
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

October 2020

President's Message

Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.
—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

We're within 30 days of what people are describing as the most consequential elections of a generation.

The US Presidential Election is on Tuesday, November 3rd. Because of coronavirus a lot of us are voting by means other than in-person voting. If you're mailing or dropping your ballot in a drop box, remember to put the ballot inside the secrecy envelope and then inside the mailing envelope. A ballot not inside the secrecy envelope is considered "naked" and will not be counted. In this time of great division in our country, can we here in Allegheny West come together and agree not to let anything leave the house naked in November?

The Allegheny West Civic Council Election is on Tuesday, November 10th. After discussions within the Executive Committee and feedback from Membership, these are the 2020 voting guidelines:

- AWCC Members will vote between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on November 10, 2020 at the ballroom of the Parador Inn at 939 Western Avenue. There will be signs directing everyone to the voting location. Masks are required.
- The Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for 2020 is listed here in the Gazette. Any additional nominations can be made via a Google doc here:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdc5xk3iWTQK8M99ylupz6NCl1i6UnUdf2NwbMuAVjhZCsyw/viewform>

This list can also be accessed from the Allegheny West website. You'll be asked to list the name of the nominee, office nominated to as well as confirm that the person being nominated has agreed to it. Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, November 8th at 5:00 PM.

- Sergeant-at-Arms Sara Sweeney and her two Assistant Judges of Election will collect, count, recount, and certify the election. They will also be present at the polling site to confirm eligibility and enforce social distancing.
- The results will be announced at the General Membership Informational Meeting that will begin at 8PM on November 10th on Zoom.
- Note that Nominating Committee Election will be postponed until February or March of 2021.

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We'll review this again at the General Membership Informational meeting on Tuesday, October 13th. Also at the 10/13 meeting, we'll have our regular guests, a representative from Pittsburgh Water and Sewer who will talk about the lead line replacement work occurring in Allegheny West and we'll get a Treasurer's Report. Finally, on the heels of the huge success of the First Ever AWCC Trivia Contest, we'll have the Second Ever AWCC Trivia Contest. (Congrats to John DeSantis, last month's winner.)

Hope to see you on the 13th, stay safe out there!

— Ann Gilligan, AWCC President

Deadline for Registering to Vote in the US General Election

A reminder that to be eligible to vote in the US General Election in Pennsylvania on November 3rd, you must be registered to vote by 10/19/2020. There is a lot of great information on how to register, apply for absentee or mail-in ballot, deadlines, etc. at this website published by the League of Women Voters: <https://www.vote411.org/pennsylvania>.



PITTSBURGH HALLOWEEN 2020

Pittsburgh welcomes upcoming trick-or-treating this Halloween but urges residents to be responsible and to follow safety protocols during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The official City of Pittsburgh trick-or-treating hours will be **5-7 P.M. on Saturday, October 31**, in accordance with guidelines issued by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**.

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO:

- Trick-or-treat only with family members.
- Wear cloth facemask as well as Halloween masks.
 - Carry hand sanitizer.
 - Distribute candy by leaving it outside.
- Not have in-person or face-to-face interactions at the door.
- Follow social distancing on sidewalks and when approaching homes.
 - NOT attend indoor costume parties.

Pittsburgh needs poll workers!

Want to make \$200 helping people vote?

You might have heard that in the June primary, there was a staggering decrease in poll workers, and over 80% of polling locations closed. That's because most veteran poll workers are older folks and can't work. Fewer polling locations hurt the ability of many residents to vote.

The County still needs to recruit thousands of poll workers for the November election, in the next week! Since many people don't know that they can get paid \$200 to be a poll worker, we're hoping you can sign up and help spread the word.

1) If you can, please sign up to be a poll worker and encourage your friends to sign up too. The process to become a poll worker can be a bit complicated, and the County's response may not come quickly, but don't worry: the Power the Polls team will help you along the way. Here's the website: <https://www.powerthepolls.org/?source=CFG>

By the way, we know there have been some confusing reports on whether this need has already been met. So you know - we've checked and applicants **are** still needed; the County doesn't yet know which past workers are returning or how many new applications will be valid. There may also be other valuable roles that any extra applicants can fill. It may take a while to hear back, given the huge task - so don't be concerned. But chances are they will have to finish this process in the next week, so time is short!

VOTE!

The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2021

President: Bob Griewahn
Vice President: Carole Gomrick
Treasurer: Aaron Bryan
Corresponding Secretary: Michael Shealey
Sergeant-at-Arms: Colleen Storm
Property Committee: Fran Barbush
Friends of Allegheny West: Trish Burton
Communications Secretary: Cathy Serventi

Officers and Committee Chairs serving a second term:

Membership Committee: Timothy Zinn
Ways and Means Committee: John DeSantis
Housing and Planning Committee: Robin Zoufalik

AWCC MEETING/HAPPY HOUR ZOOM INFORMATION

Membership meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969724081?pwd=dGFWNTRaalpJZThHNjBWQmswenNYQT09>

By phone +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

Password: 979088

Problems connecting? Text (do NOT call)

Cathy at (412) 418-2027.

Friday Happy Hour: Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00, BYOB!

Join Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/479233274>

Meeting ID: 479 233 274 (This will remain the same each week!)

**Please continue to
 support our local
 Northside businesses!!**

AWCC Informational Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th 2020 via Zoom

Agenda

7:30pm: Gather

7:35pm: PGH:0 Lead Line Replacement in Allegheny West

7:50pm: Update - City of Pittsburgh, Mayor's Office (Leah Friedman)

7:55pm: Update - Councilman Wilson's Office (Councilman Wilson)

8:00pm: Update- Representative Wheatley's Office (Maddie Fox)

8:05pm: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)

8:15pm: AWCC Election Update

8:25pm: Treasurer's Report

8:35pm: Second-ever AWCC Trivia Contest

9:00 pm: Award prizes and conclude

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