

Neighborhood News

December Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Officer David Benner was in attendance. He reminded us that burglaries and thefts rise during the holidays. He 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. Neighbors should be aware that thieves are posing as door-to-door inspectors or salespeople. While one distracts the homeowner, another breaks in and steals valuables. Ask such people to show identification through the door window while it's still locked and tell them you'll call their company first. 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 reported that the Zoning Board Hearing has taken under advisement the request by the owner of the property now called the Campus Shop to accept his plans for renovation. Final decision by the Zoning Board is not known at the time of this writing.



**Our next meeting:
Wednesday, January 8
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.

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.

- 11-01 Vandalism to Vehicles 2000 Blk Liberty St.
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We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!

**Future Meetings:
Wednesday, February 12
Wednesday, March 12**

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11-02	Disturbance Other Than Family	400 Blk 22nd St.
11-03	Vandalism to Vehicles	20th & Liberty Sts.
11-05	Disturbance Other Than Family	900 Blk Allen St.
11-07	Vandalism to Vehicles	2000 Blk Liberty St.
11-07	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Allen St.
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11-09	Shoplifting	1900 Blk Allen St.
11-12	Other Larceny/Theft	500 Blk 23rd St.
11-12	Other Larceny/Theft	500 Blk N 23rd St.
11-13	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	21st & Allen Sts.
11-15	Vandalism to Vehicles	2100 Blk Liberty St.
11-15	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2600 Warren St.
11-15	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Allen St.
11-17	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
11-17	Disturbance Other Than Family	2200 Blk Allen St.
11-17	Theft of Auto Accessories	2100 Blk Liberty St.
11-17	Vandalism to Vehicles	2100 Blk Liberty St.
11-19	Shoplifting	1900 Blk Allen St.
11-21	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Allen St.
11-22	Theft from Auto	600 Blk N 20th St.
11-22	Theft from Auto	2400 Blk Allen St.
11-22	Forcible Entry - Non-Residence	500 Blk Berks St.
11-25	Noise Complaint	300 Blk 22nd St.
11-30	Theft of Auto Accessories	600 Blk Lafayette 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 610 437-7638
- 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).

