

**AWCC October Agenda**

AWCC General Membership Meeting  
 Calvary United Methodist Church  
 971 Beech Avenue  
 Tuesday, October 13th @ 7:30pm

- Guest TBD
- New Neighbors
- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Nominating Committee 2016 Board Nominations
- House and Planning Updates
  - W. North Lighting
  - LOL
  - Traffic throughout on W. North
  - PWSA
- AWDC Updates
  - Stables
  - 928 – 930 Western
- Ways & Means: House Tour Update
- Halloween Street Closure
- Neighborhood Clean-up 10/31
- Upcoming Membership Events
  - Allegheny Cemetery
  - October Mixer
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update
- Property: 806 Repairs
- Grant Updates
  - Council CDFG: Trash Can Update
  - Buhl One Northside Community Update
- Committee Q&A

**Neighborhood Clean Up**  
 806 Western Avenue  
 Saturday, October 31st @ 9:30am

If you would like to add an agenda item email  
[president@alleghenywest.org](mailto:president@alleghenywest.org)

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October 2015

**President's Message by Cathy Serventi**

So once again, I'm expecting people to start pretending that they didn't see me and walking quickly down the street when I wave at them at the Modern. It's that time year again.....

The Nominating Committee is on the prowl for next year's Board members.

Ha. I bet you were expecting me to say something about the Christmas tour, because yes it's that time again too. I'm not the one you have to run from for the House tour. I know that Doug (Guides), Cecile (Trains), and Brandon (Greeters) are armed with their links to the volunteer spreadsheets. If you have your heart set on a specific time or task, you can send a quick note to [tours@alleghenywest.org](mailto:tours@alleghenywest.org) and we'll get you hooked up with the right person. Also keep an eye out for Trish (Ways & Means Chair) who has long checklists of tasks and endless details that she really could use a hand with. (Seriously, be nice to Trish, this time in the Tour planning is crazy making. I hear she likes lemon flavored things.) Speaking of..., does anyone have a truck we could borrow?

OK, back to Nominating Committee. Joking aside, a lot of time and thought by the Nominating Committee goes into matching people's skills, interests, and available time to the various Board positions. We need a mix of new folks for their valuable fresh perspectives and people who have served previously so that we can maintain institutional memory (because, honestly you only go back and read previous years' minutes when you really, really have too...) These positions have important responsibilities attached to them, that can potentially affect the quality of life of everyone in the neighborhood so we're not just looking for a warm body. If you think that any of the Board positions sound interesting, I encourage you to talk with me, or even better, the Chair of the committee you're interested in (contact info is on [alleghenywest.org](http://alleghenywest.org)). One of the main jobs of every Board member is recruiting their replacement, so I'm sure they'd be happy to chat. At this point we're already planning for the 2017 Board, so you have plenty of time, to sample some of the different positions but helping out on various projects. OK, maybe folks are totally justified avoiding me at parties.

Quick Buhl grant update: We had an awesome turnout for the first session during the last membership meeting (and I got my hands on one of the giant maps.) Martha has submitted the grant application and we're waiting for feedback. IF you're interested in reading the application including a summary of the ideas discussed, let me know and I'll send it to you. As soon as the tour stuff calms down, I'm going to ask Nick our webmaster to help me get some of the various materials up on the website, accessible for anyone who is interested.



## Road Closures for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pittsburgh 10 Miler

More than 4,000 participants from 29 states are expected to toe the starting line of the 3rd annual EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler, scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2015. This race is a part of the 2015-16 PRRO Circuit, a prestigious national series that offers world-class competition in events shorter than the marathon distance, with more than \$400,000 in prize money.

Beginning at 7:15 AM and 10AM parts of Ridge, Brighton and Western Avenues will be closed for this race. The streets will reopen on a rolling basis as the runners have passed, trash has been removed and the police have deemed them cleared for reopening.

Our goal is to make the road closure process as easy as possible for those leaving the city and those attending the event. Please visit [www.Pittsburgh10Miler.org](http://www.Pittsburgh10Miler.org) for more information. If you have any questions regarding the event or road closures, please contact Dennis DiRaimondo at 412-586-7785 Ext 116.

## Roll for a Reason - 2015

Our neighbor, Carol Gomrick, who lives on W. North Ave. is asking for our support by attending, donating or sponsoring her foundation's event, "Roll for a Reason" on November 6th at J. Verno's Studio in the Southside. This is a casino night gala event with proceeds to support Clear Thoughts Foundation (CTF), a local non-profit dedicated to raising money to fund the research to cure dementia. CTF is unique as the majority of research is towards drugs for dementia management not to cure this disease. CTF is a local Pittsburgh organization started in 2010, born from first-hand experience of watching our loved ones suffer and finally succumbing from the disease's debilitating effects. As a CTF Board member, Carol will also be asking local businesses for donations to build an "Allegheny West" gift basket for the gala's silent auction.

Details about to the 2015 event are below:

**WHEN:** Friday, November 6, 2015 | Doors open at 6:30 PM, Gaming starts at 8:30 PM

**WHERE:** J. Verno's Studio, Southside

**WHAT:**

-Poker, Black Jack, Craps & Roulette

-Celebrity Dealers

-Live & Silent Auction

-Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

-Open Bar

-Complimentary valet parking

**COST:** \$150

To purchase tickets or donate to CTF please visit: [www.clearthoughtsfoundation.org](http://www.clearthoughtsfoundation.org)

To learn more about gala sponsorship opportunities please email Carol: [Carol@clearthoughtsfoundation.org](mailto:Carol@clearthoughtsfoundation.org)

Your generosity really does make a difference. An example of this is the money raised from the 2014 CTF gala event which featured a performance from Mike Super who appeared and was a finalist on America's Got Talent. CTF was able to raise and award a grant of over \$65,000 to a local researcher in the field of dementia research. Visit the CTF website to read about the published research resulting from this grant.

Thank you for your support in CTF's efforts.

## Above & Beyond

If you'd like to recognize a neighbor who went above-and-beyond for you or the neighborhood this month please send a note to [president@alleghenywest.org](mailto:president@alleghenywest.org), or give Cathy a call at [\(412\) 418-2027](tel:4124182027) and we'll make sure they're recognized in the Gazette.

Lots of folks to thank this month, so in no particular order, and inevitably incomplete - I KNOW I'm forgetting someone....

Gloria - for driving all over town so that the two of us and a Notary could be in the same room at the same time. Kevin - for doing the paperwork to close off Beech Ave. on Halloween so it's safe for the munchkins. Michael for negotiating with a ton of people so that the movie folks could make the Stables building "look awesome". Ethan - from Showclix who helped set-up the Tour ticket sales so that people can tell how many tickets are available for each time. Fran - who magically got PWSA to stop billing us for a waterline that is apparently in the middle of Allegheny Commons. (I can't tell you how impressed by this I am - we even have a credit.) Gloria - (again!) for lugging all the picnic stuff downstairs and reorganizing the office basement and backroom. Mary - for making amazing warm cinnamon bread for the monthly clean-up (I'm not sure I want any more people showing up for the clean-up BEST SNACKS EVER- and I got to take some home. Yeah, that was a joke - come to the clean ups. The next one is 10/31 so we can clean stuff up for the Trick-or-Treaters...) Anne and Jon, and our long suffering insurance inspector, for making sure our AWCC/AWDC properties are inspected and therefore insured. John and Bob for walking me through the apparently endless and endlessly conflicting zoning codes. And for all the folks who stepped up and pitched in setting up and breaking down the summer picnics.

I really need to keep better notes...I KNOW I'm forgetting lots of folks and it's driving me crazy.

## The 2016 AWCC Executive Committee

2016 AWCC Executive Committee as proposed by the nominating committee  
Nominating Committee is elected November 2014, immediately following the Board election

President - Cathy Serventi

Vice President - Timothy Zinn

Secretary - Trish Burton

Treasurer - Bob Griewahn

Ways & Means - Carrie Doyle

Membership - Scott Mosser

Housing & Planning - Gloria Rayman

Communications -

Property - Ann Gilligan

Friend of Allegheny West / Public Space - Michael Shealey

Sgt. at Arms - John DeSantis

Nominations will be open at the October meeting.

## Neighborhood Cleanup!

Submitted by Michael Shealey

Saturday, October 31st at 9:30 A.M.

The October neighborhood cleanup will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 31st. We will be both picking up trash and cleaning a few tree wells, if possible. Gather at the AWCC office at 806 Western Ave, next to the parklet. Refreshments will be provided.