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# ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

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May 2010

## It's time for the Allegheny West Memorial Day Picnic!

The first Allegheny West neighborhood picnic of 2010 will be on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, from 4pm to 8pm. The location will be the 800 block of Beech Avenue, between Rope Way and Brighton Road. That block will be closed to traffic. This event will be pot-luck so please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone and the AWCC will supply the drinks. Everyone in Allegheny West is invited to enjoy the food, drink and the company of your neighbors.

If you have not already paid your Civic Council dues for 2010, \$3.00 per person, you'll have a great opportunity to catch up at the picnic. Being a dues paying member of the AWCC lets you vote at the monthly meetings and gives you a say in the decisions about our neighborhood.

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## National Preservation Month 2010 Award

Every year we give an award to an outstanding effort in historic preservation in the neighborhood. The Third Annual Allegheny West Preservation Award will be awarded to Sherry Cramer and Holly Sisk at our May Civic Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 11; at 7:30 pm. Nominated for this honor by the AW Local Review Committee, Holly and Sherry did an extensive exterior renovation on their home at 946 Western Avenue. Their work included pointing, painting, and porch repair. This historic preservation of the nineteenth century façade is both an asset and inspiration to the entire Allegheny West community. The fact that their house sits at the western entrance to the neighborhood makes it and especially valuable asset to the streetscape.

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## Spring Gardening Time

It's planting time at the Triangle Garden at North & Brighton with a whole new color scheme this year. Please come Saturday morning May 15th at 9:00 AM to help plant a couple hundred flowers and spread some mulch. Bring a space and broom and join in the fun. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

Questions? Call Holly @ 412.999.3718

## May/June 2010 Calendar of AWCC Meetings

AWCC General Membership Meeting  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
Tuesday, May 11 @ 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 8 @ 7:30 pm

### Membership Meeting Agenda

- i. Reading of April 2010 Minutes
- ii. Treasurer's Report
- iii. Committee Reports
- iv. Ways and Means
- v. Housing & Planning
- vi. Old Business
- vii. New Business

### AWCC Committee Meetings

Housing & Planning Meeting  
852 Beech Ave.  
Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 16 @ 7:30 pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting  
858 Beech Ave.  
Tuesday, May 25 @ 7:30 pm

North Avenue Sub-Committee Meeting  
Hoi Polloi  
Tuesday, June 1 @ 7:30 pm



Allegheny West Civic Council  
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## **Reminder: The Seventh Annual James A. Magovern, MD, Hearts in the Park Walk**

You can help support the memory of James A. Magovern, MD, and those who support medical researchers in Western Pennsylvania by taking part in the Hearts in the Park Walk, Saturday, May 15, at 9 a.m., rain or shine, starting in the commons at the corner of North and Cedar across from AGH.

The walk through Allegheny Commons Park, the "heart" of Pittsburgh's historic North Side, is open to everyone. Your registration fee will support the Gerald McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute's Center for Research and Innovation at Allegheny General Hospital. This research may lead to new treatments and medical devices that will help heart patients have more productive lives after surgery. A portion of the money raised also goes to the Allegheny Commons Steering Committee of the Northside Leadership Conference to support the restoration and rehabilitation efforts of Allegheny Commons.

Early registration is closed but late registration is \$25 per person  
For more information please call 412-359-5026.

The Honor of your presence  
is requested

### **A CENTURY OF BRIDES**

Antique gowns on display,  
Contemporary bridal wear modeled  
in historic St. Peter Church.  
Additional fashions also featured.  
Wedding related vendor displays.  
Light reception to follow show.  
Sunday, May 16, 1 PM (Doors open 12:30)  
St. Peter Church  
720 Arch Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Tickets: \$30 per person paid in advance,  
\$40 at door  
A fundraiser for historic St. Peter Parish  
Information and tickets: (412) 322-9454

## **CALVARY CHURCH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**

**MAY 22, 2010**

The Calvary Church Annual Flea Market will be on Saturday, May 22nd. The Church basement is filling up with bargains and treasures. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to participate and any donations are welcome. Call Mary Callison, 412-321-5951 if you would like to bring items to the Church. Now is a great time to clean out those closets, basement and garages.

On Friday, May 21st there will be a Preview Sale for members and the neighborhood. Come between 6 and 8 PM, have dessert and coffee and have first chance to browse thru the bargains. The Sale will be open to the public on Saturday, May 22nd from 9AM to 3 PM. There will be coffee and breakfast items for sale during the morning hours.

### **Allegheny West Clean Up**

In spite of the relatively low turn-out, Allegheny West got its streets cleaned on May 1st. Most impressive was the crew that literally swept down Western Avenue.

Thanks to the following:

Gloria Rayman  
Martha Helmreich  
Gene Wilson  
Carol Schramke and Quintin  
Mike and Eleanor Coleman  
Ethelyn Daniels and David (a French Horn player who was in from Columbus, Ohio to play with the Pittsburgh Symphony)  
Tim Zinn and Jessica Burgan who helped organizing the clean up  
Ed Menzer who supplied the coffee (and the use of his porch at the Parador)  
And others who cleaned but didn't stop at the Parador

Mike Coleman - Friends of Allegheny West

## Carnegie Library Pittsburgh – Allegheny May Schedule of Events

### Homework Club

Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm (final meeting May 26th)  
Students grades K-6 can come in for free homework help and after homework is completed stay and play a game.

### Family Storytime

Saturdays at 10:30 am-May 8th & 22nd  
Please bring your young child to enjoy stories and rhymes!

### Chess Club

Saturdays at 12:00pm-May 8th-May 29th  
Beginners and experienced players are welcome to enjoy chess with a qualified instructor.

### Family Fun

Saturday, May 15th at 10:30am  
Please join us for an entertaining program that will include stories, an activity and games.

### Mommy and Me Yoga

Thursdays 1:00-11:00am  
Join yoga master Deena Blumenfeld for a wonderful class that promotes healing from delivery and bonding with your baby. This class is designed to help new moms regain strength and flexibility while connecting with other moms. Enjoy the company of women and children in a relaxed and happy environment while treating yourself and your baby to the benefits of yoga and meditation. Please wear comfortable clothes in which you can move and bring a yoga mat.  
Cost: \$5.00

### Spring Origami

Thursday, May 13, 2010 4:00 - 5:00pm  
Come to the library and learn to make origami creations with Miss Silk.

### Wii Gaming

Thursday, May 6th and 20th 3:30-4:30pm  
A bi-monthly virtual gaming event for teens and tweens.

### Writing Workshops with Author Brian O'Neill

Saturday, May 8th 1:00-4:00pm  
Author and Post Gazette columnist Brian O'Neill will host a writing workshop for teens.

### Mountain Top Removal : An Information session and community discussion

Monday, May 24, 2010 6:30-7:30pm  
Many believe clean coal is the solution to the nation's energy needs, while others believe the environmental and human costs are too great. Learn more about the mining process and join in a conversation lead by a community activist Andrew Moore and a coal industry insider.

### Gearing Up for Summer Sports : A practical approach to strength, flexibility and conditioning.

Tuesday, May 25, 2010 6:00-7:00pm  
Shawna Sutherland, MPT from AGH's Human Motion Rehab Center will provide you with easy, no-nonsense tips and exercises that will prepare you for increased physical activity.

### Computer Basics

Thursday, May 6, 2010 9:00-10:00am  
Overview of the computer's components, software, and functions. Hands on practice to master using the mouse.

### Introduction to the Internet

Thursday, May 13, 2010 9:00-10:00am  
Learn to do safe and smart Internet searches and to navigate effectively.

### Introduction to Email

Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:00-10:00am  
Covers the basics of how email works. Students leave the class with a free G-Mail account and the knowledge to use it.

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## AWCC Membership

Membership is open to all residents of Allegheny West

To become an AWCC member, send your Name, Address, Phone Number and email address to:

Allegheny West Civic Council - Membership Chair  
812 Western Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

2009 Annual Dues are \$3 and Lifetime Dues are \$45.  
Checks should be made payable to AWCC.

Or you can pay for your membership online with your credit card! Go to [www.alleghenywest.org/shop](http://www.alleghenywest.org/shop) – and pick “memberships” from the menu on the left.  
If you are unsure of your membership status, please send an email to [info@alleghenywest.org](mailto:info@alleghenywest.org) and we will look in the membership file!

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