

Neighborhood News

April Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Officers Corey Cole and Stephen Madison were present to update us on criminal activity in our area. Specifically, burglars posing as door-to-door sales people ask to enter a home and while one burglar distracts the homeowner, the other steals valuables. Check identification of people wanting to make repairs, inspect your water meter, etc. Call the home company they represent to check before letting them into your house. Members discussed areas of concern and voted on city department people who have responsibilities in those areas to speak to us at a future meeting. If you have concerns and can't make the next meeting, please email them to gretchenkrasley@aol.com.



Our next meeting:

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 P.M

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 calling 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.

03-01	Vandalism to Residence	2200 Blk Allen St.
03-02	Noise Complaint	2000 Blk Liberty St.
03-06	Vandalism to Public Buildings	2100 Blk Liberty St.
03-07	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Allen St.
03-08	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2200 Blk Liberty St.
03-09	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Liberty St.
03-09	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Chew St.
03-10	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk 23rd St.
03-15	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Allen St.
03-16	Juvenile Complaint	2000 Blk Allen St.
03-17	Disturbance Other Than Family	2100 Blk Liberty St.
03-17	Theft from Buildings	2200 Blk Liberty St.
03-17	Disturbance Other Than Family	2100 Blk Liberty St.
03-18	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
03-19	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk 25th 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, June 12

Wednesday, August 14

No July Meeting

MAC Contact Information:

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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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03-20	Theft of Bicycles	600 Blk St Elmo St.
03-21	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk St Elmo St.
03-23	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Gordon St.
03-27	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2400 Blk Chew St.
03-27	Vandalism to Vehicles	2300 Blk Allen St.
03-28	Vandalism to Vehicles	2400 Blk Liberty St.
03-30	Noise Complaint	2000 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. door/window, smashing a window, cutting a hole in the roof).

Pennsylvania’s Yellow Dot Program

The program was created to assist citizens in the “golden hour” of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves.



Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and First Responders and local law enforcement. Participants complete a personal information form, which includes the participant’s name, contact information, emergency contact information, medical history and medications, allergies and the participant’s doctors’ names. A photo – showing only the participant’s head and shoulders – is then taped to the front of the completed information sheet. The yellow dot decal provided in the program kit is placed in the lower left corner of the participant’s vehicle’s rear windshield. The decal should be no higher than 3 inches from the bottom of the windshield. This decal alerts first responders that vital information can be found in the vehicle. More details are available at <http://www.yellowdot.pa.gov/>

 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.



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.