



**Next meeting is Monday,
March 16, 2009 – 6:30 PM**
at the Allentown Public Library
basement community room.

**“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 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

Our speaker for March will be David Bodnar he is the new owner of Hotel Traylor. David has owned the Sterling for several years and we are very interested in hearing what he has planned for the Hotel Traylor.

**ALLENTOWN VEHICLES COULD BE IMPOUNDED
for the following reasons:**

72-Hour Violations. Abandoned on Street

The City of Allentown has an ordinance which states that any vehicle parked on a public street or highway in the city for more than 72-hours may be considered to be an abandoned vehicle. These vehicles may be ticketed, towed and impounded if they remain unmoved for at least 72 hours.

Unauthorized Vehicles on Private Property

Unauthorized vehicles on private property may be towed at the request of the property owner.

Too Close to Fire Hydrant

Vehicles may be towed if they are parked too close to or directly on a fire hydrant.

Scofflaw (Unpaid parking tickets with warrant) If you have unpaid parking tickets that have resulted in a warrant, or if you are on a payment plan with the Magistrate for parking tickets and you miss a payment, your vehicle may be towed and impounded.

Scofflaw without warrants

If our officer locates a vehicle that has 5 or more unpaid, outstanding and unappealed parking tickets, the vehicle will be immobilized (booted) until the tickets and a boot release fee have been paid. If payment is not made within 72 hours, the vehicle will be towed and impounded.

**Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhood
Call us to volunteer!**

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

HOME BUYERS SUPERMARKET on Saturday, April 25th

Potential homebuyers can learn everything they need to know about buying a home by attending Allentown's Home Buyers Supermarket. Representatives from realty companies, lenders, title companies, insurance companies and more will be on hand on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at The Palace at 623 Hanover Avenue in the city. The event will be held from 9am to 4pm. Admission is free. It is sponsored by the City of Allentown's Bureau of Building Standards & Safety and the Allentown Redevelopment Authority. Among other things, attendees will be able to view property listings, learn about down payment assistance programs, get insurance quotes and even get a free credit report while they wait. Some 30 vendors have contacted the city about participating in the Home Buyers Supermarket.

"Allentown has some very affordable home buying opportunities for people of all income levels," said Mayor Pawlowski. "This event puts home buyers in touch with all the different components needed to achieve home ownership."

**KNOW THE CRIMINALS IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD**

**Developed by John Walsh from Americas Most
Wanted.**

www.familywatchdog.us

When you visit this site you can enter your address and a map will pop up with your house as the small icon of a house and red, blue, green, dots surrounding your entire neighborhood. When you click on these dots a picture of a person will appear with an address

and the description of the crime he or she had committed. The best thing is that you can show your children pictures and see how close these people live to your home or school. This site was developed by John Walsh from Americas Most Wanted. Another tool to help us keep our kids safe.

POLICE APPRECIATION DAY – 8TH WARD DINNER
Wednesday, May 13th, 2009 is Police Appreciation Day and our neighborhood group along with Allentown Crime Watch will be hosting a Police Appreciation Lunch /Dinner for Allentown officers. We are in need of volunteers to help out on that day. Times available 8am-10pm. Must be an active member of our group and a CHEC-mate member. Please get more info or sign-up at our next meeting. Ask for Kim Beitler, Coordinator of Event for more info, call at 610-433-6121. Call Kim if you want to donate services or food.

SIGN-UP FOR YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
Major league baseball teams are reporting to spring training and that means baseball and softball season is right around the corner.

The City of Allentown's Youth Baseball/Softball League is scheduled to begin on May 4, 2009 and is planned to run through the beginning of July. Allentown's Baseball/Softball League offers separate divisions for boys 5-15 years of age and girls 5-12 years of age. All sign-ups are to be done through your local A-Youth organization. If your son or daughter is interested in joining a team for the 2009 season, please visit www.allentownrecreation.com for the contact information for your local A-Youth organization.

The Allentown Recreation Bureau and A-Youth organizations are looking for qualified coaches to volunteer their services to the city's youth. If you are interested in coaching a baseball and/or softball team during the 2009 season, please call the Recreation Bureau at 610-437-7750 or contact the A-Youth organization closest to you. The City of Allentown's Youth Baseball/Softball League is an excellent opportunity for children to get some exercise, increase proficiency in baseball/softball skills and improve their knowledge of the game.

Web Safety for Children - provided by Microsoft
Before you allow your child to go online without your supervision, make sure you establish a set of rules that you can all agree on. If you're not sure where to start, here are some ideas on what to discuss with your kids to teach them about using the Internet more safely.

1. Encourage your kids to share their Internet experiences with you. Enjoy the Internet along with your children.

2. Teach your kids to trust their instincts. If they feel nervous about anything online, they should tell you about it.

3. If your kids visit chat rooms, or use instant messaging (IM) programs, online video games, or other activities on the Internet that require a login name to identify themselves, help them choose that name and make sure it doesn't reveal any personal information about them.

4. Insist that your kids never give out your address, phone number, or other personal information, including where they go to school or where they like to play.

5. Teach your kids that the difference between right and wrong is the same on the Internet as it is in real life.

6. Show your kids how to respect others who are online. Make sure they know that rules for good behavior don't change just because they're on a computer.

7. Insist that your kids respect the property of others online. Explain that making illegal copies of other people's work—music, video games, and other programs—is just like stealing it from a store.

8. Tell your kids that they should never meet online friends in person. Explain that online friends may not be who they say they are.

9. Teach your kids that not everything they read or see online is true. Encourage them to ask you if they're not sure.

10. Control your children's online activity with advanced Internet software. Parental controls can help you filter out harmful content, monitor the sites your child visits, and find out what they do there.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LIGHT UP THE NIGHT: PUT YOUR PORCH LIGHTS ON AND HELP MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFER FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.

This really works, since I have left the back door light on at night, I have not had my windshield broken. I had 3 windshields broken in a 3 week period.

**Next meeting: Saturday,
April 18, 2009, at 10 am
in the Allentown Library
basement community room.
Followed by: Community Clean Up!!**

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