

ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

January 2011

Message from the President

By *Tim Zinn, AWCC President*

New Year's greetings! First, as the newly-elected president of the Allegheny West Civic Council, I would like to thank all of the members for your confidence in my ability to lead the organization for the next two years. I am excited that our new board contains a mix of new faces, well-seasoned members, and long-time residents that have not been on the board for a number of years. In the next few months the AWCC Executive Committee will be outlining our goals for the new year and beyond. I welcome your input as we set about this task. I look forward to reviving some Allegheny West traditions that have been neglected for the past few years, as well as the creation of some new events that hopefully will become a part of our neighborhood for years to come. As always, there is ample opportunity to volunteer on any of our established committees. If you are new to the neighborhood, please plan to attend our next general membership meeting or our next neighborhood mixer, both of which are detailed in this edition of the *Gazette*.

Having lived in Allegheny West for nearly two decades, I am fortunate to know and count as friends most of the residents of our neighborhood. Never have I found a friendlier and more welcoming place—quite a remarkable community, especially in the heart of a large city. For those of you whom I have not yet met, I look forward to doing so and of learning what qualities of our neighborhood attracted you here. For the unfamiliar, I live at 944 Western Avenue. I have for the past 17 years been employed as an architectural historian and historic preservation specialist with Michael Baker Corporation. Like so many others, the historic character and unparalleled architecture of the neighborhood first attracted me to Allegheny West. But beyond these brick and mortar aspects, we are a community of many rare qualities.

The mere foundation of our neighborhood and the key to its success as a place we love to call home is civic pride—a topic I will revisit often in this column. It is a rare quality in current times, but crucial to creating a sense of place that is so vital to the livability of our neighborhood. Another rarity that we enjoy is the countless hours that our neighbors donate of their time and talents, all in an effort to improve our surroundings. Once considered one's civic duty, this volunteerism has nearly vanished in today's society. These are the qualities that have resulted in a most livable neighborhood, and that have provided our civic council with an unmatched track record of development undertaken by an organization staffed entirely by volunteers. I am honored to be a part of this and encourage each of you to join in this endeavor and share in our successes.

MONTH/MONTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AWCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG
Calvary United Methodist Church
Tuesday January 13 @ 7:30pm
Tuesday February 8 @ 7:30pm

**HOUSING & PLANNING/NORTH AVENUE
COMMITTEE MTG**
852 Beech Ave
Tuesday January 18 @ 7:30pm
Tuesday February 15 @ 7:30pm

AWCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG
944 Western Ave.
Tuesday January 25 @ 7:30pm
Tuesday February 22 @ 7:30pm

Allegheny West Civic Council
812 Western Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15233
(412) 323-8884

Allegheny West Neighborhood Mixer

Friday, January 14
6:00 PM

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MODERN CAFE 
862 Western Ave.

BEER OF THE MONTH:
**DARK HORSE BREWERY'S
CROOKED TREE IPA**

Import Beer Night!
\$1 off of all import beers!
Try our 3 New Drafts for January:
• Sam Adams Chocolate Bock
• Sam Adams Winter Lager
• Dark Horse Crooked Tree IPA
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in stock!

**Half-priced appetizers Monday-Friday
5:00-7:00**

**And...don't miss the Olga Watson Band
February 12, 9:00-Midnight**

AWCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

January 11, 2011 7:30pm

- I. Reading of December 2010 minutes
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Housing & Planning
 - i. Western Avenue PSI Update
 - b. Ways & Means
 - c. Property
 - d. Membership
 - e. Friends of Allegheny West
 - f. Communications
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - a. Reinstating the Grievance Committee

AWCC Membership

To become an AWCC member, send your Name, Address, Phone Number and email address to:


Allegheny West Civic Council - Membership Chair
812 Western Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Annual Dues are \$3 and Lifetime Dues are \$45. Checks should be made payable to AWCC.

Pay for your membership online with your credit card! Go to www.alleghenywest.org - right now it is set up in the Christmas Tour ticket section so click on the Tours button and then the Christmas Tour logo. Scroll to the bottom for the "purchase" link.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please send an email to info@alleghenywest.org and we will look in the membership file! Your paid membership enables you to vote at monthly membership meetings.

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