Neighborhood News

November Meeting Highlights

Mary Lou Parry ran the meeting. Tom Mulligan noted graffiti and double parking in the 1900 block of Allen Street on his neighborhood patrols. There were complaints about late night noise, littering, and what appear to be open containers of alcohol. Neighbors asked about the progress of a citation issued to the owner of a property in great need of repairs in our neighborhood. Gretchen Krasley told attendees that there are meetings in November where Allentown residents are invited to share their vision for their city. She also reported sending out eight letters to real estate agents who have houses for sale or rent in our neighborhood.

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 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.

09-12	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	400 Blk 26th St.
09-12	Theft from Buildings	2400 Blk Chew St.
09-13	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Tilghman St.
09-14	Theft of Auto Accessories	600 Blk 24th St.
09-14	Disturbance Other Than Family	500 Blk 20th St.
09-16	Theft	Berks & Tilghman Sts.
09-20	Theft from Auto	2200 Blk Tilghman St.
09-21	Theft from Auto	2100 Blk Tilghman St.
09-21	Theft from Auto	2100 Blk Allen St.
09-21	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Tilghman St.
09-21	Noise Complaint	22nd & Liberty Sts.
09-22	Noise Complaint	23rd & Allen Sts.
09-22	Noise Complaint	300 Blk 22nd St.
09-22	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
09-23	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Liberty St.
09-23	Vandalism to Vehicles	400blk Albright Ave.

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Our next meeting:
Wednesday, December 12
7:00 P.M

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

Join your neighbors at our next meeting to celebrate the holidays. Bring some holiday treats to share with friends old and new. Beverages will be provided.

Future Meetings:
Wednesday, January 9
Wednesday, February 13

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09-23	Noise Complaint	2400 Blk Allen St.
09-23	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
09-23	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
09-23	Disturbance Other Than Family	2400 Blk Chew St.
09-23	Theft from Auto	2000 Blk Allen St.
09-25	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2200 Blk Allen St.
09-25	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Allen St.
09-27	Vandalism to Vehicles	2100 Blk Tilghman St.
09-29	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	St Lucas & Liberty Sts.
09-29	Noise Complaint	600 Blk St Lucas St.
09-29	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
09-29	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Liberty St.
10-01	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000bl Allen St.
10-02	Theft from Auto	400 Blk 22nd St.
10-02	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Allen St.
10-03	Theft from Auto	2600 Blk Tilghman St.
10-04	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-04	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	22nd & Tilghman Sts.
10-06	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	20th & Liberty Sts.
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10-07	Vandalism to Residence	2500 Blk Allen St.
10-07	Juvenile Complaints	600 Blk 23rd St.
10-09	Vandalism to Vehicles	2200 Blk Tilghman St.
10-11	Disturbance Other Than Family	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-11	Disturbance Other Than Family	500 Blk 22nd St.
10-12	Theft from Auto	400bl 23rd St.
10-13	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk 23rd St.
10-15	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Allen St.
10-16	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk 20th St.
10-17	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	22nd & Liberty Sts.
10-17	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2700 Blk Liberty St.
10-19	Vehicle Alarm Ringing	400 Blk 26th St.
10-20	Disturbance Other Than Family	400 Blk 22nd St.
10-21	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
10-21	Noise Complaint	400 Blk Leh St.
10-21	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Liberty St.
10-22	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-24	Noise Complaint	500 Blk 21st St.
10-25	Noise Complaint	Leh & Liberty Sts.
10-27	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk 24th St.
10-28	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2100 Blk Allen St.
10-29	Vandalism to Vehicles	1900 Blk Liberty St.
10-31	Theft from Auto	200blk 20th 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. **Forcible Entry** Another term for burglary, where someone had to use some sort of force to enter the home/business (i.e. prying a door/window, smashing a window, cutting a hole in the roof).

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.

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.