

NEXT MEETING:
Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Allentown Public Library
Speaker: Frank Whelan

Fire Safety Tips * Consejos de Seguridad

Allentown Fire Chief Robert Scheirer offers the following safety tips:

- Keep your furnace and water heater clear of obstructions. Have regular inspections. Oil furnaces require yearly inspections. Scheirer recommends yearly inspections for gas. Check chimneys regularly. Have a CO detector.
 - Keep gas stoves clean and free of grease. The pilot light should burn blue at the bottom, slightly orange on top.
 - Keep breaker boxes free and clear. Check for water leaks and seepage onto the box. And don't overload your electric power strips.
 - Use multiple smoke alarms and gas detectors (City Code requires one smoke detector per floor, one per bedroom). Some gas detectors work with an automatic shut off (Cost: about \$300 plus installation). A gas detector should alert at a level of 25% of what would cause an explosion.
- Mantenga el horno y el calentador de agua libres de obstáculos. Planear inspecciones periódicas. Hornos de aceite requieren inspecciones anuales. Compruebe chimeneas con regularidad. Mantenga un detector de CO.
 - Mantenga las estufas de gas limpia y libre de grasa. El piloto debe arder azul en la parte inferior, un poco naranja en la parte superior.
 - Mantenga las cajas de interruptor libre y claro. Revise si hay fugas de agua y filtraciones en la caja. Y no sobrecarga el compositor eléctrica.
 - Use múltiples detectores de humo y de gas (La Ciudad requiere un detector de humo por piso, uno por dormitorio). Algunos detectores de gas trabajan con un apagado automático (Costo: \$300 más la instalación). Un detector de gas debe alertar a un nivel de 25% de lo que podría provocar una explosión.

My Neighborhood

I live on West Fairview Street and think this area has one of the best views in the entire city. My back yard faces south, and it is a picture perfect view of trees and sky; in the distance it is easy to see South Mountain. Various birds, and the occasional groundhog, are the most common sights here. In the winter, you can see children and their parents' playing in the snow, the sound of their laughter is pleasant to hear, and for a while it's easy to forget that I live in the city. My neighbors are also as pleasant as the spectacular view; virtually everyone greets one another other with a warm smile and

acknowledges each other's presence. This, above all else, is what a neighborhood stands for, a friendly environment where people respect each other. I challenge every community member to get acquainted with at least two of your neighbors, after all, the rewards of living among people who respect one another is as priceless as the view from my back yard.

- Latiff Matt

If you'd like to share your own stories about the neighborhood, please contact Nick Butterfield, 610-770-1751 or Butterfn@aol.com.

Crime Watch President's Council Annual Leonard Buck Memorial Dinner: Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Fearless Fire Company on S. Front St. Tickets \$23 each. Call Nick for more info, 610-770-1751. Nick also has \$1.00 raffle tickets

CLIP & SAVE IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

To Report	Number
Police/Fire/Ambulance	911
Police: Non-Emergency (call to report graffiti)	610-437-7751
Loud Music/Noise/ working on cars in street	610-437-7751
Chief MacLean	610-437-7777
Police: Vice Unit	610-437-7626
Gang Tip Line	610-439-5934
Crime Tip Line	610-439-5911
Mayor Pawlowski	610-437-7546
Zoning Office	610-437-7630
Code Enforcement/ Problem Properties	610-437-7695
Housing/Rentals	610-437-7697
- Roach, insect or mice infestation	
- No heat or water	
Recycling, trash & garbage	610-437-8729
Special Operator (after 7 p.m.)	610-437-7571
Graffiti (to request removal)	610-437-8729
Tall grass & weeds	610-437-8729
Shopping cart pick up	610-437-8729
Sweep Officer	610-437-8729
Animal Control	610-437-7535
Animal abuse/neglect	610-797-1205
Overgrown shrubs	610-437-7589
Uncleared sidewalks	610-437-7589
Allentown Parking Authority	610-437-3366

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NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO IMPORTANTES**

Community Resources

Are you looking for help? Your Neighborhood Newsletter might be just the tool you need; each month we intend to list a resource that you or a family member might find useful. There are several agencies and programs in the city, and each edition of the Newsletter is scheduled to provide you with an updated list of available services.

From Additions Awareness programs, inpatient and outpatient centers, to parenting classes and more, we have some of the best resources in the area. Stay tuned for more information in the next edition!

LANA MINUTES: FEBRUARY MEETING

We were pleased to have Fire Chief Robert Scheirer as our guest. He has spoken to many residents since the 13th Street gas explosion.

The city has 10,000 miles of gas-pipe, some dating from 1860. The infrastructure needs much work. Chief Scheirer has talked to Rep. Charlie Dent and Senators Casey and Toomey about federal aid to improve the city's aging infrastructure. UGI has worked with street resurfacing to do major inspections and replacements.

Inside vs outside meters: No consensus in firefighting circles. Outside meters are subject to vandalism, traffic accidents and weathering. Many explosions are caused by negligence – digging accidents that no outside placement could prevent. Chief Scheirer's opinion is that the characteristics of each neighborhood should determine whether meter placement is outside or in.

Chief Scheirer said if you smell gas in your home, leave immediately. Call 911 from a safe place. Do not turn on lights. The Comm Center will notify UGI while the Fire Department responds.

The City has an emergency notification system that would call you during an emergency. To register go to the City's Website www.AllentownPA.Org. UGI has a website about the fire: www.UGIresponse.com. United Way has a special fund for the victims (Call 610-758-8010 for details).

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Neighborhood Clean Up - Saturday, April 23

If you want to clean up your block before April, call Nick – he has two pickers and gloves and may be able to help.