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October 2014

A Message From President Bob:

*Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,
And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout;
But there is no joy in Mudville — mighty Casey has struck out.*
- Ernest Thayer, Casey at the Bat

If you're like me, you are still getting over the drubbing that the Pirates took at the hands of the San Francisco Giants. The only solace I can offer is that at least it wasn't the Atlanta Braves this time. That, and I suppose the Steelers may still eke out a good season. Well, maybe.

On to more pleasant matters, then. The AWCC Nominating Committee is about to put together a slate of officers for 2015. I encourage anyone who is interested in serving to call John DeSantis or me. We spent 2014 with one vacancy on the Executive Committee, and I don't want that to happen again in 2015. Rest assured, if you decide to chair one of our committees, you *will* receive help from the other committee chairs. No one has to go it alone.

Even if an Executive Committee position is not right for you, you can still help by serving on one of our committees. You can help with Membership (event planning), Ways & Means (tours), Finance, Green Space, Property, and Housing & Planning. It's an easy way to help make your home a better place.

Speaking of events, bowling is set to resume in January, but several of your neighbors are having regular pre-season bowling sessions on Wednesday nights at the Elks Lodge. Come on down and bowl, or just have a drink with your neighbors.

Lastly, before I sign off, the annual Victorian Christmas House Tour preparations are now in full swing. I know that the planners are looking for a few more houses for the tour. so please consider taking a turn this year. There are also plenty of other ways to help out, too. If you'd like to get involved (and I hope you will), please contact any of the Executive Committee members, including myself.

Have a great October, folks.

Bob Griewahn
President, AWCC

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AWCC October Calendar

AWCC General Membership Meeting
Calvary United Methodist Church
(Beech Avenue Entrance)
Tuesday, October 14 @ 7:30pm

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting
(845 N. Lincoln Avenue)
Tuesday, October 21 @ 7:30pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting
806 Western Avenue
Tuesday, October 28 @ 7:30pm

Neighborhood Clean Up
806 Western Avenue
Saturday, September 25 @ 9:00am

Allegheny West Neighborhood Mixer

Friday, October 17th, 6:00 PM

at

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AWCC ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION NOVEMBER 11

Submitted by John DeSantis

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Allegheny West Civic Council will be held on Tuesday November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the social hall of Calvary Church, entrance on Beech Avenue. In order to be eligible to vote or to hold office, individuals must be current Members of the AWCC, with dues paid as of the October 14 AWCC Membership meeting.

At the November 11 Annual Meeting, the election of Officers for the 2015 calendar year will be conducted.

The 2014 AWCC Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor at both the October and November General Membership Meetings. All nominees must be an AWCC Member in good standing, and must have agreed to serve in the nominated office if elected.

President: Cathy Serventi
 Vice President: John DeSantis
 Treasurer: Bob Griewahn
 Secretary: Tim Zinn
 Sergeant at Arms: Gloria Rayman
 Membership: Mary Callison
 Housing & Planning: Jim Wallace
 Property: Howard Brokenbek
 Ways & Means: vacant
 Friends of Allegheny West: Michael Shealey
 Communications: Fran Barbush

Our Christmas Tour, 2014

Submitted by Carole Malakoff

My issue of the **Victorian Homes** Holiday issue arrived last week. **Our** Christmas Tour is listed on **The Spectator** page again this year. This means that potential visitors from all around the country will pick up the information about **our** tour. Last year we had visitors come from the tri-state area, New York, and as far away as California.

I titled this story **Our** Christmas Tour because the funds raised from this event benefit **all of us** who live and work in Allegheny West. The funds raised from this event go toward neighborhood beautification, remediation of problem properties, social events, etc. The Tour Committee is asking everyone to GET INVOLVED.

Of course, we will need help the weekend of the tour with house sitting, guiding tours, lighting luminaries, and decorating our streets. Right now we need homeowners to step forward and offer to open your homes for the tour. Many of **us** have done this over the years. Some have done it every year, for 32 years. We need some of you who have not participated before to do so. Please DO NOT sit back and think that it is not your responsibility or that "someone else will do it". It is the responsibility of **all of us** to see that **our** neighborhood continues on an uphill mode.

So-o-o, if a member of the Tour Committee asks you to open your home this year, please say, "**Yes this is the year that I can make a big contribution to my community**". Yes, it is stressful, but help is out there if you need it, and it is a great ego booster. Visitors always offer compliments on the work you've done.

Contact Carole Malakoff, 412-321-3612 or carolemalakoff@hotmail.com;

The next meeting of the Tour Committee is on Thursday evening, October 16 at 7:30pm at 913 Brighton Road. Everyone is invited to attend. Come and find out what you can do to help!

Happy Halloween!

Sourced from the Department of Public Safety – City of Pittsburgh

For many, Halloween is a festive night celebrated by both children and adults. Halloween is also the night when the time honored tradition of trick-or-treating takes place.

This year the City of Pittsburgh's official trick-or-treating hours are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014.

In addition to trick-or-treating, many community groups and churches throughout the City host Halloween parties, parades and other events as alternatives to trick-or-treating. To connect interested residents with neighborhood events, the Department of Public Safety, SaferTogether initiative has created an easy, user-friendly way for community and church groups to register their [Halloween festivities online](#).

For more information, or to request a free activity book, please contact Liz Style at **412-255-8977** or via email at elizabeth.style@pittsburghpa.gov or John Tokarski via email at john.tokarski@pittsburghpa.gov

With your help, we can make Halloween a safe and enjoyable event for all residents of Pittsburgh.