

Are You Well Connected in Allegheny West?

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No, this article is not about a popularity contest, nor is it a “seen” column, or a report on whose circle of friends is larger. This month I am writing about the many ways to keep informed about the Allegheny West Civic Council (AWCC), its meetings, its events, and general neighborhood information and announcements. These venues are additional ways to keep informed and should not be in lieu of attending AWCC meetings. Below I will describe some of the traditional and not-so-traditional ways to obtain or disseminate neighborhood information, including some newer, little-known and therefore, little-used social media sites.

THE ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE For several decades, AWCC has published a monthly newsletter titled the *Allegheny West Gazette*. The basic purpose is to inform members and neighbors of the next AWCC general membership meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. *The Gazette*, however, contains committee reports, meeting calendars, a meeting agenda, and articles pertaining to upcoming events, neighborhood history, and fundraisers.

AWCC WEBSITE AWCC maintains its own website, which can be found at <http://www.alleghenywest.org/>. Here you will find announcements of upcoming events and tours, past editions of the *Allegheny West Gazette*, meeting minutes, and more.

AWCC EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS AWCC also maintains an email list of neighbors, property and business owners, and friends of Allegheny West. This list is one of the ways we disseminate information throughout the neighborhood regarding upcoming events such as the summer block parties, neighborhood mixers, and other fun happenings. The content on this site is limited to AWCC-sponsored events and general neighborhood information and should not be used to post personal information or as a discussion forum. Your email address is never shared or revealed as all emails are sent to “AWCC-ANNOUNCE” and your email address remains hidden from view. All emails to this address are monitored prior to releasing so there is no chance of receiving spam email. If you would like to be added to this list, please email me at tzinn106@msn.com with “ADD ME” as the subject line or in the body of the email. If you are receiving these announcements and no longer wish to, email me with “DELETE ME” as the subject line or in the body of the email.

FACEBOOK.COM Yes, Allegheny West has a Facebook page! There are only seventeen of us currently participating and postings to our page are about as frequent as lunar eclipses, but I have faith that as more neighbors learn about our page, more postings will appear.

YAHOO GROUPS Yet another little-used site is an email group affiliated with Yahoo.com. This group presently contains 61 members. This site is not affiliated with AWCC and consists of Allegheny West

AWCC April/May Calendar

AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church
(Beech Avenue Entrance)

Tuesday, April 10 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 8 @ 7:30 pm

Combined Housing & Planning and North Avenue Committees Meeting

857 Western Avenue

Thursday, April 12 @ 7:30pm NOTE CHANGE

Tuesday, May 15 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting

812 Western Avenue

Tuesday, April 24 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 29 @ 7:30 pm

CALVARY CHURCH ANNUAL RUMAGE SALE

Friday April 27 9AM to 5 PM

Saturday April 28 from 8AM to 3 PM

There is still time to donate to the sale, bring your items to the Church any afternoon April 23 to April 26. Any questions call Mary Callison at 412-321-5951

MEMORIAL TREE SERVICE

April 22nd 4 PM

On Sunday, April 22nd the neighborhood will gather in West Park to remember Amelio Ceci, David Augustine, Miles Bausch, Betty Andrews, Loretta Gerlach, Mike Coleman and Anne Stetlyer. In their honor seven trees were planted last fall in West Park and the trees will be marked with the names of each person. Please plan to attend and honor our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The monthly **neighborhood cleanup** will take place Saturday, April 21, at 9 AM. Please meet at the AWCC office at 812 Western Avenue to pick up your trash bags. Hopefully we will have our new weed wacker operational and will be able to

Saturday evening, June 16, 5pm to 9pm both evenings. It's a house and garden tour. It's a wine tasting, featuring wines from local Western Pennsylvania vineyards. The wines served at each home will be accompanied by specially prepared hors d'oeuvres.

Volunteers are needed now to help with the planning phase, especially with publicity. Volunteers will also be needed to help during the tour. Homeowners will need help house sitting and serving. This will be a guided tour so several tour guides will be needed to escort guests around the neighborhood.

Details of the tour and ideas for publicity will be discussed at the next Ways and Means Committee Meeting on Monday, April 16 at 7:30pm at 913 Brighton Rd. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your ideas.

“Get the word out” to friends and coworkers about our event. Details will be posted on our website during the first week of April. Tickets may also be purchased on our website, www.alleghenywest.org.

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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.

THE GAZETTE

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