

Neighborhood News



January Meeting Highlights

Lud Schlecht ran the meeting. Allentown PSA 2 Captain Gail Struss was in attendance. She reported that crimes in our area were down 16% last year! Continued vigilance is the watchword. She advised us to lock doors at all times, set alarms if we have them, and to 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. There is a Medical Return Box at the APD patrol station at 10th & Hamilton for the purpose of turning in unused and/or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, lotions, and liquids. Please place lotions and liquids in plastic bags. The box is accessible 24/7/365 at the station. Neighbors are reminded to remove labels from medications before depositing them in the Medical Return Box.

Our special guest for the evening was PA Representative Michael Schlossberg. He told the group that his top priority is improvement of our schools. Members present had an opportunity to ask him questions about his work at the PA House of Representatives. Representative Schlossberg invited members of the audience to visit his local office at 2030 Tilghman St. (Suite 100) to get help with issues with state government, requests for literature, applications for PennDOT needs, auto registration, driver's licenses, and photo IDs. For a complete list of issues with which Representative Schlossberg and his staff can help you, call his office at 610-821-6104.

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 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.

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.

Our next meeting:
Wednesday, February 11
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, March 11
Wednesday, April 8

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Conducting meetings: Rotating responsibility

Presidents' Council meetings: Tom Burke 610 432-4079

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12-01	Disturbance other than Family	2200 Blk Allen St.
12-10	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
12-12	Other Larceny/Theft	600 Blk Berks St.
12-13	Noise Complaint	400 Blk 22nd St.
12-21	Noise Complaint	2000 Blk Liberty St.
12-27	Vandalism to Vehicles	400 Blk 22nd St.
12-27	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2200 Blk Allen St.
12-28	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
12-28	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Allen St.
12-31	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Liberty 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).

Know Your Newspeople

Every month, newsletter carriers volunteer to deliver your newsletter to residents all over our neighborhood (grand total, 1000). They deliver newsletters faithfully without ever complaining. Let's give them a round of applause! They are: Mildred Carr, Ev Habecker, John Stribula, Paul Krajcirik, Mike and Gretchen Krasley, Jeanne Faylor, Barbara Mulligan, Jeff Hanselman, Jeff White, Lud Schlecht, Jiselle Habash, Matt Slifer, Larry Hirsch, Terri Ruth, Chris Kruk, Tom Williams, Cindy Kelly, Pat O'Brien, Ethel Lawless, Elizabeth Galarza, and the Curry Family. Lud Schlecht and Gretchen Krasley take turns distributing the newsletters to our newspeople.



We Need More 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-

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.



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 610 437-7638
- 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 via email (Gretchenkrasley@aol.com).

