

# Neighborhood News

## September 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](mailto:John.Leonard@allentownpa.gov).

**Remember: If you see something, say something.**

## Got Shade?

We give a big thank you to Kyle Sergeant, City Construction Operations Manager, for joining us on September 20th to answer questions about street trees.

### Highlights:

- After new trees have been planted in the space between the curb and sidewalk, the city does watering and the first two trimmings.
- Pruning of trees and repair of sidewalks is the homeowner's responsibility.
- A homeowner or group of homeowners can get a permit for tree work by contacting the Dept. of Public Works (610-437-7596).
- A tree inspector will make a visit to verify the work to be done.
- When a permit is issued, homeowners select a city-licensed, certified business to do the work after getting pricing from more than one company.
- After completion, homeowners contact the Dept. of Public Works for a final inspection.
- Homeowners are encouraged to consider drivers' clear view of oncoming traffic when planting on the edges or corners of their properties.



**Planning to vote? Know if you're registered?  
Just moved here and want to find your polling  
place? Registration deadline: 10/23/23.**

Visit [vote.gov](https://vote.gov) and follow prompt to  
[pavoterservices.pa.gov](https://pavoterservices.pa.gov) to get answers.



**Our next zoom meeting:  
Wednesday, October 18  
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:  
November 15  
December 20**

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

## MACW Contact Information:

Gretchen Krasley  
610.393-8801  
[Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com](mailto:Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com)

## The Allentown Police Recommend





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](http://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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### 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)).



### 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.