5/15 Spaghetti Dinner
St. James UCC
12 Noon
S. 15th & Walnut Sts.
- 5/30 Memorial Day

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Shop Dan Schantz Greenhouse and Cut Flower Outlet to help Raub Area Community Watch's 2011 fundraiser.

2011 RACW Officers:
Gerry Traupman – President
Patt Infanti – Vice President
Eileen Bernhard – Secretary
Lynn Unger - Treasurer

Things we are thankful for:

- *Captain Keith Morris' promotion to PSA II (Police Service Area II is the south and west side)
- *Return distribution of the crime reports from the Atown Police Dept.
- * All residents who make a positive impact in their neighborhood.

RACW – Month in Review

In February our most recently elected District Magistrate Ron Manescu spoke about his duties as judge. His day sounds very busy and his time is spent working night court, central booking and the regular docket. The district court at 930 Hamilton St. is open to the public and anyone may come during open court sessions. Captain Morris from the APD also alerted us to an increase in tire/wheel thefts in the west end. Be aware of any suspicious vehicles or persons in your block. If you see a crime in progress Dial 911. Call 437-7751 for any person, activity or vehicle you feel looks suspicious. Be the best witness by obtaining a good description of the vehicle or person which you can provide to the communication operator when you call.

In March we were visited by the Lehigh County Sheriff candidate Andy Roman.

Future Events and Reminders

MAYOR ED PAWLOWSKI – Will speak at our April 7, 2011 meeting. Come with questions and points of interest about things happening on your block.

LEONARD BUCK AWARD BANQUET – The banquet honoring Leonard Buck, organizer of the first Allentown crime watch, will be held on Thursday April 14, 2011 at the Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S. Front St., Allentown. Doors open at 5:45PM, dinner begins at 6:45PM. Cost is \$23 for family style table service. Cash bar is available. Please contact Gerry 433-9363 or email raubcw@yahoo.com for tickets or for more information. It is a fun evening; with neighborhood groups, police officers, some city employees, city council persons and residents from all over Allentown who care about their neighborhoods, take an active part in enhancing quality of life, reducing crime and watch out for their neighbors.

50/50 RAFFLE – The Allentown Crime Watch Presidents' Council sponsors the Leonard Bucket Awards. They will be having a raffle. If interested in purchasing or selling \$1.00 raffle tickets please contact Gerry. The drawing will be on Thursday April 14, 2011 at the Leonard Buck Banquet (need not to be present to win).

APRIL NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP – There will be no formal date for clean up this year. We ask all residents to do a thorough yard clean up during the month of April. Winter has left much trash and small debris in flower beds and curbside. On a regular basis please pick up liter in the front and rear of your residence. It would also be helpful if you would pick up along any wooded areas in your block. If we all pick up a small area the entire block will look great. Thanks for your help. Please don't litter.

Graffiti is Everybody's Problem

Several residents in our neighborhood have been victims of graffiti vandals. Graffiti hurts property values, drives away business and sends the message that nobody cares about the community. Graffiti is everybody's problem. Here is what you can do to help:

REPORT IT – If you see graffiti in progress Dial 911. If you see graffiti on your property report it to Allentown Graffiti Busters 437-8729. After reporting and with approval by Graffiti Busters remove the graffiti as soon as possible. If you are unable to remove it Graffiti Busters can help but it does take some time, so it's best if the landowner takes care of removal ASAP. The sooner it is reported the sooner it can be removed.

REMOVE IT – Prompt, persistent removal usually results in zero rate of recurrence. Before any graffiti removal begins report it to Graffiti Busters. When painting over graffiti, save some of the paint for touchups. Again, if you are not capable of removing it yourself contact City of Allentown Graffiti Busters for help.

PREVENT IT – Rapid removal is the best way to avoid future graffiti. Removing graffiti quickly (preferably within 24 hours) tells the vandals that people care about their community and quick removal provides little chance the vandals work will be seen. Plain, smooth surfaces invite graffiti, patterned or roof concrete, tile or mosaic surfaces deter graffiti. Choose paints or coatings to deter graffiti, dark colors make graffiti difficult to see. Anti-graffiti coatings are available. Encourage local merchants who sell spray paint to become responsible retailers and observe existing laws against selling spray paint and broad tipped markers to minors. Encourage them to post signs about the penalties relating to graffiti vandalism.

Spring is Coming...Please be Mindful of your Neighbors

Warm weather brings the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, open our windows and appreciate the fresh air. We ask all residents to keep the following city ordinances and laws in mind so we can all enjoy the spring and summer months.

- Pet owners must prevent their pets from excessive barking, crying or making annoying noise. Making noise continuously for 10 minutes or intermittently for ½ hour is a violation.
- Pet owners must pick up all animal droppings on their property daily and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. All yards, pens and structures where animals are kept must be cleaned daily to prevent odors and other public nuisances.
- Any loud noise (human voices, horns, stereo speakers, sound devices) which casts sound upon the city streets is considered excessive and may be considered a public nuisance or disturbing the peace.
- Disorderly Conduct is considered a disturbance, noise, obscene, lewd or profane behavior in the presence of another person in the city which disturbs the good order, quiet or welfare of city inhabitants.
- No person shall loiter in a public place. Loitering means remaining idle in essentially one location or standing without purpose either alone or in consort with others.

It's best to think how you can be a respectful neighbor. Our homes are situated close together be mindful and considerate of your neighbors. Get to know your neighbors. Communication is the best advice to create a pleasant place to live, work and play.

Animal Safety Awareness

How to prevent animal bites:

Always leave animals alone when they're eating/drinking...Never tease or scare animals: remember animals, protect their own territory, property and owners...Never mistreat or hurt an animal...Never pet animals when they have babies...Never try to stop animals that are fighting...Leave injured, sick or dead animals alone and go get help...Leave all wild animals alone...Never keep wild animals as pets.

How to approach a dog:

Ask the handler if you could pet the dog...Wait for them to give approval that it's OK...approach the dog from the front of the dog...show hand...let the dog sniff you...tail of dog should be low and wagging.

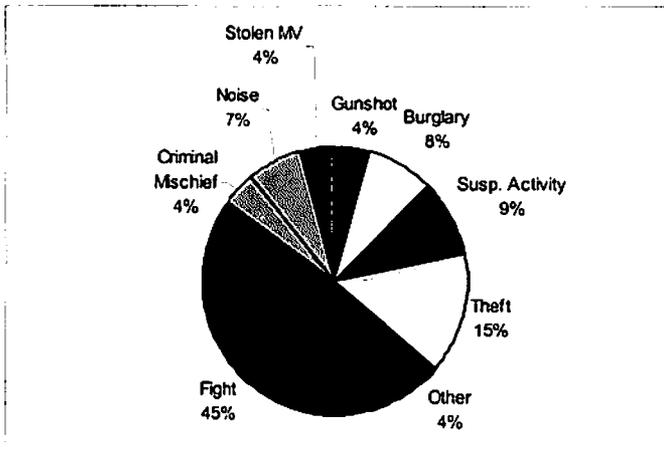
What to do if threatened by a dog:

Stay calm...Stand still...Do not run or scream...Speak firmly (don't yell)- No sit !, Stay down ! or Go home ! ...Back away slowly-always face the animal's head...Shield yourself-hold your backpack or package in front of you.

Dogs talk with their bodies, be aware of the following signs which mean Stay away:

Glaring eyes...nose is wrinkled...teeth showing and growling/barking...tail is up and stiff...hair is standing up...legs are stiff OR...tail between legs...ears are back...corner of mouth is back...nose is wrinkled...hair standing up.

Courtesy of PA Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement



This is a summary of information provided by the Allentown Police Department for activities called into the Communication Center 01/01/11 - 2/28/11.

Location	# of Reports
S. St. Cloud St.	27
S.18 th St.	12
South St.	9
S. 15 th St.	5
S. 16 th St.	4
Elm St.	4
S. West St.	4
Fulton St.	3
S. 17 th St.	2
Other	4

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Lehigh St @ I78 West Union Blvd.
610.797.2774 610.694.0666

RAUB AREA COMMUNITY WATCH

will receive a \$2.00 donation, when this coupon is presented with a minimum \$10.00 purchase.

expires: June 30, 2011

Spring 2011

Not redeemable for cash
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