

# Neighborhood News

## August Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley led the August meeting. Neighbors warned about a new crime issue, theft of auto inspections stickers. Thieves break into cars and steal inspection stickers from the windshield. A follow-up call to Allentown Police revealed that there haven't been many complaints about this, but the officer suggested that common sense is always the watchword—leave nothing of value visible in your car. A very timely booklet, "Crime Prevention" from State Representative Jennifer Mann was distributed at the meeting. There will be copies available at the September meeting.

## Helpful Hints for Reporting Suspicious Behavior from the Allentown Police Department

What constitutes "suspicious behavior?" Is the activity in an area considered a "trouble spot?" It doesn't need to be, but it will help the police to prepare an appropriate response if it is. Are any of the actors known trouble makers in the neighborhood? Do you know their names or where they live? Is the activity illegal? Are the actions, in your opinion, a nuisance or an imminent threat to public safety? All human behavior has a cause...we all do what we do for a reason. Identification of the types of behavior and their meaning can be important to the police. What is the body language of the actors telling you? What are the facial expressions? What is the "stance" of the actors? Do they appear to be in "aggressive" postures?"

Are they trying to escape notice? Do you recognize any of them as

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## 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.



Ever wonder how phone calls are handled at the Police Communications Center? We did too. Look for details about this dispatch center in next month's newsletter.



**Our next meeting:  
Wednesday, September 9  
7:00 P.M**

**Christ E.C. Church  
2135 Tilghman St.**

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, October 14  
Wednesday, November 11**

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being from the neighborhood? Are they wearing hoods or other clothing to conceal their faces? How about “physiological” characteristics? Do they appear to be out of breath? Are they sweating or flushed? Do they appear to be sick, hurt, or injured in any way? All suspicious behaviors need not involve wrongdoing. Some may require the attention of our emergency medical responders. Finally, record a physical description: sex, race, complexion, scars/marks, tattoos, eyeglasses, eye color, hair color, height, weight, hat (color and type), tie, coat, shirt, trousers, shoes, vehicles (make, model, color, license numbers, complete or incomplete).



Is there a **house for sale** in your neighborhood? Would you like the owner/realtor to know about the Student Overlay Guidelines? Call/email Al and Ev Habecker at 610-432-8032/ [aehabecker@msn.com](mailto:aehabecker@msn.com). Because of their tireless efforts to notify realtors of the guidelines, our neighborhood retains its residential character.

### Know Your Newspapers

Every month, Al and Ev Habecker, Gretchen Krasley, or Lud Schlecht deliver packs of newsletters (grand total, over 1100) to be delivered to residents all over our neighborhood. They deliver your newsletters faithfully without ever complaining. Let's give them a round of applause! They are: Tom Williams, Mildred Carr, Janice and Joe Altieri, Al and Ev Habecker, John Stribula, Loretta Wagner, Jane Quell, Paul Krajcirik, Lud Schlecht, Mike and Gretchen Krasley, Jeanne Faylor, Tom Mulligan, Terri Ruth, Dick and Jane Snyder, Chris Kruk, and Cindy Kelly. Matt Slifer has joined us as a newsletter carrier. Welcome, Matt!

