

# Neighborhood News

## March Meeting Highlights—Think Prevent Defense!

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police PSA 2 Captain Struss, Sergeant Heicklin and Officer Henry were on hand to update us on crimes in our area. Captain Struss informed us that most recent crimes could have been prevented by informed protective behavior on the part of citizens. Crime prevention includes locked car doors and house windows/doors and removal of any valuables (cash, electronics, etc.) from parked cars. In addition to the Medical Return Box at the APD station at 10th and Hamilton, which is accessible 24/7/365 at the station, anyone who wishes to anonymously dispose of unused/expired medications is urged to bring them to Giant Food Store on Emmaus Avenue or Walgreens at 17th & Tilghman Streets on April 26th between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. You are advised to remove prescription labels or blacken the name on the medication. Police Officer applications can be found on the city's website [www.allentownpa.gov](http://www.allentownpa.gov) or they can be picked up in the Human Resources Office on the 2nd Floor of City Hall. The deadline for return is April 21st. Mark Lang of LVenture Charter School gave us a brief description of his plans for the school. He will return for a more in-depth presentation at the April meeting.

## Tamara Dolan, Featured Speaker

Tamara Dolan, Executive Director of the Allentown Parking Authority, updated us on the progress of center city construction including the arena, National Penn Bank corporate center, Lehigh Valley Hospital Center satellite campus, and its impact on parking capacity in the city. Plans include accommodating the added 2,000 employees now coming into that area to work. The Waterfront Project draft ten-year plan includes nine parking areas to accomplish the increased parking needs in the waterfront. Tamara deftly fielded questions about snow removal which reached mammoth proportions and expense this year.



**Our next meeting:**  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
**7:00 P.M**

**Special Guest:**  
**Mark Lang**

*LVenture Charter School*

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church, 2135 Tilghman St.

**We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!**

**Future Meetings:**  
**Wednesday, May 14**  
**Wednesday, June 11**

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<b>Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime</b>	<b>CHEC-MATE</b>
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CHEC-Mate, designed by the Allentown Police Department gives Allentown residents a way of calling the police anonymously to report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Request a CHEC-Mate card by calling 610-437-7522 or attending one of our meetings. In 4-6 weeks you will receive your card with a number assigned specifically to you. When call the communications center, you give only your CHEC-MATE number on the card. CHEC-Mate is a confidential way of reporting crime to help make your neighborhood safer! Take extra care to protect yourself, your family and your property. Please report suspicious people, vehicles, or activity to the police. The police non-emergency number is 610 437-7751. In an emergency call 911.

## Crime Reports

Our Community Watch receives a crime report of activity in our area from the Allentown Police Department. The reports give the date, location, and type of incident. Nuisance crimes like carrying open alcohol or underage drinking do not appear on this list. Neighbors have requested that this information be included in the newsletter. The location will be given by block only.

12-11	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
01-04	Vandalism	2400 Blk Allen St.
01-06	Shoplifting	1900 Blk Allen St.
01-08	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2100 Blk Tilghman St.
01-12	Noise Complaint	20th & Allen Sts.
01-13	Disturbance other than Family	2100 Blk Liberty St.
01-13	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
01-15	Theft from Auto	23rd & Liberty Sts.
01-16	Disturbance other than Family	2200 Blk Liberty St.
01-17	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Liberty St.
01-17	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2300 Blk Tilghman St.
01-17	Noise Complaint	400 Blk Leh St.
01-17	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Gordon St.
01-18	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Allen St.
01-19	Disturbance other than Family	2100 Blk Liberty St.
01-20	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	26th & Liberty Sts.
01-20	Theft from Auto	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
01-22	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	27th & Allen St.
01-26	Theft from Auto	22nd & Tilghman Sts.
01-28	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
01-30	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk 23rd St.
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02-12	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
02-22	Disturbance other than Family	2200 Blk Allen St.
02-22	Noise Complaint	400 Blk 22nd St.
02-24	Stolen Auto	400 Blk 22nd St.
02-24	Vandalism to Vehicles	400 Blk Leh St.

**Criminal Mischief:** usually a form of vandalism – broken windows, graffiti, etc.

**Theft:** stealing items from vehicles or from outdoor areas.

**Burglary:** illegal entry into a home or business to steal items.

**Disturbance Other than Family:** Any disturbance between two people that are not related - neighbors, friends, store clerk/patron (Domestic Disturbances are tracked separately).



Got a house for sale or rent in your neighborhood? Gretchen Krasley sends out letters to realtors and owners about the student overlay guidelines. If you see a For Sale or For Rent sign, call Gretchen at 610-821-7716, or email her at [Gretchenkrasley@aol.com](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@aol.com).

Thanks, Gretchen for helping to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood.

## Phone Numbers to Know

City Information Desk 610 439-5999  
 Code Enforcement 610 437-7661  
 Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610 437-7694.  
 Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610 437-7773  
 Crime Prevention Unit 610 437-7719  
 Emergency Medical Services (paramedics) 610 437-7531  
 Emergency Medical Services (non-emergency) 610 437-7751  
 Garbage Complaints 610 437-8729  
 Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729  
 Graffiti in Progress 9-1-1  
 Housing Compliance/Inspections 610 437-7697  
 Leaf Pickup 610 437-7638  
 Police Calls (non-emergency) 610 437-7751\*  
 Rental Unit Inspections 610 437-7695  
 Sewer Back-up 610 437 7639  
 Sewer Emergencies after hours 610 437-7751  
 State Representative Michael Schlossberg 610 821-5577  
 SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610 437-8729  
 Weeds/Grass Overgrowth 610 437-8729  
 Yard Waste Recycling 610 437-8729  
 Zoning 610 437-7630

\*When calling 610 437-7751, remember that anything that impairs the peace, dignity, and decorum of the neighborhood is considered “disruptive conduct.”

### Tip for calling 9-1-1

If you hear an intruder in your home, stay where you are and call 9-1-1. You don't have to say anything, just leave the line open and don't hang up. This works with land lines and cell phones alike.

## New Neighbor Tip Sheet

We have a new up to date tip sheet with area guidelines about trash, parking, street cleaning, property maintenance, noise, and neighborhood resources. Maybe you'd like one even if you've lived here for a long time. Just ask for a copy via email ([Gretchenkrasley@aol.com](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@aol.com)).

