

AWCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

March 11, 2014

- I. Reading of February 2014 Minutes
- II. Reports of Officers
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - B. Budget
- III. Report of Standing Committees
 - A. Housing & Planning / North Ave. Committees
 1. North Avenue Projects
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 - B. Membership
 1. Wednesday Night Bowling
 - C. Property
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 - E. Friends of Allegheny West
- IV. Northside Leadership Conference Report

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March 2014

A Letter From President Bob:

Welcome to Spring!

Spring is in the air! It's 37° in Allegheny West as I write this, and I'm ready to fire up the barbeque and put on short pants. Actually, tonight is Allegheny West Civic Council's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, held at Calvary, so I'll be eating there. While this isn't a major fundraiser for the neighborhood, it is a great way to see your neighbors, and pack on the pounds. By the time you read this, of course, the pancakes and sausages will be merely a pleasant memory. I encourage you to attend next year, though. Tim Zinn is already cooking up some new ideas for next year's gourmet toppings (liver and jelly was nixed, by the way), and I'm sure he'd be happy to hear your suggestions.

Of course, the Memorial Day block party is right around the corner, and I know Tim would appreciate some help. So, if you have a spare half-hour or so to lend a hand, please contact Tim.

His e-mail address is **membership@alleghenywest.org**.

Plans are shaping up for our summer Wine Tour, too (thanks Trish Burton and Deb Kelly). If you haven't been on the tour, it's a lot of fun. And, it's a great way to introduce friends to Allegheny West (in a responsibly-drinking manner).

That's all for this month. Stay warm.

From President, Bob Griewahn

AWCC March Calendar

AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church
(Beech Avenue Entrance)

Tuesday, March 11 @ 7:30pm

Housing & Planning Committee
Meeting - 845 N. Lincoln Avenue

Tuesday, March 18 @ 7:30pm

AWCC Executive Committee
Meeting
806 Western Avenue

Tuesday, March 25 @ 7:30pm

Send Food. Volunteer Time. Help the Northside Food Pantry Year-Round!

From Amy Jo Brown

None of our neighbors should ever go hungry. That's the mission of the Food Pantry Advisors (FPA), an informal group of volunteers helping the Northside Food Pantry at NCM on Brighton Road.

The Northside Food Pantry is the largest in the city, serving nearly 1,000 people with home addresses in three North Side zip codes: 15212, 15214 and 15233. Some, such as seniors on fixed incomes, rely on the pantry throughout the year. Others, such as the unemployed or families caring for young children, count on it to get through a month or two during hard times.

The FPA has been helping raise the profile of the pantry to ensure its shelves are fully stocked throughout the year. While we know the cold months and holidays put a strain on the pantry, demand will also be high when school lets out in June. We'd love your help.

If you have ideas for how to help the pantry, please join us. If you have free time and want to contribute, the pantry is in need of a variety of volunteers. You can also help with monthly donations of food by visiting www.northsidefoodpantry.com. With just a click, you can see the pantry's most needed items each month and with another click, you can buy and ship a case of what's needed directly to the pantry through Amazon.

The website also allows you to virtually tour the pantry, meet the employees and volunteers behind-the-scenes and learn more about who uses the pantry.

Still have questions? Please let us know! Reach the FPA at foodpantryadvisors@gmail.com or through our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Northsidefoodpantryadvisors>.

Visitor's Guide for Allegheny Commons

From Martha Helmreich

An updated version of the Visitor's Guide for Allegheny Commons has just been published by the Allegheny Commons Initiative. The Allegheny West Civic Council is one of the sponsors of the new Guide. Copies are available from ACI [www.alleghenycommons.org] or from Martha Helmreich, one of ACI's Representatives to ACI.

The Guide includes a map of the Commons, with locations shown for park features as well as for those in the immediate neighborhood of the Commons. Also included is information about some of those features as well as a guide to the various trees to be found in the Commons. Every home in AW should have a copy.

Missing Trees

From Martha Helmreich

Over the years, the street tree canopy in Allegheny West has suffered significant deterioration, including as a result of storms last summer and fall and long-delayed but needed tree pruning and removal. In the past several years, under the leadership of Mary Callison, some replacement trees have been planted by TreeVitalize, as well as through the efforts of individual home owners. AWCC has been working with the City of Pittsburgh to develop an over-all plan for tree replacement and maintenance in AW—one problem is a lack of variety in our street trees—as well as root control. Until such a comprehensive plan is developed, it will be up to individual home owners to arrange for replacement street trees to be planted and/or to deal with heaving sidewalks caused by tree roots. Information about these programs is available on the City of Pittsburgh website: <http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us>.

[Pittsburgh.pa.us](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us). Click on City Directory, then Public Works, and then Forestry and scroll down to Education and Information. You can also contact Martha Helmreich with your questions and concerns at MSH@pietragallo.com.



St Peter Parish Fish Fry begins March 7th

St. Peter Parish will have their annual Lenten lunch and dinners beginning Friday March 7th and every Friday during Lent, **EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY**, at Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall Suismon and Middle streets.

Lunch: a la carte 11:30am until 2pm

Dinners: \$9.00 from 4pm until 6:30pm

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