



Meeting is on Tuesday, July 20, 2010
at 6:00 pm at the Public Library.
Walk with the Mayor Pawlowski.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

| To Report: | Number to call: |
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| 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 Problem Properties | 610-437-7695 |
| Mayor Pawlowski | 610-437-7546 |
| Loud Music/Noise/People working on cars in street | 610-437-7751 |
| 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 |

Walk with Mayor Pawlowski, starting from the Library.
The time for the walk is 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. per Karen Lore
from the Mayor's office.

Minutes from June meeting:

After the meeting we had a tour of the Communications Center. Mike Hilbert, Superintendent of Communications, said last year the Comm Center received more than 215,000 calls, and turned these into 112,000 Police calls; 12,000 to Fire; 13,500 to EMS; 8,500 to the Parking Authority and about 2,000 to Public Works. About two thirds of the calls received now are from cell-phones and the number keeps growing. We learned about the dispatchers duties, and watched the City's 64 cameras on video screens. A very worth while tour. Thank you Mike!!

Noise Complaints: Call the Police Non-emergency line, 610-437-7751. City Noise Ordinance is in force 24 hours of day, but the level of tolerance changes the later it gets. Police can issue SWEEP Tickets and Disruptive Conduct Reports. If a noise complaint remains on-going half an hour later, call again.

Woman from the Traylor, in her 40's, neatly dressed, is ringing doorbells at midnight, asking money for her mother's medication.

Speeding on Hamilton, also coming down Franklin St. Police patrol helped but it continues. Also Walnut St 12th to 10th is another speedway.

Patrons of Lumpy's on 15th St leave a lot of beer cans and bottles on neighbors' lawns – but the hamburgers are fine.

Dog walkers letting their dogs use the lawns on S 12th St., you need to pick up the dogs deposit. Also dogs barking at night. Daytime: Call the Animal Control Officer at Recycling, 610-437-8729. Night-time call the non-emergency number 610-437-7751.

Suspicious Activity: 100 block Madison St. People coming in and out of the side of a house every 15 minutes.

Block Party

8th Ward Neighborhood Group's Block Party is on Saturday, July 17th from 10 am to 4 pm, with a rain date of Saturday, July 24th at Seibert EC Church at 10th & Allen Sts

Yard Sale

Boulevard Evangelical Congregational Church on Sat., August 17th at 2135 W Tilghman St, starting at 8 a.m.

Summer food tips on next page.

Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhoods
Call us to volunteer!

Nick Butterfield: 610-770-1751 butterfn@aol.org
Dottie Anderson: 610-435-6684
Phyllis Alexander: 610-437-3674
Marie Reph 610-433-1517
Katrina Quintana 610-392-7838
Julio Collazo 484-350-8150

MOVIES IN THE PARKS RETURNS

The public is invited to bring a blanket or lawn chairs to enjoy the movie.

Friday, July 23rd - Where the Wild Things Are,
Arts Park at Dusk (N. 5th Street)

Saturday, August 21st – Sherlock Holmes,
West Park at Dusk, Dinner and a Movie

Summer is here and so are the picnics, here are some safety tips for your food.

Overlooked Summer Food Safety Risks - While many summer picnickers remember to keep meats cold until they are cooked, and may make sure that they cook the meat thoroughly (to at least 165° F), certain foods, like fruits and veggies and the ever-present potato and macaroni salads are often overlooked as a possible source of a food borne illness. Forgetting to handle these foods safely can lead to an unpleasant finish to an otherwise great weekend.

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES - Summer is a great time to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables! Make a note of these safe handling tips: Rinse fresh fruits and veggies under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Packaged fruits and veggies marked "ready-to-eat", "washed" or "triple washed" do not need to be washed. Separate fresh fruits and veggies from raw meat, poultry and seafood. Do not use the same cutting board without cleaning with hot water and soap before and after preparing fresh fruits and veggies. Cook or throw away any fruits or veggies that have touched raw meat, poultry, seafood or their juices. Refrigerate all cut, peeled or cooked fresh fruits and veggies within two hours.

SAFE AND TASTY DELI SALADS - Deli salads are a great addition to your summer cookout or picnic! However, the combination of hot weather and moist foods can be a source of food borne illness. Mayonnaise is often mistaken as the source but it is usually the meat, poultry, fish or eggs that are mixed with mayonnaise that serve as the culprit. When kept out of the refri. for more than two hours they provide a medium for bacteria to grow.

Remember, perishable food must be refrigerated with in one hour in hot weather (above 90° F) and within two hours if temperatures are below 90° F. Discard any food that is left out longer than this. Always use coolers with ice or cold packs when taking deli salads and other perishable foods on the road!

For more food safety tips contact the Allentown Health Bureau at 610-437-7759.

Carjacking---What is it? by Kim Beitler of the 8th Ward Crime Watch – taken from their newsletter. **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 and/or 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 carjacking; 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.

**Next meeting: Saturday,
August 21, 2010 at 10:00 am
in the Allentown Public Library
basement community room.**

Web Resources for Tough Economic Times

FOR INDIVIDUALS

For over 50 years, **Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS)** has helped thousands of people learn to manage money, balance their budgets and get out of debt through comprehensive personal finance education and credit counseling. **Consumer Credit Counseling Service.** Call 1-800-388-2227 for information about their local offices.

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