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# ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

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April 2019

## President's Message

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Historic Preservation is always a topic of discussion in Allegheny West and for good reason.

The Allegheny West Historic District was listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 1978. Allegheny West is one of twelve city historic districts in Pittsburgh. Each historic district has published guidelines that are designed to “help individual property owners formulate plans for the rehabilitation, preservation, and continued use of old buildings consistent with the intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation.” These Guidelines for Historic Districts are available on the City of Pittsburgh website at <http://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/historic>. Historic District maps are also available at this website, showing detailed boundaries of each district.

Because Allegheny West is a city historic district, all exterior work that is visible from a right of way, a street or an alley, needs a Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA), and, depending on the type of project, possibly a building permit. The Local Historic Review Commission (LHRC) and the Historic Review Commission (HRC) use the guidelines when reviewing appropriateness of proposed exterior alterations in designated historic districts.

Recent agendas for both the AWCC Membership and Housing and Planning meetings have included topics related to LHRC and HRC. Two notable items are a proposed expansion of the current Allegheny West historic district boundary and the Stables Building project on W. North Avenue.

Because of these topics, because we have quite a few new neighbors and because we could all use a refresher on the special rules that come with living in a designated historic district, we have invited Sarah Quinn, Planner with the City of Pittsburgh, to join us at the April Membership meeting and review the Historic Review Commission objectives and process.

Topics to be covered include:

- HRC applications for proposed work - how to submit them and fees involved
- HRC versus LHRC
- Allegheny West neighborhood guidelines and where to access them
- Historic district affect on property values
- Differences between property use and historic value – i.e. a structure can be any "use" (residential, commercial, industrial, mixed, etc.) and can be deemed historic

Sarah's presentation will be an hour in length and will be the first item on the agenda. Please plan to attend!

-Ann Gilligan, AWCC President

## Sponsor a Western Avenue Flower Basket!



We're delighted to announce that Western Avenue in Allegheny West will once again be beautified by hanging flower baskets provided by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC).

The WPC will provide the baskets, flowers, installation, watering and maintenance, "take down" and storage of the baskets. We had 41 baskets sponsored in 2018, but with 32 double poles, there is plenty of room for others to help in this worthy endeavor! We want to ensure that all who would like to participate be given the chance to do so. Please respond by March 31<sup>st</sup> to be included for 2019.

In 2019, WPC is providing a discounted rate of \$355/basket—including the sign!—for the initial year, which includes purchase of the basket, as well as plants, hanging, maintenance, take-down and storage. Sponsors will be subsequently reassessed at a \$275/basket rate thereafter for plants, hanging and take-down, maintenance and storage.

Please complete the form below, or go to the AWCC website ([www.alleghenywest.org](http://www.alleghenywest.org) and click on the "About" tab) to sponsor a basket or to make a donation.

Contact Trish Burton (412-523-9402 or [tdburton3@gmail.com](mailto:tdburton3@gmail.com)) to discuss.

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**Sponsor Name (as it should appear on sign)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Baskets** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return with check payable to "AWCC" – 806 Western Ave, Pgh, PA 15233**

## 2019 Tour and Tasting

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The 2019 Tour and Tasting will be held on Friday June 21st and Saturday June 22nd. The Committee is excited to share that we have several houses, but we still need a few more. If you are interested in putting your home and garden on tour, please contact Carol Gomrick - [carolgomrick@gmail.com](mailto:carolgomrick@gmail.com).

The theme of the tour will be a vastly different from previous tours. To highlight the incredible restaurant scene in Pittsburgh, the committee is reaching out to local restaurants to provide the food "tastings" and appropriate wine pairings. Guests will not only have the opportunity to try a variety of wines, but also learn more about what is making Pittsburgh such a foodie destination! Starting in April, the committee will be asking for help to promote the tour through social media and will share available volunteer opportunities. Please continue to check the Gazette and weekly email blast for updates and information.

- Annette Trunzo, Ways and Means Chair

## Memorial Tree Plantings

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I wanted to make neighbors aware that the Allegheny West Civic Council has been in discussions with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy regarding tree plantings, which will take place during the week of April 8th through 13th. Seven trees will be planted in memory of Stella (Yia Yia) Kalaris, Kerry Kennedy, Donna Otto, Dan Rooney, Bob Turley, and Alex Watson. Any neighbors who wish to learn the locations of these trees, and share a moment together in our wonderful Commons remembering these special neighbors can come to the corner of Brighton Road and Western Avenue on April 13 at noon. I hope to see you then.

- Fran Barbush

## Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Events at Allegheny Commons

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**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> — Grand Reopening of the Northeast Fountain:** The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, in partnership with the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Commons Initiative, and Northside Leadership Conference, invites you to attend the grand reopening of the historic Northeast Fountain. We hope to make this a fun celebration with activities and food. Event will take place at the corner of Cedar Avenue and East North Avenue in Allegheny Commons Park. Please register in advance at their website - [www.pittsburghparks.org](http://www.pittsburghparks.org).

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> —** This year's 2019 PNC Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Spring Hat Luncheon will be held in Allegheny Commons Park. The event will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in Allegheny Commons

Park. Tickets may be purchased online ([www.pittsburghparks.org](http://www.pittsburghparks.org)) or by calling their office (412-682-7275).

## Kentucky Derby Themed Farm-to-Table Dinner

Our farm to table dinner was so good we couldn't wait to do it again. This year's dinner takes place on April 26th, beginning at 6:00 P.M., at 831 W. North Avenue. Bob Maravalli has created a fabulous and inventive themed dinner. Professionally crafted cocktails start at 6:00 P.M. and will be served along with passed appetizers until 7:00 P.M. Guests will enjoy four additional courses throughout the evening, each with wine pairings. If that isn't enough, we are embracing the Derby look - the bigger the hat, the better! The menu can be sent upon request there are vegetarian and vegan options. The price is 125.00 per person and must be paid in advance. No refunds will be given if canceled 7 days prior to the event. Payment methods are check, cash, credit, or Venmo.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Gracie @ 412.956.5761 / [Gracie@GraMaxllc.com](mailto:Gracie@GraMaxllc.com) or

Elaine @ 412.638.8106 / [Elaine.stone@smarterguys.com](mailto:Elaine.stone@smarterguys.com).

## YMCA Twelfth Annual Reds, Whites & Brews



You are cordially invited to the Allegheny Y's 12th Annual Reds, Whites & Brews on Friday, April 12, from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. held at Rivers Casino Ballroom. **All proceeds benefit financial assistance in Programs, Services and Membership.**

The evening is filled with a variety of red and white wine as well as craft beers and heavy hors d'oeuvres. There will be live entertainment, beautiful

baskets for raffle and a variety of art and sports memorabilia for silent auction. This is truly a wonderful evening out in support of a great cause.

To RSVP, visit: <https://www.pittsburghymca.org/events/12th-annual-allegheny-reds-whites-brews>.

## Calvary United Methodist Women's Group Plant Sale

The Calvary United Methodist women's group is holding its third annual plant sale. A wide variety of perennials, peppers, herbs, and accents are available. Order forms and information are available for pick-up at the church (971 Beech Ave) or e-mail [gazette@alleghenywest.org](mailto:gazette@alleghenywest.org), and I will forward you an electronic copy of the leaflet and the order form. Orders will be due before April 21, 2019. Pick up is on May 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Tiffany Series sponsored by the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society

Tiffany Concert on Sunday, April 14, 2019 with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra Directed by Earl Lee, along with the Pittsburgh Concert Society Young Artist Winners. This dynamic program, *Spring Sinfonia*, will include works by Felix Mendelssohn and Johann Sebastian Bach. Concert at the Historic Calvary United Methodist Church at 971 Beech /Allegheny Aves, North Side. Time 4:00 P.M. Tickets sold at door: General \$15, Seniors \$10, Students \$10 For information call 412-323-1070.

**REMINDER: Street Sweeping** Please remember that street sweeping begins this week! Be sure to move you cars.

**Draft Agenda: AWCC General Membership Meeting  
- Tuesday, April 9 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**7:30:** Guests  
**7:40:** Sarah Quinn, Planner for the City of Pittsburgh on Allegheny West Historic District  
**8:40:** Reading & approval of March Membership Meeting Minutes  
**8:45:** Treasurer's Report  
**8:50:** Housing and Planning Committee Report (abbreviated)  
**9:15:** New business  
**9:30:** Adjournment

### AWCC Calendar: April 2019

**Tuesday, April 9 @ 7:30 p.m.**

General Membership Meeting @ Calvary Church

**Tuesday, April 16 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting, @ AWCC Office (806 Western)

**Tuesday, April 30 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Executive Committee Meeting, @AWCC Office (806 Western)

**Bowling on Wednesdays at the Elks Lodge, 7:30 p.m.**



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