
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

July 2016

President's Message

By Cathy Serventi

Come early to the Tuesday membership meeting if you'd like to hear more details about the final report for the Buhl Foundation. We've made some refinements to the report that was presented a few months ago, but to go over all of them during the regular meeting would make an already long (hot) meeting even longer. So we're setting up some time before the meeting starts for the folks who really get into the nitty gritty details some time for discussion. We'll be posting the (60+ page!) report online on alleghenywest.org as soon as I can figure out how to multiple sets of passwords reconfigured. (Just as an aside: alleghenywest.org was the victim of some pretty intense hacking recently and Gene and Nick spent a huge amount of time reconfiguring everything and locking stuff down. Why can't people just be nice!)

I'll send out an email blast this weekend with the proposed wording of the motions we'd like to make around the plans for: the Mary Cassatt garden; traffic calming on W. North and Brighton w/ additional parking; replacing lightening where need and an incredibly ambitious plan for replacing trees and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. We're especially interested in folks who are willing to serve on a working group to get some of these plans enacted; so if you're interested please try and come at 7:00pm. Some of these plans are controversial, so I want to make sure we have time to discuss them in more detail without totally overwhelming and already crowded agenda. (But ask Executive Committee how quickly we blasted through a huge agenda last Tuesday; someone's spouse complained their partner wanted more time out of the house and was disappointed!)

We'll also make sure there are hard copies of the report available in the office (M/F 12:00 – 3:00) or you can call me (412-418-2027) and I can arrange to get you a copy if you can't go over to Western during office hours. I'm super excited about this - it's the culmination of months of work and we can't wait to share it with all of you.

Congratulations Tom Barbush, Rib Cook-Off Champion!

By Scott Mosser

The day was rainy, but the crowd still came out for Allegheny West's 1st Annual BBQ Rib Cook-Off! After it was all said and done, not a single rib was left! The vote was close, but in the end, it was Tom Barbush that took home the trophy! Congratulations Tom!

I'd like to thank all the contestants for making the event such a great success and making the judges deliberations so difficult! Next year, Tom will be heading up the panel of judges and passing the trophy on to our next winner. For all of you who considered entering, you now have almost 12 months to perfect YOUR entry!

Note: Some serving dishes and spoons were left behind. If you want to claim yours, please stop by the office during office hours (M/F 12:00 – 3:00) to pick them up.



AWCC Calendar

Tuesday, July 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

General Membership → Calvary Church: 971 Beech

Friday, July 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Mixer → Modern Cafe

Tuesday, July 19 @ 7:30 p.m.

Housing & Planning Committee → Office: 806 Western

Tuesday, July 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Executive Committee → AWCC Office: 806 Western

Saturday, July 30 @ 9:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Clean-up → Office: 806 Western

Every Wednesday Night @ 7:00 p.m.

Bocce → Bocce Courts on Western Ave. (across from the Allegheny Sandwich Shop)

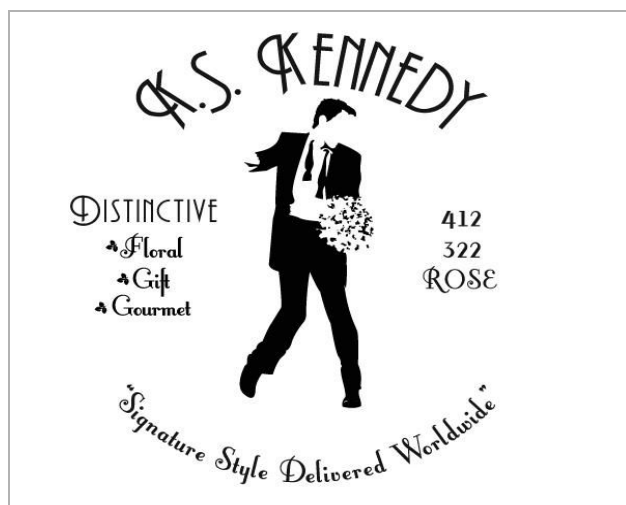
DRAFT Agenda

AWCC Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:30pm (pre session at 7:00pm)

Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave.

- 7:00 - 7:30 - Jim Pashek
- Visitor: Carnegie Science Center
- Visitor: Finalize Buhl Grant Outcomes / Next steps
- New neighbors
- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report & Finalize Budget
- Housing and Planning Updates
 - Western Ave.
 - Light of Light
 - CCAC
- AWDC Updates: 928 Western
- Property: 806 Western Improvements
- Ways and Means:
 - Final report about the Wine Tour
 - Christmas Tour
- Friends:
 - Clean ups!
 - Babb volunteer day - July 14, All Welcome
- Membership Events
 - Corn roast in Sept.
 - Mixer: Friday, July 15 at the Modern Cafe
 - 50 Anniversary: Alleys, Axles and Ales
- Committee Q&A



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Open Streets Pittsburgh Coming to Allegheny West

Submitted by Ngani Ndimbie of Bike Pittsburgh

What if you could close down a few city streets, and use it for a few hours of good, healthy, family fun? Well, you'd have OpenStreetsPGH! On Sunday, July 31, from 9:00 AM. to 1:00 PM, OpenStreetsPGH is coming to the Northside and West End! Organized by Bike Pittsburgh and presented by Highmark Inc. and the Colcom Foundation, OpenStreetsPGH is an event series that connects neighborhoods by creating temporarily car-free spaces where people can be active. Local businesses are encouraged to take over the sidewalks while everyone can freely enjoy the streets. And the idea is catching on in Pittsburgh: 20,000 people attended the May OpenStreetsPGH held on Butler St and Penn Ave and thousands more participated in June.

Get ready to experience familiar Northside streets as never before – free from car traffic. The third and final OpenStreetsPGH event of 2016 will allow everyone to join the fun and reclaim the streets as places to walk, bike, shop, skate, and play. The three-mile route will span from Market Square in Downtown, across the Clemente Bridge, over to Western Ave, across the West End Bridge to Main Street in the West End. A car-free West End Bridge will provide an unbeatable view of Downtown Pittsburgh for people of all ages to enjoy. "We're calling it our City of Bridges route," remarked Bike Pittsburgh Executive Director Scott Bricker.



Three programming hubs along the route will offer 12 free, family-friendly fitness classes, including pilates from Physique Rx'd, basketball with the Pittsburgh Bullets, as well as classes such as yoga and Zumba, provided by the YMCA.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

Saturday, July 30: 9:00A.M. – 11:00A.M. 806 Western Ave. / Submitted by Michael Shealey

There will be a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, July 30th from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. Meet at the AWCC office at 806 Western Ave. If you wish to do gardening in the parklet at this time, then please bring your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Michael at michael_shealey@hotmail.com with questions.

Congratulations!

A special congratulations goes to Trish Burton for being named 2016 Allegheny West Neighbor of the Year! Trish was honored on June 16, at the Northside Leadership Conference's annual awards dinner. Thank you, Trish, for all you do for our neighborhood!

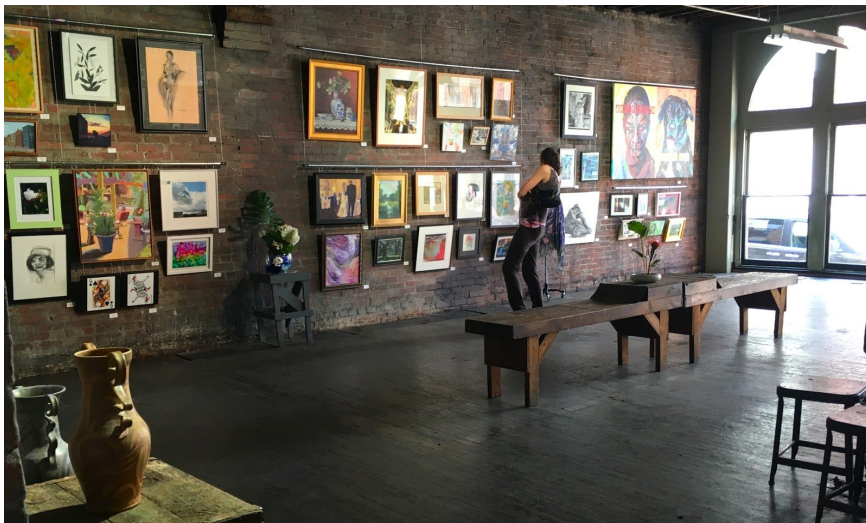
Office Hours: AWCC office hours have changed for the summer. Hours are Mon. and Fri., 12:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

A Successful 2nd Annual Allegheny West Art Show

By Sara Beck Sweeney

Our second annual neighborhood art show & sale took place Friday June 24th and continued into Saturday June 25th, and it was a wonderful improvement on last year's successful event! Allegheny West resident artist and show founder Dennis Bergevin, with support from numerous skilled neighbors, expanded the show this year to include artists and attendees from all across the Northside. The expansion was made logistically possible by the new location at 831 W North Avenue, generously offered for the show by Elaine Stone and Mitchell Schwartz, neighbors and owners of SMARTSolution Technologies. Their crew at SMARTSolution also helped ready the space for the event. Beyond being just bigger, the space, with its open layout, exposed brick walls and huge arching windows was the perfect venue for such a large and wide-ranging show of artwork.

Fifty artists submitted up to two pieces each for a show of close to 100 works of art. Thankfully we had wonderful neighbors like Shannon & Holly Pultz and Jonathan Steinhauer who were willing to lend their time and skills to expertly hang and light everything.



Other talented friends and neighbors generously contributed to the event's success as well: Lili Troviato provided musical entertainment, Ritsu Shimizu created beautiful flower arrangements, Cheryl Towers painted signage (as well as helping out generally with the event) and Sara Beck Sweeney helped with marketing. Dennis donated one of his paintings to be raffled off to benefit the Humane Society and Hilary Mosser donated her time to sell the raffle tickets throughout Friday night's event. Their efforts raised \$350 for the cause.

An estimated 150 people attended the event, purchasing 20 works of art. AWCC provided not only their support, but also snacks, wine and other beverages, and paper products.

Thank you to all those mentioned in this article, as well as the friends and neighbors who brought food and drink to share. Thanks also to those numerous individuals who pitched in when they saw a need: Scott Mosser, Eleanor Coleman and last but certainly not least Dennis' husband, Doug Schreck. Everyone's collaboration and support made for a wonderful event! We are already looking forward to next year!

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