

Neighborhood News



June Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Sergeant McAfee reported on crime trends in our area. While the number of crimes in our area is somewhat lower, officers advise us to remain vigilant. Police want us to be aware of continued crimes of opportunity. Thieves ring front doorbells and if there's no answer, break in at back doors of houses. Before leaving your house, try to make it look like you're home. Turn on the TV or radio and turn on lights with timers. If you park your car in a garage and leave the keys in the car thinking your car is safe in a locked garage, think again! Thieves break into garages and drive the cars away! You are advised to lock doors at all times, set alarms if you have them, and lock cars after taking valuable items such as laptops and phones with you. If you are expecting a package and you know you won't be home when it's delivered, ask a neighbor to take care of it for you. Another tip is to secure windows with air conditioners, another entry point for thieves. If you can invest in a light with a motion sensor, it is an added deterrent to crime. We are all reminded not to hesitate to call the non-emergency number (610.437.7751) to report any suspicious activity. The recent Drug Take Back event yielded 1,504 pounds of medications. Neighbors are still invited 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.

Tree Planting in Our Neighborhood

At our June 8th meeting, Allentown's Arborist, Rick Howells, talked to us about the process of planting and managing trees in the city. He reminded us that neighborhoods with abundant trees have significantly fewer crimes than those without. Researchers think that this is because green spaces have a calming effect and encourage people to spend more time with their neighbors outdoors, bolstering community trust. For these and other reasons, trees are an asset to our neighborhood. Neighbors interested in hearing more about participating in a tree-planting project have contacted Gretchen Krasley by email. In order for a tree-planting project to get started, Mr. Howells has to write and receive a grant specifying details about the needs and locations. If you are interested in joining neighbors in getting informed about this project, contact us by email, gretchenkrasley@gmail.com. Progress on this project will appear in future newsletters.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, August 10
7:00 P.M

**Guest Speakers from
Muhlenberg College:**
*Jan Schumacher, Director
of Residential Services*
*Brian Fidati, Director of
Campus Safety*

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, September 14
Wednesday, October 12

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Why Is It Called Student Overlay District?

The Muhlenberg Area Community Watch area is called an Overlay District because it imposes new regulations on top of the existing Residential Zone regulations. The purpose of the Overlay District is to “protect the single family owner occupied residential character of the immediate neighborhood surrounding an institution of higher learning, while permitting the residence of students ‘off-campus’ proximate to the institution. It is the intent of the district to protect the character of the area, and diminish those influences which infringe on the quiet enjoyment of single family owner occupied residences such as noise, litter, overcrowding, additional parking needs, and lack of maintenance of the structures and their grounds.”

Grandfathered/Non-Conforming Student Residences

Address	Type	Owner (Mgt.)
2145 Chew	SF Twin	M. College
2147 Chew	SF Twin	M. College
2127 Gordon	SF Twin	McCauley
2055 Liberty	SF Row	Coles
2120 Liberty	SF Twin	Young
2201 Liberty	SF Twin	Hamati/Leigh
2203 Liberty	SF Twin	Hamati
2227 Liberty	SF Twin	Abujaber
2251 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2305 Liberty	SF Twin	McCauley
2315 Liberty	SF Twin	M. College
2333 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2411 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2102 Allen	SF Detach	Miller
2303 Allen	SF Twin	Gross
2305 Allen	SF Twin	Gross
2415 Allen	SF Twin	McCauley
513 N. 21	SF Twin	Karaisz
323 N. 22	SF Twin	M. College
325 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
416 N. 22	SF Twin	Karaisz
418 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
420 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
430 N. 22	SF Twin	Baechle
436 N. 22	SF Twin	McCauley
527 N. 22	SF Twin	Neeler (McCauley)
423 N. Leh	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
425 N. Leh	SF Twin	McCauley
423 N. 23	SF Twin	M. College
427 N. 23	SF Twin	M. College
439 N. 23	SF Twin	M. College

Total = 30SF homes, 120students

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) or email her at gretchenkrasley@gmail.com.



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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-.531
 - 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 via email (Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com).

