

# Neighborhood News

## November Meeting Highlights

PSA 2 Captain Charles Roca updated us on crimes in our area. Captain Roca emphasizes how important it is that the community and the police department continue to work together to resolve neighborhood problems. You can email Captain Roca with neighborhood concerns at [charles.roca@allentownpa.gov](mailto:charles.roca@allentownpa.gov). Police advise us to remain vigilant. Before leaving your house, 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 don't leave the keys in the car thinking your car is safe in a locked garage. 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. Secure windows with air conditioners, an 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 or crime in progress. As always, in an emergency, call 9-1-1. **If you see something, say something.**



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

**Guest Speaker:  
Suzanne Toth  
Crime Prevention Officer,  
Allentown Police Department**

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, January 8  
Wednesday, February 12**

## Tatiana Tooley, Human Relations Officer for Allentown

Tatiana joined us in November to talk about how important neighborhood groups are in preventing crime. She also talked about protected classes of people who may be discriminated against because of age, sex, background, race, disability among others. If you feel you've been discriminated against, reach out to Tatiana at 484.553.2278 or [Tatiana.Tooley@allentownpa.gov](mailto:Tatiana.Tooley@allentownpa.gov).

## Door to door delivery ends with this issue!

You can get our newsletter delivered to your email address. Join the growing list of neighbors who get neighborhood information via email. For your security, all group emails are done as blind copies. No one else in the email group will see your email address. Also available via email at any time are phone numbers, the new neighbor tip sheet, or other recurring newsletter pieces. Email [gretchenkrasley@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenkrasley@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

## Thank You, Faithful Newsletter Carriers!

Some of these neighbors have been delivering the news to your doorstep for more than ten years. They now have a well-deserved extra hour every month! Give a hand to Elizabeth Galarza, Chris Kruk, Tom Williams, Larry Hirsch, the Mushrush family, the Laudenslager family, Paul Krajcirik, John Stribula, Matt Slifer, the Woolley family, Roxanne Lentz, Lud Schlecht, Jeanne Faylor, Cindy Kelly, and Barb Claypool.



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## Holiday Crime Prevention Tips - Parking Lots

We are all distracted by the upcoming holidays. If you're shopping early or just shopping in general, follow these tips:

- Prior to arrival at the parking lot, lock all valuables in your car trunk.
- Only carry charge/credit cards you know you'll need for this shopping trip.
- Shop in daylight hours if possible.
- Do not park next to a vehicle with dark tinted windows.
- Park in high visibility or well-lit areas.
- Watch for people who may be following you inside or outside malls.
- Be cautious of people handing out fliers or asking shoppers questions.
- Leave the store with others; ask security to escort you to your car if you feel uncomfortable.
- Have your keys ready in your hand before getting to your car; do not fumble for them in your pocket or purse.
- Drive away immediately; don't sit in your car to record a purchase.



## 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 610.393.8801, or email her at [Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com). Thanks, Gretchen for helping to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood.



*Join your neighbors at our next meeting to celebrate the holidays. Bring some holiday treats to share with friends old and new. Beverages will be provided*



## Recycling Update from Kristin Baringer Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste:

### NEW! Allentown partnering with Retrievr

Allentown residents now have the option to recycle clothing and electronics at your door step.



(Fees for pickup of TVs and CRT monitors)

TEXT "pickup" to 757-70-FETCH (33824)

# retrievr



## Phone Numbers to Know

Allentown Parking Authority 610.349.0400  
Autism Information 610.737.9357  
City Information Desk 610.439.5999  
Code Enforcement 610.437.7694  
Code Enforcement Rental Licensing 610.437.7694  
Community Problems (neighbor disputes) 610.437.7616  
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 610.437.7638  
Muhlenberg College Campus Safety  
Emergency 484.664.3110  
Non-emergency 484.664.3112  
Police Calls (non-emergency) 610.437.7751\*  
PSA 2 Captain Roca 610.437.7713  
Rental Unit Inspections 610.437.7695  
Sewer Back-up 610.437.7515  
Sewer Emergencies after hours 610.437.7515  
State Representative Michael Schlossberg 610.821.5577  
SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610.437.8729  
Weeds/Grass Overgrowth 610.437.7604  
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.