



MARCH 2012

NEXT MEETING:
Monday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Allentown Library

Allentown Crime Watch Banquet Thursday April 19

The 28th Annual Leonard Buck Awards Banquet for the Allentown Crime Watch will be held at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at the Fearless Fire Company.

This banquet honors a dedicated Neighborhood Group member and shows appreciation to all volunteers who are nominated for Certificates of Appreciation through their neighborhood group. This family style dinner is attended by over 200 participants.

Tickets are available for purchase at \$23 per person. If you are interested, contact your neighborhood association president no later than the March 19 LANA meeting. All tickets must be purchased by April 6.

Police Officer of the Year: Each neighborhood group may nominate an Officer of the Year 2011, with a brief written reason at the March LANA Meeting.

Certificates of Appreciation: Two members who have done considerable work for your group or your neighborhood may be nominated for Certificates of Appreciation no later than 3/31/2012.

Loud Noisy Neighbors

A word from Captain Morris: If you have loud noisy neighbors, don't wait for months to call in a complaint. If you take no action, your neighbors may think you don't mind their behavior at all.

You have the right to call either 911 or 610-437-7751, the City's non-emergency line, if the noise is continuous and interferes with life in your own home. There's not much that can be done about short-term noise, but if it continues on and on please call!

If what you are hearing, such as a loud argument, makes you feel a person's safety may be endangered, call 911 immediately!

For renters, loud noise or obstructive conduct may also lead to Disruptive Conduct Reports (DCR's). Receiving three such reports in one year's time would be cause for eviction.

Lehigh County Auto Theft Task Force speakers for next LANA meeting

Sgt. Sal April and Detective Eric Brenner, Lehigh County Auto Theft Task Force, will be our speakers March 19 at 6:30 pm, at the Allentown Public Library.

In 2011 more Honda Civics were stolen than any other vehicle. In the past two weeks 8 cars stolen in Allentown - 7 of them Honda Civics, 2001 or older.

Come and learn how you can protect your cars.

Neighborhood Contacts:

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- Dottie Anderson, 610-435-6684
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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

GUARDE ESTOS NÚMEROS IMPORTANTES**A British Cottage in Allentown**

Historian Frank Whelan was the featured speaker for the February LANA meeting.

Whelan spoke about the English architect Ephraim Pickin, who came to Allentown in 1901. He designed a number of school buildings, the H. Leh Department store, buildings on Cedar Crest College campus and private residences, including a number of homes on Hamilton Street.

Whelan feels reasonably certain that Pickin designed the British Cottage at South 13th and Maple streets for Alfred Clare, an electrical engineer who came to Allentown from England in 1903. There is no other house like it in Allentown, but it resembles cottages built in England during the same period.

Closure of the Allentown Food Market

The 12th St Food Market was closed on February 10. Police came to the market for allegedly stolen items, and then brought in Fire and Health. There were more than a few violations.

What caused these actions? The Health Bureau violations can be accessed on "www.EatSafePA.com > Inspections Database > All PDA Inspections > Allentown Food Market". A number of the violations were for spoiled food, cans and vegetables; outdated baby food, and containers and vegetables not kept sufficiently cold. Health Bureau officials had been to the market 10 times in the past 3 years on four complaints, three inspections and three re-inspections.

What happens next? The store was originally built in 1920 as a shoe factory, burned with loss of life and was rebuilt in the 40's as a supermarket. The building may be at the end of its useful life. The last four managers have each given up, and the owner of the building appears to be holding out for some big box drug store or the like in the hopes of making a big profit selling it off.

The store appears unlikely to reopen, which upsets those who used it regularly. Even if expensive, it was nearby. That leaves the neighborhood without a real grocery store.

Councilperson Mike Schlossberg, who attended our February meeting, requested information from the City about the Allentown Food Market.

"From conversations with Vicky Kistler (Health Bureau) and Chief Maclean about the Allentown Food Mart - here's what I can tell you.

First, in regards to the health violations: There were multiple, repeat violations (both health and code) that need to be corrected before AFM can open. The Health Bureau said they are more than willing to reach out and help the shop reopen, but the owner has indicated that is not his intention.