# **ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE**

July 2018

# President's Message

There will be NO AWCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON TUESDAY JULY 10. In the summer - and *if* there are no pressing business matters to discuss - we sometimes opt to take the second Tuesday of the month off. And that's just what we've done this month - a little break while things are slow and the weather's nice. The various AWCC Committees will continue to meet on their regular schedules; only the monthly Membership Meeting will be absent from the calendar. So instead of getting together with your neighbors for a Civic Council meeting on Tuesday evening, perhaps you can consider another form of traditional Allegheny West socializing: the friendly neighborhood stroll!

For those who are new to this, a brief primer:

Whether it's for a few minutes or a few hours, get out of the house and see what the rest of your neighbors are up to. For a while, you may choose to sit on your stoop or porch with a cool drink, chatting with the folks who pass by. And for a while, you can become one of the passersby as you explore your own street as well as those that you visit less frequently. The most important part of all this strolling begins with a single word: "Hello".

To long-time friends and complete strangers, whether spoken from the porch to a stroller passing by, or from the sidewalk to a stoop-sitter ... don't hesitate to strike up a conversation. In fact, the less that you know the person you're speaking with, the more rewarding this evening journey will become.

Tuesday will be the perfect evening to get out, have some fun, and meet more of your neighbors. It's so much easier than in mid-January!

- John DeSantis, AWCC President

### Tour and Tasting 2018: THANK YOU!

Thank you to all neighbors who volunteered to make this year's wine tour possible. And a special thank you to **Carol Gomrick** for once again organizing, such an amazing and successful tour!!

### Fight Litter on the Northside

The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) is partnering with local community groups to fight litter after the Deutschtown Music Festival. Over 20,000 people are expected to attend the two-day, free music festival, which can equate to quite a lot of litter! Join PRC for a litter clean-up to protect our environment, as well as the community members who call the North Side home. PRC will provide pastries for breakfast as well as gloves, vests, bags, and litter pickers for volunteers. **Deutschtown Music Festival Litter Clean Up:** Sunday, July 15 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Meeting at the Public Parking Lot next to Allegheny City Brewing. E-mail mkranii@prc.org for more info.

## PechaKucha Night, Volume 30

PechaKucha Night, Volume 30, will be held on Tuesday, July 10, from 7:00P.M. - 9:00P.M. at City of Asylum @ Alphabet City. PechaKucha Nights are informal, fun gatherings held in more than 900 cities world-wide, where creative people share their ideas, works and thoughts in a 20×20 format; a presentation style with 20 images that advance automatically for 20 seconds each, as the presenter talks along with the images.

Presenters for Vol 30 include Felicia Cooper, Christopher Edington, Beth Hackney, Sarah Kate Beaumont, Larkin Werner, Mister Panda, Ray Bowman, Gwyn Cready & Mark Zingarelli, Glenn Olcerst, and Sydney Olberg. PKN is celebrating 10 years in Pittsburgh. Allegheny West neighbor, Greg Coll has been co-organizing PKN Pittsburgh since 2010. Register at <a href="cityofasylumpittsburgh.secure.force.com">cityofasylumpittsburgh.secure.force.com</a>. Admission is free, courtesy of City of Asylum. Presented by: AIA Pittsburgh, AIGA Pittsburgh and the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council. Learn more at <a href="www.pechakucha.org">www.pechakucha.org</a>, or "like" PechaKucha Pittsburgh on facebook.

### Alleys, Axles and Ales

There will be a meeting of the Alleys, Axles and Ales tour committee on Monday, July 9 at 7:00-9:00 (844 N. Lincoln Ave.) Refreshments will be served. All Allegheny West neighbors are welcome to attend. Finishing details will be discussed, with emphasis on advertising and getting the word out. Posters will be on hand to distribute to local businesses, beer distributors and car dealerships. Allegheny West neighbors are encouraged to sell tickets to the Alleys, Axles and Ales tour to friends and coworkers. Every five tickets sold will be entered in a neighborhood raffle for a chance to receive a ticket to the Ground-to-Glass Wines Showcase event (see below).

#### New Date for Ground-to-Glass Showcase Event

Join us for an intimate event in the grand Holmes Hall Ballroom to learn more about Pittsburgh-area native <u>Gary Eberle</u>, the "Pioneer of Paso Robles Wines," while enjoying an exclusive tasting of four Eberle wines with catered pairings. This event will be hosted by Deb Mortillaro of Dreadnought Wines, imparting the influences from the ground to your glass. It is a total wine experience in an exceptional home NEW DATE: **Saturday, September 15 @** 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. at Holmes Hall | \$120 (\$200 per couple)

#### AWCC Calendar

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH

Tuesday, July 17 @ 7:30 P.M.

Housing & Planning Committee → Office: 806 Western

Tuesday, July 31 @ 7:30 P.M.

Executive Committee → AWCC Office: 806 Western

**BOCCE is back:** Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. at the Bocce court on Western Ave., across from the Allegheny Sandwich Shop

#### Reminder: Street Sweeping

The street sweeper will come on **Monday**, **July 9** and **Tuesday**, **June 10**.

#### The Allegheny West Gazette

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