
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

April 2010

Letter from the President

Work recently began on temporary improvements at the Stables Building on West North Ave. This work will include temporary electric service, installation of corrugated fiberglass to cover windows and a temporary roof. The stairs inside the building will also undergo repair or replacement. There are no plans to remove any of the existing wooden window frames, sashes or mutins. The fiberglass windows were suggested by architect Jerry Morosco as an inexpensive but durable material to cover the windows, and will let light into the building. The materials should not remain on the building longer than a few years as we continue to pursue redevelopment of the Stables.

Water damage to the roof from the heavy blizzards and snow during the winter was worse than expected. There are areas where the rafters have failed and sheathing is in bad shape. Several pieces of roof deck and timbers supporting the elevator penthouse have fallen on their own. We hope to find a solution and install some form of temporary roof.

You probably know that many of the trees in Allegheny West have been lost or severely damaged during the winter. Trees are available, and now is a good time to apply for a tree using a "Tree Planting Request Form." In order to receive a tree from the City, a form must be completed and signed by the property owner. The Planning Department has noted that it requires the signature to be legible. This month the Gazette includes a Tree Planting Request Form for your convenience if you would like to apply for a tree.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy spring and warmer weather.

John McDanel
AWCC President



April/May 2010 Calendar of Events

AWCC General Membership Meeting
Calvary United Methodist Church
Tuesday, April 13 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, May 11 @ 7:30 pm

Membership Meeting Agenda

- i. Reading of March 2010 Minutes
- ii. Treasurer's Report
- iii. Committee Reports
- iv. Ways and Means
- v. Housing & Planning
- vi. Old Business
- vii. New Business

AWCC Committee Meetings

Housing & Planning Meeting
852 Beech Ave.
Tuesday, April 20 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting
858 Beech Ave.
Tuesday, April 27 @ 7:30 pm

North Avenue Sub-Committee Meeting
Hoi Polloi
Tuesday, May 4 @ 7:30 pm



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

Seventh Annual James A. Magovern, MD, Hearts in the Park Walk

You can help support the memory of James A. Magovern, MD, and those who support medical researchers in Western Pennsylvania by taking part in the Hearts in the Park Walk, Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m., rain or shine, on Pittsburgh's North Side.

The walk through Allegheny Commons Park, the "heart" of Pittsburgh's historic North Side, is open to everyone. Your registration fee will support the Gerald McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute's Center for Research and Innovation at Allegheny General Hospital. This research may lead to new treatments and medical devices that will help heart patients have more productive lives after surgery. A portion of the money raised also goes to the Allegheny Commons Steering Committee of the Northside Leadership Conference to support the restoration and rehabilitation efforts of Allegheny Commons.

During this year's Hearts in the park Walk you will also have the opportunity to learn about a heart-healthy lifestyle with the Prescription for a Healthy Heart Expo. The expo is free for all registered walkers and will provide education on achieving a heart-healthy lifestyle, including diet, weight control and exercise. The importance of blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol management with medications will also be featured.

Registration must be completed by May 7. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a Hearts in the Park T-shirt and a free admission pass to the Pittsburgh Children's Museum. Individual and team registration opportunities are available. For more information, or to receive a registration brochure please call 412-359-5026.

Join us and take steps to fight heart disease!

REGISTER NOW!



Town Hall Meeting Hosted by PA State Representative Jake Wheatley

Topics of Discussion:

Budget
Education
New Development
Public Safety
Health Issue – State Related

Where:

Letter Carrier's Hall
841 California Ave

When:

Thursday April 15, 2010
6:30 PM

Paris vs The Paris of Appalachia Old World Wines Vs New World Wines

You are cordially invited
to a Comparative Wine Tasting
at The Parador, 939 Western Avenue
Saturday, April 24, 7 PM

Music by the Dave Pellow Jazz Ensemble
Art by Award winners Ron Donoughue and Ron Thurston
Wines selected by Dianne Porter, owner, Cassis
Paired Hors d'oeuvres by Linda Iannotta
Special guest Brian O'Neill, author, "The Paris of Appalachia"

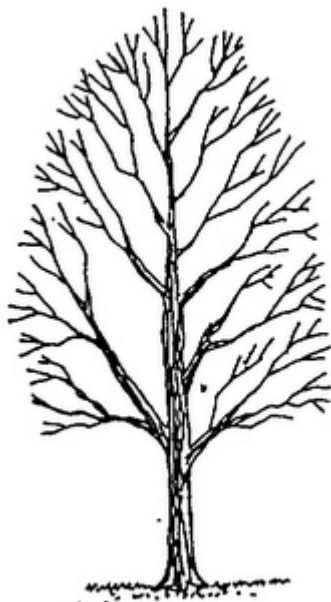
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Supporting The Allegheny (Northside) YMCA's Strong Communities Campaign

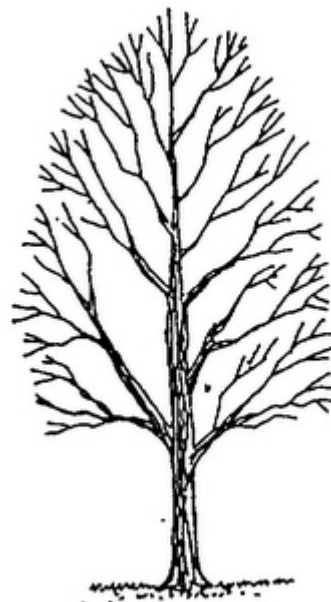
To attend, make your checks payable to Allegheny YMCA and send them to:
Allegheny YMCA, 600 West North Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

For reservations call (412) 321-8594

TREES TREES TREES



Included in this month's Gazette is a request form for property owners to request trees from the city for the sidewalk adjacent to their properties. The density of the canopy over the streets in the neighborhood has been one of our great claims-to-fame and is definitely one of the things that made me and my family move here three years ago. But as you probably have noticed, Allegheny West has lost many trees over the last few years from a variety of causes: age, winds, careless drivers and this past Winter's snow. It's definitely time to start replanting. Your editor strongly urges every owner of a property missing a tree to fill out this form and sent it into the city.



Property Owners – Keep this page for your records if you submit the included tree request form

Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in Pittsburgh

By signing the Tree Planting Request Form, you, the property owner, agree that:

- A representative of the City of Pittsburgh will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree(s) to be planted.
- The City shall determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
- If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement
- You will water the tree (approximately 20 gallons per week – the cost is less than \$1 per year) March through December for two years.
- You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify the City of Pittsburgh if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.
- If you cancel the tree installation after signing this form and the pavement has been cut, you will be responsible for replacing the pavement at your expense.

You understand that:

- Your request for a tree may be denied – not all sites are appropriate for tree planting
- Street trees and trees in the public right-of-way are the property responsibility of the City of Pittsburgh. Trees planted outside of the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only the City of Pittsburgh can authorize major pruning or removal of street trees.

The Benefits of Trees:

- Increase property values
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Save energy, cut heating and air-conditioning costs
- Shade and cool neighborhoods reducing temperatures on the hottest summer days
- Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Promote community interaction, renewal
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

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Membership is open to all residents of Allegheny West

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

2009 Annual Dues are \$3 and Lifetime Dues are \$45.
Checks should be made payable to AWCC.

Or you can pay for your membership online with your credit card! Go to www.alleghenywest.org/shop – and pick “memberships” from the menu on the left. 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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