

# The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

# THE REPORTER

NOVEMBER 2011

WEST END YOUTH CENTER  
20<sup>TH</sup> AND GREENLEAF STREETS  
MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup> - 7PM**

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**610.437.8775**  
to report a pothole.  
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### *From the President*

The police crime report is now on-line! You asked for it, and we now have an effective way to relay this information to you. You can see a visual map of the crime report at <http://thewestwatch.wordpress.com/crime-report/> You may need to navigate to our area and some of the addresses did not map correctly, but you'll get a good idea of what's going on. Unfortunately, the data we receive is not very clean, and we did the best we could with it. We receive this report on a monthly basis from the APD, and we will post each month's map as soon as possible

### *NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER*

Due to Election Day, The West Watch will not have a meeting in November. Please get out and vote!

Non-emergency Police 610-437-7751  
(If something just doesn't seem right, you probably should call!)

## *Don't forget!*

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](mailto:thewestwatch@gmail.com) with "e-mail address" in the subject line and include your name and address in the e-mail.

## *Meeting Minutes*

What a meeting! Our group was grateful to have District Attorney Jim Martin presenting to us and the questions just couldn't be stopped. It was informative to hear about Lehigh County's justice process and of note that our DA has a 97% rate of prosecutions. When asked how he felt about the City of Allentown's cameras, he seemed pleased to say that they are a deterrent. He mentioned that 65% of all bookings from central booking at Lehigh County Prison are from the City of Allentown, while the remainder are from other areas in Lehigh County. Many of the offenders prosecuted are for DUI, as well as drugs and other misdemeanors and felonies. Captain Morris was on hand to make us aware of an uptick in copper thefts, primarily in the area around West Park.

## *Important Safety Precautions*

With fall here & winter approaching, please remember that it will be getting darker sooner. Take these measures to help your property to be more safe & less likely to be burglarized.

- *Check all outdoor lights to make sure they are in good working order.*
- *Trim all trees, bushes & shrubs that surround your house so that people cannot hide in them!*
- *When you close your windows—lock them!*
- *Install motion sensor lights around your property. Remember that a well lit home is much less likely to be preyed upon!*
- *Think like a burglar & thoroughly inspect your surroundings. Remember to include your alley!*
- *Please remember to leave porch lights on; consider installing a dusk-to-dawn sensor.*

## *Did you know...*

The West End Youth Center is available to rent. It is a great space for corporate meetings, birthdays, showers, weddings and more. Best of all - it's close to home! Please inquire by e-mail to [westendyouthcenter@gmail.com](mailto:westendyouthcenter@gmail.com)

## *Please help us help others*

The West Watch will be collecting food donations for Second Harvest Food Bank at our December meeting. Look for more details about our food drive on our website soon and in our December newsletter.