

YOU'RE INVITED TO A



Meet & Greet

Catch up with neighbors, enjoy some light refreshments and get the latest scoop on upcoming projects at the Children's Museum and latest happenings in nearby Allegheny Commons Park!

Where: The Children's Museum
10 Children's Way Pittsburgh, PA 15212

When: Tuesday, November 18th, 5:30 PM

This event is free but space is limited; please RSVP by emailing Erin@pittsburghnorthside.com, or by calling 412-330-2569.

AWCC November Calendar

AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church
(Beech Avenue Entrance)
Tuesday, November 11 @ 7:30pm

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting

(845 N. Lincoln Avenue)
Tuesday, November 18 @ 7:30pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting

806 Western Avenue
Tuesday, November 25 @ 7:30pm

Neighborhood Clean Up

806 Western Avenue
Saturday, November 29 @ 9:00am

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November 2014

A Message From President Bob:

*When earth repays with golden sheaves
The labours of the plough,
And ripening fruits and forest leaves
All brighten on the bough;*

*What pensive beauty autumn shows,
Before she hears the sound
Of winter rushing in, to close
The emblematic round!*

--William Wordsworth, *Thought on the Seasons*

I hope you had a great October, and that November is shaping up for you nicely, as well. We have a few important news items in Allegheny West. To wit:

❖ The Allegheny West Civic Council has acquired 928 and 930 Western Avenue. This is the large duplex that had fallen into disrepair over the last several years. AWCC's plan is to sell these properties for use as single-family homes. The interiors still have a great amount of original architectural detail, and each unit is quite spacious. Please spread the word that we are looking people interested in living here in Allegheny West. You can read more about these properties in a separate article in this month's Gazette.

❖ AWCC elections will be on Tuesday, November 11, during the regular membership meeting at Calvary United Methodist Church on Beech Street. We have a very good slate of dedicated people, but are still looking to fill one of the slots. I realize that Tuesday night is half-priced wine night at Benjamin's, but I would ask folks to please attend Tuesday's meeting to help select next year's officers and chairpersons. After that, drink up!

Lastly, I wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

Bob Griewahn
President, AWCC

Have real estate in Allegheny West for Sale or Rent?

List it in the new Real Estate section of the Allegheny West Civic Council website. Send a note to webmaster@alleghenywest.org and we will post it for you.



Property & rental listings and information about financing for available at:

<http://alleghenywest.org/live/real-estate/>

Rummage Sale

November 15 & 16

... including many Christmas items

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saint Peter Church hall
Corner of Ridge and Arch Streets - North Side

The 2014 Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour - Our 33rd year **Everything you need to know about this year's Christmas Tour, and more**

This year's tour is Friday, December 12, 5-8pm, and Saturday, December 13, 10am-8pm. In addition to regular tours (\$30), there will be brunch and lunch (\$60), and dinner tours (\$120).

Ticket sales Tickets are selling briskly. Regular, brunch, lunch and dinner tours are about 1/3 sold out. We are expecting a sell-out again this year, bringing more than 1500 visitors into our small neighborhood. To purchase tickets or for more details, check our web-site, www.alleghenywest.org.

The homes on the regular tour

950 Beech---Carrie Doyle
926 Beech---Trish and John Burton and family
834 Beech---Jessica and Bill Murphy
913 Brighton Rd.---Carole and Bob Malakoff
849 No. Lincoln---Hal Dixler and Nick Duerlinger
719 Brighton- --John DeSantis

Hosting brunch and lunch

913 Beech-Shirley Mehring and Howard Brokenbek
1021 Galveston-Debra and John Lantz
844 No. Lincoln-Cecile and Carl Canales

Hosting dinner

929 Beech-Linda and Joe Iannotta - Linda is doing all of the food for the dinner, brunches, and lunch again this year.

The Holiday Gift Shop Again this year, The Holiday Gift Shop will be in the basement of Calvary Church, the start of the tour, so guests can shop before going on tour. Arrangements will be made to hold purchases for guests while they tour. For more information about the shop, contact Martin Fuess, glasscatcher38@aol.com.

Train Museum The popular Toy Train Museum will, once again, be open at Holmes Hall. DVD's of the train exhibit will also be for sale (\$15). They sold out last year so, if you want to purchase one, do it now on our web-site, www.alleghenywest.org.

Street decorating We will be decorating our streets on Saturday, December 6, starting at 9am. Volunteers will be bunching greens in the Serventi/Wilson garage on Downton Way, just off Galveston.

Clean-up Also on Saturday, the 6th, please join your neighbors and help pick up litter around the neighborhood. If each of us fills one trash bag with litter, our streets will be litter-free.

We need your help! There are many opportunities to volunteer. On Saturday, the 6th, come out for a few hours to help bunch and hang greens for the neighborhood lamp posts. During the tour, you can be a tour guide, a conductor at the Toy Train Museum, a greeter at Calvary Church, a house-sitter for a homeowner on tour. You can also help light luminaria or set up the street closing barricades.

Holiday Party All volunteers are invited to our Holiday Party. This year it will be at the Smart Solutions facilities, the old Hipwell building, on the 800 block of West North Avenue, on Saturday, Dec. 13 starting at 9pm.

Decorating by The Urban Gardener Our local North Side garden center, The Urban Gardener, will be decorating the Burton home for the tour.

Post Gazette story Look for a feature on Trish and John's home in the Post Gazette on Saturday, December 6.

To volunteer Contact the following coordinators
Tourguides---Doug Sprague, dougsprague63@yahoo.com
Church greeters---Brandon Williams, brandonpwilliams@hotmail.com
Party helpers---Gloria Rayman, glowalks@comcast.net
Toy Train Museum conductors---Cecile Canales ccanales2@comcast.net
Lighting luminaria---Chris Fetter, fetterstudio@comcast.net
Housesitters and everything else---Carole Malakoff, carolemalakoff@hotmail.com

Street Closings To insure the safety of all, the following streets will be closed to traffic and parking on Friday, the 12th from 4pm to 11pm and on Saturday, the 13th from 9am to 11pm:

- the 800 and 900 blocks of Beech Ave.
- Rope Way from Buttercup Way to Western, and from Western to No. Lincoln
- Galveston Ave. from Downton Way to Buttercup Way
- No. Lincoln Ave. from Galveston to Brighton Rd.

Please make arrangements to park elsewhere. We will provide information on off-street lots available closer to the tour weekend.

The next **Tour Committee meeting** will be on Thursday evening, November 13 at 7:30pm at 913 Brighton Rd. Everyone is invited to attend.

Submitted by Carole Malakoff

Allegheny West Neighborhood Mixer

Friday, November 14th, 6:00 PM
Please join in comraderie and giving thanks at Peppi's!

AWCC ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION NOVEMBER 11

Submitted by John DeSantis

At the November 11 Annual Meeting, the election of Officers for the 2015 calendar year will be conducted.

The 2014 AWCC Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor at both the October and November General Membership Meetings. All nominees must be an AWCC Member in good standing, and must have agreed to serve in the nominated office if elected.

President: Cathy Serventi
Vice President: John DeSantis
Treasurer: Bob Griewahn
Secretary: Tim Zinn
Sergeant at Arms: Gloria Rayman
Friends of Allegheny West: Michael Shealey

Membership: Mary Callison
Housing & Planning: Jim Wallace
Property: Howard Brokenbek
Ways & Means: vacant
Communications: Fran Barbush