Neighborhood News

October Meeting Highlights

Tom Mulligan ran the meeting. Mary Ellen Koval, candidate for City Controller introduced herself to attendees. PSA 2 Captain Morris was on hand to update us on criminal activity in the neighborhood. The city and college have increased the number of officers on patrol. Security cameras placed on or near the college campus are all operational and viewable by campus and city police departments. City police officers have implemented more walking patrols around our neighborhood. Captain Morris noted that copper thefts continue to be a problem across the city. He said that area hardware stores sell straps that homeowners can use to secure downspouts to their homes. In addition, Allentown Police Detective Kelshaw is now in charge of copper thefts. Please call him if you have copper stolen from your property (610 437-7721). Captain Morris distributed information about the Medication Clean-up Campaign sponsored by the city, county district attorney's office and the police department. Held on October 29th at Wegmans, residents brought unused and expired household medications for disposal. Tom Mulligan's patrol of the neighborhood brought information about possible zoning and code violations. In preparation for the Mayor's Walk on October 19th, neighbors in attendance discussed their issues and proposed action/solution.
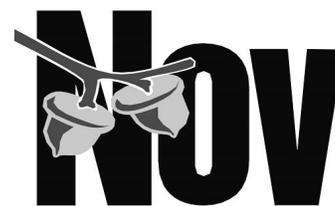
Become a Friend of the Allentown Parks

Friends of the Allentown Parks was founded in 2008 to foster greater appreciation and public use of Allentown's parks and recreation system. The regional, nonprofit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization is made up of citizens and business leaders committed to enhancing Allentown's park facilities, services and recreation programs for the enjoyment of everyone. There are many ways you can support the Friends of the Allentown Parks by becoming a Volunteer in the Parks (VIP): Phone: 610-432-7275; Email: info@allentownparks.org.
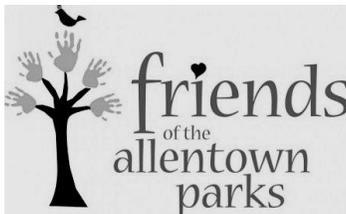
Help Allentown Celebrate its 250th Anniversary

Volunteers are needed in many areas. Visit the website, www.allentownpa.gov/250 for complete information about this year long celebration and upcoming events.

<u>C</u>itizens <u>H</u>elping <u>E</u>liminate <u>C</u>rime   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.
See current crime reports on page 2.

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

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, December 14
Wednesday, January 11

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Tom Mulligan 610 433-1512

Conducting meetings: Rotating responsibility

Presidents' Council meetings:
Tom Burke 610 432-4079

Real Estate Sales Letters: Al and Ev Habecker 610-432-8032, aehabecker@yahoo.com

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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.

Date	Location	Type
9-01	2300 block Allen St.	Noise Complaint
9-03	200 block 20th St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-03	1900 block Allen St.	Juvenile Complaints
9-06	2200 block Liberty St.	Vehicle Alarm Ringing
9-08	600 block St Lucas St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-09	2000 block Liberty St.	Noise Complaint
9-10	2100 block Liberty St.	Disturbance Other than Family
9-10	2500 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-10	300 block 22nd St.	Noise Complaint
9-11	2500 block Tilghman St.	Vehicle Alarm Ringing
9-14	2000 block Allen St.	Vandalism to Vehicles
9-17	2100 block Liberty St.	Noise Complaint
9-17	2100 block Liberty St.	Noise Complaint
9-18	2300 block Allen St.	Noise Complaint
9-19	2000 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-20	500 block 25th St.	Graffiti to Property
9-20	500 block 25th St.	Graffiti to Property
9-20	500 block Muhlenberg St.	Graffiti to Property
9-22	600 block St Lucas St.	Noise Complaint
9-22	300 block 22nd St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-23	600 block Berks St.	Theft from Auto
9-23	2000 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-23	20th St / Turner St.	Vandalism to Vehicles
9-24	200 block 20th St.	Theft from Auto
9-24	2000 block Tilghman St.	Juvenile Complaints
9-24	2100 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-26	2000 block Liberty St.	Theft from Auto
9-28	2300 block Tilghman St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-29	1900 block Allen St.	Disturbance Other than Family
9-29	1900 block Allen St.	Forcible Entry/Non-Residence
9-29	2000 block Chew St.	Disturbance Other than Family
9-30	500 block Lafayette St.	Theft from Auto
9-30	2600 block Gordon St.	Forcible Entry/Residence
9-30	2200 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-30	1900 block Allen St.	Disturbance Other than Family
9-30	2000 block Liberty St.	Suspicious Auto, Noise, Person
9-30	22nd St / Allen St.	Stolen Auto

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. **Forcible Entry** Another term for burglary, where someone had to use some sort of force to enter the home/business (i.e. prying a door/window, smashing a window, cutting a hole in the roof).

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

Walk with the Mayor!

On October 19th, from 30 - 6:30 pm, Mayor Pawlowski, residents, led by Lud Schlecht, and city officials walked through our neighborhood to gain an understanding of our neighborhood's needs and issues.