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# ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

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August 2009

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## Western Avenue Update

...and the work continues!

All of the excavating is done, the concrete has been poured and inlets installed. That leaves the brickwork and plenty of what the contractor calls "filler work" - all of the little things that need to be done in order to complete the project. The contractor has been sealing the inlets, installing the edging for the tree pits, working on the electric for the lights on the south side of the street while having one or two guys working on laying the remainder of the bricks. As more of the filler work is completed, more men will be added to the brick laying activity. The sign posts will be installed and line painting should take place over the next two weeks as well. There's still a lot of work to be done.

We have hired Tower Engineering to work on the electric service moves and they will begin the engineering studies to determine the best way to handle a few of the more challenging service moves in the 800 block. Tom Rosselot (our project manager from the Northside Leadership Conference) will be meeting with the Tower Engineering folks to put an action plan together for all of the electric service moves. Yep, we're still moving the utility services from Western to the alley ways behind. Just to be clear, I'll say it again - the utilities will move off of Western.

While crazy ideas and wacky stories continue to swirl around just about every aspect of this project from just about anyone who has ever set foot on Western Avenue - giving me quite a few laughs, I have to come clean about the project - we are on budget and we have not encountered any unexpected problems thus far. I know, it's a shocking revelation but it's absolutely true!

On a serious note, we continue to work on the project and will do so until it's finished. And we will finish the project according to the plans!

Yours in progress,  
Gloria Rayman

Western RENEWED Project Chair

## Volunteers needed for the Labor Day Block Party!!!!!!

We're looking for a few people to lend much needed hands for the block party. If you have a few minutes to spare to either help set up, clean up or have a vehicle and could help transport items to and from the party, please email Debra Kelly at [kellern2001@hotmail.com](mailto:kellern2001@hotmail.com).

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

## August/September 2009 Calendar of Events

### AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church

Tuesday, August 11 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 8 @ 7:30 pm

#### Agenda:

- i. Reading of July 2009 Minutes
- ii. Treasurer's Report
- iii. Committee Reports
- iv. Ways and Means
- v. Housing & Planning
- vi. Old Business
  - a. Memorial Trees
- vii. New Business

### Committee Meetings

Housing & Planning Meeting

844 Beech Ave

Tuesday, August 18 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 15 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting

858 Beech Ave.

Tuesday, August 25 @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday, September 29 @ 7:30 pm

North Avenue Sub-Committee Meeting

1009 Galveston Ave.

Tuesday, September 4 @ 7:30 pm



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# **Allegheny West Labor Day Picnic!**

**Monday September 7th**

**4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**800 Block of N. Lincoln Avenue**

**The AWCC will supply the main course, soda(pop), beer, wine and paper products.**

**You are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Don't forget your lawn chairs.**

**Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome**

**Party rain or shine!**

## **Be a 6th Grade Mentor!**

The United Way is in need of mentors for the Northside schools.

They are recruiting and training hundreds of mentors to support 6th grade students in targeted middle schools in the district. Two of the schools, Pittsburgh Allegheny and Pittsburgh Schiller are located in the North Side.

If you are interested, visit the site [www.bea6thgradementor.org](http://www.bea6thgradementor.org) for more information.



## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Allegheny Branch Grand Opening Community Celebration**

**Saturday, August 29 10 am - 2 pm**

**10:15 am - Ribbon-cutting ceremony**

**Activities include:**

**Tours - Crafts - Balloon Artistry - Performances**

**WSHH'S Sweet Treat Patrol**

**Celebrities from WWSW**

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# Allegheny West Then & Now

**Western Avenue 1934**



**Western Avenue 2009**



**Brighton & Beech 1929**



**Brighton & Beech 2009**



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Allegheny West Civic Council - Membership  
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2009 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.net/shop](http://www.alleghenywest.net/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.net](mailto:info@alleghenywest.net) and we will look in the membership file!

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