
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

December 2012

My Holiday Message

Timothy Zinn, President

With December upon us, I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday and a prosperous new year. As the year draws to a close, this is a time to be thankful for what we have, to reflect on the past, and to plan ahead for the new year. As I give thanks, I look at the many blessings in my life—my family, my friends, my home, my dog, and even my job (there are days that this doesn't make the list). I also count among my blessings you, my friends and neighbors that make up the Allegheny West neighborhood. Sure, we have a lot of beautiful homes and buildings but it's the people that live and work in them that make for such a dynamic and inclusive neighborhood—a neighborhood unlike one I've ever encountered elsewhere. Daily I am reminded of just how lucky I am to have found such a place, and wherever I may be throughout the week, I'm always anxious to return to my home in Allegheny West. I thank each of you for making this small neighborhood so special.

As my term as AWCC President also draws near, I reflect on these past two years and the challenges we've faced and enjoyment we've had. Thankfully, the enjoyment has far surpassed the challenges. In fact, the past two years have been fairly smooth sailing as the neighborhood and council have not had to deal with many controversial or particularly challenging issues. I would especially like to thank the officers and members of AWCC for a truly rewarding experience. I have learned much from all of you and I appreciate your dedication, commitment, and hard work.

As we look ahead to the new year and beyond, I am encouraged with AWCC's slate of officers for 2013. The slate contains a good mix of both long-time and new members. (Remember, the election of officers will take place at the next general membership meeting on Tuesday, December 11). Although I could stay on the Executive Committee (Board of Directors) as the past president, I have decided to try my hand at the Membership Committee—no easy task following Tom Barbush! If elected as membership chair, I plan to continue our favorite annual events, such as our three summer block parties, the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, and others, but also to revive some events that the neighborhood hosted many years ago (including out-of-town trips). I also have some ideas for adding a few brand new events to our membership calendar. I look forward to this new challenge and I believe we can have a lot of fun at it!

As I have for the past two years, I will close this column for the last time, by again thanking you for providing me with this opportunity to serve the Allegheny West neighborhood. It has been a rewarding and valuable experience that I will remember for many years. *I am always available and look forward to receiving your comments, at tzinn106@msn.com.*

AWCC

December/January Calendar

AWCC General Membership Meeting
Calvary United Methodist Church
(Beech Avenue Entrance)

Tuesday, December 11 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 8 @ 7:30 pm

**Combined Housing & Planning and
North Avenue Committees Meeting**
857 Western Avenue

Tuesday, December 18 @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 15 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting
835 Western Avenue

No December meeting

Tuesday, January 29 @ 7:30 pm

2013 Proposed Slate for the Executive Committee of the Allegheny West Civic Council

President - Bob Greiwahn
Vice President - Martha Helmreich
Secretary - Michael Shealey
Treasurer - Cathy Serventi
Housing & Planning - John DeSantis
Property - Mary Callison
Ways & Means - Carole Malakoff
Membership - Timothy Zinn
Communications - Gloria Rayman
Friends of Agh. West - Howard Brokenbek
Sgt at Arms - Trish Burton

Thank you to all for making this year's
Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas
House Tour a success. Look for a full
report in January's Gazette.

Allegheny West Bowling Resumes in January

Bowling is resuming next month for Allegheny West neighbors and friends on Wednesday evenings at the Elks Lodge, 400 Cedar Avenue. This is not a league, so there is no commitment to be there every week. We do, however, need a weekly turnout of about 10 people. The bowling alleys are located on the second floor of the lodge. Bowling begins around 6:00 PM and we typically bowl three games. The price is \$2.50 per game and includes shoe rental—what a deal! Come to bowl or just socialize in the second floor lounge and cheer on your neighbors. Bowling is followed by the weekly performance of the Pittsburgh Banjo Club—every Wednesday, always open to the public, and never a cover charge.

AWCC General Membership Meeting Agenda
December 11, 2012

- I. READING OF NOVEMBER 2012 MINUTE
- II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A. Treasurer's Report
- III. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - A. Housing & Planning
 - 1. North Avenue Project
 - A. Stables Building
 - B. Value Added Foods Building
 - C. Galveston Lots
 - 2. Western Avenue Project
 - 3. Light of Life Relocation/Expansion
 - 4. North Shore Event Parking
 - 5. Consultant on Zoning Enforcement
 - 6. Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearings
 - B. Membership – NO December Mixer
 - C. Property – Realtor Report
 - D. Ways & Means – Christmas Tour Recap
 - E. Friends of Allegheny West
 - F. Communications
 - G. Nominating Committee
 - 1. Slate of Officers for 2013
- IV. NORTHSIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REPORT
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWCC Membership -- Join Today!

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, click on the "Tours" button (it is set up to take payments for our Christmas tour) and then click on the Christmas Tour logo. Scroll to the bottom for the "purchase" link. Your paid membership enables you to vote at monthly membership meetings.

IF ANYONE'S GOING TO LOSE SLEEP, IT'LL BE US.



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