

Neighborhood News

May Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Service Area II Captain Steven Vangelo reported on crime trends in our area. While the number of crimes in our area are 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.

Got Shade?

There is nothing more pleasant than walking along a shaded street this time of year. In addition to beauty, trees add to the quality of life in any neighborhood. Researchers at the Davey Institute found that urban trees and forests are saving an average of one life every year per city because of the particulates that they remove from the air. Forests provide natural filtration and storage systems that process nearly two-thirds of the water supply in the United States. Burning fossil fuels puts heat-trapping carbon dioxide into our atmosphere, changing our climate in dangerous ways. Planting trees can slow down this process. 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 and city. Join us on June 8th to hear Allentown's Arborist, Rick Howells talk about the process of planting and managing trees in the city.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, June 8
7:00 P.M

Guest Speaker
Rick Howells
Arborist for
the City of Allentown

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:
No meeting in July
Wednesday, August 10
Wednesday, September 14

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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 you 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.

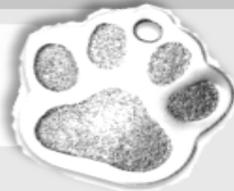
Crime Reports

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, recent crime reports weren't available. Please look for an update in an upcoming newsletter.

License Your Dog. It's the Law!

2016 Annual Dog Licenses
may be obtained at the
following locations:



Lehigh County Humane Society
610 Dixon Street
Allentown, PA 18103 / Ph# 610.797.1205

Allentown Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste
1400 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Allentown, PA 18102 / Ph# 610.437.7535

Lehigh County Fiscal Office
(Lifetime and Duplicate Licenses only)
17 S. 17th Street, Room 119
Allentown, PA 18101 / Ph# 610.782.3112

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.



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@gmail.com).

