

Neighborhood News

August Meeting Highlights

PSA 2 Sergeant John Leonard III updated us on crimes in our area and emphasized how important it is that the community and the police department continue to work together to resolve neighborhood problems. You can email Sergeant Leonard with neighborhood concerns at John.Leonard@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.

Remember: If you see something, say something.

Welcome, Muhlenberg College Representatives!

If you have any concerns/questions you'd like our guests to speak about please email them to gretchenkrasley@gmail.com ahead of the September 15th zoom meeting.



**Our next meeting:
Wednesday, September 15
7:00 P.M**

**Special guests include
Muhlenberg College
representatives**

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom*

We invite residents of any neighborhood in the city to join us!

**Future Meetings:
Wednesday, September 15
Wednesday, October 20**

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. Request a CHEC-Mate card by calling 610.437.7522. You will receive your card with a number assigned specifically to you. When you call the communications center, you give only the CHEC-MATE number on your card. CHEC-Mate is a confidential way of reporting crime to help make your neighborhood safer!

Where's my newsletter?

Newsletter delivery to homes ended in December 2020, but you can get the newsletter delivered to your email address. 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, new crime prevention tips from APD, or other recurring newsletter pieces. Email gretchenkrasley@gmail.com to be added to the list.

* If you aren't part of our zoom meeting network, please email gretchenkrasley@gmail.com to be included. Look for emailed reminders for future meetings.



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tip 411

Want to submit an anonymous tip to the Allentown Police Department? The APD app provides the community the ability to submit tips. The app also displays crime alerts.

Go to www.allentownpa.gov/Police or the App Store to download the app, "Allentown PD." You can also use your phone to text your tip to 847411. Police remind us to use 610.437.7751 for non-emergencies and 9-1-1 for emergencies.

How safe are you?

Here's a list of crime prevention tips in the form of questions that Crime Prevention Officer Toth shared at a recent meeting. They will guide you toward making your property safer from crime.



- Do you have any motion lights outside around your house and garage?
- Did you leave a porch light on while you're away?
- Did you lock your doors and windows?
- If you have an alarm, do you set the alarm when you leave the house?
- Does your alarm company and the city have updated contact information in case your alarm goes off and they need to contact a keyholder?
- Is your garage locked?
- Is your car locked in your garage?
- Do you have a spare key in your vehicle- bad idea!
- Are the bushes cut down around your house so no one can hide in them?
- When going on vacation- did you notify your neighbors and police department to do a vigilance check of your property.
- Do you have any lights on timers in your house?
- If its winter now, did you remove any window air conditioners?

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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).



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 Sergeant Leonard 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.