
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

August 2022

President's Message

August is here! The summer is racing by, and that means the AWCC Labor Day block party is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for Monday September 5. I believe we are scheduled to be up in the 800 block of N. Lincoln for this one. As usual, the Allegheny West Civic Council will provide the meats and the beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors.

After a two-month hiatus, the monthly membership meetings will begin again. Tuesday, September 13 will be our next meeting. I expect it to be an in-person, outdoors meeting at Calvary United Methodist Church on Beech Avenue. We'll be trying to broadcast the meeting via Zoom as well. Our communications committee chair, Cathy Serventi, will be sending out an electronic newsletter with more details as we approach the date.

One of the things we will be doing at the September meeting is honoring a few of our neighbors. Due to the pandemic, we never got a chance to recognize some of our "Neighbor of the Year" award winners. So, we'll be honoring Diane and Tony Caruso (2020 Neighbors of the Year), Carol Gomrick (NOTY for 2021), and Rev. Larry Homitsky (our current NOTY). I'm not sure if they'll all be able to attend (Diane and Tony now live out of town), but we'll be honoring them in spirit if they're not there.

In addition, we will have two other honorees. First, we will honor Shaelyn Goodwine, the Good Samaritan who alerted the police that Martha Helmreich had not been picking up her mail, which led to Martha's rescue after a fall. It's hard to think of anyone more deserving of recognition than Ms. Goodwine.

Second, we'll be honoring John DeSantis. Allegheny West nominated John for the Northside Leadership Conference's Lifetime Achievement Award, and it was bestowed upon him at the NSLC's annual banquet in June. John was a giant on Pittsburgh's Northside, and as one of Allegheny West's own, we feel that the Allegheny West Civic Council needs to acknowledge and applaud this award at one of our own gatherings.

Those of you who regularly attend our membership meetings surely know Sally Stadelman. Sally has been attending Allegheny West Civic Council meetings since 2015, first with the mayor's Community Affairs Office, then as chief of staff for our city councilor, Bobby Wilson. Sally is now moving on to greater things. While I'm sad to see her go, I wish her all the best in the next phase of her career. So, if you see Sally, wish her the best, but don't send her any more emails concerning neighborhood issues! Those should now go to Faith Mudd, a regular attendee at our meetings, or Mohammed Burny, Councilor Wilson's new chief of staff.

Lastly, the Allegheny West Development Corp. is poised to sell the house it acquired on W. North Avenue. This has been in the works for some time, and we're almost at the finish line. I look forward to seeing the wonderful work the buyer will do to rehabilitate this property in historic Denny Row. Stay tuned for more information.

That's all the news I have for this month. I hope your summer has been going well, and that you have a great August. I look forward to seeing you on September 13.

-Bob Griewahn, AWCC President

(The Picture Drawing from Last Month is Benedict Arnold - Officer in the Continental Army and early hero of the Revolutionary War and later turned traitor)

Cocktail Corner

Mystic Marvel Cocktail

- ½ oz. Brandy
- ½ oz. Lime Juice
- ½ oz. Calvados
- ½ oz. Drambuie

Shake with ice and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange twist

(From 1700 Cocktails for the Man Behind the Bar, by R. De Fleury, 1934).

NOTES:

- As always, drink responsibly.
- What a great name for a drink!
- At last! A use for that bottle of Drambuie that's been in your cabinet since the Bush administration (the first Bush, most likely).
- The proportions of this drink are very easy to commit to memory.
- Calvados, as we all know, is apple brandy. So, there's quite a bit of brandy in this cocktail. I wouldn't alter the recipe by doubling the regular brandy and leaving out the Calvados, because you'll get a totally different experience. Then again, if you don't have any Calvados, or just crave adventuring into the unknown, go for it.
- Since I'm lazy, I'm apt to use a lime twist in lieu of orange. Hey, the lime is already at hand. Why not use that peel? Plus, I get yelled at for removing twists from fruit and then putting the fruit back in the fridge where it dries out. Don't let that happen to you. But, if you have an orange you don't mind peeling, be authentic. Peel before juicing.
- The author, R. de Fleury, knew 1,700 different cocktails? Color me doubtful. He lived at a time when, I suspect, almost all bartenders were men, hence the title of his book. Some of the best bartenders from whom I've had the pleasure to receive a cocktail, though, have been women. So, here's a toast to the hard-working female bartenders. Be sure to tip them (and the wait staff).

On This Month in History - August 30, 1837

Famous Aeronaut Richard Clayton ascended from Pittsburgh before a large crowd and traveled 60 miles to Johnstown in a gas balloon. He had intended to travel further, but had safety concerns. In a letter he wrote to the Pittsburgh Gazette after landing at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 12, 1837: "I should have continued in the atmosphere during the night, but the cold and damp were so severe that I was afraid of the fever and ague (shivering)."

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Alleys, Axles & Ales

Sunday, September 25th | 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

AWCC will be holding Alleys, Axles and Ales again this year. Admission fee includes beer tastings at 6 locations and a \$5 food voucher. Volunteers will be needed to direct traffic, be runners, help at garages and do other duties. A signup sheet will be made available soon. Go to www.Alleghenywest.org for more info and tickets. Classic and exotic cars are welcome to park on the 800 block of N Lincoln on Sunday during the tour. N Lincoln will be closed from 9-6 Sunday, September 25. Parking for residents without a classic car can be found on the 900 block of N Lincoln, Babb lot from 11-6 or Mitchell Schwartz's lot on West North on Sunday. Contact Tom Barbush (cars) Mitchell Swartz (parking) Doug Debelak (breweries) or Cecile Canales for more information.

Labor Day Block Party!

The Annual Labor Day Block Party will be:

**Monday, September 5th from 4-8PM.
800 block of N. Lincoln**

Bring your lawn chairs and a side dish or dessert!

All are welcome to join! Can't wait to see you there!



Nick Lloyd to the Rescue!

It was on July 20, a sweltering, hot day that burkeMICHAEL+ had file cabinets available for donation, but limited means to transport them. Matt Hartz of burkeMICHAEL+ offered to deliver them to our neighborhood office if I could find someone else to help with the heavy lifting.

When asked, Nick agreed, with no delays or complaints, to hand walk the file cabinets with Matt to the office. This was a tricky operation with stairs and perspiring hands!

Super big thanks to burkeMICHAEL+, Matt, and Nick. You are a big reason why Allegheny West is such a wonderful neighborhood!

Thank you for your helping hands,
Fran Barbush

Meeting Information

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sept 13th. Have a happy summer!

- August Meeting - **No meeting**
- **September Meeting - Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 7:30 PM**

Zoom info (for **Sept 13th** meeting):

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

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

Passcode: 979088

Housing and Planning Meeting Reminder:

- **Tuesday, August 16th @7:30** (via Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074045427?pwd=MUVvbUpEOXlMzdHbTEZOV0JaTlMxUT09>

Meeting ID: 870 7404 5427

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