January, 2024



November Meeting Highlights (December meeting cancelled due to the holiday)

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.

A Note of Safety from the Allentown Police



Drug Take-Back Day Can be Everyday!

Protect our drinking water by disposing of medications properly. Avoid flushing expired or unwanted medications which contaminates the water supply.



Take your unwanted/expired medications in the original container or zip-loc bag with your personal information marked out with permanent marker.

Everyday options in our area:

Walgreens—1702 W. Tilghman St., Give to pharmacist. CVS—1601 W. Liberty St., drop box in pharmacy. Giant—3070 W. Tilghman St., Pharmacy has special bags you can use to dissolve meds and throw them safely in the trash.



Our next zoom meeting: Wednesday, January 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!

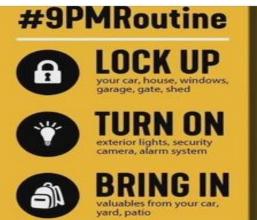
> Future Meetings: February 21 March 20

*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





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.

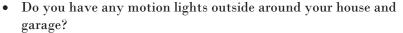
APD on Social Media

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.



- 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?

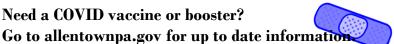
New Neighbor Tip Sheet

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).

Need a COVID vaccine or booster?



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 State Senator Nick Miller 610-8218468 SWEEP (Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste) 610.437.8729 Weeds/Grass Overgrowth 610.437.7604 Yard Waste Recycling 610.437.8729

*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

Zoning 610.437.7630

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.