

Neighborhood News



**Our next meeting:
Wednesday, December 10
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.

Join your neighbors at our next meeting to celebrate the holidays. Bring some holiday treats to share with friends old and new. Beverages will be provided.



**Future Meetings:
Wednesday, January 14
Wednesday, February 11**

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November Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. PSA 2 Captain Gail Stuss and Officer Matthews were in attendance. Captain Struss reported about continued daytime burglaries. She advised us to lock doors at all times, set alarms if we have them, and lock cars after taking valuable items such as laptops and phones with us. If you can invest in a light with a motion sensor, it is an added deterrent to crime. If there's a vacant property in your area and you notice newspapers piling up, recycle them to discourage criminals. We are all reminded not to hesitate to call the non-emergency number (610 437-7751) to report any suspicious activity. Captain Struss reminded us about the C.A.T. (Combat Auto Theft) program which provides auto owners who don't drive between midnight and 8 a.m. with an ID sticker for their car to alert police who observe their car during those hours that it might be stolen. Call 610-437-7721 for more details. PSA 3 Captain Reinik is spearheading Project Lifesaver, a program which is designed to require people who wander from their homes to wear a tracking bracelet. For more information, call 610-437-7713. Neighbors are reminded to use the Medical Return Box in the lobby of the police station at 10th and Hamilton Streets. Remove prescription labels or blacken your name before depositing in the bin. The lobby is open 24/7. Captain Struss distributed copies of Tip 411, a list of questions that police and non-emergency personnel might ask you when you call in a crime or suspicious activity (Emergency - 911; Non-emergency-610 437-7751; Text tip 847411). Knowing in advance what you'll be asked can help you provide the most complete information. You can get a copy of the tip sheet at the next meeting.

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.

09-02	Theft of Auto Accessories	600 Blk St Elmo St.
09-02	Theft from Auto	2300 Blk Allen St.
09-03	Noise Complaint	400 Blk Ott St.
09-08	Forcible Entry	2400 Blk Liberty St.
09-13	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Tilghman St.
09-14	Noise Complaint	600 Blk St Elmo St.
09-15	Vandalism to Vehicles	300 Blk 27th St.
09-18	Noise Complaint	2000 Blk Liberty St.
09-21	Theft of Auto Accessories	400 Blk Leh St.
09-21	Other Larceny/Theft	2400 Blk Chew St.
09-21	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Tilghman St.

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09-22	Noise Complaint	2000 Blk Liberty St.
09-23	Disturbance other than Family	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
09-28	Noise Complaint	400 Blk 22nd St.
09-29	Theft from Auto	2500 Blk Tilghman St.
10-02	Theft from Auto	2500 Blk Tilghman St.
10-02	Theft from Buildings	2300 Blk Liberty St.
10-11	Noise Complaint	300 Blk 22nd St.
10-15	Noise Complaint	400 Blk 22nd St.
10-18	Vandalism to Vehicles	2400 Blk Tilghman St.
10-18	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Allen St.
10-21	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	500 Blk St Elmo St.
10-22	Disturbance other than Family	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-24	Juvenile Complaints	2000 Blk Allen St.
10-26	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Allen St.
10-28	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2400 Blk Tilghman St.
10-30	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk 23rd 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.

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).



Got a house for sale or rent in your neighborhood? Gretchen Krasley sends out letters to realtors and owners about the student overlay guidelines. If you see a For Sale or For Rent sign, call Gretchen at 610-821-7716, or email her at Gretchenkrasley@aol.com. Thanks, Gretchen for helping to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood.

We Need Newsletter Carriers

Want to get more exercise? There's a way to do that and help the neighborhood at the same time. Consider delivering our newsletter. Most of our routes take less than an hour each month. If you're interested, call Gretchen Krasley (610-821-7716).



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

