
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

October 2016

President's Message

By Cathy Serventi



This just makes me happy! (Well, finally closing on 928 Western probably helped, too.) While we were doing the paperwork to finalize the sale, our new neighbor, Dr. Moshood Martins and I got to meet Mr. Howard Hanna, the 90+-year-old founder of the Howard Hanna Real Estate Company. (That's their picture on the left.) I'd like to thank our realtor Mario Costanzo, our attorney Josh Farber, and the AWDC board (Tim & Dan, with Bob G. consulting) for guiding us through a complex process. Welcome Moe and Dr. James Worry (who purchased 930 Western earlier this year) when you see them around. I'm sure they'll want the names of your contractors.

Also, just a reminder that the Nominating Committee will be presenting the slate and accepting nominations from the floor for the 2017 Board of Directors. In order to be eligible to vote your Membership dues must be paid for the current 2016 year by the end of the October Membership meeting. Dues paid after the September 2015 membership

meeting count for this year. For the bargain price of \$3 annual you get the privilege of formally voting for officers and motions at the monthly meetings or serving as Committee chairs (woo hoo!). If you're not ready for that level of commitment, you are always welcome to attend meetings to participate in discussions (and block parties! And bowling & bocce! And volunteer on tours!). Enclosed is a membership form that can be returned to the office or at the meeting with your payment or you can pay your dues on line at:

<http://allegHENYwest.org/get-involved/allegHENY-west-civic-council/becoming-a-member/>. We beg you, please (please!) don't hand me or Bob three partially wadded up \$1 bills at the Modern next week. It's very stressful trying to remember who handed you those \$3 when you find them in your pocket after you've run through the laundry a week later. (Ask me how I know.) Finally, I'll be traveling for work during next week's membership meeting. Please be nice to Tim while he's ably performing his duties as Vice President.

AWCC Board Nominations and Voting

Board members will be voted on in November. To vote for board members, or any other issue at a council meeting, members are required to be "in good standing." Per the Allegheny West Civic Council bylaws, a member in good standing is a person or organization who has paid dues for the year and belongs either as an individual or group. (For bylaws, visit: <http://allegHENYwest.org/get-involved/allegHENY-west-civic-council/bylaws/>) The slate will be proposed at the October general membership meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. If you intend to vote please make sure you're in good standing and have paid your dues. If you're unsure feel free to send an e-mail to membership@allegHENYwest.org.

The nominating committee is proposing the following slate of officers for 2017:

President: John DeSantis

Vice President: Ann Gilligan

Treasurer: Dan Adam

Recording Secretary: Michael Shealey

Sergeant-at-Arms: Fran Barbush

Property Committee: Vacant

Ways and Means Committee: Vacant

Membership Committee: Scott Mosser

Communications Committee: Sara Sweeney

Housing and Planning Committee: Timothy Zinn

Friends of Allegheny West: Trish Burton

AWCC Calendar

Tuesday, October 11 @ 7:30 p.m.

General Membership → Calvary Church: 971 Beech

Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Tour Planning Meeting → 950 Beech

Friday, October 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Mixer → Giorgio's

Tuesday, October 18 @ 7:30 p.m.

Housing & Planning Committee → Office: 806 Western

Tuesday, October 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

Executive Committee → AWCC Office: 806 Western

Saturday, October 29 @ 9:00 a.m.

Neighborhood Clean-up → Office: 806 Western

Monday, October 31 @ 5:30 p.m.

City of Pittsburgh Trick or Treating → Beech Ave. closed to cars

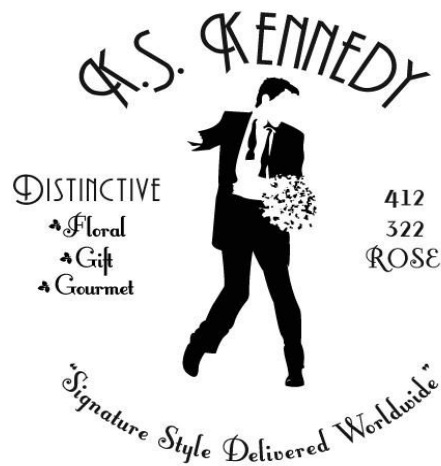
Bocce has finished for the season. Stay tuned for information on **bowling** in upcoming months!

DRAFT Agenda

AWCC Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 11 @ 7:30 P.M. Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave

- Visitors: City of Pittsburgh
- New neighbors
- Minutes
- Vote on Bylaws
- Nominations for 2017 Officers
- Housing and Planning Updates
- Film Guidelines
- AWDC Updates: 928 Western
- Property: 806 Western Improvements
- Parklet Committee
- Ways and Means:
- Friends:
 - Final 2016 Clean up!
- Membership Events
 - Mixer: Friday, October 14
- Committee Q&A



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Little Free Library in Allegheny West

Little Free Libraries (LFL) are boxes full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. The One Northside Education Strategy Team— consisting of Northside community members— wanted to develop a project that demonstrates that the Northside is a community where reading and writing are valued by children, youth, and adults. The LFL project was designed to demonstrate this spirit. We now have a Little Free Library in Allegheny West, on the 900 block of Beech Avenue. We invite you to take book to enjoy and bring your old books to us! Happy reading!

2016 Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour

The 35th Annual tour will be held Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10, 2016. As always, we will need help the weekend of the tour with house sitting, guiding tours, lighting luminaries, and decorating the streets. But we also need your help in the planning leading up to the tour. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 P.M. at Carrie Doyle's (950 Beech Avenue). If you are a homeowner, volunteer, or interested in participating in any way, we welcome your involvement!

If you can't make the meeting, but want to help, please contact Carrie: (412-337-6020 / cadpgh@gmail.com)

Share Your Story and Be Part of Allegheny West History

By Nick Smerker

You no doubt saw in last month's that the Neighborhood History section of our website is now online! If you have not yet had a chance to visit, take a look at alleghenywest.org/about/neighborhood-history and let us know what you think. For those of you who have contributed house histories, thank you so much for making this resource possible!

There are still opportunities to participate in sharing the story about Allegheny West. Not only are we still happy to receive your house history in either paper or digital format (stop by the council office at 806 Western Ave or email webmaster@alleghenywest.org), we would also love to record your own personal story. As part of the 50th anniversary of Allegheny West Civic Council - and the neighborhood as a whole - we are recording short interviews with neighbors both long standing and brand new. If you are interested, contact Nick by emailing webmaster@alleghenywest.org today!

Halloween Trick-or-Treating

Kevin has again worked his magic, so we'll be closing off Beech Ave. to car traffic on Halloween.. The streets will be closed on Monday, October 31 for the official City of Pittsburgh trick or treating from 5:30P.M.- 7:30P.M., so that we can provide a safe place for kids from all over the Northside to trick-or-treat. If you're not camped out on your own stoop come by for some prime viewing of the adorableness.

REMINDER: Street Cleaning will take place this week - Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 11.

Alleys, Axles, and Ales

By Abi Webb

Allegheny West has always been known for showing its beautiful Victorian homes and gardens on tour days. The alleys and garages have never been considered tour-worthy until now. On Saturday, September 24 attendees had the unique opportunity of strolling the backstreets of our neighborhood, peering into garages and carports to admire a different type of beauty—the neighbors' car collections.

Even if cars weren't your first interest, it did not hurt to offer 6 local brews from Penn Brewery, East End Brewery, and War Streets Brewery on a perfect fall day, or to indulge in a Nathan's hot dog on a Breadworks bun from Hott Dawgz food truck. All in all, a fantastic day for a new tour!

We would like to extend a very special thank-you to our sponsors this year, namely Babb Insurance, who offered Blitzburgh for registration and their two lots for parking, and Process Reproductions, for printing our posters and brochures, and for bringing a ton of great cars for guests to admire. In addition, we want to thank Greg Coll for his creativity and attention to detail in creating our posters, flyers, program, and Facebook page.

In addition, thank you to our dedicated neighbors Brian O'Neill, Cathy Serventi, Scott and Hillary Mosser, and Tom Barbush, who really ran with a great idea and made it happen! And finally, thank you to the dozens of neighbors who helped clean up the alleys for the tour, volunteered their time to help with the event, and offered to show their cars and garages. We could not have done it without you. Thank you all for a very successful day!



Above and Beyond

Thank you so much to Councilwoman Darlene Harris. She was able to secure a neighborhood grant that allowed us to replace the all the trashcans on the Western Ave. business district. Special thanks to Gloria and Fran who acted as paperwork and DPW harassers to make sure some other neighborhood didn't scoop up our pretty new trash cans.

Abi and Ashley, helped along we a great group of people, put together the amazing (!) Axles, Alleys and Ales tour. The did a wonderful job of bringing together neighbors and local businesses that showcased the neighborhood to over a 100 new enthusiastic visitors..



Second Annual Old Allegheny Antique Show

Attention antique enthusiasts: Don't miss the Second Old Allegheny Antique Show happening this weekend: Saturday, October 8 (10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.; early buyers (9:00A.M. – 10:00 A.M.)) and Sunday, October 9 (12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.). The event will be held at the Calvary Church, 971 Beech Avenue. Admission is \$5.00, \$10.00 for early buyers. For more information, see the Old Allegheny Antique Show Facebook page or email them at oldalleghenyantiqueshow@gmail.com.

October Neighborhood Cleanup

The October neighborhood clean-up will be held on the last Saturday of the month, October 29th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. The focus of this month's clean up will be on clearing and preparing the parklet in preparation for winter. For those who wish to garden, please bring your own gloves and tools. Meet at the AWCC office at 806 Western Ave. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Michael Shealey: michael_shealey@hotmail.com.

Job Opening: BABB, Inc. is seeking an enthusiastic, organized, hard-working leader to serve as a maintenance specialist at their headquarters building on Ridge Avenue. As a Maintenance Specialist, the candidate will be working to maintain one of the Pittsburgh's Historic Landmarks. The William Penn Snyder mansion is a unique property, with four floors above ground and three floors below ground, including a grand ballroom. Other unique features include stained glass windows, ornate plastered ceilings, and most of the original wood paneling and woodwork. Job responsibilities include interior and exterior maintenance of the facility. Hours 12:00 - 8:00 P.M., but negotiable with the right candidate. BABB offers free parking, competitive compensation, and a benefits/wellness package including a comprehensive preventive screening and health-based rewards incentive program in a team- inspired environment For additional information, please contact: mss@babbins.com

Fall Office Hours: AWCC office hours for the fall are Mon. & Fri., 12:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. and Tue & Thu., 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

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