

The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

THE REPORTER

OCTOBER 2009

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

NEXT MEETING: 7 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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A Word From Our President

Thank all of you who came to our 2nd annual West Watch Block Party! The food was really good, the baked goods were delicious, the music was fantastic, but the best part was getting the chance to talk to our neighbors. Our October meeting will be an open forum. We'll talk about how The West Watch is doing, and it will be a chance for you to bring your concerns, ideas, and safety tips to the meeting. A police captain will be coming and possibly another city representative. I was walking around our neighborhood after dark one night, and I was impressed by the number of people who had either their porch light or lamp post light on. Lights are a great crime deterrent, and they make our neighborhood look pretty. You can get dusk-to-dawn socket extenders for outdoor lights so you don't have to remember to turn them on and off. Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 10/13 at 7 p.m. at the WEYC!

Special Report—Identity Theft

Identity Theft is a growing problem. Protect yourself by following these tips: Shred credit cards, ATM receipts, and any pre-approved credit offers you receive. Don't give out social security or financial information to strangers. Check all credit card and bank statements for accuracy. Use only secure sites on the internet when shopping online. A good tip that Officer Yanders provided us with is to obtain a rechargeable credit card for online purchases. If you think your identity had been compromised, call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline 1-877-ID-THEFT.

YES!! I am very pleased with the work that the West Watch Neighborhood Group is doing and I would like to make a donation to support their many efforts such as the newsletter, meetings, and community events

SORRY. I am not able to help the West Watch Neighborhood Group with a financial contribution at this time but I would like to help in other ways. Please contact me with how I can help.

You can make your check or money order payable to:

The West Watch Neighborhood Group
& Send it to:
809 N 20th St.
Allentown, PA 18104

September Meeting Minutes

City Councilman Michael Donovan presented to our audience about the current and proposed budget for the City of Allentown. He discussed with us Mayor Pawlowski's plan to get the budget back on track by doing 4 key things—selling assets (real estate, i.e. parking lots), the ability to sell sewer capacity to outside areas, layoffs and a reduction in discretionary expenses. He mentioned that the following events which will occur in 2010 will reduce our deficit: 39 layoffs may not be brought back next year, 11 early retirements, re-amortization of the pension fund to save \$3 million, and the casino revenue sharing program with the city of Bethlehem (next year we stand to receive \$3 million)

What's Going On?

Not only do we have meetings, but we also send out e-mails with updates and timely information. If you would like to be on our e-mail address, send your name, address, and phone number to president@thewestwatch.org. Please put New Member in the subject line. We do NOT sell or distribute our e-mail list.

THINGS TO KNOW...

PART ELEVEN, PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

137.04 COLLECTION BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON(S) - SCAVENGING

A. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person(s), unauthorized by the City, to collect or pick up or cause to be collected or picked up any recyclable material placed at curbside for City collection. Each such collection in violation hereof shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable as hereinafter provided. If you see anyone picking through garbage, call the police non-emergency number: (610) 437-7751. Note the type of vehicle the scavenger(s) are using and try to get its license number.

Numbers To Know

Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police –Non-emergency	610-437-7751
Police—Vice Unit	610-437-7726
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Noise Complaints	610-437-7751
Street Lights	610-437-7735
Weeds/Overgrown Grass	610-437-8729
Graffiti Removal/ Recycling	610-437-8729
Vacant Property Issues	610-437-7694
Zoning Violations	610-437-4360
Animal Control	610-437-7535

Block Captains

If your area does not have a block captain, contact Stephen Zatko or the Block Captain closest to you

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