

Neighborhood News

August Meeting Highlights

APD Sergeant Leonard reported that city-wide, crime levels are down. Officers have gotten 115 guns off the street in 2013, and are working diligently to get dirt bikes off streets as well. 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.

Got Shade?

August meeting tree discussion highlights:

- What is the homeowner's responsibility for care of trees between curb and sidewalk?
- What is the procedure for using a tree service to care for trees?
- How is liability handled when a neighbor's tree/branch falls and causes damage to car or house?
- How does the city provide pruning of branches?
- How does the city repair sidewalks that are lifted by tree roots?
- How can residents get new trees on their block?
- When a tree has been cut down and the roots are still there causing damage, what's done about that?
- Are there grants available to help defray the costs of tree care?
- For over forty years, the Arbor Day Foundation has designated Allentown as a Tree City USA.

Join our zoom meeting Wednesday the 20th at 7:00 to hear city experts answer these questions and help us understand the city's Shade Tree Ordinance.



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 and follow prompt to pavoterservices.pa.gov to get answers.



**Our next zoom meeting:
Wednesday, September 20
7:00 P.M.**

Special Guests:
Allentown Shade Tree Commission's
Kyle Sergent
City Construction Operations Manager
Matt Kuntzman
City Forester

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:
October 18
November 15

***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.**

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 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).



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.