



Raub Area Community Watch

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at the Lehigh County Senior Center 7 PM

Next meetings: April 5th and May 3rd

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RACW – Month in Review

There was no meeting in January. Raub Area Community Watch elected new officers in February 2012. We all look forward to our new roles in 2012:

Bill Krause – President Patt Infanti – V.P. Gerry Traupman – Secretary Lynn Unger – Treasurer

Vicky Kistler, Director of the Allentown Health Bureau spoke at the February meeting. AHB offers many resources and information to citizens. Go to www.allentownpa.gov under the Government tab>>Departments & Bureaus>>Health Bureau to learn more.

PROPERTY PRIDE EVENT



You may have already received your flyer about this event. A clean litter-free property deserves recognition. Members of the RACW will be touring the neighborhood through April to recognize those who keep their property (front and rear) free of litter. A clean, litter free neighborhood deters crime and lets others know that we care. The resident of those tidy properties will receive a gift certificate to an Allentown business.



WATCH FOR THE SIDEWALK SMILEY SIGN

FUTURE EVENTS

DOUBLE PARKING? ILLEGALLY PARKED? TOO MANY TRAFFIC TICKETS? UNINSPECTED VEHICLE?

Do you ever wonder what the specific allowances are on the above issues? A representative from the Allentown Parking Authority (APA) will speak at our April 5, 2012 meeting. Bring your questions or concerns...learn more about what this authority does for the city. The APA is also doing a survey regarding citizen's opinions on metered parking. Sign on to www.allentownparking.com homepage to take the survey.

May speaker will be a representative from Building Standards and Safety. There are a few homes in our neighborhood which have orange stickers on them. This means no one is allowed to be living in them. It may not mean that it is structurally unsafe or in poor condition, although that is a valid reason for the sticker. Other reasons why the home is uninhabitable is unpaid taxes or utilities not in service. If you see individuals living in a home with an orange sticker call 437-7592. **Come out to hear more on May 3rd.**

Warm weather is the opportunity to open our windows and enjoy the fresh air however we ask you to be respect your neighbors and be aware of the volume/noise level emitted from your home. Excess and disturbing noise is a violation in the City of Allentown and may be subject to a fine and/or a Disruptive Conduct Report (DCR).

POTLUCK PICNIC – THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER @ 6:00PM

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. RACW would like to celebrate our community & neighbors. We would enjoy meeting you and your family. Come out to meet other interesting people in your neighborhood. Join us for food, conversation and neighborhood news. Children welcome.

Safety and security are always a concern when you travel. Everyday, travelers venture into large metropolitan cities both domestic and international. No matter where travelers go, they will end up in locations where street crime exists. It is even more prevalent in countries where unemployment, poverty, and overpopulation exist. In some countries, a traveler's watch can equal a few months salary. Often criminals specifically target travelers if they are women, or because if they carry expensive equipment, and will often not return to prosecute if the criminal is caught.

A person who travels alone, is more likely to be a victim of the petty crime. Person travelling alone faces more risks when compared to a person travelling with someone or groups. All over the world, we could see travelers facing crimes. We cannot say that travelers are targeted only for their jewels or a lump sum of money. Petty crimes take place even for a penny. The most stolen items are cash, jewels, credit cards, mobile phones, cameras, passports and even sometimes your wardrobes.

Criminals are wiser than us. At times, a petty crime may end up in losing lives too. So, it is advisable to travel in groups rather than traveling alone. Though losing our money or other belongings may be a great loss, losing a passport is worse. While travelling to countries abroad, a passport plays a major role to depict our identity. So, passports have to be kept very safe from getting into the hands of the criminals.

One of the best ways to prevent crime is to visit your own government's international travel safety information and warnings website. You'll find up-to-date travel information, details on potential safety issues from pickpocketing to terrorism, even weather warnings. Gather information about latest travel warnings and be alert of your surroundings during your trip. If you have safety concerns avoid border cities and unpopulated areas.

When traveling with children, teach them to tell your name, house address and contact numbers, which will be very useful if they get lost or get into the hands of the strangers. But advise them not to pass on this information to casual enquirers or over phone. Don't leave them alone in crowded places. For toddlers who are yet to communicate clearly, tie on an identity tag or card.

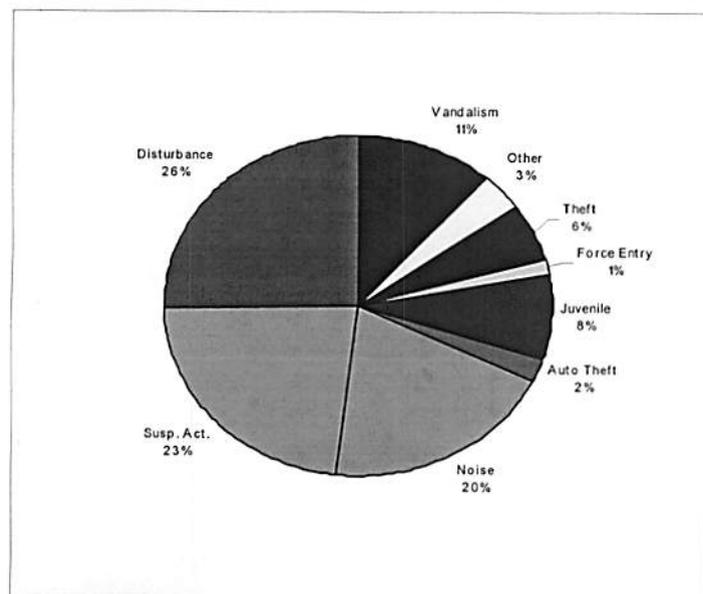
In many big cities, you may be approached by strangers asking you about your place, your details and so on. Unfortunately, when you travel alone you have to be wary of people and trusting someone you just met is risky business. You have to remember that personal safety is a must.

Finally, the important thing is that, travelers should be bold enough to report to the cops, when they are affected by criminals. In many destinations, you could find tourist police who can help you. Don't panic in disastrous situations. Traveling not only involves handling risky situations, but also contains lot of delightful experiences.

If you are planning to go abroad on a vacation, to take an expedition, or travel inside your own country, take safety advice to avoid probable dangerous or unpleasant situations in travel; the tips given may be useful especially for beginner tourists.

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Recent Crime Reports...If you see crime, report it! Non Emergency 437-7751, In Progress 911



This is a summary of information provided by the Allentown Police Department for incidents in our area from 01/01/12 – 02/29/12. More detailed information is available at the RACW Meeting.

Location	# of Reports
S. St. Cloud St.	12
Hamilton St.	7
S. Fulton St.	5
Walnut St.	2
S. St. George	2
S. 16 th St.	3
S. 18 th St.	5
S. 15 th St.	24
S. 17 th St.	8
S. 19 th St.	3
West St.	4
Union St.	7
Other	5