
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

July 2019

President's Message

*"All you need in the world is love and laughter. That's all anybody needs.
To have love in one hand and laughter in the other."*
— August Wilson

Allegheny West Civic Council business typically slows down dramatically during July and August, with the Council often not holding General Membership meetings during these high summer months. Because we do have to vote on the budget, we will hold the July meeting as scheduled on Tuesday, July 9th. However, our regular meeting space at Calvary Methodist is not available so we will relocate the meeting for July. The alternate location is not yet confirmed, information will be provided via email blast so please be on the lookout for that update. The July meeting will also be somewhat abbreviated as we'll have time constraints – the Treasurer's report and budget will have top billing, followed by Ways and Means and Housing and Planning updates.

We head into the slower summer months on the heels of a very busy spring. There are some people who deserve a special mention for their efforts on recent neighborhood events:

- **Carol Gomrick** – Chair of the Tour and Tasting event which was a big success in large part due to Carol's hard work. So many people volunteered their gardens, time, talents, etc. and Carol coordinated all that work! It was an impressive team effort and we're lucky to have Carol leading the way!
- **Greg Coll** – and his team pulled off a lovely Memorial Day picnic even going so far as to arranging perfect weather.
- **Diane Caruso and Trish Burton** – are responsible for the new brick pathway and beautiful look of the parklet at Western and Brighton. They corralled resources to finish this garden upgrade before the tour and it looks great.

Of course there are many others volunteering their time towards Allegheny West projects and events, we are very lucky to have many neighbors who give their time so generously.

And speaking of August Wilson, the cast and crew of the movie, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom will be around the neighborhood, particularly on the 800 block of W North filming in the next couple of weeks. Look for flyers with details on road closings and contact info to be distributed to affected homes.

The July 4th neighborhood picnic will highlight love, laughter and a rib cook off. Hope to see you there!

- Ann Gilligan, AWCC President

****Please note: The July 9th Membership Meeting will NOT be held at the Calvary Church. ****
******Location TBA via e-newsletter as soon as possible.*******

Fourth of July Parade

Young and old are encouraged to festively and patriotically decorate their bikes, trikes, baby strollers, wagons and any other vehicle to participate in the [Allegheny West 4th of July Parade](#)! The parade route begins on 800 N. Lincoln at 4:00pm sharp. Put out your lawn chairs early to get prime viewing of the parade. Winners will be chosen from the following categories: *Most Entertaining*, *Most Patriotic*, *Best Design* and *Craftsmanship*, and *Best of Parade*.

Seeking Members for the Ways and Means Committee!

Attention Neighbors: We need people who are interested in fundraising activities to join the Ways and Means Committee. We put together the various tours, raffles, and special events for the neighborhood. Please consider becoming involved in the planning of upcoming events. Committee meetings are on the second Monday of each month at the AWCC office (806 Western Avenue) at 7:30 P.M. For the July 10th meeting, there will be a debrief from the Wine Tasting Tour and discussion of preliminary plans for the Victorian House Tour. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Annette at act1@pitt.edu.

GOING LOCAL

CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPES AND CITYSCAPES OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Opening Reception Friday, July 26 6-9 pm



An Exhibition of Paintings by
Peggi Habets | Holly Pultz

The Hipwell Flashlight Factory
831 W North Ave, Pittsburgh flashlightfactory.net

Exhibition runs July 26 - August 4



Filming in Allegheny West

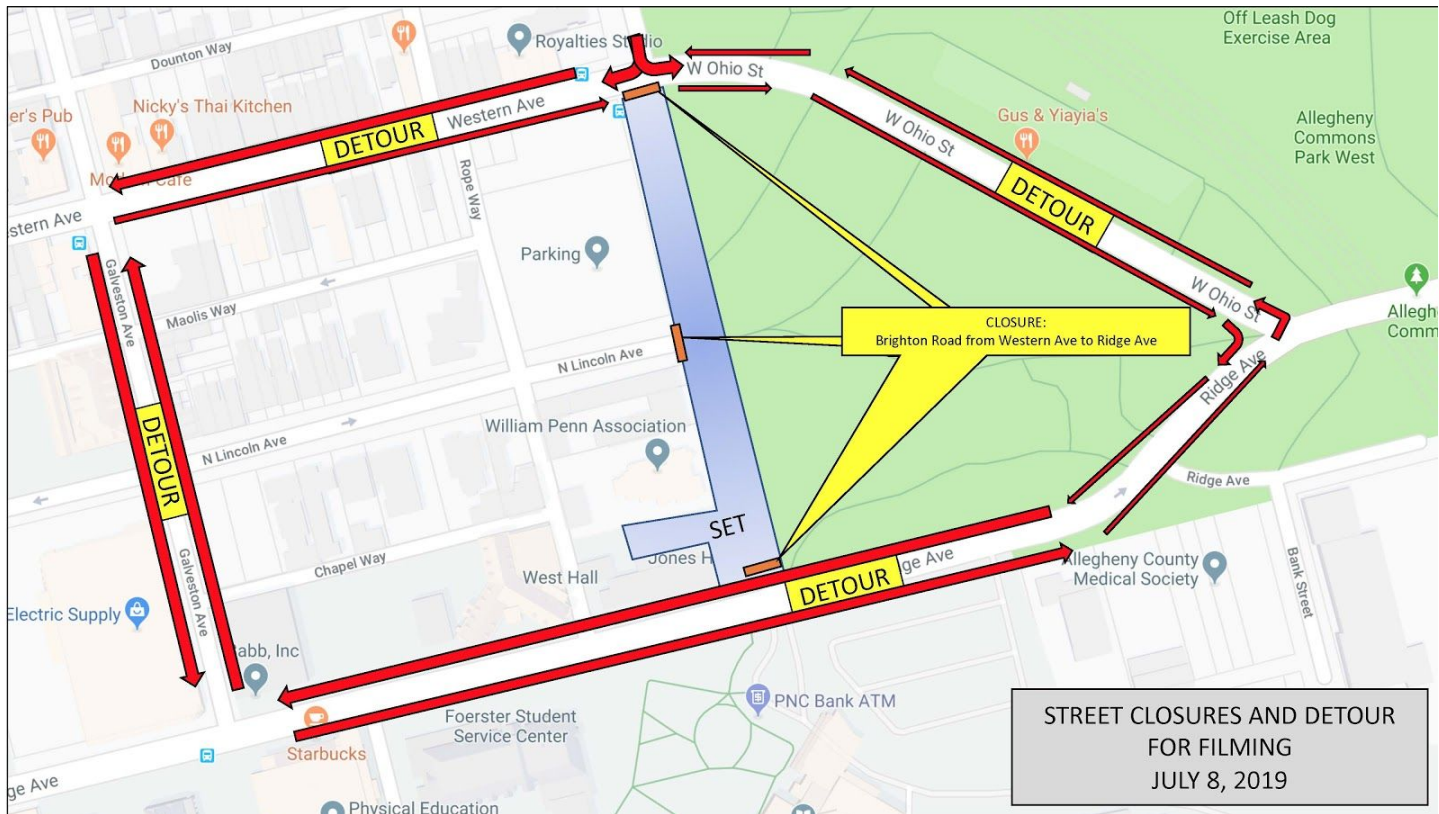
The Netflix film *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, based on a play by August Wilson and starring Viola Davis, is set to be filmed in Allegheny West. The film, which takes place in 1920s Chicago, will include exterior scenes of buildings in the neighborhood.

- The filming is expected to occur between July 8th and 12th during daylight hours.
- The 800 block of W. North Ave. is anticipated to be closed to traffic for approximately two days so that exterior scenes of the street and buildings can be filmed.
- A set depicting Chicago in 1927 is to be constructed in the lot between the Stables Building and Q Development in the 800 block of W. North Ave. Construction of this set will begin around June 20th but should not affect traffic on W. North.
- Exterior filming in the 700 block of Brighton Rd. expected to last approximately 2 hours.
- Interior filming of a home in the 900 block of N. Lincoln expected to last approximately 6 hours.

If you have questions regarding the filming please reach out to the location manager Jim Mahathey at 412-841-2340 or email via jamfilm@gmail.com.



(See additional detour map on next page.)



AWCC Calendar

Thursday, July 4 @ 4:00 P.M.

Fourth of July Block Party, 800 Block of N. Lincoln

Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:30 P.M.

General Membership → LOCATION TBA

Tuesday, July 16 @ 7:30 P.M.

Housing & Planning Committee → Office: 806 Western

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

Executive Committee → AWCC Office: 806 Western

Draft Agenda for Membership Meeting

Tuesday July 9th 7:30P.M.: **LOCATION TBA**

7:30: June Meeting Minutes

7:40: Treasurer's report & Budget approval

8:10: Ways and Means Update

- Tour and Tasting Recap

8:15: Housing and Planning

- Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District (WANID) update

- Historic District Expansion update and next steps

8:30: Adjournment

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