

Neighborhood News

February Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Service Area II Captain Steven Vangelo and Officer Tal Cashatt were on hand to update us on crime in our area. Captain Vangelo announced that a new Citizens Police Academy will run from April 4th through May 26th. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings primarily at the Police Academy 2110 Park Drive. Interested parties may get applications and detailed information at <http://www.allentownpa.gov/Police/Police-Academy/Civilian-Police-Academy>. Officers want us to be aware of continued crimes of opportunity. They have 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.

Concerned about Lead Levels in Pennsylvania?

Media reports about lead levels in our state continue to cause concerns for the health of citizens, especially children. Pennsylvania ranks second highest in the US for elevated lead levels in children. Come to our meeting on March 9th to hear more about this critical health issue.



**Our next meeting:
Wednesday, March 9
7:00 P.M**

**Guest Speaker
Vicky Kistler
Director of the Allentown Health
Bureau**

**Lead Poisoning:
Issues and Solutions**

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, April 13
Wednesday, May 11**

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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 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, January and February 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

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 consid-
ered "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.

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).



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).

