
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

April 2021

President's Message

April is the cruelest ...

Too easy

*The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You're one month on, in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
A wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you're two months back, in the middle of March.*

~Robert Frost

From Two Tramps in Mud Time

(1926)

*The first of April is the day we remember what we are
the other 364 days of the year.*

- Mark Twain

April is here, after March flew by. It started with some snow that stuck around for a day or so. As I write this, it's five days later and 77 degrees Fahrenheit.

April is a month of renewal and growth. The crocuses are fading away, but the daffodils are up and the forsythia is blooming. For the gardeners among you, I note that Calvary UM Church is having its annual plant sale. They have both ornamental and vegetable plants for sale, but you must order by April 18. Delivery is in May, right around Mother's Day (which I'm told is the magic date for safe planting). The sale flyer is being distributed in one of our e-Newsletters, courtesy of Linda Ehrlich. I believe Emmanuel Episcopal Church also has an annual plant sale, and as soon as I get details on that, I'll spread the word like fine manure.

Speaking of which, the Pittsburgh Parks

Conservancy just held its "What the Muck" cleanup event for Lake Elizabeth in the Allegheny Commons. As most of you know, that area has been be-fowled by the flock of geese that congregate there like politicians around your e-mail inbox in election season. Walking through the sidewalks near Lake Elizabeth is like dancing between the raindrops, but with a lot more downside. To combat this menace, the Allegheny Commons Initiative (chaired by our own Mariana Whitmer), along with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, Northside Leadership Conference, and the City of Pittsburgh, is hiring a crew from the US Department of Agriculture. I'm sure we'll get an update on the geese situation at the next AWCC membership meeting. Until then, stay vigilant and wipe your feet.

By the way, that next AWCC virtual membership meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 13. It will be an exciting evening of geese stories from the PPC's Erin Tobin, true crime reports from Zone One's Officer Michael Burford, and general civic engagement on a scale not seen since last month. I hope to see you then. Zoom meeting details are published in this very issue of the Gazette.

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One last note before I go: April is also the time of year when we take nominations for Allegheny West's Neighbor of the Year. I'm sure you know a neighbor who has gone to great lengths to make Allegheny West a better place to live and work. I'll be soliciting names at the membership meeting, but please don't be shy about sending an e-mail or slipping a note through the mail slot at 806 Western Avenue.

I hope you have a wonderful April.

-Bob Griewahn, AWCC President

Memorial Tree Planting

In the past, we have planted trees in memoriam of departed neighbors and friends of the neighborhood. We recently learned of the passing of our long-time neighbor, Mrs. Patricia Rooney. She was a champion and fundraiser for the Allegheny Commons, and a positive spokesperson for the North Side. We also learned of the death of Greta Coleman. Her husband, Moe, and she were neighbors for many years. Moe passed away last year. We did not purchase any trees last year, due to the pandemic. If you would like to make contributions toward memorial trees, you can prepare a check and make it out to AWCC, and put it through the mail slot at 806 Western Avenue; or contact treasurer@alleghenywest.org.

Thank you for your consideration, and thanks to all those who have already donated!

-Fran Barbush

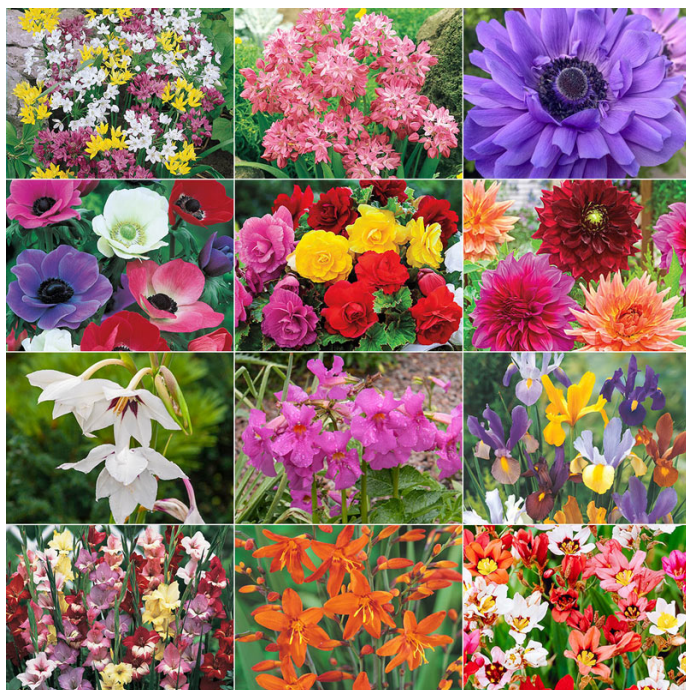
Street Sweeping Begins This Month



Just a reminder that street sweeping will begin again this month. If possible, try to move your cars on street sweeping day (2nd Monday/Tuesday) of the month. Tickets will not be given, due to the number of people likely to still be working from home. That said, we all want to see the winter muck cleaned up. If you are able to, please be sure to move your car on those days to help clean up the neighborhood!

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS!

Calvary Church Women's Spring Flower Sale



Speaking of cleaning up the neighborhood, it's time for the fifth annual Calvary United Methodist Women's club plant sale. There's no better way to beat the Covid blues than to spruce up your garden, and it's a safe way to get outside. All proceeds benefit CUMW's local ministries, like Daily Bread. Please contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com for an order form and more information.

Orders are due on April 18, so act quickly!!

Pick up will be in the Calvary Church parking lot on Friday May 7 1-6 and Saturday, May 8 9-11.

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Draft Agenda for Membership Meeting

Allegheny West Civic Council | Membership Meeting

Zoom Meeting Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969724081?pwd=dGFWNTRaaIpJZThHNjBWQmswenNYQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

Passcode: 979088

7:30: Gather, say hello, and meet new neighbors

7:35: City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police (Officer Burford)

7:40: City of Pittsburgh, Mayor's Office (Leah Friedman)

7:45: Councilor Wilson's Office (Sally Stadelman / Mohammed Burny / Faith Mudd)

7:50: Rep Wheatley's Office (Thomas Graham)

7:55: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)

8:05: Treasurer's Report (A. Bryan)

8:10: Executive Committee Reports

- President (R Griewahn) – Executive committee actions
- Property (F. Barbush)
- Past President (A. Gilligan) – Mayoral roundtable

8:25: Ways & Means (J. DeSantis) – Tours

8:30: Film Committee (C. Gomrick)

8:45: Conclude



Get together with family and friends for a day of movement at your local park!

You can walk, run, bike, or move however you like! Come ready to enjoy some outdoor time with the community. This FREE event is hosted by P3R in partnership with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy.

Join us on Saturdays this Spring from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Location and Dates :

March 13

Burgwin Park

328 Mansion Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

March 27

Riverview Park

159 Riverview Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

April 10

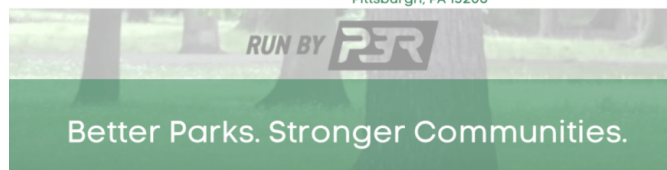
Westinghouse Park

7051 Thomas Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

April 24

Highland Park

Reservoir Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15206



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