

Raub Area Community Watch

Next Meeting: Thursday December 1, 2011 @ 6:30PM –Holiday Potluck...
No meeting in January 2012, see you Feb. 2, 2012

Dec/Jan'12

December Dates

- 12/1 Raub Potluck
Senior Cntr. 6:30PM
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 12/21 Hanukkah Begins
1st Day of Winter
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

Union Terrace

- 12/2 Top Tiger Awards
- 12/5 Picture retake day
- 12/13 PTA 7PM
- 12/15 & 16 Little Shopper's
Shop...all day on 15th
Until 6PM on 12/16

Raub

- 12/14 PTO Meeting
- 12/16 School Dance
Winter concert 630PM

Schools Closed:

- 12/24-1/1/12 Holiday
- 1/16/12 MLK Day
- 1/30/12 Inservice

January Dates

No RACW Meeting in
January...see you 2/2/12

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/8 Spaghetti Dinner
All you can eat
St. James UCC
S. 15th & Walnut Sts.
Starts 12 Noon

- 1/16 Martin Luther King
Day

Union Terrace

- 1/5 Top Tiger Awards
- 1/10 PTA 7PM

Raub

- 1/11 PTO Meeting
- 1/20 School Dance

William Allen HS

- 12/2 Chorale Benefit
Concert 7PM, \$5.00
- 12/3 SAT Testing 7:45 AM
- 12/10 ACT Test 7:30
- 12/19 Holiday Concert
Choral & Orchestra
7PM, \$5.00

RACW – Month in Review

The weather did not cooperate for the planned Spaghetti Dinner on 10/31/11. Thank you to all who contributed their time in planning and helping with this event.

In November, Principal Hahn from UT Elementary School and Principal Susan Elliott from the Raub Middle School spoke; enrollment is a bit less than last year. The community, neighbors and of course parents are welcome to visit the schools. Support your neighborhood school by attending an event (concert/play) or consider community outreach by volunteering to help the students.

Mayor Pawlowski also presented information about the downtown hockey arena, which is slated to be open Fall 2013.

Future Events

HAPPY HOLIDAYS-Join us for a Neighborhood Gathering

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011

Where: Lehigh County Senior Center, 1633 Elm St.

When: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share ! Raub Area Community Watch would like to celebrate the holiday season with family, neighbors and friends. Join us for food, conversation, and neighborhood news.

We'll play some holiday bingo 50 cents a card.

For more information call Gerry 433-9363 or email raubcw@yahoo.com

*** At the December RACW meeting we will continue to take nominations for Raub Area Community Watch Officers. Voting will take place at the December meeting on 12/1/2011.

Current Officers: President-Gerry Traupman, Vice President-Patt Infanti, Treasurer-Lynnie Unger and Secretary-Eileen Bernhard.

*** Allentown is celebrating 250 years in 2012. The city is planning many events in 2012. The first will begin with the New Year's Eve Gala on December 31, 2011 9th & Hamilton, 7pm Bells will be Ringing Gala-Holiday Inn, 8-11:30pm Fire Dancers, Ice Carving, Carriage Rides, Hot Choc. Station & Musical Entertainment, 11:30-Midnight Countdown and Bell Drop. Visit www.allentownpa.gov/250

*** Raub Area Community Watch is considering going green, which means no more paper newsletters delivered to your door. Let us know your thoughts at the next meeting or email: raubcw@yahoo.com
We may either create a webpage you can look up for info. or we'll distribute the newsletter via email.

Did you Know... Every 47 seconds a child is assaulted or abused...Homicide is one of the ten leading causes of death for American men...Over 135,000 children bring guns to school every day...One out of every three woman will be raped, sexually assaulted or sexually abused at least once in her lifetime...Due to fear of crime, one in four Americans has installed home security systems. Nearly one out of five has purchased a weapon for self protection...One out of every three girls and one out of every six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday...Five out of six people will be victims of violent crimes at least once in their lifetimes....these represent an innocent person or family touched by crime.

Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley is a vital nonprofit organization providing nonjudgmental support and services to victims of all violence, their families and significant others throughout Northampton and Lehigh Counties, in addition to a wide variety of prevention programs. All programs and services are confidential and offered at no cost.

Learn more at www.cvclv.org, or call Allentown 610-437-6610, Easton 610-250-6313

Hot Spot Hacker...How to Protect your Data in a Public Space by Sid Kircheimer courtesy of aarp September 2011

You think you're logging into the coffee shop's Wi-Fi network to check your email, but you may actually be connecting to a crook. Scammers have gone public, invading libraries, airports, hotel lobbies, coffee shops and other spaces that offer public Wi-Fi network connections to the Internet.

With hacking tools that are easily available online, sometimes for free, scammers can create their own parallel wireless networks that mimic the name or look of a bona fide establishment's hot spot. So you think you're on the shop's network, but you're really on the hacker's.

Or you can be specifically targeted after you've connected to a shop's network with your laptop or smartphone. The hacker, perhaps someone sitting at a table just across the room is able to intercept your transmissions and read them. The crook knows what you may not, that many Wi-Fi networks are not secure, allowing for easy pickings of your personal data-email addresses, cellphone numbers and passwords. And if you bank or shop online while connected to these networks, your financial account numbers are at risk, too. So if you use Wi-Fi in public spaces, follow these 10 tips to safeguard your information:

1. Set your laptop or smartphone so you have to manually select the Wi-Fi network. You may need to change the default setting.
2. Make sure you know the exact name of the establishment's Wi-Fi network and connect only to it. Don't be fooled by look-alikes.
3. Avoid any hot spot that your device lists as unsecured. Even if a password is required, a hot spot can still be unsecured.
4. If your device shows that site is secured, pay attention to what kind of encryptions it lists. WEP is an early system, over a decade old. If it's WEP, treat the network as not secure. WPA is better and WPA2 is best of all.
5. If you send personal data over a Wi-Fi link, do so only to an encrypted website. You can tell a site is encrypted if you see the letters "https" (s=secure) at the beginning of its' web address. Also, look for a lock icon on the top or bottom of pages throughout the site.
6. Before using a public Wi-Fi network, install such software as Force-TLS and HTTPS-Everywhere, which are free add-ons to the Firefox browser. They make sure you use encryption features available on websites you visit. Private network software is also helpful.
7. As with your home computer, change your passwords frequently and make them hard to crack by including digits and symbols. Use different ones for different websites.
8. Keep your security software up to date and pay attention to on-screen warnings.
9. Turn off Wi-Fi when you're not using it.
10. If you can connect by laptop or smartphone, use the phone. It's generally harder to hack.

Cheezy Crab Dip (yields 12 appetizer size servings)

12 oz. cream cheese, softened 1 cup sour cream 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese 2 Tbs. mayonnaise
 1 Tbs. seafood seasoning ¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese topping 1 tsp. prepared mustard 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 garlic powder to taste 1 lb. canned crab meat 1 Tbs. lemon juice

1. Preheat oven to 375°. In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients except crab meat and cheese for topping.
2. Fold in crab meat. Put mixture into a 1 ½ quart casserole dish coated with non-stick cooking spray. Bake for 20 minutes.
3. Sprinkle top with additional cheese and bake for 5 minutes more. Serve with an assortment of crackers.

Recent Crime Reports...If you see suspicious activity, report it! Crime in Proaress 911. Non Emera. 610-437-7751

A summary of criminal activity from 9/1/11 – 10/31/11 will be available at the December meeting. To the right is a pie chart summarizing the types of activity in our area that occurred during this period. Below is a summary of activity location:

Location	# of Reports
S. St. Cloud St.	7
Hamilton St.	4
Union St.	5
S. West St.	3
S. 17 th St.	5
Walnut St.	8
S. 16 th St.	4
S. 18 th St.	4
Fairview	5
S. 15 th St.	12
S. St. George St.	9
Other	3
Elm St.	2

