

The West Watch Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

MARCH 2011

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

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH - 7PM

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Guest Speakers For The February Meeting

The guest speaker for the month of March will be Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown.

From the President

Hello Neighbors:

How fast the time passes.

It has been one year since you elected me to be the President of The West Watch.

This past year we continued the success and the practices of the previous administrations which have always been good for the organization.

I would like to thank the Board Members for their dedication, help and input in making decisions for The West Watch neighborhood group.

Also many thanks to our speakers of the past year and also to the residents of the Group that have attended the monthly meetings.

Please attend the March Meeting and participate in the election of the new officers and board members. The West Watch is your neighborhood group.

Thanks to All!

Gerry Alfano

Coming Soon!

The speaker for the April 12th meeting will be Michael D'Amore, member of the Allentown city council.

- New email Address? Send it to us at Secretary@thewestwatch.org
- Currently accepting nominations / volunteers for The West Watch board
- Donations may be mailed to The West Watch at 3140B Tilghman St #243 Allentown PA 18104

Meeting Minutes

Pam Palmer opened meeting with introduction of president of Muhlenberg Night Watch and welcomed them on joining the West Watch Group.

Magistrate District Judge Ronald Manescu spoke to group about his duties and responsibilities. The judge went into detail about landlord-tenant actions, trespass actions, fines and penalties by any government agency, presiding over preliminary arraignments and preliminary hearings, issuing arrest warrants, search warrants, subpoenas and emergency PTS's. The Judge

Electronic and Auto Theft Prevention

In today's world theft of automobiles and laptop computers is an everyday reporting. Along with careful handling of the computers and autos, there are some electronic devices and programs that can reduce the thefts and increase the chances of recovering the items. One of the programs that can be installed in automobiles and computers is LoJack. Below is a description of the installation and how this program works.

1) Installation

LoJack is a small, silent Radio Transceiver program that is hidden in your vehicle or computer. Once installed, the Unit is automatically registered in the LoJack Database, which interfaces with the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) system used by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

2) Notification

In the event of a theft, you report the incident to the police, who make a routine entry into the state police crime computer, resulting in a match of the LoJack System's unique code against the state VIN database or serial number base. This process automatically triggers the activation of the LoJack Unit in your vehicle or computer.

3) Activation

Once your theft is reported to police, law enforcement computers send a signal via the LoJack Radio Tower Network to activate the LoJack in vehicle. When activated, the LoJack Unit begins emitting an inaudible signal that can be tracked by police cars and aviation units that are equipped with LoJack Police Tracking Computers.

4) Tracking

The LoJack Police Tracking Computer receives the LoJack Signal and leads the police to your stolen vehicle or computer. Unlike GPS systems, which require line-of-sight access to orbiting satellites, LoJack's patented Radio Frequency Signal can penetrate forest cover, parking garages and many other obstructions, helping ensure the vehicle or computer will be located by police, regardless of where thieves may be hiding it.

5) Recovery

Once your vehicle or computer is tracked and recovered, you will be notified by police. LoJack boasts a 90-percent recovery rate nationally, with most recoveries completed within hours.

Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police -Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Chief Maclean	610-437-7777
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
State Rep. Jennifer Mann	610-821-5577
State Sen. Pat Browne	610-821-8468
City Planning	610-437-7613
Recycling/ Graffiti Removal	610-437-8729
Code Enforcement	610-437-7695
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Health Bureau	610-437-7760
Zoning office	610-437-7630

CHEC-Mate Program

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHEC-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.



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