

Neighborhood News

May Meeting Highlights

Mary Lou Parry led the May meeting. Mayoral candidate Dick Nepon presented his campaign platform. Bernie Krokus of the Bureau of Health gave an informative talk, "Adult Home Safety." Mr. Krokus handed out papers that residents can use to request a Home Safety Survey. If you are 55 years or older and you missed the meeting, call 610 437-7598 to arrange for this free service. You'll also get free safety items: first aid kit, flashlight, whistle, 911 stickers, magnifier, and night light. Mr. Krokus' presentation had lots of photos illustrating common trouble spots where accidents and injuries can happen around the home. Falls and careless smoking are the top two causes of injury and death for older adults. Some of the featured causes of falls were: throw rugs not secured by double sided tape, clutter or small objects in the walkway, protruding furniture, sheets/blankets/ drapes that extend onto the floor, bathtubs without bathmats/grab bars/safety stickers, unsafe shoes (slippers, shoes without backs, high heels), walking using a shuffling gait, poorly lit hallways/stairs, stairways without handrails, spills not immediately cleaned up. The kitchen is a place where safety issues abound: cooking on back gas burner while wearing wide sleeved clothing/robe, hot water that is hotter than 120 degrees, overloaded electrical cords, and disorganized knife drawers without dividers. Mr. Krokus ended his presentation with fire safety tips: install smoke detectors, purchase fire extinguishers, have an escape plan and post emergency phone numbers in a prominent place in your house.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, June 10
7:00 P.M

Christ E.C. Church
2135 Tilghman St.

Guest Speaker: Mary Ellen Shiels, "Skin Cancer Protection and Early Detection"

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

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

Future Meeting:
Wednesday, August 12

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Real Estate Sales Letters: Al and Ev Habecker 610-432-8032, aehabecker@msn.com



Got Lights?

Installing floodlight outside your house is one of the best ways to discourage criminals.

Crime Reports

Our Community Watch receives a crime report giving the date, time, location, and type of incident. These reports include crimes such as theft, suspicious motor vehicle, burglary, or suspicious activity. Nuisance crimes and crimes like carrying open alcohol or underage drinking do not appear on this list. The location is given by block only. At press time, there were no reports available. Check next month's newsletter for updates.

Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime



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.

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GRAFFITI

If you have graffiti on your property, contact the Graffiti Busters at 610 437-8729 for FREE removal or to notify the city that you'll remove it yourself. Forms for requesting this free service are available at our meetings. If you see graffiti in progress, dial 9-1-1. To report graffiti after it's been done, call the Police non-emergency number, 610 437-7751.



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 (except recycling) 610 437-7759
Graffiti Busters 610 437-8729
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
SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610 437-8729
Weeds Grass Overgrowth 610 437-7604
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."