

ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

January 2010

Letter from the President

Thank you to everyone for helping to make the Christmas tour a success. It was great to see so much community involvement. The Christmas Teas continue to attract new people to the tour for the first time. The brunch at 858 Beech Avenue had 20 people attending. Of this group only 5 had been on a tour before, and of these 5 who had been on a tour in the past, most had not been on a tour in quite some time. No one had been through my house before. One woman from Dormont was skeptical at first about coming on the tour, but during the brunch, she already wanted to bring family members along next year to take the tour! This shows that Carole did a great job putting this tour together. One couple at brunch was from just outside London, and had been living in Pittsburgh for the last four years, but still owns their home in England which was built in 1920. This was their first tour of Allegheny West and they were very enthusiastic about the experience.

The second group of the day, the tea tour, had 8 out of 20 people who had been on the tour in previous years. One family came on a regular basis.

Have you started to look forward to spring? The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh continues to move forward with a plan for Design Enhancements to the Federal Street underpass below the railroad bridge between PNC Park and Allegheny Center. The Children's Museum hopes to mobilize a contractor in the spring if the project receives approval. The entire area would be cleaned, including light fixtures, poles, railings walls and sidewalks. The East abutment stone wall will get repointed. Fascia girders, intermediate girders, columns and support angles will be painted. The project will also repair and redirect downspouts to the abutment walls and install new gutter system. An overhead canopy will cover the sidewalks.

Art works will be installed along the West and East walls, with the intention to rotate art installations regularly. The NRG Energy Center has committed to provide ongoing cleaning of the overall area for five years after the project is installed. If you are interested to participate in this process (selection of artwork, etc), we can send a representative to serve on the NSLC committee related to this project. Please let me know.

The Brighton Road Committee continues to meet on the second Monday of the month at the Northside Leadership Conference. The Committee was formed to make recommendations to the NSLC Board on what direction the NSLC should take to assist neighborhoods along the corridor. Andrea Lavin from the Community Design Center of Pittsburgh presented at the December meeting.

The CDCP is a non-profit organization that improves quality of life through good design of the built environment. The CDCP makes grants for conceptual design, planning and cost estimates, and this process is often a stepping stone to a bigger funder. The size of the grants from the CDCP is typically \$10,000. If awarded, the CDCP would put together a list of appropriate landscape or architectural firms, and then the committee would write RFPs and then set up interviews. Allegheny West would like to find another representative to attend and serve at these meetings – if you are interested please come to the membership meeting or contact me.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.
Jonn McDanel (President AWCC)

December 2009/January 2010 Calendar of Events

AWCC General Membership Meeting
Calvary United Methodist Church
Tuesday, January 12 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:30 pm

December Agenda

- i. Reading of December 2009 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
844 Beech Ave.
Tuesday, January 19 @ 7:30 pm
Tuesday, February 15 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting
858 Beech Ave.
Tuesday, January 25 @ 7:30 pm

North Avenue Sub-Committee Meeting
Hoi Polloi
Tuesday, January 1 @ 7:30 pm



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2009 Tour Wrap-up

The homes looked beautiful. The neighborhood looked great. The weather was wonderful. Visitors were happy and pleased with the experience.. The event was a success. We had 1625 people visit Allegheny West on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12. The success of this event was due to all of the work and effort put forth by everyone involved. From those of you who decorated the streets, to homeowners who opened their homes, to everyone who had a small or large part of this year's success

A HUGE THANK YOU.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Door Decorating Contest sponsored by Coldwell Banker Real Estate. They were Hal Dixler and Nick Duerlinger at 849 No. Lincoln Avenue, Nonie and Bob Knaus at 843 Beech, and Gretchen Duthoy at 849 Beech. These homeowners each received a gift certificate to a neighborhood business.

Carole Malakoff

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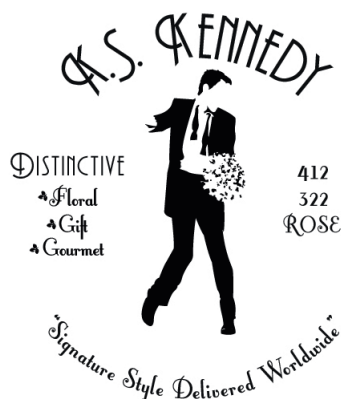
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