

The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

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**WEST END YOUTH CENTER
20TH AND GREENLEAF STREETS
MEETING 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEB. 14TH - 7PM

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February's Guest Speaker

Join us on Valentine's Day for a Meeting on Personal Safety. Instructors from Lehigh Valley Martial Arts will be on hand to demonstrate & teach us about personal safety. Wear comfortable clothing to participate, but you may also just watch & learn!

President's Message

A conversation after our last meeting got me thinking it would be a good idea to clarify all the "tools" The West Watch uses. We use our meetings to learn—learn what different city departments do, how to handle specific situations, how to better protect ourselves, etc. We also discuss any current problems in the area, but we are fortunate that crime is not a daily occurrence in our area. Our e-mails contain current news about what's going on in the neighborhood, special alerts & information about our speakers along with our newsletter. Our website is a mix of current news, APD crime report maps, tips & fun stuff. We realize the most important news is about crime in our area, & we cover that in all of our communication tools. So make sure you send us your e-mail address & follow our website!

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Reminder!

If you are interested in receiving the West Watch newsletter in the mail, send your name & address to P.O. Box 1042, Allentown, PA 18105. We are gauging interest in this option, so let us know!

Upcoming Elections

We'll be holding elections for officers at our March meeting. Please consider taking a more active role in TWW. The more people involved, the more we can get done. If you're interested, e-mail us at thewestwatch@gmail.com

Meeting Minutes

At our January meeting, Lehigh County Coroner, Scott Grim, presented to us about his job and what the coroner's office does. Staffed with 18 investigators 24/7, the coroner's office investigated 4900 case last year alone. It is their job to determine the manner of death-natural, accidental, suicide, homicide or undetermined. They are also responsible for identifying the deceased, & interestingly he mentioned that photo ID is not always the answer—that fake ID's are easy to obtain-one deceased person had several ID's in his wallet! He spoke at length about the rise in the amount of cases in his 19 year tenure, alarmingly the rise in suicides. A great question was asked (in reference to the upcoming referendum question on the ballots) whether he would like to be elected or appointed, and he honestly said elected. His view is that he serves the needs of the county, and should represent it unbiased & without any political motif.

E-mail us!

We will continue distributing the newsletter door-to-door through April 2012. After that, we will be sending it out by e-mail so send your e-mail address to thewestwatch@gmail.com with "e-mail address" in the subject line and include your name and address in the e-mail.

Did You know...

**TWW is serving light refreshments – salty and sweet along with a drink – at our meetings.
Please come a little early for conversation and a bite to eat.**