

Neighborhood News

September Meeting Highlights

PSA 2 Captain Charles Roca gave us follow up information from the Walk With Mayor O'Connell on August 12th and updated us on crimes in our area. Captain Roca emphasizes how important it is that the community and the police department continue to work together to resolve neighborhood problems. APD has a core of officers devoted to crisis intervention. Called the Blue Guardian program, two or three days after a person suffers an overdose, police officers and addiction recovery specialists in the Blue Guardian program will make a house call to persuade that person to enter treatment and offer support to families. You can email Captain Roca with neighborhood concerns at charles.roca@allentownpa.gov. Police advise us to remain vigilant. Before leaving your house, try to 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. 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.

Also with us was PA Representative Mike Schlossberg who told us about legislative initiatives in the state house: state budget challenges impacting Allentown School District, gun control, and mental health. Representative Schlossberg has worked with legislators on charter school reform which may help the school district's financial sustainability. Mike worked with Senator Browne and Representative Peter Schweyer to provide a grant to help the Zero Youth Violence Initiative. He also has co-sponsored a bill to create the Emergency Responder Mental Wellness and Stress Management Program to help first responders cope with the stressors they experience in their lifesaving work. Visit www.pahouse.com/Schlossberg for more information.

We welcomed Bob Elbich, County Commissioner candidate and Altagracia Mercado, representing Senator Pat Browne.

Door to door delivery ends with our December, 2019 issue.

Would you like to get this newsletter emailed to you? You can get a newsletter delivered to your email address. Join the growing list of neighbors who get neighborhood information via email. 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, or other recurring newsletter pieces.

Email gretchenkrasley@gmail.com to be added to the list.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, October 9
7:00 P.M.

**Join Muhlenberg College
 representatives and
 Hannah Clark, Allentown Vi-
 sion 2030**

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. at Christ E. C. Church, 2135 Tilghman St.

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

Future Meetings:
Wednesday, November 13
Wednesday, December 11

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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.

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 or attending one of our meetings. 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!

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).



A Milestone!

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch has 25 years of continuous activity to improve the lives of Allentown residents and visitors. We all stand on the shoulders of the original founders and keep their original mission current:

25 Years!

To maintain the safety and livability of the community by:

- preserving the residential character of the neighborhood;
- fostering owner occupied homes;
- reporting suspicious activity and crimes to the police;
- alerting community to trends in criminal activity;
- alerting community to proposed land use that threatens the residential character, safety and public welfare; and
- supporting other community groups in similar efforts to preserve their community.

Phone Numbers to Know

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 Captain Roca 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.