
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

February 2014

A Letter From President Bob:

Last Thursday, January 30, I was honored to represent Allegheny West in the 25th anniversary re-signing of the AGH-Northside Partnership agreement. For those not familiar with the Partnership, it was formed to deal with several problems that Northside communities were having with AGH's neighborhood impact. Problems like helicopter flight paths and employee parking were at the top of an extensive list of issues. Rather than just continuing to yell at each other, though, AGH and the neighborhoods sat down and drafted a document to provide a framework for dealing with those and future issues.

The Partnership was successful enough that it has endured for a quarter of a century. And, over the years, it has grown from being merely a problem-resolution mechanism to being a real partnership. To date, via the Partnership, AGH has initiated over 40 programs to benefit the Northside, including:

- an employee home ownership program to get people to move to, and live in, the Northside
- neighborhood reinvestment programs to finance the renovation and rehabilitation of properties
- health improvement programs, including the Hearts in the Park walk and YMCA fitness programs
- a local purchasing program to ensure that Northside dollars go to Northside businesses
- child safety programs, like the bicycle helmet program
- social events, like the annual Christmas party for disadvantaged children
- neighborhood employment programs to bring jobs to the Northside and prepare Northsiders for jobs.
- Improvements to the Commons (Allegheny Health Network has announced that it will be making a major financial contribution toward the Commons fountain project).

At the re-signing ceremony, many of the signers of the original Partnership agreement were present. Our own Martha Helmreich and John DeSantis were among those who were called up onto the stage for recognition. There was also a very good turnout by our local government officials, past and present, including Tom Murphy, Dan Onorato, Bill Peduto, Rich Fitzgerald, and our own councilwoman, Darlene Harris. What also impressed me was the turnout from the Allegheny Health Network/AGH/Highmark executives. It seemed like each of their representatives was the CEO or COO of an AHN organization. Their presence really spoke to their commitment to the Northside and to the Partnership. So, thank you to those Allegheny West residents and other Northsiders who were active in the formation of the Partnership 25 years ago. Thank you, also, to all the folks who have worked for and within the Partnership over the years to improve life on the Northside. And, thank you to AGH for working with the neighborhoods. I'm looking forward to 25 more years of the Partnership improving the quality of Northside living.

From President, Bob Griewahn

AWCC February Calendar

AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church
(Beech Avenue Entrance)

Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:30pm

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting - 857 Western Avenue

Tuesday, February 18 @ 7:30pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting

806 February Western Avenue

Tuesday, February 25 @ 7:30pm

The Recycling Issue

From Membership Chairman and Western Avenue Neighbor, Timothy Zinn.

With the start of 2014, we have once again included a copy of the city's current Refuse/Bulk and Recycling Pickup Schedule in this edition of the *Gazette*. Please retain this flyer and refer to it throughout the year. If you already received a copy of the calendar, pass this one along to a neighbor that may not have received one, including tenants, if you have any, or residents in multi-unit apartment buildings. By observing the guidelines, collection times, and calendar, we can have a huge positive impact, not only on the appearance of our neighborhood, but also on our local environment. All too often people forget the collection/recycling schedule and refuse and recyclables are left in alleys and on streets for a week or more. If you put your trash and/or recyclables out on the wrong day, or if you miss your collection time, PLEASE do not leave them on the curb until the next week's collection. You could be cited for this and it also has a huge negative impact on our neighborhood. Additionally, refuse should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on the night before collection and no later than 6:00 am on the day of collection. Should our collection day (Monday) be on a holiday, refuse will be collected the following day.

I again encourage all of our residents to recycle. Recycling is easy with the city's "single-stream" system, which eliminates the need to separate items. The recycling program accepts glass, aluminum and bi-metal cans, paper, cardboard, and plastics marked 1-5. For additional information and a PDF of the collection calendar and guidelines, please follow the links below:

Collection Schedule:

http://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/Southern_14_final.pdf

Collection Guidelines:

http://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/Refuse_Collection_Guidelines-14_final.pdf

Recycling Newsletter (Winter 2014):

http://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/2014_city_Mailer_Final_Draft.pdf

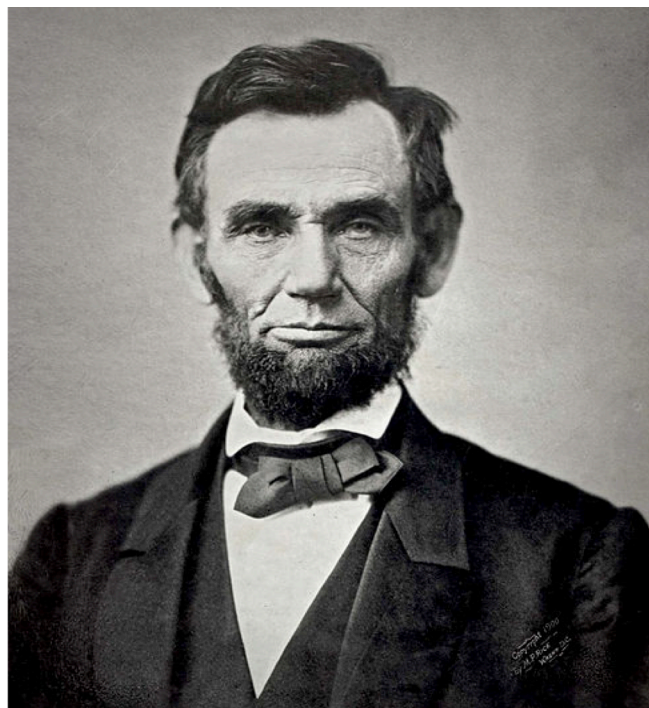
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN!

This February 12 is the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth two hundred and five years ago. But, on February 14, we mark the anniversary of the only time Lincoln visited our city. It was 1861 and Mr. Lincoln arrived at Allegheny station at eight o'clock during a torrential rain to an immense crowd, despite the poor weather. Lincoln was en route to Washington, DC for his inauguration. He had won a decisive victory in Allegheny County and he had many supporters. In fact due to the popularity of the Republican Party here, the first Republican convention was held in Pittsburgh. Many years ago I read an account on microfiche at the Carnegie library that described a reception for Lincoln which took place at a home on Linden Avenue, now known as North Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln did not stay long as he had been delayed in arriving due to an accident, and he was cold and tired from the journey. I have thought that perhaps when the need arose, due to annexation, to change the name from Linden, the name Lincoln was chosen because of his visit. It is food for our imaginations to contemplate the sight of President Lincoln here in our neighborhood.

- Fran Barbush



Allegheny West Neighborhood Valentine's Day Mixer



St Peter Parish Fish Fry begins March 7th

St. Peter Parish will have their annual Lenten lunch and dinners beginning Friday March 7th and every Friday during Lent, **EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY**, at Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall Suismon and Middle streets.

Lunch: a la carte 11:30am until 2pm

Dinners: \$9.00 from 4pm until 6:30pm

Take outs call: 412-321-2499.

Friday, February 14, 6:00 PM
at

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AWCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

February 11, 2014

- I. Reading of January 2014 Minutes
- II. Reports of Officers
 - A. Treasurer's Report
- III. Report of Standing Committees
 - A. Housing & Planning / North Ave. Committees
 - 1. North Avenue Projects
 - 2. Western Avenue Update
 - 3. Misc.
 - B. Membership
 - 1. Wednesday Night Bowling
 - C. Property
 - 1. Realtor Report
 - D. Ways & Means
 - E. Friends of Allegheny West
- IV. Northside Leadership Conference Report
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Announcements

Sign up for AWCC's E-Newsletter!

Find out what's happening in the neighborhood between monthly Gazettes. Membership chair Timothy Zinn puts out a weekly email filled with events and reminders to keep you on abreast of neighborhood happenings (restaurant specials, fun activities like bowling and bocci, and reminders for street cleaning and recycling days, etc.).

To sign up send an email to tzinn106@msn.com and ask him to add you to the list.

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