

# Neighborhood News

## April Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. Allentown Police Service Area II Captain Steven Vangelo attended the meeting. 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. 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.



**Our next meeting:**  
**Wednesday, May 11**  
**7:00 P.M**

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8**  
*No meeting in July*  
**Wednesday, August 10**



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## George Grazer, Jr., Manager of On-Street for the Allentown Parking Authority Spoke About Parking Concerns

Neighbors in attendance had an opportunity to hear Mr. Grazer talk about the responsibilities of the authority and to ask questions about parking issues in their area of the neighborhood. Parking Authority personnel are responsible for on-street parking, off-street parking in garages owned and maintained by APA, and the customer service department (residential permits, blocking off streets, etc). The APA Office is located at 603 W. Linden Street. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Tuesday 8 am to 6 pm; and Friday 7 am to 4:30 pm. The Allentown Parking Authority generally enforces parking Monday through Saturday from 8 am through 10 pm city wide, although enforcement is not limited to those hours. To have an illegally parked vehicle ticketed anytime, call the Communication Center at (610) 437-7751. To neighbors who asked about violations such as cars parked too close to stop signs or corners, parking on grass between curb and sidewalk and parking on sidewalks Mr. Grazer suggested calling APA or the Communication Center. Parking on grass (not on a paved area) is also a violation. Questions arose about alley parking. If a vehicle blocks traffic, or blocks entrance to or egress from a garage (in front of the garage or across the alley) the owner can be issued a ticket. Do you ever wonder how far away from the curb you can park legally? Mr. Grazer answered that in the city, anything greater than six inches is too far. In other areas of Pennsylvania, the legal distance is twelve inches. There is a mobile app, called Mobile NOW! for smart phones that allows people to pay for a numbered parking meter through the app. For more information about the Allentown Parking Authority, visit the website at [www.allentownparking.com](http://www.allentownparking.com).



## 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.

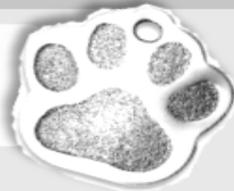
### Crime Reports

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](mailto: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](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com)).

