

The Allegheny West Christmas Tour is this Friday and Saturday!

ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

December 2009

The Allegheny West Christmas Tour It's Our 28th Year, Let's Make It the Best

On Saturday, November 21, The Post Gazette featured 838 No. Lincoln Avenue, home of the Whitmers, in a fantastic story by Patricia Lowry. Since then, ticket requests have been very steady. As of this writing, we have sold close to 1200 tickets. We're 200 ahead of last year's sales. The Dinner Tour is sold out as are Brunch and Tea Tours. Regular Tour tickets are still available but going fast. Get the word out to friends and co-workers that, if they want to come on tour, they need to purchase their tickets now. The best way to get tickets is on-line. You can pay and print out your own ticket confirmation on our web-site, www.alleghenywest.org.

By the time you read this, crews of volunteers have picked up litter from neighborhood streets and alleys and hung 150 swags of greens and ribbons on lamp posts and fences. If you were not part of this project, there are still many opportunities to help. This coming weekend you can be a tour guide, help housesit in a home on tour, be a greeter at Calvary Church, or help light luminaria on our streets. To volunteer for any of these, contact Carole Malakoff, carolemalakoff@hotmail.com or 412-321-3612. All volunteers are invited to attend The Volunteer Party on Saturday evening, at 8pm, at 835 Western Avenue.



Please be aware that the following streets will be closed to traffic and parking on Friday evening, from 4pm to 11pm, and on Saturday, from 9am to 11pm.

- * Both blocks of Beech Avenue
- * The 800 block of No. Lincoln Avenue
- * Galveston Avenue from Dounton Way to Buttercup Way
- * Rope Way, from Beech to Ridge

We do this every year to insure the safety of pedestrians on the street

Let's make this tour the best one yet!

Carole Malakoff, AWCC Ways and Means Chair.

Reminder: Allegheny West Door Decorating Contest

Let's really make an effort to welcome visitors to Allegheny West by decorating our doors, porches, and entranceways. The contest will again be sponsored by **Coldwell Banker Real Estate**. Judging will take place on Saturday morning, December 12. Prizes will be gift certificates to local businesses.

December 2009/January 2010 Calendar of Events

AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church
Tuesday, December 8 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 12 @ 7:30 pm

December Agenda:

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

Committee Meetings

Housing & Planning Meeting
844 Beech Ave.
Tuesday, December 15 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, January 19 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting
858 Beech Ave.
Tuesday, December 29 @ 7:30 pm

North Avenue Sub-Committee Meeting
Hoi Polloi
Tuesday, January 5 @ 7:30 pm



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We Still Need Volunteers to help out for the Allegheny West Christmas Tour!

It's not too late, there are many tasks to do for our Christmas Tour. Here is what you can do:

To be a tour guide, contact Doug Sprague, dougsprague63@yahoo.com

To be a church greeter, contact Brandon Williams, brandonpwilliams@hotmail.com

To help organize the volunteer party, contact Debbie Kelly, kellern2001@hotmail.com

To help house sit, contact Carole Malakoff, carolemalakoff@hotmail.com

To help be a conductor at The Toy Train Museum, contact Chris Bladen, newenglishman@hotmail.com

To help serve cider and cookies, contact Linda Ehrlich, lindashsdy@aol.com

To help light luminaria, contact Chris Fetter, chrispgh1@aol.com

To get a group of friends together and go caroling on our streets, contact Tony Corasaniti, corasana@comcast.net

Calvary United Methodist Church presents... An Evening with Rick Sebak

Sunday, December 13th
4:00-6:00 PM

Calvary United Methodist Church – 971 Beech Avenue
Pittsburgh's North Side

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students
(Student discount offer – buy 5 tickets, get 1 free!)
To reserve your tickets, call (412) 231-2007

WOED's producer, writer and narrator of unusual documentaries will share his experiences about the documentary production process, talk about his favorite moments, people and places from his local and national programs, and answer some of your questions. Rick will also be asking the audience some trivia questions, for a chance to win one of his DVDs. After the presentation, join us for a light reception and an opportunity to meet Rick.

Free childcare available during the event, with fun activities for the children.

Call today to reserve your tickets (412) 231-2007
For more information, visit our website at www.calvarypgh.com



AWCC Membership

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.net and we will look in the membership file!

Your paid membership enables you to vote at monthly membership meetings.



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AWCC Announcement: The 2010 nominating committee elected at the membership meeting this month.

Tim Zinn - chair
John DeSantis
Jim Wallace
John McDanel
Gloria Rayman
Debra Kelley - alt
Carole Malakoff - alt

Free Smoke Detector Program

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl has announced that city residents can request a free smoke detector to be installed, also for free, by calling 311. 311 will send the information to the appropriate zone and have a firefighter come to the residence. Installation will take approximately 15 minutes. All city homeowners and renters are eligible for the program.

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