

Neighborhood News

August Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. After an extensive training course, PSA 2 Captain Morris was on hand to update us on recent police activity. The Allentown Police Department held a successful gun buy back which took 116 weapons off the streets of Allentown. Because of the program's success, another gun buy back program is planned for next year. The City has 209 police officers at this point and plans to have 216 by the end of 2012. A new group of bicycle officers are beginning patrols in our neighborhood. With the new college semester beginning soon, Captain Morris plans to meet with Muhlenberg College's Safety Director Gerken to devise a plan for school year 2012-13. City police were successful in catching several juveniles who committed armed robberies in our area. Captain Morris reminded neighbors to call the non-emergency number when they see any suspicious activity no



matter how insignificant it may seem. Such information can be useful in an ongoing police investigation, so report break-ins, thefts, etc. directly to the police non-emergency number (610 437-7751).

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.

06-02	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
06-04	Forcible Entry - Non-Residence	2000 Blk Chew St.
06-06	Noise Complaint	20th & Tilghman Sts.
06-08	Juvenile Complaints	500 Blk 19th St.
06-08	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	1900 Blk Allen St.
06-09	Noise Complaint	500 Blk N 21st St.
06-09	Stolen Auto, Local	23rd St & Gordon Sts.
06-11	Vandalism To Vehicles	2000 Blk Allen St.
06-14	Noise Complaint	500 Blk N 21st St.
06-14	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Allen St.
06-14	Theft	2600 Blk Parkway Blvd,
06-15	Theft From Auto	500 Blk 20th St.
06-15	Trespassing	600 Blk 25th St.
06-15	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Allen St.
06-15	Juvenile Complaints	20th & Allen Sts.
06-18	Vandalism To Vehicles	400 Blk Leh St.
06-18	Vandalism To Vehicles	2000 Blk Allen St.
06-19	Disturbance Other Than Family	2200 Blk Allen St.
06-20	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	Berks & Allen Sts.

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Our next meeting:
Wednesday, September 12
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.

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

Wednesday, October 10
Wednesday, November 14

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06-21	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2100 Blk Liberty St.
06-21	Vandalism To Residence -Domes	500 Blk 20th St.
06-21	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Chew St.
06-23	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk St Elmo St.
06-23	Theft From Auto	500 Blk 23rd St.
06-23	Graffiti To Vehicle	2000 Blk Allen St.
06-25	Disturbance Other Than Family	19th & Tilghman Sts.
06-26	Theft Of Bicycles	2400 Blk Allen St.
06-28	Theft From Auto	400 Blk 22nd St.
06-28	Theft From Auto	2100 Blk Gordon St.
06-28	Theft From Auto	2200 Blk Chew St.

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. Gretchen Krasley tries to send out these letters in a timely fashion. If you are aware of a house for sale, please call/email Gretchen at 610 821-7716, Gretchenkrasley@aol.com.

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, Ev Ha-becker, John Stribula, Jane Quell, Paul Krajcirik, Mike and Gretchen Krasley, Jeanne Faylor, Barbara Mulligan, Lud Schlecht, Matt Slifer, Alice and Bill Schaffer, Terri Ruth, , Chris Kruk, Tom Williams, Cindy Kelly, Carolyn Casciano, Pat O’Brien, and the Curry Family. We welcome two new newspeople - Jeff Hanselman and Jeff White. Lud Schlecht and Gretchen Krasley take turns distributing the newsletters to our newspeople.



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 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.