

# Neighborhood News

## March Meeting Highlights

Tom Mulligan ran the meeting. Phyllis Alexander, Allentown Neighborhood Coordinator, was on hand to update us about recent city-wide initiatives including the October Neighborhood Summit, Catch a Young Person Doing Something Right Awards Campaign, and the Third Annual Leadership Institute. Neighbors shared concerns they have with noise, parking, littering, compliance with city code guidelines and speed limits in school zones. Phyllis recommended continuing our discussion of concerns and inviting city department people who have responsibilities in those areas to speak to us at a future meeting. If you have concerns and can't make the next meeting, please email them to gretchenkrasley@aol.com. Allentown Police Officer Eric Stauffer was also present to update us on criminal activity in our area. Also on hand was Michael Rooney, a candidate for Magisterial District Judge.



## Our next meeting:

Wednesday, April 10  
7:00 P.M.  
Christ E.C. Church  
2135 Tilghman St.

## Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime **CHEC-MATE**

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 calling 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.

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., Lower Level

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

**Future Meetings:**  
Wednesday, May 8  
Wednesday, June 12

## 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.

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| 02-01 | Noise Complaint                 | 600 Blk 20th St.      |
| 02-02 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2000 Blk Tilghman St. |
| 02-02 | Theft from Buildings            | 400 Blk 22nd St.      |
| 02-02 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2000 Blk Tilghman St. |
| 02-03 | Noise Complaint                 | 400 Blk Albright Ave. |
| 02-06 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2100 Blk Liberty St.  |
| 02-06 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2000 Blk Tilghman St. |
| 02-10 | Noise Complaint                 | 300 Blk 22nd St       |
| 02-10 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2100 Blk Liberty St.  |
| 02-11 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 500 Blk 20th St.      |
| 02-11 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 1900 Blk Allen St.    |

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## MAC Contact Information:

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### Newsletter Circulation:

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**Conducting meetings:** Rotating responsibility

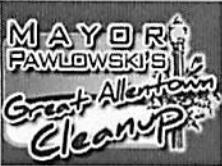
**Presidents' Council meetings:** Tom Burke 610 432-4079

**Real Estate Sales Letters:** Gretchen Krasley 610 821-7716, Gretchenkrasley@aol.com

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| 02-12 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2000 Blk Utica St.    |
| 02-14 | Noise Complaint                 | 2000 Blk Allen St.    |
| 02-14 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2000 Blk Tilghman St. |
| 02-14 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2000 Blk Allen St.    |
| 02-16 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2300 Blk Tilghman St. |
| 02-16 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2300 Blk Tilghman St. |
| 02-17 | Noise Complaint                 | 23rd & Tilghman Sts.  |
| 02-18 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2200 Blk Allen St.    |
| 02-18 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 600 Blk St Lucas St.  |
| 02-19 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 2200 Blk Allen St.    |
| 02-20 | Graffiti to Residence           | 500 Blk Lafayette St. |
| 02-23 | Noise Complaint                 | 2200 Blk Liberty St.  |
| 02-23 | Vandalism to Vehicles           | 2000 Blk Allen St.    |
| 02-24 | Noise Complaint                 | 2200 Blk Liberty St.  |
| 02-24 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 25th & Allen Sts.     |
| 02-25 | Disturbance Other Than Family   | 1900 Blk Allen St.    |
| 02-26 | Noise Complaint                 | 2200 Blk Liberty St.  |
| 02-28 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2000 Blk Allen 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). **Vandalism to Residence** Any form of criminal mischief that is done directly to a house or residence. door/window, smashing a window, cutting a hole in the roof).



**Keep Allentown Beautiful**, affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and the Great PA Cleanup is happening all over the city in April. Keep America Beautiful focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction/recycling and community greening and beautification. Mayor Pawlowski is asking city residents, business owners, church goers and community group members to consider participating in the program and to pitch in to take care of their homes, businesses and sidewalks. Don't litter, remember to tie your trash bags, and allocate a few minutes each week to picking up the trash around your sidewalk. Taking those easy steps will enhance the look of the city and improve our quality of life. For more information, or to volunteer for the Great Allentown Cleanup, call the Recycling Bureau at 610-437-8729, or sign-up on-line at [www.allentownrecycles.org](http://www.allentownrecycles.org). The Great West End Clean Up Event will be held on April 20th from 10:00 - 1:00.

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**Save the Date - Saturday, April 27th!**

Once again, the successful National Prescription Drug Take-Back event is coming again! From 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on the 27th, bring unused/expired household medications to Giant Food Store, 3015 W. Emmaus Ave. or Walgreen's, 17th and Tilghman St. You are asked to place medications in a plain paper bag and be vigilant when bringing them to the collection site. The program sponsors include the Allentown Police Department, City of Allentown, Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, and the U. S. Justice Department.



**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 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.