

Neighborhood News

December Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Officer Bull was in attendance. He reported about continued crimes of opportunity. He 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 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. Allentown Police officers have given us 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. Neighbors asked if they can get a report from police after they respond to a complaint call. If you are the reporting party, you are allowed to ask for a report. 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.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, January 13
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, February 10
Wednesday, March 9

Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime	CHEC✓MATE
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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.

At the time of printing, December's crime reports weren't available. Please look for an update in the February newsletter.

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Why Is It Called Student Overlay District?

It 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	Link
2120 Liberty	SF Twin	Young
2201 Liberty	SF Twin	Fayez/Hamati
2203 Liberty	SF Twin	Fayez/Hamati
2227 Liberty	SF Twin	Abujaber
2251 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2305 Liberty	SF Twin	McCauley
2333 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2411 Liberty	SF Detach	M. College
2102 Allen	SF Detach	Miller
2303 Allen	SF Twin	Melandandri
2305 Allen	SF Twin	Melandandri
2415 Allen	SF Twin	McCauley
513 N. 21	SF Twin	Severo
323 N. 22	SF Twin	M. College
325 N. 22	SF Twin	Silsbee/Kunz
416 N. 22	SF Twin	Severo
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 = 30 SF homes, 120 students

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 via email (Gretchenkrasley@aol.com).

