



Meeting is on Monday, March 15, 2010  
at 6:30 pm in the Public Library  
basement conference room.

### 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

### Pennsylvania German Heritage Crafts Day

Will be held in Kutztown at the PGCH Center on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. For a list of workshops and classes and to register, phone 610-861-4108 or 610-861-4175. You can also visit them online at [www.northampton.edu](http://www.northampton.edu).

### **Block Heads Needed for Our Neighborhoods Call us to volunteer!**

Nick Butterfield: 610-770-1751 [butterfn@aol.org](mailto:butterfn@aol.org)  
Dottie Anderson: 610-435-6684  
Phyllis Alexander: 610-437-3674  
Marie Reph 610-433-1517  
Katrina Quintana 610-392-7838

**SAFER SENIORS** – A series of articles for 2010. As people grow older, their chances of being victims of crime decrease dramatically. Lifetimes of experience coupled with the physical problems associated with aging often make older Americans fearful. Although they're on the lookout constantly for physical attack and burglary, they're not as alert to frauds and con games – which in reality is the greatest crime threat to seniors' well-being and trust. Want to conquer fear and prevent crime? Take these common-sense precautions; each month will have one of the precautions listed.

### **Watch out for Con Artists**

1. Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true...a free vacation, sweepstakes prizes, cures for cancer and arthritis, a low-risk/high yield investment scheme.
2. Never give your credit card, phone card, Social Security, or bank account number to anyone over the phone. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for these numbers to verify a prize or gift.
3. Don't let anyone rush you into signing anything...an insurance policy, sales agreement, or contract. Read it carefully and have someone you trust check it over.
4. Beware of individuals claiming to represent companies, consumer organizations, or government agencies that offer to recover lost money from fraudulent telemarketers for a fee.
5. If you're suspicious, check it out with the police, Better Business Bureau, or local consumer protection office. You can also call the National Consumers League Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060.

### **HOMEBUYERS SUPERMARKET**

If you're interested in buying a home, you can learn everything you need to know at the Allentown Home Buyers Supermarket, Saturday, March 13, 2010, 10am to 4pm, Ag Hall at the Allentown Fairgrounds, 17<sup>th</sup> & Chew streets in the city. Admission is free. Sponsored by the City of Allentown's Bureau of Building Standards & Safety and the Allentown Redevelopment Authority, representatives from

realty companies, lenders, title companies, insurance companies and more will be on hand to show property listings, give information on down payment assistance programs and fixed rate loans for rental property owners and insurance quotes. Free seminars and classes on various subjects of interest to homebuyers will be held every hour. Details on the city's Homesteading Program will also be available, under which the City takes abandoned or blighted properties for conversion to Homesteading properties to be conveyed to successful applicants on a conditional deed basis for one dollar (\$1.00). Go on-line at [www.allentownpa.gov](http://www.allentownpa.gov) or call 610-437-7690 for more information.

**Next meeting:** Saturday,  
April 17, 2010 at 10:00 am  
in the Allentown Public Library  
basement community room.

Minutes from February meeting:

**1202 Union St:** Long abandoned and neglected to the point that the basement wall was giving way; is being torn down. The sidewalls will be protected to protect the adjacent structures. Nick hopes the lot could be used in the future for a Habitat for Humanity or a similar project.

**100 block S Howard St:** Habitat for Humanity has received zoning approval to build 3 twin units on the Program for Women and Family's parking lot. Habitat will not go ahead until there are buyers and financing. Attorney Bob Daday has purchased the Program building on Walnut St. He plans to move his office there and convert the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to two apartments.

**Police Report: Burglaries** Captain Hendricks said since our January meeting that 7 adults and 6 juveniles have been charged with burglaries. They are not cooperating, but the pace has slowed. The snow probably has helped. Some of the perpetrators may live in our neighborhood.

One house on S Franklin was burglarized two weeks ago at night – they came through the back, barricaded the front door and were carrying away a flat-screen TV when a resident walking saw the person with the TV, he told her 'None of your business or I'll shoot.' She ran

home and called Police but the parties were gone.

If you see suspicious activity, afternoon or evening, such as persons looking in windows or prowling in an alley, **Call Police at once!!**

\* 100 block S 13<sup>th</sup> St. Resident's report continuing harassment by neighbor, and drug use or sales, also threats; many calls to police. The harassers are also calling Police on them. Captain Hendricks said the harassers should be getting Disruptive Conduct Reports, which would lead to their eviction if they received three; he will check on that.

Officer Stephen James said he has been to the problem property several times. The different Police shifts have become very familiar because the officers have consistent areas to patrol. Officer James said he has been walking the area. Nick said if there is any hearing about these complaints, he will attend on the residents' behalf.

\* The Crime Watch President's Council annual Leonard Buck Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 15 at the Fearless Fire Company on S 4<sup>th</sup> St. Tickets are \$25. Check with Nick if you are interested in going.

\* Residents expressed appreciation for the City's snow removal

#### Upcoming meetings:

Monday, March 15, 6:30 pm. Leonard Lightner, Building Standards and Safety to talk on home renovation programs

Saturday April 17, 10 am. LANA's annual neighborhood cleanup, starting at the Library. Lehigh Presbyterian Church at 31 S 13<sup>th</sup> St would like to invite participants to come for refreshments after the clean up.

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#### **Scheduled meeting dates for 2010:**

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