

Neighborhood News

September Meeting Highlights

Mary Lou Parry ran the meeting. Neighbors shared issues and complaints. Neighbors continued to brainstorm questions to ask representatives of the Building Standards and Recycling Departments when they are with us at the October 9th meeting. Also, on October 16th, we'll do a neighborhood walk with Mayor Pawlowski. Neighbors were asked to think of properties with needs and issues that we can show the Mayor and members of city departments who join the walk.

Walk with the Mayor!

Please join us **Wednesday, Oct. 16 5:00 - 7:00 pm**



We'll begin in the parking lot at Christ E. C. Church, 2135 Tilghman St., then give Mayor Pawlowski and other city officials a chance to gain an understanding of the neighborhood's needs and issues. We'll end at the church around 7:30 pm.

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. Note that this report covers two months' time.

- 07-02 Vandalism to Vehicles 2000 Blk Allen St.
- 07-02 Disturbance other than Family 1900 Blk Allen St.
- 07-03 Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person 600blk Berks St.
- 07-04 Noise Complaint 400 Blk 22nd St.
- 07-04 Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person 600 Blk 22nd St.
- 07-05 Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person 2400 Blk Tilghman St.



Our next meeting:

Wednesday, October 9

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.

Special Guests:
Representatives of the Building Standards and Recycling Departments in the City of Allentown
Join us to hear what these Departments do and to ask questions.

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

Future Meetings:
Wednesday, November 13
Wednesday, December 11

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- 07-10 Vandalism to Vehicles 2200 Blk Allen St.
- 07-11 Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person 2000 Blk Liberty St.
- 07-12 Theft from Auto 300 Blk 27th St.
- 07-13 Noise Complaint 1900 Blk Allen St.
- 07-15 Forcible Entry 2000 Blk Tilghman St.
- 07-20 Disturbance other than Family 300 Blk Albright Ave.
- 07-21 Theft from Auto 500 Blk Muhlenberg St.
- 07-22 Theft from Auto 2200 Blk Tilghman St.
- 07-23 Vandalism to Vehicles 600 Blk N Lafayette St.
- 07-23 Vandalism to Vehicles 600 Blk N Lafayette St.
- 07-27 Theft From Auto 2200 Blk Allen St.
- 07-28 Noise Complaint 2500 Blk Tilghman 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.

West End Flood Committee Needs Your Help To STOP THE FLOODING

We are a group of West End Allentown residents gathering support to pressure the City of Allentown into widening the sewer pipes in areas such as a 3 block portion, from 18th through 21st Streets on Andrew Street (the Alley behind Allen Street) which carries the bulk of rain water out of the West End area. This is the main dilemma causing our continuous flooding problems dating back to 1982. Please visit our Facebook page, web site or e-mail us your information to add to our list of people that would like this age-old sewer pipe problem repaired once and for all. Also feel free to include your flooding stories along with any flood photos you may have captured throughout the years.

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Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

Some Halloween tips from the National SAFE KIDS Campaign

- . use costumes with “flame resistant” labels
- . avoid masks if possible - use face paint or cosmetics applied directly to the face
- . allow children to carry only flexible knives, swords, or other props
- . dress children in shoes that fit
- . decorate costumes, bags with reflective tape
- . review traffic rules with children ahead of time
- . encourage children to stay on sidewalks and not to cut across lawns
- . check all treats at home before your children eat anything in their treat bags
- . if you're driving, drive SLOWLY and watch for children EVERYWHERE
- . don't drive through leaf piles and exit driveways and alleys carefully



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.

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).

