

Neighborhood News

December 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. See 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 addresses below) after you call the non-emergency number. Sergeant Leonard reminded us to read his monthly email updates for crime prevention tips. Check out the YouTube "Allentown Police on the Road" for Chief Roca's updates on crime city-wide and community programs. In this month's episode, Detective Garcia took viewers along as APD Officers brought some lucky children on a shopping trip to Target, Trexlertown, to holiday shop for family members, then on to the Americus Hotel for a pizza and wrapping party. See if you can catch "smart shopper," Chief Roca, choosing gifts with one of the children. The Fraternal Order of Police underwrote all expenses for this generous project. The smiles on officers' and childrens' faces said it all. 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.

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 610.437.7719. 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!

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:

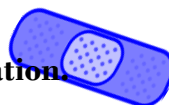
Walgreens—1702 W. Tilghman St., Give to pharmacist.

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.

Need a COVID vaccine or booster?

Go to allentownpa.gov for up to date information.



**Our next zoom meeting:
7:00 P.M**

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom*

Wednesday, January 18

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

Future Meetings:

Wednesday, February 15

Wednesday, March 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 for future meetings.

The Allentown Police Recommend this Nightly Safety Routine

#9PMRoutine

LOCK UP

your car, house, windows, garage, gate, shed

TURN ON

exterior lights, security camera, alarm system

BRING IN

valuables from your car, yard, patio

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.

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



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