

Neighborhood News

January Meeting Highlights

Allentown Police Chief, Glenn Granitz was with us to introduce himself to neighbors. He emphasized the need for greater media coverage for positive projects involving youth and mentorship. Thanks to the Gail Hoover Foundation, a new police dog is joining the force. You can email Chief Granitz at Glenn.Granitz@allentownpa.gov. PSA 2 Captain Charles Roca updated us on crimes in our area and emphasized 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, 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. If you are expecting a package and you know you won't be home when it's delivered, ask a neighbor to take care of it for you. Secure windows with air conditioners, an entry point for thieves. If you can invest in a light with a motion sensor, it is an added deterrent to crime. See p. 2 (How Safe are You?) to get more crime prevention tips. 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. Remember: If you see something, say something.

Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste

Ann Saurman, Manager of the Bureau and Bryan Bilheimer, SWEEP & Animal Control Manager were with us in January to update us on new initiatives. Ann told us about Retrievr, a new way to have clothing and electronics picked up at your door (see p. 2). Ann's focus is on litter control. She's forming a Keep Allentown Beautiful committee to help with this goal. Bryan told us that there are 700 big bellies for recycling city-wide. Dog licenses for 2020 are now available (call 610.437.8729). On April 25th at the Arts Park there will be an Earth Day celebration.

Where's my newsletter?

Newsletter delivery to homes ended in December, but you can get the newsletter delivered to your email address. 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, new crime prevention tips from APD, or other recurring newsletter pieces. Email gretchenkrasley@gmail.com to be added to the list.



Our next meeting:
Wednesday, February 12
7:00 P.M

Muhlenberg Area Community Watch meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 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, March 11
Wednesday, April 8

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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.

How safe are you?

Do you want the entire list of crime prevention tips that Crime Prevention Officer Toth shared at our December meeting? Just email gretchenkrasley@gmail.com and get your own copy.



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).



Got a house for sale or rent in your neighborhood?

Gretchen Krasley sends out letters to realtors and owners about the student overlay guidelines. If you see a For Sale or For Rent sign, call Gretchen at 610.393.8801, or email her at Gretchenkrasley@gmail.com. Thanks, Gretchen for helping to preserve the residential character of our neighborhood.



Recycling Update from the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste:

NEW! Allentown partnering with Retrievr

Allentown residents now have the option to recycle clothing and electronics at your door step.



(Fees for pickup of TVs and CRT monitors)
TEXT "pickup" to 757-70-FETCH (33824)

retrievr

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 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.