
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

September 2018

President's Message

So what are you doing on Tuesday evening?

Join your neighbors on TUESDAY September 11 at 7:30 at Calvary Church for the September meeting of the Allegheny West Civic Council.

Each month this is where we make decisions about our neighborhood - decisions that in ways both small and large will affect you. And we always have a good time socializing and enjoying refreshments.

Everyone is welcome – second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 P.M. in the Calvary Church social hall, on the corner of Beech and Allegheny. (Use the Beech Avenue entrance.) The meeting is usually over by 9. It's also a great way for newer folks to meet your neighbors and get involved! We hope to see you on Tuesday evening!

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The summer of 2018 has been even more eventful than usual here in Allegheny West. As we approach autumn, here's at least a bit of what's happening...

A SPECIAL THANKS goes out to the AW PARTY TEAM (Yes – there really is such a thing!), and “Partier-in-Chief” Greg Coll, who pulled together and treated all of us to three GREAT Summer street picnics – on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. This neighborhood tradition goes back into the 1970s, and couldn't have been in better hands this season! And, although the Party Team now gets a well-earned rest, they're always looking for more volunteers to help out when those picnics roll around next year!

The HOUSING & PLANNING COMMITTEE under Tim Zinn has been working diligently through the Summer as they process the many upcoming developments, impacts, and issues for our neighborhood. At the September 11 Membership meeting, you'll hear reports of positive progress on subjects as diverse as the railroad through the park and the overpass bridges, the scrap yard on Behan Street, guidelines for new construction on vacant sites, and the growing issue city-wide of AirBnB's.

MORE SPECIAL THANKS – this time to Trish Burton's Friends of Allegheny West, whose monthly neighborhood clean-ups make a world of difference for all of us. And when you're strolling Western Avenue and enjoying the dozens of colorful hanging flower baskets, it's Friends that make all of that happen too. Next year they'll be tackling all of those empty tree planting beds along Western as well!

Our WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE is headed by Carol Gomrick, and has a distinction unmatched by any other community organization in the county: mounting four different major fundraising events within six months. Did we mention that these folks are ALL volunteers?!

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With the very successful Wine & Garden Tour completed in June, Ways & Means now moves into its wildest part of the calendar – with the new Premier Wine Event on September 15, the very popular Alleys, Axles, & Ales car show just two weeks later (THANKS Cecile Canales and Tom Barbush!!!), and then the region's biggest annual house tour: our Allegheny West Victorian Christmas Tour in December. Of course, volunteers are needed for ALL of these!

And...

Nearly a decade after it was initially proposed, we are finally moving forward with our Western Avenue Gateway project, which will expand the AW Parklet at the corner of Western and Brighton to include several community garden plots, an appropriate encircling iron fence, and prominent signage welcoming passersby to our community.

Not a bad Summer for the City's smallest neighborhood!

See you at Tuesday's meeting for details on all of these – and lots more ...

- John DeSantis, AWCC President

Ground to Glass Showcase Event: September 15, 2018

Please join us for an intimate event - *Ground to Glass*. This is a Showcase Event at Holmes Hall, featuring wines from Eberle Winery. Tickets are still available at www.AlleghenyWest.org. The event is being hosted by Deb Mortillaro of Dreadnought Wines and catering by Executive Chef Bob Sendall of All In Good Taste Productions.

Ground to Glass. A Showcase Event | Holmes Hall | September 15, 2018 | 7 P.M.

The Gardens of Holmes Hall

Passed Hors d'Oeuvres
Citrus Mascarpone and Piave Cheese, Caramelized
Sauerkraut, Pancetta, Capers and Chives

The Grand Ballroom of Holmes Hall

Plates and Pairings

Course One

Herbed Goat Cheese Ravioli, Bechamel, Shaved
Pecorino,
Toasted Pine Nuts, Sprouts
Eberle | 2016 Estate Chardonnay

Course Two

Warm Rice Cake, Seared Sesame Crusted Ahi Tuna
Terrine,
Kimchi Slaw, Wasabi Sprouts
Eberle | 2017 Viognier

Course Three

Roasted Herb Crusted Baby Lamb Chops,
Demi-Glace
Sautéed Quinoa, Lentils, Brown Rice, Leeks
Gorgonzola Cheese Pudding
Petite Lavosh Triangle
Eberle | 2015 Estate Cabernet

Course Four

Smoked, Braised Short Ribs, Demi-Glace
Cheesy Polenta, Roasted Tomato
Eberle | 2016 Syrah

Dessert

Trio of Sorbet – Gilligan's Sorbet

Allegheny West Christmas Tour Kickoff Meeting

There will be a meeting to start planning the annual Christmas tour on September 20th at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at Carol and Brett's house at 940 W. North Avenue. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend. Homeowners interested in having their house on the tour should e-mail Carol at carolgomrick@gmail.com.

Panel on Public Engagement

Join the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning for light dinner and a panel discussion as we seek to identify new and improved forms of public engagement to meet our goals of equity, diversity and involvement throughout the Comprehensive Planning process. The panel will feature experts from around the country, and will be followed by table discussions and a question & answer session. The meeting will be held at the Children's Museum on Thursday, September 13, from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. To RSVP, visit <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/projects/CompPlanPGH/upcoming-events.html>

Art Show at HIP at The Flashlight Factory

New work by neighborhood artists Dennis Bergevin and Sara Beck Sweeney will be on view, and for sale, at the HIP space, at 831 W North Ave. The opening reception (to which you are all invited) is Friday September 14th from 7-10P.M. The show will be open to the public on Sunday September 16th as well, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. The art will be displayed until September 26th, and can be viewed by appointment during the week.

Contact Dennis at denbergevin@verizon.net or Sara at 4becksweeney@gmail.com for more information.

We hope to see you there!

"People need art in their houses. They don't need Bed Bath and Beyond dentist-office art. They need weird stuff." —Ezra Croft

Alleys, Axles and Ales Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Alleys, Axles, and Ales committee Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 at 844 N. Lincoln Avenue. A homeowners' meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 17 at 7:30 at 844 N. Lincoln. Please clean up the alleys for the tour. Volunteers are needed and are welcome to help set up and take down tents, postsigns, direct cars, and help with clean up. A volunteer party will be held afterwards.

Please help get the word out about the tour.

AWCC Calendar

Tuesday, September 11 @ 7:30 P.M.

General Membership Meeting → Calvary Church, 971 Beech

Saturday, September 15 @ 7:00 P.M.

Wine Showcase Event → Holmes Hall, 719 Brighton

Tuesday, September 18 @ 7:30 P.M.

Housing & Planning Committee → Office: 806 Western

Tuesday, September 25 @ 7:30 P.M.

Executive Committee → AWCC Office: 806 Western

Saturday, September 29 @ 11:00 A.M.

Alleys, Axles and Ales → 800 block of N. Lincoln

Reminder: Street Sweeping

The street sweeper will come Monday, September 10 and Tuesday, September 11. Remember to move your car!

Alleys, Axles and Ales: A Walking Tour of Historic Allegheny West

Saturday, September 29, 2018

11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Featuring a Tour of Historic GARAGES - BEER
Tastings - Ultimate CAR Shows**

Tour Tickets & Information

\$25 in advance | \$30.00 at the door | \$10 under 21

Ticket includes craft beer tastings at 6 different stops
and a \$5 food voucher from Northside's own
Neumann and Marley's Food Truck.

Bring a classic or exotic car and ticket cost is \$25.
Buy tickets online www.alleghenywest.org or in the
800 block of North Lincoln day of tour.

Cars 'n Coffee Car Show @ 9:00

Join us before your Alleys, Axles, and Ales tour for
some classic and exotic car networking on Saturday
morning, in the 700 block of Brighton Road. Bring
your own classic, modern, or exotic car and mingle
with other car collectors. **Cost to display your car at
Cars 'n Coffee is \$15 -or- an Alleys, Axles, and Ales
Tour Ticket.**

The historic homes of Allegheny West on Brighton
Road will provide a beautiful backdrop to feature the
Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh *Concours d'Elegance* cars.

Nationally-awarded Jaguars will be on display.

Hosted by Allegheny West Civic Council

Benefits Pittsburgh's Allegheny Commons Park Renovation
Project

and Allegheny YMCA North Side Summer Camp

DRAFT Agenda: AWCC Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 18 @ 7:30 P.M.

Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave

- Visitors: Councilwoman Harris' office
Mayor Peduto's office
Pittsburgh Police Zone 1
Representative Wheatley's Office
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy - Allegheny Commons
- New neighbors & guests
- Reading of last month's minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports

Membership:

-Thanks to Party Team for summer picnics

Ways & Means:

- Showcase Wine Event, September 15
- 2018 Alleys Axles & Ales Tour, September 29
- Christmas Candlelight House Tour, December 7-8

Friends of Allegheny West: April clean-up

Property: Western Gateway project in AW Parklet

Housing & Planning:

Updates:

- Western Avenue revitalization/electric relocations
- CCAC new building, Ridge at Brighton
- Light of Life Ridge Avenue project
- Allegheny Commons proposed implementation plan
- Expansion of Historic District
- Historic District enforcement issues – old cases
- Air BnB issues/impacts on AW
- Adoption of guidelines for new construction on
Vacant sites
- Railroad bridge replacements, double-stack trains
- Northside Leadership Conference
- Nominating committee - annual election in November
- Other business (Old & New)
 - ratify actions of Executive Committee:
 - application to State of Pennsylvania for Parklet
grant
 - new construction guidelines to CCAC
- Adjournment

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