

Neighborhood News

Kudos for MACW Neighbors and Friends!

It is with great pleasure for us to announce that neighbors Jim Higgins (in the photo in combat gear) and Dale Brace have completed Allentown Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy training. Both Jim and Dale report that the topics and information presented were really valuable. If you're interested in the next academy visit www.allentownpa.gov/police for more information.



Our very own PSA2 Sergeant John Leonard III was honored at the 37th Annual Leonard Buck Awards Banquet with the Allentown Crime Watch Ben Gress Distinguished Police Officer of the Year Award. That's a proud Sergeant Leonard and Gretchen Krasley after he received the award.

April Meeting Highlights

APD Sergeant Leonard reminds us how important it is that the community and the police department work together to resolve neighborhood problems. 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. See more safety tips on page 2. Don't hesitate to call the non-emergency number (610.437.7751) to report any suspicious activity or crime in progress. Police ask that you email them (email address below) after you call the non-emergency number. Sergeant Leonard reminded us to read his monthly email updates for crime prevention tips. As always, in an emergency, call 9-1-1. You can email Sergeant Leonard with neighborhood concerns at John.Leonard@allentownpa.gov.

Remember: If you see something, say something.



Our next zoom meeting:

**Wednesday, May 17
7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, June 21

No meeting in July

Wednesday, August 16

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

MACW Contact Information:

Gretchen Krasley
610.393-8801
Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com

The Allentown Police Recommend this Nightly Safety Routine





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.

APD on Social Media

Find updates between meetings/newsletters on social media. Chief Roca has a podcast, "Allentown Police on the Road," with monthly updates on YouTube!



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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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 610.437.7719. 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!

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.