

Neighborhood News

April Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police PSA 2 Captain Struss and Officer Benner were on hand to update us on crimes in our area. Captain Struss informed us that most recent crimes could have been prevented by informed protective behavior on the part of citizens. Crime prevention includes locked car doors and house windows/doors and removal of any valuables (cash, electronics, etc.) from parked cars. Captain Struss reported that the theft of tires and rims city-wide seems to be done by a professional group of thieves. Be on the look out for a van or truck that is driving slowly around your neighborhood, especially during the day. In general, report any suspicious behavior to the police non-emergency number (610-437-7751). Gretchen Krasley reported that she sent out ten letters to owners/realtors who have houses for sale. The letters inform them of the Student Overlay District guidelines.

Mark Lang, Featured Speaker

Mr. Lang spoke to the audience about the LVenture Charter School. Proposed to open with grades 6-9 in September, 2015, this free public charter school employs a hands-on approach to student problem solving. Projects are student-driven and teacher-facilitated. This approach is modeled from nationally recognized schools in Texas, California, and Rhode Island. The standards upon which the charter is created are supported by the Hewlett Foundation and George Lucas' Edutopia. Mr. Lang answered questions from the group and distributed brochures about LVenture. More information is available at <http://lventure.org>.



**Our next meeting:
Wednesday, May 14**

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, June 11

Note: No meeting in July

Wednesday, August 13

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.

Happy Anniversary!

The Muhlenberg Area Community Watch has been active for twenty-one years. At a recent city-wide Leonard Buck Dinner, our group was recognized for over two decades of "benefiting the safety and welfare of Allentown residents and visitors." You are a part of this legacy and should share in the pride we feel in taking care of our neighborhood!

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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.

03-03	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	23rd & Liberty Sts.
03-04	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Allen St.
03-11	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	Albright Ave. & Gordon St.
03-11	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	23rd & Allen Sts.
03-12	Theft from Auto	2000 Blk Allen St.
03-13	Theft from Buildings	2200 Blk Liberty St.
03-15	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	20th & Tilghman Sts.
03-15	Disturbance other than Family	2400 Blk Liberty St.
03-15	Disturbance other than Family	2200 Blk Liberty St.
03-15	Disturbance other than Family	600 Blk Lafayette St.
03-15	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Tilghman St.
03-16	Disturbance other than Family	400 Blk Albright Ave.
03-21	Noise Complaint	2000 Blk Liberty St.
03-22	Vandalism to Vehicles	2300 Blk Allen St.
03-22	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Allen St.
03-22	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Allen St.
03-23	Noise Complaint	400 Blk Leh St.
03-23	Noise Complaint	23rd & Allen Sts.
03-23	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	Leh & Allen Sts.
03-23	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Liberty St.
03-23	Disturbance other than Family	2000 Blk Liberty St.
03-24	Other Vandalism	600 Blk 23rd St.
03-24	Other Larceny/Theft	2200 Blk Tilghman St.
03-25	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Tilghman St.
03-25	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Tilghman St.
03-27	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Allen St.

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.

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.

What's Happening at the Allentown Public Library at 12th and Hamilton Streets?

Jovanny Paredes from Senior Life –Bingo & info on Senior Living

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 2-3 pm ADULTS FREE

William Allen Chorale

May 14, 2014, 7-8 pm ALL AGES FREE

Adult Book Group Discussion

WHEN: Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 6 pm

Check with library for book to be discussed. FREE

School of Rock: Music Concepts for Preschoolers

Thursdays – June 5, 12, 17, 26, 6:30-7:30 pm

Must register at 610-8290249 ext 3.

PRESCHOOLERS FREE

Al Grout: Magician/Juggler

WHEN: Saturday, June 7, 2014, 2-3pm

ALL AGES FREE

