

# The West Watch Neighborhood Group

# THE REPORTER

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**SPRING 2013**

**WEST END YOUTH CENTER  
20<sup>TH</sup> AND GREENLEAF STREETS**

**SPECIAL EVENT: TUESDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> - 6PM**

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## VIN Etching!

VIN Etching is Back! Tuesday, 6/11, 6:00 p.m., WEYC  
What is VIN etching? Using an acid, the Lehigh County Auto Theft Unit will etch your car's VIN number on every piece of glass in your car. Why would you want to do this? It's a theft deterrent. If a thief steals a vehicle with its VIN number etched on the windows, they will have to either replace all the windows or deface the glass to remove the etching in order to make the car less easily identified as stolen. The etched number is 1/8" tall, and it takes about 5 minutes to do. Stickers are applied to the front driver & passenger side window to warn thieves the car has been VIN etched. And it's FREE! If you would like your car etched, please send an e-mail with VIN in the subject line to [thewestwatch@gmail.com](mailto:thewestwatch@gmail.com) Include your name and a phone number we can reach you at. We need to sign up a minimum of 15 cars prior to June 11<sup>th</sup> for the Auto Theft Unit to come out. In addition to the VIN etching, TWW will have a cookout so you can grab something to eat & support our group. And if you'd like to support TWW by bringing a bake good for a bake sale, we'd appreciate it! Please package any bake goods as individual servings.

**Non-emergency Police 610-437-7751**

**(If something just doesn't seem right, you probably should call!)**

## *Want Updates on What's Going On?*

Have you changed your e-mail address lately? Send your current e-mail address to [thewestwatch@gmail.com](mailto:thewestwatch@gmail.com) with "e-mail address" in the subject line and include your name, address and phone number in the e-mail. We do not share our e-mail list with anyone so it's safe with us!

## *Join a Social Network for Neighborhoods*

Please join another communication tool we are using for our neighborhood watch. "Nextdoor" is a free private social network for a neighborhood community. Just go to <https://nextdoor.com/> to find more information & join. We already have 21 neighbors participating. Contact Mike Bushner, [mab77@ptd.net](mailto:mab77@ptd.net), with any questions.

## *Recycling News*

Keeping our neighborhood green & clean is easy. Allentown recycles just about everything! New to our green can are CARTONS – milk, juice, soup! **Electronics** or anything with a plug–won't be picked up at the curb. Please call 610-437-8729 for drop-off dates of free electronic recycling. **Yard Waste**–curbside collection now thru November. Just put your yard was in 30 gallon brown paper bags, a separate can or bundled. Pet Owners–don't forget to pick up your animal droppings while walking or on your property daily. More information is available at [www.allentownrecycles.org](http://www.allentownrecycles.org) or at 610-437-8729

## *Don't Forget to Vote!*

Registered voters we need your help. Allentown will hold Municipal primary elections May 21<sup>st</sup> to decide party nominations for positions on city council, local commissioner, the PA supreme court judge & mayor! Often, party nominees run uncontested so this is an important part of the process. Polls are open from 7a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information and the *2013 Municipal Primary Candidate List in Ballot Order (UNOFFICIAL)* go to:

<http://www.lehighcounty.org/departments/voterregistration/tabid/330/default.aspx>

## *IMPORTANT—DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT*

As a reminder, if you call "something" in to the APD, and you know the address you are calling about is a rental, you **MUST** also state "DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT". If a rental property in the City of Allentown receives 3 disruptive conduct reports within a year, the tenant must be evicted. This only applies if the police report is noted "Disruptive Conduct"