

Neighborhood News

March Meeting Highlights

Lud Schlecht ran the meeting. Allentown Police Officer Bull was present and heard neighbors' concerns. Officer Bull reported that the recent shooting in the 1900 block of Allen St. is being investigated as a homicide. He indicated that walking patrols in the West End are up 50%; subject stops are up 92%; and vehicle stops are up 15%. Dick Snyder had Leonard Buck Dinner and raffle tickets on sale. Carolyn Casciano had some Allentown Police Bears for sale as well. Lud reminded neighbors that we still need newsletter carriers. See page 2 for details.



**Our next meeting:
Wednesday, April 11
7:00 P.M**

**Christ E.C. Church
2135 Tilghman St.**

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

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

**Future Meetings:
Wednesday, May 9
Wednesday, June 13**

Earth Day is on April 22nd Celebrate with Two City-Wide Initiatives



Join the Great Allentown Cleanups

Please volunteer by calling
Allentown Recycling at 610-437-8729

Individuals, neighbors, businesses, churches, and community groups are encouraged to organize a clean up in Allentown neighborhoods and parks. Call for cleanup supplies, for more information, or

to clean up anytime throughout the year! **Clean in front of your home** - bag and tie your trash properly. Please sweep litter in front of your home or business regularly. For more details, visit <http://www.allentownrecycles.org>.



Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski recently announced the "Mayor's Aluminum Cans Recycling Challenge." Allentown will join other cities across the country in a U.S. Conference of Mayors contest that rewards cities for recycling aluminum beverage cans. A total of \$90,000 will be award by The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Novelis



Inc., through the sponsorship of the nationwide "Cans for Cash Challenge" which promotes the recycling of aluminum cans. "We have a fantastic recycling program in the city," said Pawlowski. This is our opportunity to show the rest of the country." The contest runs for a four week period. Allentown's challenge will begin Sunday, April 1 and run through April 28.

Visit <http://www.allentownpa.gov> for more information.

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



Stay online and informed

Want to check public assessment records (type of house, owner, etc.) of any house in Lehigh County? Go to <http://www.lehighcounty.org>. Click on "Assessment Records," select "Property Address" in the Search Method Window, then follow the instructions for entering the address.



Join our email network

Keep informed about city announcements in between our meetings. All emails are sent as blind copies to protect your email address. Contact Gretchen Krasley @ gretchenkrasley@aol.com if you're interested.

Help Allentown Celebrate its 250th Anniversary



Volunteers are needed in many areas. Visit the website, www.allentownpa.gov/250 for complete information about this year long celebration and upcoming events.

We Need Newsletter Carriers!

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to get more exercise? There's a way to honor that resolution and help the neighborhood at the same time. Most of our routes take less than an hour each month. We need help on the following blocks:

Allen between 19th & 20th

Allen between 21st & 22nd

Lafayette between Liberty & Tilghman

Liberty between Lafayette & 21st

21st between Liberty & Tilghman

If you're interested, call or email Gretchen Krasley (610 821-7716) gretchenkrasley@aol.com.



I will prepare resumes for returning military personnel from Iraq and Afghanistan free of charge.

Contact me at mikekrasleype@aol.com.

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 610 437-7587

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 Jennifer Mann

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.