

# Neighborhood News

## October Meeting Highlights

Gretchen Krasley ran the meeting. While the number of crimes in our area is somewhat lower, police officers advise us to remain vigilant. Officer Mertz reported that three BB gun shooters who shot out car and house windows have been caught and arrested. If this happened to you and you have made a complaint to the police department, please know that there were many complaints and processing may take a while. 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. PSA 2 Captain Vangelo announced a drug take back event on October 22nd. Citizens were invited to deposit prescription medications at two locations: Redner's Market, 1201 Airport Road and Giant Food Store, 3015 W. Emmaus Avenue. 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.

**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.



**Our next meeting:**  
**Wednesday, November 9**  
**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, December 14**  
**Wednesday, January 11**



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## 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. The location will be given by block only.

10-04	Vandalism	2600 Blk Gordon St.
10-05	Disturbance Other Than Family	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-06	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	2000 Blk Allen St.
10-06	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Tilghman St.
10-07	Stolen Auto	500 Blk 21st St.
10-09	Disturbance Other Than Family	600 Blk St Elmo St.
10-12	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Gordon St.
10-12	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Gordon St.
10-13	Suspicious Auto, Noises, Person	600 Blk 23rd St.
10-15	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-15	Noise Complaint	1900 Blk Allen St.
10-15	Noise Complaint	2300 Blk Tilghman St.
10-15	Disturbance Other Than Family	400Blk 22nd St.
10-23	Noise Complaint	2200 Blk Liberty St.
10-25	Disturbance Other Than Family	2000 Blk Tilghman St.
10-28	Noise Complaint	2400 Blk Liberty St.
10-29	Noise Complaint	400 Blk Albright Ave.
10-30	Noise Complaint	2100 Blk Allen St.

**Theft:** stealing items from vehicles or from outdoor areas.

**Burglary:** illegal entry into a home or business to steal items.

**Disturbance Other than Family:** Any disturbance between two people that are not related - neighbors, friends, store clerk/patron (Domestic Disturbances are tracked separately).

**Vandalism to Residence** Any form of criminal mischief that is done directly to a house or residence.



Got a house for sale or rent in your neighborhood? Gretchen Krasley sends out letters to realtors and owners about the student overlay guidelines. If you see a For Sale or For Rent sign, call Gretchen at 610-821-7716, or email her at [Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com).

## Tree Planting in Our Neighborhood

On September 22nd, Allentown's Arborist, Rick Howells, talked to interested neighbors about the process of planting and managing trees in our neighborhood. In order for a tree-planting project to continue, Mr. Howells has to write and receive a grant specifying details about the needs and locations for future tree planting. You'll receive updates in future newsletters about the grant. If accepted, we will be planting later in 2017.



## 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](mailto:gretchenkrasley@gmail.com)).

