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Historic American Buildings Survey, April, 1963 NORTH
(FRONT) ELEVATION. -

English-Oliver House, 845 Ridge Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA
Photos from Survey HABS PA-425

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Date: 12/13/21

President's Message

Contact: Bob Griewahn | president@alleghenywest.org

Greetings from a December morning, as I write this. December brings colder weather and shorter days, so enjoy the long evenings in your cozy home (or the home of a friend). I hope you were able to make it to the Allegheny West Christmas Tree Lighting event at the beginning of the month. We had a lovely time, and the tree looked beautiful. Actually, it still does, and if you missed the lighting, you can still admire the tree at the northeast corner of Western and Galveston Avenues.

Although the tree looks magical, it didn't get there purely by magic. Many thanks are in order for the volunteers who made it happen. First and foremost, thanks go to Sally Graubarth who coordinated the tree raising and decorating. She also rolled the tree base (an electrical cable spool from Graybar Electric on N. Lincoln Avenue) down Galveston. What a sight that must have been.

She had some elves to help, in setting up the tree and decorating it. Aaron, Trish, Nonie, Carol, Mary, Holly, and Penny were all out there hanging lights and ornaments

when I stopped by to “supervise”. And, I’m sure there were others who lent a hand as well.

Thank you to all the volunteers.

A very special thank you, also, goes to John DeSantis, who allowed us to use his property, and his electricity, for the tree.

The lighting ceremony was well-attended, and several folks brought refreshments for the assembly. I can attest that all of the cookies were delicious, since I felt it necessary to try (at least) one of each variety.

The tree will be up for several more weeks, I believe. So, again, if you haven’t yet seen it, please head down to Western Avenue for a look. I recommend going at dusk or in the evening, if possible, but the tree looks wonderful at any time.

In more mundane matters, we’ll have the final AWCC membership meeting of 2021 on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 PM. This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. You’ll find the agenda and Zoom link elsewhere in this copy of the Gazette.

That wraps up my December message. I wish you all a safe and merry holiday season!

Bob Griewahn
AWCC president



[Agenda] **AWCC Membership Update**

Contact: Bob Griewahn | president@alleghenywest.org

Date: Tues. Dec 14

Special Time: 7:30pm

Zoom: Meeting ID 899 6972 4081 | Passcode 979088 | [<link>](#)

Agenda

- 7:30 Gather, say hello, and meet new neighbors
- 7:35 Update – City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police (Officer Burford)
- 7:45 Update – Councilor Wilson's Office (Sally Stadelman / Mohammed Burny / Faith Mudd)
- 7:55 Update – Rep Wheatley's Office
- 8:00 Update – Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)
- 8:05 Executive Committee Reports
- 8:30 Conclude

Zoom Information

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

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

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Text (do NOT call) Cathy at (412) 418-2027



[FUN] Cocktail Corner

Philadelphia Fish-House Punch

It's the entertaining season, so let's make some punch.

Combine in a punch bowl:

- 1 pound of superfine sugar
- 16 ounces of lemon juice (or lime juice)

Stir to dissolve. Add:

- 3 cups of Jamaican rum
- 12 ounces of cognac
- 12 ounces of peach brandy
- 3½ quarts water

Approximate yield: 25 cups

*Adapted from the Philadelphia Telegraph, 1880
from a recipe dated 1795.*

Notes

- As always, drink responsibly.
- You'll need a large punch bowl, since the recipe yields over 6 quarts of punch.
- Chill with a block of ice.
- You might be able to use lemon sorbet as well, but then cut back the sugar a bit
- Any golden, full-bodied rum can be substituted for the Jamaican rum.

[FUN] Dance Party w/ Ms. Iris and Little D

The "...We're not telling! (because we haven't decided yet)"
Edition

Zoom: Meeting ID - 890 3154 3628 | Passcode - 793001 <[Link](#)>

Date: Wednesday, 12/15 5:30 - 5:45pm

Contact: Dan Adam - HeyDJ@alleghenywest.org

More info coming soon..

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89031543628?pwd=Y0NCOEg2NUlqU2VVMU4zZEIQb3FSZz09>

By Phone (Audio Only) 646- 558- 8656

Meeting ID: 890 3154 3628 | Passcode: 793001

[Volunteer] Miss the Paper Gazette?

Contact: Cathy Serventi | communications@alleghenywest.org

You may have noticed the absence of the paper version of the monthly Gazette for the last couple of months. First, we want to send out our sincere thanks to Karen Beer for her years of service creating the paper version of the monthly Gazette! If you see Karen out and about (usually with her adorable pup) please take a moment and express your appreciation. Unfortunately Karen has had to step down from the editor position in October.

Special thanks also to the Sweeneys, the Kutters, Elizabeth Barbush, Tim Zinn, and the Beers for take the time each month to distribute the Gazette to each house every monthly.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over editing and managing the distribution of the paper Gazette to the volunteers who hand them out. If we are unable to identify a

volunteer we will be switching permanently to an electronic version of the Gazette. If you're interested in hearing more about the role please contact Cathy at communications@alleghenywest.org.

CALENDAR

Time	Date	Meeting	Owner	Zoom
7:30pm	12/14	AWCC Membership Informational Meeting	Bob Griewahn president@alleghenywest.org	< Link > ID: 899 6972 4081 Passcode: 979088
5:30pm	12/15	Dance Party w/ Ms. Iris & Little D	Dan Adam HeyDj@alleghenywest.org	< Link > ID: 890 3154 3628 Passcode: 793001
8:00am	12/19	Trash Pick-up NO RECYCLING		Schedule < Link >
7:30pm	12/21	AWCC Housing and Planning Meeting	Jim Wallace housing-planning@alleghenywest.org	< Link > ID: 870 7404 5427 Passcode: 045565
5:30pm	12/22	Dance Party w/ Ms. Iris & Little D	Dan Adam HeyDj@alleghenywest.org	< Link > ID: 890 3154 3628 Passcode: 793001
8:00am	12/26	Trash Pick-up RECYCLING		Schedule < Link >
7:30pm	12/28	AWCC Executive Committee Meeting	Bob Griewahn president@alleghenywest.org	Request from meeting owner
5:30pm	12/29	Dance Party w/ Ms. Iris & Little D	Dan Adam HeyDj@alleghenywest.org	< Link > ID: 890 3154 3628 Passcode: 793001
8:00am	1/2	Trash Pick-up NO RECYCLING		Schedule < Link >
7:30pm	1/4	AWCC Film Committee Meeting	Carol Gomrick film@alleghenywest.org	Request from meeting owner

City of Pittsburgh

Interesting Links

- [Bobby Wilson - Pittsburgh City Council District 1](#)

- [Zone 1 Weekly Police Blotter](#)
 - [BurghEyeView](#) - interactive map of the city with incident reports
 - [Engage Pittsburgh](#) - information and updates about on-going City of Pittsburgh projects.
 - City of Pittsburgh [Recycling Calendar](#)
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COMMUNITY

[Fun] Calvary United Methodist Christmas Open House



Contact: Brian Burns at either
bsburns77@aol.com or 724-388-3246
Date and Time: Saturday, December 18
from 1:00-7:00 pm

Please join us as Calvary presents a Christmas Open House! This free event features tours of the church, live music with choir and organ, a vintage item sale, homemade soups for takeout, cookies and refreshments, a kid's area with crafts, and a Special Jolly Visitor! Beech Avenue will be open for a self-guided stroll down the historic festively decorated street, featuring carolers.

We are looking for donations for cookies and homemade soup. Also, volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, crafts, food sales, cookie and refreshment table, question/answer time, and carolers. Please contact Brian Burns at either bsburns77@aol.com or 724-388-3246 with any questions or if you would like to help out with a donation or

volunteer.

Visit our website for more information!

- <https://calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/christmas-open-house.php>

SCHEDULE

01:00-7:00 pm — Vintage sale, soup takeout, refreshments, kid's crafts

03:00-3:15 pm — Music

03:15-4:00 pm — Tour, questions, and fellowship

04:00-4:15 pm — Music

04:15-5:00pm — Tour, questions, and fellowship

*** 5:00 pm** — "Special Jolly Visitor" arrives *

05:30-6:00 pm — Final tour, questions, and fellowship

06:00-7:00 pm — Final purchases, church closes at 7:00pm

[Fun] *Missing the Tours?*

Hal & Nick have put together a video tour of their home to warm your hearts and remind us all of the splendors of the Christmas season.



Tour of Christmas decorated Victorian home in the Allegheny West Neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

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