



Raub Area Community Watch

**** Next meeting: December 6, 2012 potluck begins 6:30PM. No meeting in January 2013.
All meetings @Lehigh County Sr. Center, 1633 Elm St.**

Dec/Jan'13

RACW – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

In August 2012 RACW hosted the annual Ice Cream Social and National Night Out. Turn out for the ice cream social was low. We hope to see the children and families next year. We always plan for the 1st Thursday in August. The weather cooperated for the 2012 annual yard sale. Remember to keep a yard sale box in your basement and add to it all year, so you're ready for next year....August 10, 2013.

Regular meetings were held in September and October. We encourage any neighborhood resident or interested party to attend any meeting held the 1st Thursday 7PM each month. It gives you a chance to speak up, learn more and appreciate your neighborhood.

Mayor Pawlowski and Managers of City Departments visited our neighborhood in September to meet the residents. We are thankful for their visit. It was a great chance for members of the community to meet our city employees and find out how the city and associated departments can help the residents. Also, respective departments took care of notifying homeowners regarding any property violations or breach of city ordinances.

THIS IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD...DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT?

This is a message written by your neighbor just for you...

Once a month our community watch group provides us the opportunity to meet as a neighborhood team to help us participate in protecting our neighborhood. We have the ability to learn how to work as a team to assist the police by observing suspicious activity and reporting it to the Allentown Communications Center. Our meetings include Police representation, who gives us updates that concern our neighborhood and give us advice how best to go about our involvement. As a member of our community watch group we discuss ways to ensure that our communities, families and property are protected. Involvement includes learning how to report crime and suspicious activity whenever they are observed. As a member you will also hear interesting and informative presentations from your local elected officials and authorities. These are updates to what is happening in your city and neighborhood. Given the recent tragic event (9/8/12 S. 18th St.) in our neighborhood we need your time and participation to join our community group and learn how we can help to minimize any future events from reoccurring. We can discuss the warning signs and who we call to report these incidents before they have a chance to get out of hand.

***Representatives from Turning Point and Crime Victims Council will speak at our 2/7/2013 meeting.

NO STRESS HOLIDAY FESTIVITY...Join us for a Neighborhood Gathering

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Lehigh County Senior Center, 1633 Elm St.

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Raub Area Community Watch would like to celebrate the holiday season with neighbors and friends. Join us for food, conversation, and neighborhood news. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The principals from UT Elem, Raub MS and Wm. Allen HS will be there.

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

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

If you would like to support a friend or family member experiencing domestic violence

If you know or suspect that a family member, friend or work colleague is experiencing domestic violence, it may be difficult to know what to do. It can be very upsetting that someone is hurting a person you care about. Your first instinct may be to want to protect your friend or family member but intervening can be dangerous for both you and her. Of course, this does not mean you should ignore it. There are things you can do to help make her and any children safer. If you should witness an assault, you can call the police on 999.

So what can you do to support her?

- Talk to her and help her to open up. You may have to try several times before she will confide in you
- Try to be direct and start by saying something like, "I'm worried about you because" or "I'm concerned about your safety..."
- Do not judge her
- Listen to and believe what she tells you – too often people do not believe a woman when she first discloses abuse
- Reassure her that the abuse is not her fault and that you are there for her
- Don't tell her to leave or criticize her for staying. Although you may want her to leave, she has to make that decision in her own time. It is important to remember that research shows an abused woman is at most risk at the point of separation and immediately after leaving an abusive partner
- Leaving takes a great deal of strength and courage. An abused woman often faces huge obstacles such as nowhere to go, no money and no-one to turn to for support
- Focus on supporting her and building her self confidence
- Acknowledge her strengths and frequently remind her that she is coping well with a challenging and stressful situation
- An abused woman is often very isolated and has no meaningful support – help her to develop or to keep up her outside contacts. This can help to boost her self esteem.
- If she has not spoken to anyone else, encourage her to seek the help of a local domestic violence agency that understands what she is going through and offers specialist support and advice
- Be patient. It can take time for a woman to recognize she is being abused and even longer to take be able to take safe and permanent decisions about what to do. Recognizing the problem is an important first step

Excerpt from www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org

PLEASE SCOOP YOUR POOP...and DISPOSE OF IT IN A PROPER RECEPTACLE:

701.04-C. Clean Up of Animal Fecal Matter – 1. No owner of any animal or any person having the care, custody, and control of any animal shall permit the same to discharge or deposit any fecal matter upon the property of another without immediately removing such matter and depositing it in a sanitary manner.

2. No owner or possessor of real property shall permit animal fecal matter to accumulate on such property for more than 24 hours. Any person shall upon conviction, thereof be ordered to pay a fine \$25.00 - \$1,000.00, and in default of payment of fines and costs, imprisoned not more than 90 days. Each days violation shall constitute a separate offense.

CALL POLICE OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO REPORT

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

A summary of criminal activity from 8/1/12– 9/30/12. 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.	3
Fairview St.	3
Hamilton St.	13
Walnut St.	8
S. St. George St.	8
S. 19 th St.	4
S. 16 th St.	6
S. 18 th St.	14
S. 17 th St.	7
S. 15 th St.	10
Union St.	5
S. West St.	6
Fulton St.	5
Other	5

