

Neighborhood News

November Meeting Highlights

Mary Lou Parry ran the meeting. PSA 2 Captain Gail Stuss and Officer Henry were in attendance. They both reported about a rise in daytime burglaries. They advised us to lock doors at all times, set alarms if we have them, and to lock cars after taking valuable items such as laptops and phones with us. If you can invest in a light with a motion sensor, it is an added deterrent to crime. If there's a vacant property in your area and you notice newspapers piling up, recycle them to discourage criminals. We are all reminded not to hesitate to call the non-emergency number (610 437-7751) to report any suspicious activity. Gretchen Krasley sent out 11 real estate letters this month. She also reported on the outcome of the Zoning Board Hearing about plans to renovate the property on 23rd and Liberty, known to us as the Campus Shop. Supporters and objectors to the plans were able to speak. The Zoning Board has taken this plan under advisement and will meet in early December with a decision.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, December 11
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 8
Wednesday, February 12

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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.

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| 10-01 | Disturbance Other than Family | 2400 Blk Liberty St. |
| 10-02 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2700 Blk Gordon St. |
| 10-03 | Vandalism to Vehicles | 500 Blk St Lucas St. |
| 10-05 | Theft from Buildings | 2100 Blk Allen St. |
| 10-05 | Disturbance Other than Family | 400 Blk Leh St. |
| 10-05 | Noise Complaint | Lafayette & Allen Sts. |
| 10-06 | Noise Complaint | 500 Blk St Elmo St. |
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| 10-10 | Theft from Buildings | 2300 Blk Allen St. |
| 10-10 | Shoplifting | 1900 Blk Allen St. |
| 10-12 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2500 Blk Liberty St. |
| 10-12 | Noise Complaint | 2100 Blk Allen St. |
| 10-17 | Vandalism to Vehicles | 600 Blk St Lucas St. |
| 10-17 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 600 Blk Lafayette St. |
| 10-17 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2600 Blk Liberty St. |
| 10-17 | Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person | 2600 Blk Liberty St. |
| 10-19 | Disturbance Other than Family | 2000 Blk Liberty St. |
| 10-19 | Theft from Auto | 2200 Blk Allen St. |
| 10-20 | Noise Complaint | 500 Blk 24th St. |
| 10-21 | Theft from Buildings | 2400 Blk Chew St. |
| 10-21 | Disturbance Other than Family | 2200 Blk Liberty St. |
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| 10-23 | Vandalism to Vehicles | 400 Blk Leh St. |
| 10-24 | Shoplifting | 1900 Blk Allen St. |
| 10-25 | Forcible Entry - Non-Residence | 600 Blk Leh St. |
| 10-26 | Disturbance Other than Family | Berks & Tilghman Sts. |
| 10-30 | Vandalism to Vehicles | 2000 Blk Liberty St. |
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| 10-31 | Disturbance Other than Family | 1900 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.

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).



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.

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.

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).

