

# Neighborhood News

## December Meeting Highlights

Mary Lou Parry ran the meeting. Captain Morris (APD PSA 2) was on hand to update us on criminal activity in the neighborhood. He distributed handouts entitled Preventing Burglaries - How to Protect Your Home and Personal Property Identification Record for your use in recording credit/bank card numbers, serial numbers of household and personal items, power tools, lawn and garden equipment and automobiles/motorcycles, etc. Contact Gretchen Krasley (Gretchenkrasley@aol.com) to obtain copies. Neighbors reported juveniles on foot or on bikes in the streets late at night. Tom Mulligan's patrol of the neighborhood brought information about graffiti. Attendees discussed student issues to raise with Muhlenberg President Helm, who will speak at our January, 2013, meeting. Neighbors enjoyed holiday refreshments and fellowship at the end of the meeting.

## Why Is It Called Student Overlay District?

It is called an Overlay District because it imposes new regulations on top of the existing Residential Zone regulations. The purpose of the Overlay District is to "protect the single family owner occupied residential character of the immediate neighborhood surrounding an institution of higher learning, while permitting the residence of students 'off-campus' proximate to the institution. It is the intent of the district to protect the character of the area, and diminish those influences which infringe on the quiet enjoyment of single family owner occupied residences such as noise, litter, overcrowding, additional parking needs, and lack of maintenance of the structures and their grounds."

## Grandfathered/Non-Conforming Student Residences

Address	Type	Owner (Mgt.)
2145 Chew	SF Twin	M. College
2147 Chew	SF Twin	M. College
2127 Gordon	SF Twin	McCauley
2055 Liberty	SF Row	Link
2120 Liberty	SF Twin	Young
2201 Liberty	SF Twin	Fayez/Hamati
2203 Liberty	SF Twin	Fayez/Hamati
2251 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2305 Liberty	SF Twin	McCauley
2315 Liberty	SF Twin	M. College
2333 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2411 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2102 Allen	SF Detach	Miller
2303 Allen	SF Twin	Melandandri
2305 Allen	SF Twin	Melandandri
2415 Allen	SF Twin	McCauley
513 N. 21	SF Twin	Severo
323 N. 22	SF Twin	M. College
325 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
416 N. 22	SF Twin	Severo
418 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
420 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz

If you see a house not on the "Grandfathered List," and you think it doesn't conform to the ordinance because more than two students are living there, call Code Enforcement 610 437-7661. If you are aware of a property formerly family-owned and now seems to be a rental property, notify Code Enforcement Rental Licensing at 610 437-7694.



**Our next meeting:**  
**Wednesday, January 9**  
**7:00 P.M**  
**Christ E.C. Church**  
**2135 Tilghman St.**

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, February 13**  
**Wednesday, March 13**

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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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430 N. 22	SF Twin	Baechle
436 N. 22	SF Twin	McCauley
527 N. 22	SF Twin	Neeler (McCauley)
423 N. Leh	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
425 N. Leh	SF Twin	McCauley
423 N. 23	SF Twin	M. College
427 N. 23	SF Twin	M. College
439 N. 23	SF Twin	M. College

Total = 30SF homes, 120students

### 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.

11-02	Disturbance Other Than Family	2200 Blk Liberty St.
11-04	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2200 Blk Liberty St.
11-05	Theft Of Auto Accessories	600 Blk Muhlenberg St.
11-05	Theft From Auto	2200 Blk Allen St.
11-08	Vandalism To Vehicles	20th & Liberty Sts.
11-08	Vandalism To Vehicles	1900 Blk Liberty St.
11-14	Theft From Auto	2400 Blk Chew St.
11-16	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	Leh & Allen Sts.
11-17	Vandalism To Vehicles	2500 Blk Liberty St.
11-17	Disturbance Other Than Family	24th & Tilghman Sts.
11-18	Disturbance Other Than Family	22nd & Liberty Sts.
11-19	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	400blk Leh St.
11-19	Theft From Auto	2200 Blk Allen St.
11-21	Theft From Buildings	600 Blk St Lucas St.
11-22	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Liberty St.
11-25	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk Lafayette St.
11-26	Shoplifting	1900 Blk Allen St.
11-27	Theft From Auto	2700 Blk Liberty St.
11-27	Theft From Auto	2000 Blk Liberty St.
11-27	Theft From Auto	600 Blk 22nd St.
11-28	Disturbance Other Than Family	600 Blk St Lucas St.
11-28	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk 20th St.
11-29	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2200 Blk Tilghman St.
11-29	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2200 Blk Tilghman St.

### 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](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@aol.com).