
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

June 2019

President's Message

Every year the Northside Leadership Conference hosts a Scholarship and Awards Dinner to celebrate students, neighborhoods and lifetime volunteers. Each Northside neighborhood selects a "Neighbor of the Year" and this year's Allegheny West Neighbor of the Year is Holly Pultz. There is an article in this issue of the Gazette that highlights the many reasons Holly is receiving the award and when you read it, I think you'll agree that it is much deserved.

Holly joins an impressive group of Allegheny West Neighbors of the Year, many who continue to contribute their time and talents. Last years honorees, Greg Coll and Doris Short, had a busy May with the opening of the Allegheny West Historic Timeline Exhibition, as well as Greg's efforts as the Membership Committee Chairperson in pulling off another stellar Memorial Day Picnic. Dr. Daniel Strinkowski, 2017 Neighbor of the Year, still works relentlessly to keep litter off the streets of Allegheny West. Another Neighbor of the Year alum, Trish Burton, serves as Communications Chairperson and volunteers her time to make sure we're all informed of community activities and announcements.

The journey to becoming a future Neighbor of the Year starts with a single step. I encourage everyone reading this to join one of the committees that do the legwork for Allegheny West Civic Council business. Below are some very active committees always looking for new members. Chairperson contact information is included. If you need some help finding the right volunteer opportunity, please reach out to me at President@AlleghenyWest.org.

- **Housing and Planning Committee** works on matters related to the physical planning and housing conditions in Allegheny West. Some topics on the H&P agenda are: Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District, Allegheny West Historic District expansion, Norfolk Southern Railroad double stacked train project and Code Enforcement concerns. The committee meets every 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm at 806 Western. All are welcome to attend.
Chairperson: Ashley Webb (housing-planning@alleghenywest.org)
- **Ways and Means Committee** is responsible for all fundraising activities of the Council. Upcoming tours are Wine and Garden Tour (June 21-22), Alleys, Axles and Ales (Date TBD) and the Victorian Christmas Tour (December 6-7).
Chairperson: Annette Trunzo (Ways-Means@AlleghenyWest.org)
- **Finance Committee** works with the Treasurer to manage the Allegheny West Civic Council Budget – including managing assets, liabilities, revenues, and debts. The Finance Committee is looking for new members with accounting and/or financial management experience.
Treasurer: Cathy Serventi (Treasurer@AlleghenyWest.org)

-Ann Gilligan, AWCC President

Allegheny West 2019 Neighbor of the Year

Holly Pultz, Allegheny West's Neighbor of the Year 2019, moved from the country to Beech Ave. thirty-two years ago with Dan, her husband, and their daughters, and that's when the neighborhood beautification project began. At that time, Irish, a lady of the streets, yelled at Holly for weeding and cleaning up the streets, but that didn't stop her. She loved the diversity of the neighborhood. An award-winning artist, Holly quickly put her creativity to good use in Allegheny West, designing and painting the facades used for the AW miniatures, sold at early Christmas house tours. She also has led art classes & programs for children and several Paint Monkey-type events to raise money for a neighborhood church choir to sing at Carnegie Hall.

If you're driving past the Triangle garden at North & Brighton at 7 A.M., you might catch a glimpse of Holly pulling weeds and tidying the garden. It is just one of the many quiet acts of service that Holly provides and that has led to Holly's nomination as Allegheny West Neighbor of the Year. Holly's fierce determination has meant that beautification projects aren't just discussed, but are realized, thanks to Holly's researching and then cajoling local suppliers, leading fundraising efforts, and finally, literally getting her hands dirty as tree wells and empty lots are weeded, planted, mulched and maintained.

There are many other activities that Holly has cheerfully helped with over the past thirty years, such as block parties, pancake suppers, monthly clean-ups, and flower baskets. She always appears with a smile on her face and a great attitude. No one can resist her laugh. But perhaps most impressive is that Holly shares her many gifts and talents, her time and energy, with graceful, elegant humility.

Holly will be honored at the Northside Leadership Conference dinner on Thursday, June 13th, at the Priory Grand Hall.

Congratulations, Holly!!

Summer Block Party: July 4

It's not too soon to begin planning your side dish for the annual Independence Day Block Party, to be held this year in the 800 block of N Lincoln Avenue from 4:00-7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 4th.

AWCC will provide grilled burgers and hotdogs along with beverages for all ages. (Please bring that side dish--in a dish marked with your name!--along with a chair.) The 800 block will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 3:00 P.M. on the 27th. Kindly move your car from the block prior to 3:00 P.M.

Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Please contact Greg Coll, Membership Chair, at gregcollcreative@gmail.com for details and to volunteer.

We can't sponsor these parties without lots of help!

REMINDER: It's street sweeping season: Remember to move your cars the second Mon/Tue of the month!

Get Ready for 2019 Tour and Tasting, featuring the Northside!

I'm thrilled to share that all of the homes are secured for the 2019 Wine Tour. Thank you to the following homeowners for opening up your homes:

Holmes Hall (719 Brighton)

Carol & Brett (940 W. North.)

Emmanuel Church (957 W. North)

Scott Keeney (905 Beech)

CCAC West Hall (Ridge Ave)

Dennis & Doug (808 Galveston)

PLEASE NOTE! We are very excited that we are looking to have on the tour West Hall part of CCAC. This stop is added so guests will be able to view the incredible exhibit sharing a 50-year history retrospective of Allegheny West. An incredible story, beautifully woven together by Doris Short and Greg Coll. Doris and Greg will be on hand to walk guest through the exhibit. We would be remiss if we did not thank CCAC for generously opening the hall for the tour and allowing the exhibit to be extended for the guests.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Dr Quintin Bullock, CCAC President, Dr Evon W. Walters, Campus President and Mary Henderson with Facilities who all have supported the efforts to open these historic buildings for our tours. Please look in the near future on the Allegheny West website and in the program for upcoming wine tasting classes being offered at the CCAC Allegheny Campus.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The tour committee is actively looking for volunteers to help during the tour - please see the list below of opportunities available. There are limited slots so they will fill up on a first response method. Contact Annette Trunzo or Carol Gomrick to sign up (Tours@alleghenywest.org). In the next email blast, a link to a Google Docs sign up sheet will be available.

Volunteer Responsibilities | 1 per homeowner / per tour

(Homeowners will be seeking wine pourers/food servers and greeters.)

House Lead

- Point of contact for the homeowner (House lead will need to be available during the entire shift)
- Makes sure all issues are addressed / e.g. extra plates/napkins etc.
- Coordinate with Annette Trunzo for additional supplies as needed
- Coordinate on Saturday to tear down service at tour house and coordinate remaining food/wine delivered to after party. 1 per household / openings Friday 5 - 9 / Sat 1-5 / Sat 5 - 9 (Holmes Hall is filled.)

Food Runner

- Point of contact for the homeowner
- Requirements will vary based upon the restaurant assigned to the house
- Pick up food from local restaurant and deliver to the home | may require multiple trips during the tour. **Restaurants:** Bier's Pub, Lola Bistro, Brugge on North, Bistro 2 Go
Deliver dessert to the homes for the last tour of the evening

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Tour Runners

- Point of contact for Annette Trunzo to set up/tear down tour; address any issues during the tour
- Make sure parking signage from AWCC office is set up/returned for the tour
- Set up/tear down tables for Byers Hall and return tables to their owners (Doris/Greg and Carol/Brett)
- 3 per tour / openings Friday 5 - 9 / Sat 1-5 / Sat 5 - 9

After Party

- Help setup/tear down after party at Carole and Bob Malakoff's house - 9:00 P.M. start
- Need to deliver food/drinks / help set up Saturday night after the tours
- Clean up after the festivities

Tour Guides

- Lead Guest on the Tour | Slots still available - Contact - Doug Sprague doug.osrg@gmail.com

Thank you all for your support of the 2019 tour. Pray for great weather! Cheers!

- Carol Gomrick

NORTHSIDE IS...

Under Construction!

36th Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner

Please join us Thursday, June 13, 2019 as we celebrate students, neighborhoods, partners and lifetime volunteers, and all that unite our home, the Northside!

Grand Hall at the Priory
614 Pressley Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Cocktail Hour: 6-7PM Dinner: 7PM Program: 8PM
Cash Bar

RSVP by Friday, June 7 to Kelly MacKay
412-231-4714 ext: 201
\$40 per person

Thank You: Allegheny West Historic Timeline Exhibition



What an evening! What a fantastic crowd!
We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to everyone that came to The Allegheny West Timeline Exhibition Opening Reception on Friday, May 17. We are extremely grateful to have so many wonderful neighbors and friends.
A big thank you again to our generous sponsors, donations, supporters, and volunteers.

The Allegheny West Timeline Exhibition will be on display till June 20, 2019

Opening Hours May: Monday-Friday 9 am - 9 pm

Opening Hours June: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 9 pm

CCAC Gallery at West Hall, Allegheny Campus on the Northside

826 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15233

-Doris Short & Greg Coll



Draft Agenda: AWCC General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:30 P.M.

7:30: Guests

7:50: May Membership Meeting Minutes

8:00: Treasurer's Report & Budget Approval

8:20: Housing and Planning

- Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District (WANID) update
- Historic District Expansion
- Norfolk Southern double stacked trains update

8:45: Committee announcements

9:00: New business

9:10: Adjournment

Free Program: Allegheny West, Its Formative Years

Northside historian John Canning and long-time Northside resident Larry Ehrlich will present an informal and insightful program focusing on the early decades of Allegheny West, recounting the the struggles and success stories of this small but significant Northside neighborhood. They will highlight the role of key community issues, passionate residents, and developmental programs that contributed to the evolution of the Allegheny West community that exists today. The program is in conjunction with the Allegheny West Timeline Exhibition currently on display, which can be viewed prior to the beginning of the program.

Details: Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.. Doors Open 6:30 P.M., Program at 7:00 P.M.

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826 Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15233

The program is in conjunction with the Allegheny West Timeline Exhibition currently on display at CCAC Gallery at West Hall. This program is FREE to the public. RSVPs are appreciated: dorisshortaiga@gmail.com or 412-916-0007.

About the Presenters:

John Canning is the vice-president of the Allegheny City Society, which is dedicated to preserving the history of the Northside prior to its annexation to Pittsburgh. John is a life-long resident of the Northside and writes a monthly column about its history and current Northside traditions. He currently lives in the Central Northside.

Larry Ehrlich was a long time Allegheny West resident and community activist. Unofficial photographer of many of the early AW events.

AWCC Calendar: May 2019

Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:30 p.m.

General Membership Meeting @ Calvary

Tuesday, June 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting, @ AWCC Office (806 Western)

Tuesday, June 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, @AWCC Office (806 Western)



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