

ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

September 2019

President's Message

As summer comes to an end the days might be getting shorter but the Allegheny West Civic Council agenda is getting longer. Below is a summary of some of the items on the agenda for the September 10th Membership meeting:

- The **National Aviary** is planning to convert their current tent to a permanent structure to hold events. The architects and project team representatives will be joining us to share plans and hear feedback.
- **City of Play** is planning the inaugural Pittsburgh FireWalk - a series of two Saturday evening, public celebrations in Allegheny Commons. An array of fires will be carefully tended with talented performers, local storytellers, and street vendors of food, drink, and art.
- A **\$13,000 Block Grant** was recently awarded to Allegheny West. Diane Caruso, Friends of Allegheny West Committee Chair, is coordinating the effort to identify projects to fund through this grant.
- **Victorian Christmas Tour** Planning is underway. The tour will be held December 13th and 14th. Volunteer opportunities are numerous and varied.
- The **Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District** project has been on-going for over 10 years and we have not seen significant progress in some time. A revised plan to run electrical lines behind the properties in the 800 block of Western Ave has been drafted and property owners are being contacted to approve the new plan. An update on the status and next steps will be provided.
- **Historic District Expansion** discussions have been occurring at the Housing and Planning Committee meetings and an informational meeting is being organized for neighbors affected by the proposed expansion.
- An **Allegheny West Civic Council By-Laws Committee** is being formed to review and offer revisions to the current by laws.

As you can see from this list there is a lot of activity for our small neighborhood. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the General Membership meetings as well as the committee meetings taking place throughout each month.

-Ann Gilligan, AWCC President

REMINDER: It's street sweeping season: Remember to move your cars the second Mon/Tue of the month!

AWCC Membership Dues

Just a reminder that Allegheny West Civic Council dues must be paid by October in order to vote (for the new board) in November. Annual dues are only \$3 (yes, you read that right!)...and a lifetime membership is only \$45 (and then you never have to bother to read about dues again). You can an envelope with your check or cash--include your name--through the door of the AWCC office at 806 Western Avenue.

Christmas Tour 2019

“The sun is shining, the grass is green”... and you’re now humming “White Christmas,” right?! It’s the perfect time to begin planning to welcome revelers to our neighborhood to kick off the holiday season!

The dates are set: Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 14th. The planning process has begun. Much of the tour will remain as in past years, with Calvary UMC as the starting point (with an antique and vendor show!) and concluding at Holmes Hall with the Train Tour available to guests.

The tour committee is actively seeking houses to be on tour. If you would like to offer your home, or to get more information about what is involved in being on tour, please contact Carol Gomrick or Annette Trunzo.

Please continue to check the weekly eNewsletters and the monthly Gazette for updates, committee meetings and volunteer opportunities.

Carol Gomrick: carolgomrick@gmail.com

Annette Trunzo: act1@pitt.edu

Electronics & Hazardous Waste Recycling Drop-off and Curbside Pick-up

In an effort to keep our local environment safe and clean, the City of Pittsburgh is offering drop-off and pick-up recycling services for residents. This assures that your hard-to-recycle materials--as well as your unwanted or broken items such as TVs, computer monitors, paint, light bulbs, batteries, A/C units, microwaves and more--will never end up in a landfill!

Residents can bring these items to the Pittsburgh Recycling Center in the Strip District, 3001 Railroad Street, every Wednesday from 3:00-8:00pm and every Sunday from 9:00am-5:00pm.

Residents are required to SCHEDULE a DROP-OFF TIME. Fees will apply to most items. If you prefer Curbside Pick-up Service, registration and prepayment are required.

Go to ecsr.net for general information, including a list of accepted items and fees, or to schedule a drop-off appointment or curbside pick-up online, or phone 1-814-425-7773.

Teapots Needed

Knead Community Cafe, a non-profit pay-what-you-can cafe, is looking for donations of teapots, cups and saucers, and cream-and-sugar sets for some “tea parties” that will be held to raise funds to support the Cafe’s mission of helping all to eat, regardless of means. So, keep an eye out for these items as you go to flea markets and estate sales, or are cleaning your basements! Please contact Trish Burton, tdburton3@gmail.com, for more information, or for pick-up!

Support New (and old!) Local Businesses

Just a reminder to all residents of Allegheny West to get out and support the new local businesses that have opened over the past few months. In addition to new spots for libations, such as the 412 Brewery, Refucilo, and Leo, a public house, we also welcomed the new women’s apparel and accessory boutique, Lynn & Barrett at 903 Western Avenue. Opening soon are the Mezza Luna Cafe and the Mana Board Game Tavern. Keep an eye out for these new spots, and please get out and support our neighborhood businesses.

Draft Agenda: AWCC General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, September 10 @ 7:30 P.M.

7:30pm – August Meeting Minutes

7:35pm - Guests

- Officer Burford, Pittsburgh Police
- Molly Onufer, Mayor’s Office
- Councilwoman Harris’ Office
- Ms. Sacoyia Reed, Senator Wheatley’s Office
- Erin Tobin, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
- National Aviary (Converting their tent into a permanent structure)
- Greg Manley – Pittsburgh Firewalk (Series of fire-lit storytelling carnivals in Allegheny Commons)

8:10pm - Treasurer’s report

8:20pm – Ways and Means Update

- Christmas Tour update

8:30pm - Housing and Planning

- Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District (WANID) update
- Historic District Expansion update and next steps
- CCAC new workforce building

9:00pm - New Business

- By-laws committee
- Block Grant
- Membership dues and November elections

9:15pm - Adjournment

AWCC Calendar: September 2019

Monday, September 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Tour Planning Meeting @ AWCC Office
(806 Western)

Tuesday, September 10 @ 7:30 p.m.

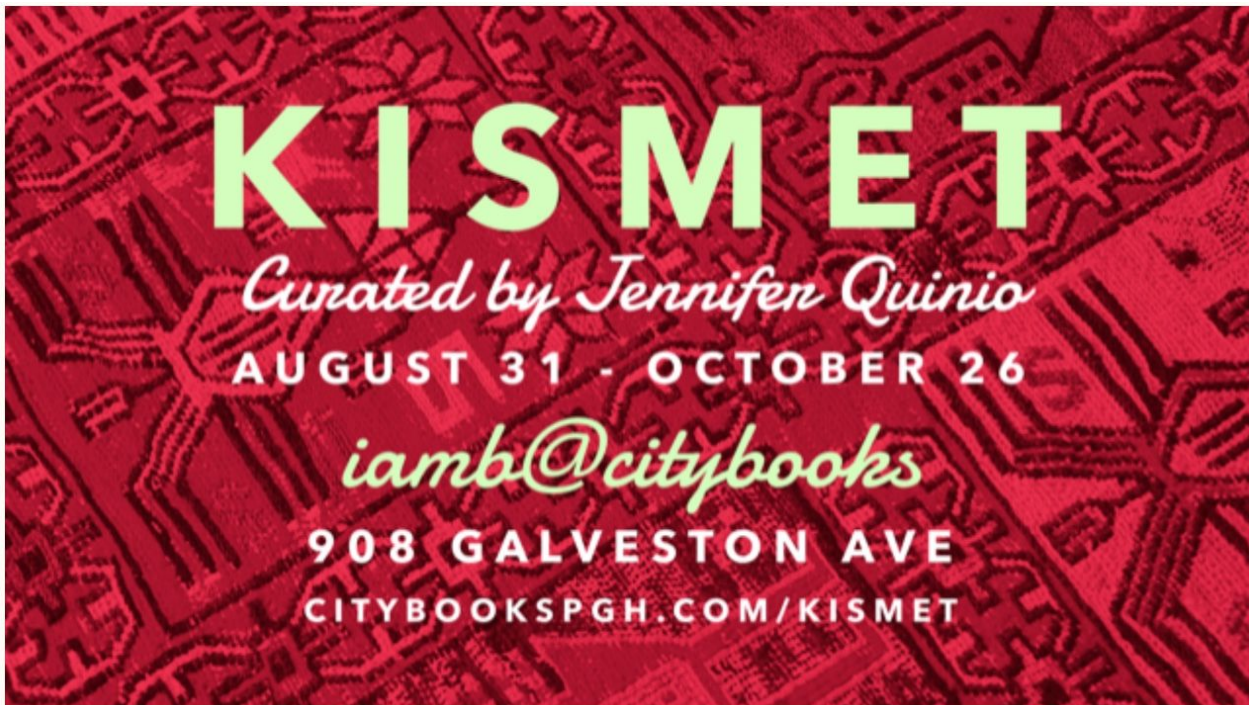
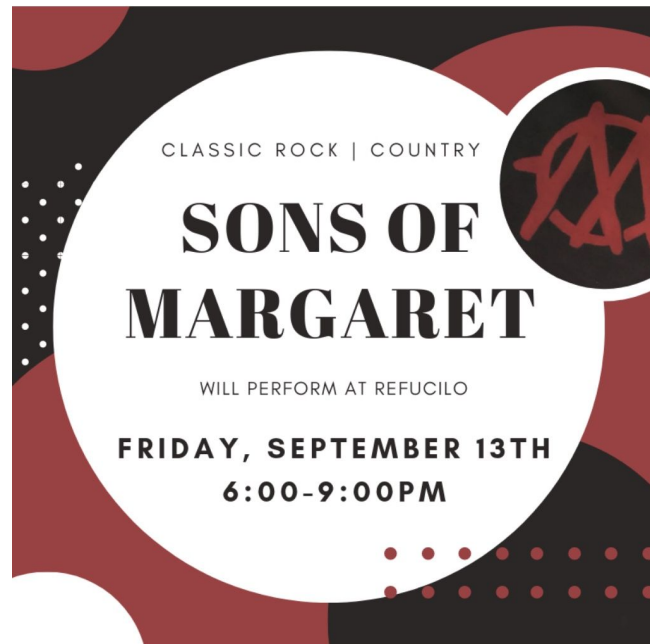
General Membership Meeting @ Calvary

Tuesday, September 17 @ 7:30 p.m.

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting, @ AWCC
Office (806 Western)

Tuesday, September 24 @ 7:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting, @AWCC Office (806
Western)



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