

Neighborhood News



August Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Robert Toth, candidate for City Council, spoke briefly about his background, qualifications, and his views on city government. Officer Boehm was on hand to update us on criminal activity in the neighborhood. Tom Mulligan's patrol of the neighborhood brought information about a property with overgrown weeds and trash inside and outside the house. He also mentioned that the West End Theatre District is moving along with plans to build a fence around Although one thief of copper downspouts was apprehended by police, another one is still active in our area. Some neighbors commented on the plans for the Traylor Hotel building on Hamilton Street and related initiatives by the neighboring crime watch groups. Ev Habecker reported that she sent out eight letters to realtors who have homes for sale in our area.

Preserving Residential Character One Property at a Time

When a For Sale sign appears on your block, do you begin to wonder about who will move in? Most people do. The inevitable questions arise – “Who will buy the house?” “Will the new owners take care of the property and add to the value of all our homes?” “Is the realtor aware of the guidelines in effect in the Student Overlay District?”

In an effort to make realtors aware of how our neighborhood differs from others in the city, we send a letter to all realtors we know are selling properties in our neighborhood. Here's a portion of the letter we send.

“The student Overlay District was created to ‘protect the single family owner-occupied residential character of the immediate neighborhood surrounding an institution of higher learning’ as stated in the most recent revision of the City Zoning Ordinance. This designation prevents the occupation of single family residences by more than two students, among other restrictions. In the past, single family residences sold in the overlay area did not carry any notice of the overlay restrictions, as given in the Zoning Ordinance, Article 1327, Section JJ. We recommend that the multi-list entry carry the R-SO zoning designation if it does not already. In the meantime, we will be alert for family buyers for the home and will be directing them to you.” This is a way to make sure that homes in our neighborhood continue to comply with the City Zoning ordinance. If you become aware of a property for sale, please keep us informed at meetings so we all can continue to be alert.

Al and Ev Habecker work tirelessly to send out these letters. If you are aware of a house for sale, please call/email Al and Ev Habecker at 610-432-8032 aehabecker@yahoo.com.

Our next meeting:
Wednesday, September 14
7:00 P.M

Note: no July meeting

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church, 2135 Tilghman St.

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

Future Meetings:
Wednesday, October 12
Wednesday, November 9

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Third Thursday in the Theatre District

Third Thursday in the Theatre District showcases the charm of Allentown's West End Theatre District featuring dozens of unique shops, restaurants and businesses. Join your friends and neighbors at *Third Thursday in the Theatre District*, hosted by the West End Theatre District Business Network, on Thursday, September 15, from 5 to 8 p.m. for great food, one-of-a-kind shopping and entertainment.

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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 Jennifer Mann 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.

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. These reports only include crimes such as theft, suspicious motor vehicle, noise, burglary, or suspicious activity. 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.

July 1	2100 block Tilghman St.	Noise Complaint
July 2	2000 block Allen St.	Noise Complaint
July 3	2300 block Allen St.	Noise Complaint
July 3	400 block Ruhr St.	Noise Complaint
July 3	2300 block Utica St.	Criminal Mischief
July 4	1900 block Allen St..	Noise Complaint
July 4	2000 block Chew St.	Criminal Mischief
July 4	400 block Albright Ave.	Noise Complaint
July 4	2000 block Allen St.	Noise Complaint
July 4	2000 block Early St..	Noise Complaint
July 5	2400 block Tilghman St.	Fight
July 7	2400 block Tilghman St.	Theft Report
July 10	2200 block Andrew St.	Theft Report
July 10	2200 block Andrew St.	Noise Complaint
July 10	400 block 26th St.	Suspicious Activity
July 11	1900 block Allen St.	Suspicious Activity
July 13	100 block Ott St.	Criminal Mischief
July 14	1900 block Tilghman St.	Noise Complaint
July 17	600 block St. Elmo St.	Noise Complaint
July 18	2100 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Activity
July 19	2600 block Liberty St.	Theft Report
July 20	2500 block Andrew St..	Suspicious Activity
July 20	500 block 23rd St.	Juvenile Complaint
July 21	1900 block Andrew St.	Fight
July 21	200 block Lafayette St.	Suspicious Activity
July 21	2100 block Early St.	Theft Report
July 21	2200 block AllenSt.	Theft Report
July 23	600 block St. Lucas St.	Noise Complaint
July 25	2200 block Utica St.	Criminal Mischief
July 27	2200 block Andrew St.	Theft Report
July 28	2200 block Andrew St.	Suspicious Activity
July 29	2300 block Utica St.	Criminal Mischief
July 29	2300 block Andrew St.	Criminal Mischief
July 29	2200 block Allen St.	Criminal Mischief
July 29	2400 block Tilghman St.	Criminal Mischief
July 31	2200 block Andrew St.	Noise Complaint

Know Your Newspeople

Every month, newsletter carriers volunteer to deliver your newsletter to residents all over our neighborhood (grand total, 1100) . They deliver newsletters faithfully without ever complaining. Let's give them a round of applause! They are: Mildred Carr, Al and Ev Habecker, John Stribula, Jane Quell, Paul Krajcirik, Mike and Gretchen Krasley, Jeanne Faylor, Tom and Barbara Mulligan, Lud Schlecht, Matt Slifer, Alice and Bill Schaffer, Terri Ruth, Dick and Jane Snyder, Chris Kruk, Tom

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.