
President's Message

The Enkindled Spring

*This spring as it comes bursts up in bonfires green,
Wild puffing of emerald trees, and flame-filled bushes,
Thorn-blossom lifting in wreaths of smoke between
Where the wood fumes up and the watery, flickering rushes.*

*I am amazed at this spring, this conflagration
Of green fires lit on the soil of the earth, this blaze
Of growing, and sparks that puff in wild gyration,
Faces of people streaming across my gaze.*

*And I, what fountain of fire am I among
This leaping combustion of spring? My spirit is tossed
About like a shadow buffeted in the throng
Of flames, a shadow that's gone astray, and is lost.
- D. H. Lawrence*

I have just a few quick notes for you this month.

May 10 Membership Meeting - The AWCC Membership meeting for May will be held, once again, via Zoom. It was thought that the weather is too mercurial in spring to plan for an outdoor meeting. We are still investigating indoor meetings at Calvary U.M. Church, possibly with hybrid capabilities.

LRC Annual Preservation Award - The LRC will once more be presenting a preservation award to a deserving local resident or business. Come to the May 10 membership meeting to find out the lucky recipient's name!

Increased police foot patrols - The officers of Zone 1 will be patrolling on foot more frequently in the coming months. They intend to hang door knob flyers to let you know they've been around. The flyers will contain various bits of helpful public safety information, so keep an eye out for yours.

Wine Tour & Tasting - Sally Graubarth and Carol Gomrick have been working hard to bring back this popular fundraiser. As I write this, there are still some tickets available, but they are going fast. There will be a 5:00 PM tour on Friday, June 24, and both a 1:00 PM and a 5:00 PM tour on Saturday, June 25. Tickets are \$95.00 each. Act now!

Mexican War Streets Yard Sale - The annual Great Mexican War Streets Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 4 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In addition to the MWS treasures for sale, there also will be food and retail vendors. Bring home a priceless heirloom!

May Primary Election - The primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 17. Since there are no local ballot questions being considered, only registered Democrats and Republicans will be voting. If you're voting, please be kind to your poll workers. They work a very long day, and they'll appreciate a "thank you" when they give you the "I Voted" sticker.

I think that's all for this month. Enjoy the lusty month of May. June will be here before you know it.

-Bob Griewahn, AWCC President

2022 Allegheny West Preservation Award

The Allegheny West Local Review Committee along with The Allegheny West Civic Council announces the 12th Annual Allegheny West Preservation Award. These awards are presented to property owners in Allegheny West who have completed projects over the past year, retaining or restoring appropriate elements of historic character, and adhering to the neighborhood guidelines. The success of the awarded projects were attained by doing research, creating well thought-out plans, following neighborhood historic guidelines, and working with the neighborhood LRC and the City HRC to seek advice on the application process and guidelines.

The 2022 award recipient is:

Birgo Realty for the restoration of **The Allegheny City Stables at 836 West North Ave.**

Built in 1895, the building was the Allegheny City Stables Public Works Building. It was used as a stable and for storage purposes. When Allegheny was annexed by the City of Pittsburgh in 1907, the building continued to be used for horses, and then, into the Twentieth Century, became storage for motorized vehicles.

In 2006, the Rutledge Equipment Company, owners of the building, threatened to demolish it. To prevent losing the last remaining stable in The City of Pittsburgh, the LRC petitioned The City to designate it as an historic site. The site was designated in 2007. Shortly after, our Civic Council purchased the building.

In 2015, Birgo Realty took possession of the site and began working on plans to develop it. They did their research and consulted with the community throughout the planning process. Work was completed in 2021.

To celebrate Preservation Month, the award will be presented at the Membership Meeting of the Allegheny West Civic Council on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Carole Malakoff

Cocktail Corner

Downton Alley

2 oz Dry Gin 1/2 tsp Cointreau
 ¼ oz. Creme Yvette Tonic water
 1 or 2 tsp Lime Juice

Add the first four ingredients, plus plenty of ice, to a Collins glass. Stir. Fill with tonic water.

Stir ever so slightly to mix the tonic with the rest of the cocktail, but not so much as to ruin the effervescence.

Garnish with a lime wedge.

NOTES:

- As always, drink responsibly.
- This is just a riff on a Gin & Tonic, but I think you may like it. The Creme Yvette and Cointreau add a bit of balance to the sourness of the lime and the bitterness of the tonic water. Tastes vary, so adjust the amounts until you find the proportions that please you best.
- I told you last month to buy Creme Yvette. If you failed to heed my advice, you could substitute some of that creme de cassis you have lying about. In fact, the *Rio Maiden's Blush* cocktail is very similar to what I've described above, except that it uses creme de cassis and some Angostura bitters.
- You could always substitute lemon juice for the lime juice. No one will judge you, and you'll be enjoying a cocktail, so you wouldn't care if they did.
- Some folks float the Cointreau on the top of a Rio Maiden's Blush. You could, too.

A historic newspaper clipping *from*
 The Pittsburgh Press, May 10th 1922



“Tour & Tasting” is Sold Out Volunteers Wanted!

The fantastic “Tour & Tasting” walking and wine tour is sold out, but volunteers are still needed!

Dates: Friday, June 24th and Saturday, June 25th

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Draft Agenda for Membership Meeting

Allegheny West Civic Council Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 @ 7:30 PM (via Zoom - link below)

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

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

7:40: City of Pittsburgh, Mayor's Office (Chrisarah Johnson)

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

7:50: Rep Abney's Office (Tentative)

7:55: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)

8:05 LRC - Annual Allegheny West Preservation Award (Carole Malakoff)

8:10: Executive Committee Reports

- Treasurer (D. Adam)
- Membership (A. Bryan)
 - Memorial Day Block Party info
- Property (M. Barbush)
- Friends (P. Burton)
- Ways & Means (S. Graubarth)
 - Wine Tour (C. Gomrick)
 - Alleys, Axles, & Ales (T. Barbush)
- President (R. Griewahn)
 - Allegheny West Development Corp. - 952 W. North Ave.
 - New Gazette editor E. Barbush
 - Return to In-Person Meetings?

8:45 Conclude

General Membership Meeting Zoom info (May 10th):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969724081?pwd=dGFWNTRaalpJZThHNjBWQmwenNYQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

Passcode: 979088

Upcoming Meeting Reminder:

Housing and Planning - **Tuesday, May 17th @7:30 (via Zoom)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074045427?pwd=MUVvbUpEOXIMZDhBTEZOV0JaT1MxUT09>

Meeting ID: 870 7404 5427

Passcode: 045565

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