

ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

September 2012

SEPTEMBER MEANS BACK TO SCHOOL, FOR MANY OF US

Timothy Zinn, President

With the start of September brings the return to school, not only for students, but for our neighbors who teach in the school system or at the local universities. Even I fall into this category for, in addition to my full-time job, I teach an evening class for the Anthropology Department at the University of Pittsburgh. The idea for a back-to-school article focusing on neighborhood children and where they attend school originated at the August Executive Committee meeting. Often potential homebuyers visiting our neighborhood ask the question: "Where do most of the neighborhood children attend school?" With a lot of help from fellow board member Trish Burton, we believe we have found the answer to that question.

Through a series of emails and conversations at the Labor Day Corn Roast, Trish was able to determine that we have over FORTY school-age children in Allegheny West, which is pretty amazing for the size of our neighborhood. Of those for which we could confirm a school, we discovered that six attend Sewickley Academy, four attend Linden Elementary (Pittsburgh Public School), three attend The Ellis School, two attend Shadyside Academy, two attend St. Edmunds Academy, two attend CAPA Middle/High Schools (Pittsburgh Public Schools), one attends City Charter High School, one attends Friendship Academy, four attend various other charter schools, and four attend various other Pittsburgh Public Schools.

So the short answer to the question of where do neighborhood children attend school seems to be "just about everywhere." But, from the above results, many of our younger residents are schooled at private academies, charter schools, or Pittsburgh Public Schools located primarily in the East End.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Allegheny West neighborhood. I am always available and look forward to receiving your comments, at tzinn106@msn.com.

AWCC September/October Calendar

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

Tuesday, September 11 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 9 @ 7:30 pm

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

Tuesday, September 18 @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, October 16 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting
832 Western Avenue

Tuesday, September 25 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 30 @ 7:30 pm

Planning for The Christmas Tour

The first meeting of the 2012 Christmas Tour Committee will be on **Thursday, September 13, at 7:30pm, at 913 Brighton Rd.** (Please use the back door).

This is the time when we make the initial plans for this year's tour. If you have some new and unique ideas, please come and share them. Everyone is invited to attend.

Carole Malakoff

TREES ARE COMING!

Tree Pittsburgh protects and restores the urban forest through community tree maintenance, planting, education and advocacy. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1827. PHF created the Tree Tenders program in 1993 to train residents to plant and care for trees. PHS has begun to expand the reach of its urban greening initiative and is now a partner in TreeVitalize, a program of the Pennsylvania Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources that seeks to restore the depleted tree canopy in Pennsylvania.

The above is a long explanation of the program to restore trees in neighborhoods. **Allegheny West has received notification our application for trees in our neighborhood has been approved.** The volunteer tree planting in Allegheny West has been scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd at 9AM. If you applied for a tree, I will be contacting you within the week.

There are many opportunities to learn about tree care and you can find all the events on the Internet at www.treepittsburgh.org/events.

Mary Callison



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The Allegheny branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh on Federal Street has a wide variety of programs every month for kids ages 1 to 100!

CHILDREN

Family Storytime

Mondays, Beginning September 10th / 3:30 PM

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Children 18 months and up with an adult.

School Age Fun: Super Science!

Thursdays beginning September 13/ 3:30 pm

Drop in for a science adventure each week! We'll share a science-themed book, then complete a hands-on experiment or activity. Recommended for children in grades 1-5.

Imagination Builders: Lego Club

Saturday, September 8 / 1:00 pm

Children and caregivers are invited to use their imagination by building structures using Legos.

Fire and Ice! Super Science @ Your Library

Saturday, September 22 / 12:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon filled with awesome science experiments from Mad Science of Pittsburgh! Discover the cool chemistry in the states of matter and learn the basics of air pressure. Scissors will unexpectedly sizzle and carbon dioxide bubbles will pop as the chilling properties of dry ice are revealed. Recommended for students grades kindergarten *and up*. *Registration is required.*

TEEN

Teen Time Tuesdays

Tuesdays / 3:30 pm

Whether we're battling on the Wii, crafting something new or making a snack, there will be plenty to keep us busy! Recommended for teens in grades 6-12.

The Labs @ CLP Allegheny!

Mondays / 4-7 pm Wednesdays / 4-7 pm

Introducing The Labs @ CLP Allegheny! Join us on Mondays and Wednesdays for technology-related programming with an exciting array of new computers, iPads, video games and more! We're bringing tech to teens and giving both instruction and free time to use our new equipment and software! Contact the Library for additional information and exact schedule. Recommended for teens in grades 6-12.

Designers Wanted! Sticky Note Art

We're looking for teen artists, designers and doodlers to help us liven up the teen area with sticky note murals. Interested teens should draw a color-coded design on graph paper and submit it by Friday, September 21. Designs should be 12 by 12 graph squares (substituting for sticky notes) and should not include words or symbols. We'll provide the sticky notes, you provide the art!

Mural Building Day: Sticky Note Art

Saturday, September 29 / 1-4 pm

Drop in to help us construct sticky note murals in the teen area. We'll be building murals designed by our own teen artists. Not into designing? We'll need lots of extra hands to see these visions come to life.

ADULTS

Beginning Email

Tuesday, September 11 / 10am

Learn to create and use a free Yahoo email account. We cover safety, etiquette, and basics. Registration is required.

Tai Chi

Tuesdays / 6pm

This weekly program focuses on a system of physical exercise to improve and maintain health. Tai chi can be helpful in achieving a state of physical and mental relaxation while also strengthening the cardiovascular and immune systems. Comfortable clothing and Registration are required.

Weekly Wise Walk

Thursdays / 10am

This walking program is geared toward adults 50+ but all are welcome to participate. Participants receive a pedometer and a t-shirt. Sponsored by Allegheny County Library, AARP, and Highmark PALS. Light refreshments provided

Nintendo Wii

Thursdays / 12-2pm

Don't let the kids have all the fun! Try your hand at the library's video games. For beginners and gamers!

Discussion - *Resurrecting Allegheny City: The Land, Structures & People of Pittsburgh's North Side*

A must attend for all North Side residents! Join us as at the Library as we explore Allegheny City's legacy—both her rich and storied history and the controversy that was her Consolidation. Author, Lisa Miles uses this history to understand the present and inform the future of our neighborhood. A book sale and signing will follow the discussion. *Registration is required.*

Wednesday * September 26th * 6pm

Carnegie Library on Federal Street

2nd Annual Wine Tasting

Please join the Friends of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Allegheny (our North Side branch) for the 2nd Annual Wine Tasting to benefit programs for kids of all ages on the North Side.

The event takes place on Friday, September 28 at 7:00PM *in the Library* on Federal Street! The wines were chosen by Barsotti Wines with catering by LadyFingers Catering. (Don't worry, we didn't pass over Linda I – she wasn't available!)

Tickets are \$55/person and all net proceeds stay right here on the North Side in the Allegheny branch for children, teen and adult programs. Last year almost \$3,000 was raised for programming and to replace some of the most used assets in our library.

So come join Galveston Avenue residents Gloria Rayman and Carlton Stout (also known as the head librarian in our branch) and drink some great wine, nosh on yummy food, and raise money for a wonderful cause.

Wine Tasting Menu

Wine 1 – Infinitus Gewurtztaimer 2011
Salmon Mousse in Cucumber Cups
Roasted Red Bell Pepper Palmiers

Wine 2 – Candidato 6 month Oak Aged Tempranillo 2009
Mediterranean-Stuffed New Potatoes
Cinnamon-Seared Duck & Mango in Won Ton Cups

Wine 3 – Infinitus Malbec 2010
Chorizo Choux Puffs
Garbanzo and Pomegranate Scoops

Wine 4 – Infinitus Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Serrano and Sauteed Mushroom Skewers
Chive Pancakes with Red Onion Confit

Wine 5 – Infinitus Moscato 2010
Goat Cheese and Apricot Tartlet

Questions? Please contact Gloria at glowalks@comcast.net

McIntosh Row Properties for Sale

If you are interested in living on Western Avenue or creating the ideal space for your business in the commercial thoroughfare of Allegheny West, please contact Holly Sisk of RE/MAX Realty Brokers. Triplex and Mixed-Use properties for sale.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP NEWS

There will not be a scheduled neighborhood cleanup in September. But, I hope this will not stop you from cleaning up your part of the neighborhood. We will be participating in the **City Wide Cleanup on Oct. 20th**.

On September 15th from 9 AM to 1 PM there will be at the South Park Wave Pool parking lot the opportunity to safely dispose of common household chemicals. This includes all paint products, pesticides, herbicides, household cleaners, batteries, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, mercury, gasoline, kerosene and compact fluorescent bulbs. There is a fee of \$2/gallon- cash only.

On September 29th from 10AM to 2PM at The Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills you may drop off computers, televisions, ink and toner cartridges, and CFLs at no cost, nominal fee for batteries. For more information and a complete list of acceptable items, please visit the PRC's Zero Waste Pittsburgh website at <http://zerowastepgh.org/ZW-PRC-hardtorecycle.html>.

Allegheny West Neighborhood Mixer

September 14, 2012 -- 6pm

Join us at Peppi's Sandwich Shop

927 Western Avenue

(In the garden in the rear of the restaurant!)

BYOB and enjoy your favorite sandwich

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.

AWCC General Membership Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2012

I. READING OF JULY 2012 MINUTES

II. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. Treasurer's Report

III. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Housing & Planning Committee

1. North Avenue Project
 - a. Stables Building
 - b. Value Added Foods Building
 - c. Galveston Lots
2. Western Avenue Project
 - a. Electrical Moves
 - b. Gateway Project
 - c. Missing Streetlights
3. Light of Life Relocation/Expansion
4. North Shore Event Parking
5. Consultant on Zoning Enforcement

B. Membership

1. AW Neighborhood Mixer - 9/14
2. Summer Bocce
3. Fall Bowling Night
4. Labor Day Corn Roast Recap

C. Property

1. Realtor report

D. Ways & Means

1. Christmas House Tour

E. Friends of Allegheny West

1. Fall Cleanup

F. Communications

G. Nominating Committee

1. Slate of Officers for October Gazette

IV. NSLC REPORT

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Graffiti Removal
- B. Problem Properties
- C. Equitable Gas Line Replacement Update

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Councilman Burgess legislation seeking limits to historic preservation and nomination of properties to City Historic District/Landmark status
- B. Report on AWCC meeting with Mayor's staff

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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