



Saturday, February 20, 2010,
meet at 10 am
in the Allentown Public Library
basement community room.

January 23, 2010 meeting notes

- We had two visitors from the Allentown Police Department: Patrolman Stephen James and Captain Daryl Hendricks. We had quite a discussion on a recent wave of burglaries. They reported being “really hammered” in the last 30 days from 10th and going west, with 6-7 break-ins a day and 160 in the last month. This is city-wide, but the target area is from 10th-20th Streets between Tilghman and Union Streets. There were 2 on South Franklin.
- Entry is mostly through the back door, basement doors, and basement window. Suggestions were made to make sure all doors are secure, put plywood on basement windows, and to keep all doors locked. Apparently some people were home during events, but the burglars fled and are not into confrontation. Most occur between 2pm and 10pm.
- Captain Hendricks also discussed car thefts. He said to leave nothing visible in cars, even spare change. He said thieves are looking for GPS systems and if you use one, make sure to wipe off any marks that they leave on windshields as this is a sign that they look for. And, of course, keep your cars locked.
- Report any suspicious activity in the alley ways call the police.

“Clip and put this on your fridge.”

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

To Report:	Number to call:
Police-Fire-Ambulance	911
Police Non-Emergency	610-437-7751
Call to report graffiti	
Chief McLean	610-437-7777
Police-Vice Unit	610-437-7626
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/Housing	610-437-7695
Problem Properties	
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Loud Music/Noise/People	610-437-7751
working on cars in street	
Graffiti – to request removal	610-437-8729
Tall grass & weeds	610-437-8729
Property not recycling, incorrect	
storage of trash or garbage	
out before 6 pm	610-437-8729
Special Operator (after 7)	610-437-7571
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
Roach, insects or mice	
Infestation also no heat or water	
Over grown shrubs	610-437-7589
Shopping Carts pick up	1-800-244-2278
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Garbage	610-437-8729
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366
Sweep Officer	610-437-8729

**Block Heads Needed for Our
Neighborhoods**

Call us to volunteer!

- Nick Butterfield: 610-770-1751
butterfield@allentowncity.org
 Dottie Anderson: 610-435-6684
 Phyllis Alexander: 610-437-3674
 Marie Reph 610-433-1517

Craig Messenger warns that vehicles left on designated routes during a snow emergency will be towed away. Parking is prohibited on the routes until the emergency is officially lifted.

What is a snow emergency?

By ordinance, a “snow emergency,” requires owners to remove their vehicles from posted routes. Signs are posted on snow emergency routes, which are also published on the city website, www.allentownpa.gov. City Streets Superintendent

City residents are advised to wait until plows have been down their street before shoveling drive ways and asked residents to avoid throwing snow back onto the streets.

The Allentown Parking Authority does open covered parking decks without a fee during a snow emergency usually effective at 5:00 pm the

day of the snow emergency announcement. You can call the parking authority at 610-437-3366 to ask about free covered parking.

Residents are asked not to place items in the street in an attempt to save parking spaces. The city also requests resident participation in clearing snow from storm sewer drains and fire hydrants.

The following streets or blocks are snow emergency routes in our area:

12th Street from Hamilton to Walnut Streets
Hamilton Street from 12th to 20th Streets
Walnut Street from S. 4th to S. 12th Streets
Chew Street from 4th Street to City Line.

**Next meeting: Monday,
March 15, 2010, at 6:30 pm**
in the Allentown Public Library
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Carjacking---What is it? Submitted by Kim Beitler

Carjacking is the term for a crime where a car is taken from a person, either by force or the threat of force. It is very important to learn what you can do to avoid carjacking or to minimize the danger if it should happen to you or members of your family.

Learn the 4A's to prevent carjacking.

Awareness Plan ahead. Be prepared. Know your route. Use well-lit / well traveled roads. Have an alternate route in case of problems. Let someone know your route & when you plan to arrive. Don't travel alone if at all possible.

Avoidance Don't drive without first locking your doors and closing your windows. Never leave keys in the ignition or the car running for any reason. Avoid parking in secluded, poorly lighted areas. Don't walk to your car alone. Walk in pairs, whenever possible. Don't stand by your locked car looking for your keys. Have your keys out, ready to unlock and enter the car without delay. Drive to a safe public place and call 911 if you think someone is following you. Don't get out of the car if you see suspicious people. If you are in doubt, or are approached, drive away. Don't leave your car unlocked, even when running errands, and always take your keys with you. To avoid other thefts that sometime follow carjackings; separate

your car keys from your house/office keys. Don't allow your car to run out of gas.

Action that may keep you safe! If someone demands your car keys, don't resist. Nothing is more valuable than your life. If someone asks for assistance, do not get out of your car. Go to the nearest police station to get help.

Alertness Be alert to any activity near your car. Be alert to people loitering in your parking area. Be suspicious of people approaching your car. Always give your car a quick inspection for any tampering. Check door handles, locks, back seat before entering. Always keep valuables out of view if you must travel with them in the car. If your car has been tampered with, don't enter. When stopping in traffic, leave enough room in front of you, so you can pull away quickly if necessary.

Scheduled meeting dates for 2010:

Monday, March 15, 6:30 pm
Saturday, April 17, 10 am
Monday, May 17, 6:30 pm
Saturday, June 19, 10 am
Monday, July 19, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Aug 21, 10 am
Monday, Sept 20, 6:30 pm
Saturday, Oct 16, 10 am
Monday, Nov 15, 6:30 pm
last meeting of the year.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Allentown St. Patrick's Parade Committee recently announced that registration for the 2010 St. Patrick's Parade is open to the public.

The parade will be held at 130 pm on March 21st through the west end of Allentown.

Registration can be made through the committee's Web site:
www.allentownstpatricksdayparade.com.

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