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# ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

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July 2022

## President's Message

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I hope you're enjoying July in Allegheny West. I attended the block party for Independence Day, which fell on July 4<sup>th</sup> this year, and had a great time. We had a great turnout, and my thanks go to all the folks who worked to make it possible. Chief among these volunteers is Aaron Bryan, who organized the event and manned the grill. Aaron was cranking out hamburgers and hotdogs all afternoon long. Again, thanks to all who helped.

Aaron revived the annual Rib Cook-Off, and I was drafted as one of the judges. The other judges were Nonie Knaus, Mitchell Schwartz, and Steve Pisanelli. We had four contestants this year. Unlike the ribs, the decision of the winner was tough. In the end, Scott Mosser walked away with the crown. He was handed his trophy by the reigning Rib King, Robin Zoufalik. Congratulations to Scott!

In other news, the membership decided at the June meeting that the meetings would be suspended for the months of July and August. You will need to find something else to do on the second Tuesdays of these months. I suspect there will be some Allegheny West porch parties held in lieu of the meetings. Here's to long summer nights. Executive committee meetings have not been suspended, however. Sorry, committee members.

That's about all I have for July. Since there will be no meeting this month, there is no draft agenda in this issue of the Allegheny West Gazette. Therefore, I've inserted a coloring page instead. In keeping with July's theme of American independence, the page depicts a very famous Revolutionary War soldier. So, get out your crayons and markers and get coloring. Feel free to submit your artwork to Elizabeth Barbush, our intrepid Gazette editor. You can also submit your guess as to who this famous soldier is. Good luck!

I hope you have a great July.

*-Bob Griewahn, AWCC President*

## Cocktail Corner

### *Hoffman House Cocktail*

Build in a tumbler:

- 1 large lump of ice or ice spear
- 1 spiral orange peel
- 2oz blended scotch
- 6 oz ginger ale

“To drink slowly”

(From *Hoffman House Bartender's Guide: How to Open a Saloon and Make it Pay*, by Charles S. Mahone, 1905)

### **NOTES:**

- As always, drink responsibly.
- Regular ice cubes will suffice if you don't have an ice spear maker. If your ice cubes are not large, use more than one. It's summer and you want a cold beverage.
- Be sure to express your orange peel spiral before plopping it in the tumbler. For best results, rub it along the tumbler's rim as well.
- Feel free to substitute a lime peel for the orange peel if you have limes and no oranges. I wouldn't use a lemon peel, but what do I know?
- You'll have eight ounces of liquid plus one or more ice lumps. Make sure your tumbler is large enough to accommodate all that.
- Enjoy

## Allegheny West Tour and Tasting - a Smash Hit!

Tour and Tasting 2022 is now in the history books and arguably made some history. This was our first post-Covid tour and by most accounts, we knocked it out of the park! Tickets sold out by April (even with a ticket price increase to \$95), and food and wine sponsors were incredible with their time and generosity. We had 3 never-before seen homes on the tour and they were a spectacular addition to the other amazing properties. Special thanks to Carole and Bob Malakoff, Aaron Bryan and Sandy Allen, The Burton's, Fr. Don Youse and the volunteers of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Sally Graubarth and Karl Huber and especially Mike Ramsey who jumped in with both feet and got to meet a lot of neighbors over the weekend.

As mentioned before, the support from our sponsors was incredible. They went above and beyond to help elevate the experience while keeping within our budget. Please show your support with your patronage:

Aladdin Eatery  
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 DiAnoia's Eatery  
 Dreadnought Wines

Penn Mac  
 Refucilo Winery

Special thanks to our Allegheny West bakers who pulled off the Herculean feat of baking cakes in the summertime for 300 people!

Mary Callison  
Sally Graubarth  
Deb Kelly  
Deb Lantz

Jim Wallace opened up his home for the afterparty - special thanks to Jim for taking that on and being such a gracious host and Gloria Raymond for whipping the party into shape and making it happen!

The final numbers are still being tallied by our treasurer Dan Adam. We will report the total in an upcoming membership meeting. What I can share is that through the excellent management of Mary Anne Murphy and Fran Barbush, our raffle grossed ~\$1200. Thank you both for running the tickets and to all who donated wine. It was a great success.

We got rave reviews about our docents. The effort that the docents put in to share the history about the neighborhood and keep our history alive really sets this tour off from so many others. Thank you to all who continue to show such passion and care to keep the tour goers engaged and entertained.

Special thanks to Mark Moore for being so willing and gracious to welcome the tour back into Holmes Hall. Nate was a huge help keeping everything in line and running smoothly. Thank you both!!!

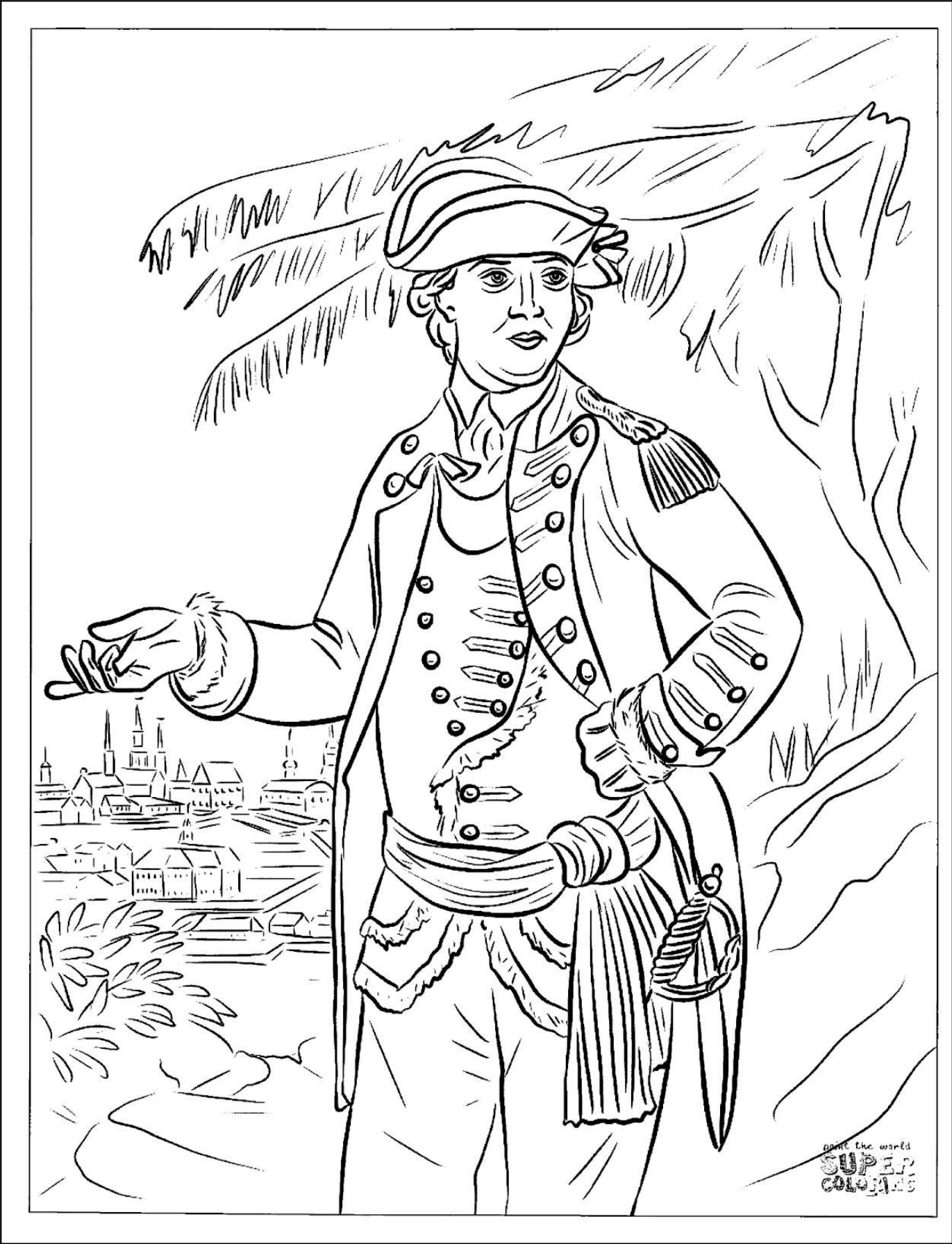
Speaking of Holmes Hall, it was bittersweet to be celebrating the return of the tours knowing that such a huge part of what has been a constant for so many years was not with us this year. We miss you John, but I know one of the best ways we can honor your memory is to keep the tours going with great gusto. This year we did. Cheers to you John!

Lastly, just when you think you've anticipated everything that could happen...there is always that special surprise waiting. It warmed my heart to see how readily the neighborhood galvanized to do whatever, whenever it was needed. To the wizards behind the curtains, Hilary, Scott, Diane, Tony, Elizabeth - you know what I mean. Thank you.

Oh, I almost forgot. If you haven't seen the tour program this year, I have extras for you to see. Karl Huber, owner of Gallery H on Western (and now seasoned tour homeowner), painted a custom watercolor used for the cover of the program. Better yet, the original is hanging in his gallery. I'd urge everyone to take a look...gorgeous!

As you can see from this long article there are so many who do so much. The tours really do bring us all together as neighbors and create special memories for all who join in as guests and those who volunteer. To everyone I just have two final words, "well done!"

*Carol Gomrick*  
Tour and Tasting Chair



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## Meeting Information

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

- July Meeting - **Vacation (no meeting)**
- August Meeting - **Vacation (no meeting)**

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, July 19th @7:30** (via Zoom)
- **Tuesday, August 16th @7:30** (via Zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074045427?pwd=MUVvbUpEOXlMZDhBTEZOV0JaT1MxUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 870 7404 5427

**Passcode:** 045565

## Street Cleaning and Recycling

Street Sweep/Cleaning is Every 2nd Monday and Tuesday of the Month. Cleaning Dates are:

- July - 11th and 12th.
- August - 8th and 9th
- September - 12th and 13th

Please check posted signs specific for your area and keep your side clear of cars on cleaning day!

Recycling dates: (No plastic bags or lids! )

- July 11th, 25th
- August 8th, 22nd
- September 6th, and 19th

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