

Neighborhood News

February Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. State Representative, Mike Schlossberg was on hand to introduce himself to the audience, share his goals as our representative, and answer questions about local and state issues. Gretchen announced the 2013 Leadership Institute where neighbors can learn effective leadership and communication skills. Neighbors shared concerns they have with noise, parking, littering, and compliance with trash/recycling guidelines. (See page 2.)

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.

01-03	Shoplifting	1900 Blk Allen St.
01-05	Stolen Auto	500 Blk St Elmo St.
01-05	Vandalism	500 Blk N 26th St.
01-05	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
01-07	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2500 Blk Allen St.
01-11	Theft of Auto Accessories	2200 Blk Liberty St.
01-12	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk St Elmo St.
01-13	Disturbance Other Than Family	500 Blk St Elmo St.
01-14	Noise Complaint	21st & Liberty St.
01-15	Disturbance Other Than Family	1900 Blk Allen St.
01-17	Disturbance Other Than Family	Tilghman & 21st Sts.
01-17	Theft From Auto	Liberty & 21st Sts.
01-17	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk 20th St.
01-18	Disturbance Other Than Family	2200 Blk Liberty St.
01-18	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	21st & Allen Sts.
01-19	Other Larceny/Theft	500 Blk 27th St.
01-19	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Liberty St.

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Our next meeting:
Wednesday, March 13
7:00 P.M
Christ E.C. Church
2135 Tilghman St.

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd 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, April 10
Wednesday, May 8

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Conducting meetings: Rotating responsibility

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01-20	Vandalism to Vehicles	2500 Blk Liberty St.
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01-20	Vandalism to Vehicles	400 Blk Leh St.
01-21	Noise Complaint	400 Blk 22nd St.
01-22	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	19th & Allen Sts.
01-24	Noise Complaint	500 Blk 21st St.
01-27	Disturbance Other Than Family	2200 Blk Liberty St.
01-27	Vandalism To Vehicles	400 Blk Albright Av.

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. door/window, smashing a window, cutting a hole in the roof).

Leonard Buck Dinner is on the Horizon

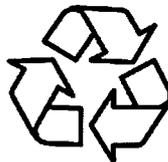
The Allentown Crime Watch Presidents' Council will be hosting its 29th annual Leonard Buck Awards Dinner and Fundraiser on Thursday, April 19th at the Fearless Fire Company, 1221 S. Front Street at



6:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the March meeting for \$11.50 per person. Please note that tickets must be purchased before the event. Last year over 200 people from all over the city attended. Awards for Officer of the Year, Neighbor of the Year, and individual neighborhood awards will be announced. It's a great chance to enjoy a delicious country style dinner with your neighbors, talk with members of other community watch groups and hear about their successes and activities.

Trash/Recycling Guidelines

- Trash and recyclables from residences must be set out between 5 pm and 10 pm on the designated nights of collection for your area.
- Trash may not cause litter.
- Trash and recycling containers may not be stored in front of a property or on the front porch.
- Containers must be retrieved from the curb within 12 hours after collection.
- Hazardous waste, TVs, electronics, computers, batteries, liquid paint, tires and auto parts with fluids may not be set at the curb for City collection. Call 610 437-8729 for disposal information.



Can't make the meetings but still want to be in the loop?

Would you like to get emails with city/neighborhood news in between newsletters? Join our network by emailing Gretchenkrasley@aol.com. All emails are blind copies to protect your identity.

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.

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.

