



Raub Area Community Watch

Future Meetings: Tuesday Aug. 3rd 6:00PM – National Night Out Walk & Picnic
RACW Meeting and Ice Cream Social Aug. 5th 6:30PM-Lehigh County Sr. Center , 1633 Elm St. Aug/Sept '10

August Dates

- 8/3 National Night Out
6PM-meet Raub
Middle School
Picnic at Bernhard's
following walk
- 8/5 Ice Cream Social
6:30-8:30PM, Lehigh
Sr. Center
- 8/14 Community Yard Sale
8AM - 1 PM

September Dates

- 9/2 RACW Meeting 7PM
Lehigh County Sr. Ctr.
- 9/6 Labor Day
- 9/9 Rosh Hashanah
- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/12 Grandparents Day
- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/18 Yom Kippur
- 9/19 Spaghetti Dinner
St. James UCC
15th & Walnut Sts.
12 Noon
- 9/23 Autumn Begins

Union Terrace

- 9/7 First Day of School
- 9/14 PTA 4PM
- 9/16 Open House 6:30PM

**SEPTEMBER IS BACK TO
SCHOOL MONTH
PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY !**

Allentown Historical Society has an
Architectural Salvage Warehouse at
1518-20 West Walnut St.
Open Saturday mornings only
610-437-1989

If you are in need of original
replacement items for your home
such as doors, hinges, doorknobs,
glass/windows, woodwork/molding,
etc. visit the warehouse. If you are
remodeling and have unique items
consider donating them to the
warehouse.

RACW Officers:
President – Gerry Traupman
Vice Pres. – Gail Stoudt
Treasurer – Lynn Unger
Secretary – Eileen Bernhard

RACW – Month in Review

Thanks to Allentown City Councilman Peter Schweyer for speaking at our June meeting. He provided information regarding current council issues and actions.

Unfortunately the scheduled neighborhood walk with Mayor Pawlowski and Dept. Managers was postponed due to weather. A rescheduled date will be announced. If you would like to be added to an email list to notify you of the new date, let us know at raubcw@yahoo.com.

We will not be having a RACW picnic as planned. Please join us for the National Night Out walk and picnic

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WALK - Tuesday August 3, 2010 - walk begins at 6 PM Raub Middle School. We walk through the neighborhood to the Bernhard's for a pot luck. The hot dogs will be provided, please bring a covered dish. If you are unable to do the walk please join us for the potluck.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/APPLE DUMPLINGS - Lehigh County Sr. Center 6:30PM-8:30PM. Make your own sundae, add an apple dumpling or purchase some dumplings to take home. Ice Cream-\$3.00 16oz. and \$2.00 12 oz., apple dumpling \$3.00 each. Buy a dumpling at the social and get a free scoop of ice cream.

\$\$ Save 25 cents per sundae with this coupon \$\$
(Up to 4 sundaes)

Clip this coupon to remind you the Raub Area Community Watch group will have create your own ice cream sundae and apple dumpling sale on Thursday August 5, 2010 6:30-8:30PM at the Lehigh County Sr. Center

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – AUG. 14TH

Please participate in the community yard sale. For a \$10 donation Raub Area Community Watch will run the newspaper ad, advertise the sale on Craigslist, and distribute sale information in the community.

The yard sale will be on **Saturday August 14, 2010** 8AM – 1 PM

YES, I would like to participate in the Community Yard Sale on 8/14/10.
Enclosed you will find a check payable to Raub Area Community Watch for \$10.00

For more information contact Gerry at 433-9363 or email: raubcw@yahoo.com or drop this sheet at 407 S. 18th Street by 8/7. There is a mail slot on the front door.

Your address: _____ Your name: _____

I plan to sell (list some items of importance): _____

Things a Burglar Won't Tell You

This was a random email forwarded through the internet. It offers a few things to think about...

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. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night before the blinds are drawn to find all the flat screen TV's. 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. Avoid announcing your vacation on Facebook. Leaving a window open just a crack might give you fresh air but to me it's an invitation.
6. If decorative glass is part of your doorway, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. By the way, if you have an alarm system, why would you leave without setting it?
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.
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.). Sometimes I carry a clipboard or dress like a lawn guy. I never look like a crook.
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. 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.)
14. Two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
15. 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.

Do You Really Know How to Keep Your Child Safe?



Are you doing everything in your power to keep your child safe? Find out by taking this quiz based on Gavin de Becker's best-selling book, *Protecting the Gift*. The answers may surprise you.

1. How long could it take for your five-year old to be lured out of the playground by a stranger?
 - 35 seconds
 - 2 minutes
 - 10 minutes
 - My child knows not to leave the park with a stranger
2. True or false: Children should be taught never to talk to strangers.
3. What should you teach your child to do if she/he's lost?
 - Find a policeman
 - Go to the nearest person for help
 - Go to the nearest woman for help
 - Start crying and screaming for help
 - Stay where she/he is because you'll find her/ him

1-Answer: 35 seconds. According to an experiment conducted by Ken Wooden, the author of *Child Lures*, it took an average of a little more than half a minute for him to lure children from a playground.

2-Answer: False. The timeless lesson passed on from parents to their kids is "Never talk to strangers." The implication is that strangers are evil and can do them harm. It's true that some strangers may have that intention. But then again, so might people you or the child knows very well (statistically this is more often the case). In fact, some strangers may be just the people to help you child if she/he is lost or in a difficult situation. Here are some reasons why the "don't talk to strangers" rule isn't so golden. Your child sees you break this rule all the time. You talk to strangers at the bank, supermarket, or simply because they're nice. If your child is ever lost, talking to a stranger may be the single greatest asset she/he has. To seek assistance, describe one's situation, give a phone number, ask advice, and say "No"—all these interactions require the child to speak with strangers. What you really want to avoid is your child going somewhere with someone.

3-Answer: The best idea is for your child to choose a woman. Looking for a police officer, contrary to the famous parenting wisdom, rarely enhances a child's safety. It actually ignores the fact that all identifying credentials, insignias, badges, and nameplates are above the waist, but a young child only sees a world of legs. However, a woman approached by a lost child asking for help is likely to stop what she is doing, commit to that child, and not rest until the child is safe. This works because it's practical (a woman is almost always around) and simple (it's easy for a child to learn). Finally, teaching children to choose someone rather than wait for someone to choose them will be useful lesson their whole lives.

Chocolate Hazelnut Parfaits (yields 8 servings)

Hazelnut coffee creamer adds great flavor to the chocolate pudding in these special parfaits. Shortbread cookie crumbs and fresh strawberry slices complete the lovely layered dessert.

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| 3 cups cold milk | 1 cup refrigerated hazelnut nondairy creamer | 2 packages (3.9 oz. each) instant chocolate pudding mix |
| 1 cup crushed shortbread cookies | 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries | |

Prepare pudding by beating milk, nondairy creamer and pudding mix until stiff. Fill parfait glass 1/3rd full with pudding, place some crushed shortbread cookies, then some strawberries. Fill remainder of parfait glass with pudding. Top with whipped cream and a strawberry.