

Message from the President: *Call for Volunteers!*

By Timothy G. Zinn, AWCC President

During the past month, I have been very encouraged with the success of several neighborhood events and the participation that these events have attracted. Last month's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was an extremely popular event, drawing more than 100 people to the social hall of Calvary Church. Once an annual tradition, we revived the event this year and with its popularity, we will be adding it back to our annual events calendar. The Allegheny West bowling night is off and rolling, and is attracting a good following. We've dubbed ourselves as the "Allegheny West-Pins" and we're in the process of developing a logo and T-shirts. Bowling will continue through April and is held every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge (400 Cedar Avenue). This is not a "league," so there's no commitment—just show up any Wednesday for a fun-filled evening.

These and other events are coordinated by the chair of the AWCC Membership Committee, which I briefly highlighted last month. AWCC, however, has many standing committees and, at times, sub-committees and ad-hoc committees that are appointed when the need arises. The standing committees of the AWCC are: *Housing and Planning, Membership, Property, Ways and Means, Communications, and Friends of Allegheny West.* Your participation in these committees is vital to maintaining and improving this neighborhood we enjoy so much. Some of you may not be familiar with the committees, their functions, and their present chairs, so I would like to highlight one committee each month in the upcoming editions of the *Gazette*. As you become familiar with the duties and functions of the various committees, I encourage you to join the committee that interests you or would benefit from your time and talents. As I have stated before: *together we can make a difference.*

I also encourage you to attend one of our General Membership meetings, held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Calvary Church (please use the Beech Avenue porch entrance). If meetings aren't your thing, try attending our monthly neighborhood mixers. The April mixer will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at Giorgio's Place (908 Western Ave.), and is a BYOB event. These mixers are a great way to meet new neighbors or to learn more about AWCC and its activities.

Finally, in recognition of Earth Day 2011 (April 22), the Friends of Allegheny West committee will be sponsoring a neighborhood cleanup on April 16 at 9 a.m. and every third Saturday thru September. More info can be found on the back side of this sheet.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve this neighborhood. I am always available and look forward to receiving your comments at tzinn106@msn.com.

BurkeMICHAEL+ Office Sale

Friday, April 29
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
833 Beech Ave.

We have completely updated our showroom and our old displays and samples are for sale: conference tables and chairs, task chairs, tables, side chairs, and more! Come prepared to haul. Cash only.

Allegheny West Neighborhood Mixer

Friday, April 16
6:00 p.m.

GEORGIO'S PLACE
908 Western Ave.

Bring your own bottle &
enjoy your favorite
Italian dish.

APRIL / MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AWCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG

Calvary United Methodist Church

Tuesday, April 12 @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 10 @ 7:30pm

HOUSING & PLANNING/NORTH AVE. COMMITTEE MTG

852 Beech Ave

Tuesday, April 19 @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 17 @ 7:30pm

AWCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG

944 Western Ave.

Tuesday, April 26 @ 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 31 @ 7:30pm

AWCC MEMBERSHIP

To become an AWCC member, send your name, address, phone number and email address to:

AWCC – Membership Chair

812 Western Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Annual Dues are \$3 and Lifetime Dues are \$45. Checks should be made payable to "AWCC." You can also pay for your membership online at www.alleghenywest.org/shop.

AWCC MEMBERSHIP MTG. AGENDA

1. Reading of March 2011 Minutes
 2. Reports of Officers
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 3. Reports of the Standing Committees
 - a. Housing & Planning/North Avenue Committees
 - i. Development proposals
 - a. Value Added Foods Bldg.
 - b. 3E Studios
 - c. Stables Building
 - d. Western Ave. proposal
 - e. BRIX Restaurant (April H&P agenda)
 - ii. North Ave. Sub-committee
 - a. Just Ducky Tours: rental contract
 - iii. Western Ave. Project: update/NSLC Bus. District funds application
 - iv. Allegheny Avenue Properties
 - v. Condition of parcels surrounding Heinz Field/SR65
 - b. Membership
 - i. Allegheny West Bowling at the Elks Lodge
 - ii. A-West Mixer 4/16 6 p.m. Giorgio's Place
 - c. Property
 - d. Ways & Means: Wine Tour & More—April 30
 - e. Friends of Allegheny West
 - i. Memorial Tree Planting for 2011
 - ii. Neighborhood Cleanup Dates
 - f. Communications
4. Old Business
 - a. W. Ohio St. & Ridge Ave. bridges
5. New Business
 - a. 2011 Historic Preservation Award

Spring Cleaning for Allegheny West

After a long, cold winter, there is much work to be done to prepare for the warmer weather ahead so that we can all enjoy the beauty that our historic neighborhood has to offer!



Spring Neighborhood Redd-Up: Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m.

For the fourth consecutive year, all city neighborhoods are invited to participate in **Spring Redd-Up Weekend**. Allegheny West friends and neighbors are invited to meet on Saturday, April 16 at 9 a.m. behind Mary Callison's home (942 W. North Ave) on Jabok Way for coffee and snacks before we begin "redding up" the neighborhood. The city will furnish bags and gloves and all filled bags will be placed in designated places for city refuse pickup. It makes the work easier if you can also bring your own clippers, brooms and rakes. Mary has a redd up schedule that we'll be following and someone will be available until 10 a.m. behind her home to give directions if you arrive after the group has left. If you are unable to help on the 16th but can do it another day, please contact Mary at 412-321-5951 and she can provide direction on outstanding tasks that still require attention.

Monthly Redd-Up: Every Third Saturday May–September

In addition to the April Redd-Up project, the **third Saturday of each month has been designated as neighborhood and public garden cleanup days**. Mark your calendars for May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, and September 17 for neighborhood cleanup and public garden work. The public gardens (located at Brighton @ W. North and Brighton @ Western Ave.) always need help over the summer, feel free to weed and clean any time. If you are interested in learning more or need help getting started, please contact Mary at 412-321-5951 or callismar@comcast.net.

Calvary Church Rummage Sale: Sat., May 14, 8 a.m.—3 p.m.

If you're doing some of your own spring cleaning around your house, be sure to donate your unwanted household items to the **Calvary Church Annual Rummage & Household Items Sale**. You may bring your donations to Calvary Church (located at the corner of Beech & Allegheny Ave.) any afternoon May 9-13 from 1-4 p.m. The church basement door (located on the Beech Ave. side) will be open during those hours. The church will also be open from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. If you have items to donate but none of these times/dates work for you, please call Mary Callison at 412-321-5951 to arrange a time.



Neighborhood Street Cleaning Begins This Month

Please be reminded that street sweeping will be happening regularly from April 1-Nov. 1. If you park on the street, please be sure to check the signs on your neighborhood block to ensure that you move your car on the designated days during the designated timeframe to avoid being ticketed by the Pittsburgh Parking Authority.

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