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# ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

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September 2024

## President's Message

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### Recycling Issues

Dear Neighbors,

While I normally write about this topic at the beginning of the year with the release of the annual recycling calendar and guidelines, I have noticed that not all of our neighbors are aware of the city's new recycling guidelines. The biggest difference this year is that the city will no longer collect recycling that is in plastic bags. Recyclables must be placed in a recycling bin loose. Failure to do so will result in the city leaving the recyclables week after week. As always, cardboard must be flattened, free of packing materials, and bundled.

For your convenience, we have included a copy of the city's current Refuse/Bulk and Recycling Pickup Schedule in this issue of the Gazette for those who didn't receive a copy directly from the city or may have misplaced it since the beginning of the year. Please retain this flyer and refer to it throughout the remainder of the year. If you already received a copy of the calendar, pass this one along to a neighbor that may not have received one, including tenants, if you have any, or residents in multi-unit apartment buildings. All too often people forget the collection/recycling schedule and refuse and recycling are left in alleys and on streets for a week or more. If you put your recycling out on the wrong day or if you miss your collection time, PLEASE do not leave trash and recycling containers on the curb until the next week's collection. You could be cited for this, and it also has a negative impact on our neighborhood. Additionally, refuse should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on the night before collection and no later than 6:00 am on the day of collection. Should our collection day (Monday) be on a holiday, refuse will be collected the following day.

I again encourage all of our residents to recycle. Recycling is easy with the city's "single-stream" system, which eliminates the need to separate items. The recycling program accepts glass, aluminum and metal cans, paper, cardboard, and plastics. For additional information and a PDF of the collection calendar and guidelines, please follow the links below:

Collection Schedule and Guidelines:

[https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/23540\\_City\\_of\\_Pittsburgh\\_North\\_South\\_Mailer.pdf](https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/23540_City_of_Pittsburgh_North_South_Mailer.pdf)

Finally, please note that AWCC's summer recess is over. General membership meetings will resume on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. The next meeting is September 10th at Calvary United Methodist Church.

*I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Allegheny West neighborhood and look forward to receiving your comments at [president@alleghenywest.org](mailto:president@alleghenywest.org).*

Timothy Zinn, President

#### Autumn Song

*Know'st thou not at the fall of the leaf  
How the heart feels a languid grief  
Laid on it for a covering,  
And how sleep seems a goodly thing  
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf?  
And how the swift beat of the brain  
Falters because it is in vain,  
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf  
Knowest thou not? and how the chief  
Of joys seems—not to suffer pain?*

*Know'st thou not at the fall of the leaf  
How the soul feels like a dried sheaf  
Bound up at length for harvesting,  
And how death seems a comely thing  
In Autumn at the fall of the leaf?*

*- Dante Gabriel Rossetti, 1848*

*Submitted by Bob Griewahn*

## 2024 Victorian Christmas Tour

The 'unofficial' end of summer is already here! Despite the heat, activities are already underway for the Victorian Christmas Tour. The website will be updated and tickets will go on sale starting later in September. We have already started promoting 'Save the Date' for the tour in surrounding neighborhood house tour programs. Last year and the prior year sold out. I'm optimistic this year will be the same.

### Dates

- Friday, 12/6 and Saturday, 12/7

Tickets will go on sale at the end of September (sold out by end of October)

**Volunteer Opportunities** - There are a lot of ways to get involved with the tour. Please consider leading one of the activities below, or let me know if you're interested in volunteering your time. If you have an interest in becoming more involved in the tour, see below for areas that can use your help. Below are just a few of the many volunteer opportunities:

**Volunteer Staffing** - Organize and manage the volunteer staffing of the tour (homes/runners).

**Cookie House** - Deliver cookies/cider/serviceware to the cookie house throughout the tour.

**Volunteer Lunches** - Organize the prep and delivery of the homeowner lunches.

**Tour Program** - Secure ads and house write ups. Assist in proofing the final program and deliver programs to Calvary for the tour.

**Volunteer After Party** - THANK YOU to the Burton's for opening their home and hosting the after party!

**Docents** - Dan Sprumont will once again be at the helm of filling the docent slots to lead the tours. He has already sent a "Save the Date" to veteran docents. If you'd like to lead a tour, please reach out to Dan or me for more information, or to sign up.

**Other** - Not sure what you'd like to do but want to get more involved? Don't worry, there's plenty of volunteer opportunities. Just let me know what you'd like to try.

Please consider leading an effort above, or inquire about contributing in other ways. If you're thinking about putting your house on tour, but have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'd be happy to speak with you.

Fa la la la n@!

Cheers!,

**Carol Gomrick, Ways and Means Chair**

### Cocktail Corner

#### *Dry Martini Cocktail*

Stir with Ice:

- 3 dashes Angostura bitters or orange bitters
- 1 oz. dry gin
- 1 oz. dry vermouth
- Lemon peel
- Strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a lemon twist, a brandied cherry, or an olive..

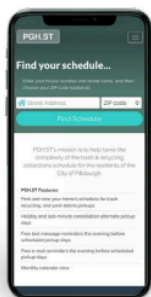
Frank Newman; American Bar, Boissons Anglaises et Américaines, Société Française D'Imprimerie et de Librairie (Paris) (1899)

#### **NOTES:**

- As always, drink responsibly.
- Early version of the Martini (pre-1900) called for sweet vermouth. That's a much different drink, but still very good.
- The ratio of gin to vermouth has certainly changed over the years. Martinis now are often made with a 2:1 to 4:1 ratio in favor of the gin. Some folks add no vermouth and still call it a Martini, although you might just as well call that a Gimlet or any other gin-based cocktail, if that's your thinking. Anyway, if you've never tried a 50/50 ratio, give it a try sometime to see if you like it.
- As for the brand of gin, that's up to you. I generally use Beefeaters, but good gins abound. Jane Cook swears by Tanqueray, and I won't argue with her. Hendrick's gin, with a cucumber garnish, was in vogue a few years back, and that's worth a try, too.
- I prefer the orange bitters to the Angostura, but that's just me. I usually go with two dashes, not three.
- In keeping with the orange bitters, I generally garnish with a lemon twist. I do, however, love the occasional olive garnish, and I like so-called "dirty Martinis" with a bit of the olive brine. It's all about the mood you're in, no?

*Submitted by Bob Griewahn*

# NORTHERN-SOUTHERN 2024 Refuse/Bulk and Recycling Pickup Calendar



## When is Your Collection Day?

Type 'PGH.ST' into any internet browser and search by address

## Curbside Yard Debris Collection Pittsburgh Goes Plastic Bag Free!

April 20<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Leaves
- Grass
- Plants
- Tree Trimmings
- Branches
- Shrubs

Debris must be placed in a paper bag (no plastic bags are accepted)

Branches should be bundled and tied, and no bigger than 4 inches in diameter and lengths not more than 5 feet long



We'd like to remind you that Pittsburgh has banned plastic bags and they will become increasingly scarce in our community.



## City of Pittsburgh & Pennsylvania Resources Council Electronic and Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off



### ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Call ahead at 412-489-9299 or register online [PRC.org/recyclePGH](http://PRC.org/recyclePGH)

### Twice Weekly Electronic Waste Recycling

#### Scheduled HHW Recycling:

- March 9
- May 11
- July 12
- September 14
- November 9

### REACH OUT TO 311: the City's non-emergency request line!

- ▶ By phone 311 or 412-255-2621
- ▶ Online webform [PittsburghPA.gov/311](http://PittsburghPA.gov/311)
- ▶ MyBurgh app

When recycling, please place recyclables loosely in the recycling bin at the curb, without bagging them in plastic grocery bags. Overflow recyclables should be placed loosely in another bin clearly marked for recycling.

Thanks for supporting the city's efforts to go plastic free in stores and at the curb!

## Curbside Do's

Recyclables in City issued or other appropriate can



Recycling is collected every other week. Cardboard and other recyclable materials will only be accepted on recycling week.

## Curbside Don'ts

Can larger than 35 gallons



## What goes inside my blue bin for curbside collection in Pittsburgh?

**PLASTIC CONTAINERS**  
Bottles, jugs & jars only. Remove lids and caps.

**CARDBOARD**  
Flatten, bundle & place in your bin, or another box.

**GLASS**  
Bottles, jugs & jars. Remove lids and caps.

**METAL CONTAINERS**  
Empty aluminum, aerosol, & steel cans. Leave labels on, discard lids, or leave attached to can.

**MIXED PAPER**  
Office, newspaper, junk mail, magazines, soft/hardback books, and paperboard.

## Curbside Regulations

- All items for pickup must be set out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the night before collection and no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of collection.
- All cans set out for collection must not exceed 35 gallons in size and must be removed from the curb after collection on your pickup day (City code 619).
- Each dwelling may only set out two bulk items per week. Carpeting and fencing must be tied and bundled not to exceed 35 lbs or 5 ft in length.
- Tires, electronics, and household hazardous waste including liquids and flammables are prohibited from curbside disposal but are accepted at various drop off locations in the city.
- Automotive parts and large amounts of construction and demolition waste are prohibited from curbside collection.

Missed Collection? Contact 311 to submit a ticket for a missed pick-up!



Scan the QR code for more curbside and drop off information, or visit [pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/curbside-pick-up](http://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/curbside-pick-up)

# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES 2024 HOLIDAYS

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day  
 Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day  
 Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth

Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day  
 Monday, September 2 - Labor Day  
 Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day  
 Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

When a holiday falls on or before your collection day, your pickup will be one day later.

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<b>KEY</b>	Red - Holidays (No Pickup)	Gray - No Regular Trash Pickup	Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off (by appt. only)
	Blue - Recycling Pickup	Green - Yard Debris Pickup	

## Drop Off Locations No Electronics or Household Hazardous Wastes are accepted at these drop off locations

LOCATIONS	LOCATION ADDRESS	DROP OFF HOURS (closed on holidays)	MATERIALS ACCEPTED
<b>East End</b> (Dept. of Public Works - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Division)	6814 Hamilton Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 (Entrance on Dallas Ave)	<b>MON - SAT</b> 8am - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside recyclables</li> <li>• Yard waste</li> </ul>
<b>Hazelwood</b> (Dept. of Public Works - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Division)	40 Melanchton St, Pittsburgh, PA 15207	<b>MON - FRI</b> 8am - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Xmas trees</li> <li>• Tires</li> </ul>
<b>West End</b> (Dept. of Public Works - 5 <sup>th</sup> Division)	1330 Hassler St, Pittsburgh, PA 15220	<b>MON - FRI</b>   <b>SAT</b> 8am - 2pm   7am - 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrap metal</li> </ul>
<b>Beltzhoover/Knoxville</b> (by McKinley Skate Park)	623 Bausman St, Pittsburgh, PA 15210	<b>MON - FRI</b> 7am - 1:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curbside recycling</li> <li>• Dedicated glass bin</li> </ul>
<b>Strip District</b> (Dept. of Public Works - Environmental Services)	3001 Railroad St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 (Entrance under 31 <sup>st</sup> Bridge)	<b>24 HOUR / 7 DAYS A WEEK</b>	
<b>North Point Breeze</b> (Construction Junction)	214 N. Lexington, Pittsburgh, PA 15208	<b>DURING BUSINESS HOURS</b> (visit CJReuse.org)	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

**WHAT: Allegheny West Labor Day Picnic**  
**WHEN: Monday, September 2nd starting at 4pm**  
**WHERE: 800 Block of North Lincoln Ave**  
**Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided, along with Happy Days' Ice Cream Truck! Bring a side dish, a chair, and come celebrate with all of your favorite neighbors!**

**WHAT: Pittsburgh Farmers Market: Northside location**  
**WHEN: Every Friday until November 22nd 3-7pm**  
**WHERE: Allegheny Commons Park, East Ohio St & Cedar Ave**

**WHAT: GalleryH - Announcement**  
**WHEN: Month of September**  
**WHERE: 909 Western Avenue**

Hello Friends and Neighbors! Galleryh will be closed for a few weeks in September for some much needed TLC. However we will be having another show in the meantime! Be sure to swing on by and see The Seven Deadly Sins in full color all month long. At 909 Western Ave. Hope to see you there.

**WHAT: YMCA Town Hall Meeting**  
**WHEN: Tuesday September 17th, 2024 at 6pm**  
**WHERE: Allegheny YMCA**

Join us on September 17th at 6pm to learn about the exciting upcoming renovation of our historic facility. This is your chance to hear directly from Y leaders, ask questions, and share your thoughts on how we can continue to serve you better. A representative will be on hand to discuss workforce opportunities in the union trades.

<p><b><u>Recycling Dates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 3rd, 16th and 30th</li> <li>October 14th and 28th</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Street Sweeping -</u></b> Every 2nd Monday &amp; Tuesday of the Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 9th and 10th</li> <li>October 14th and 15th</li> </ul>
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**AWCC September Calendar**

The next Allegheny West Civic Council Membership Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 10th at 7:30 PM** at Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue (Beech Ave or Rear Entrance) - also on Zoom. info below.

**7:30: Call to Order**

**7:30 Greetings and Introductions of New Neighbors**

**7:35: Reports of Elected Officials, City Departments, Organizations**

7:40: City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police (Officer Burford/ Commander Malloy)

7:45: City of Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey's Office (Lindsey Aquino-Robles)

7:50: State Representative Aerion Abney's Office (Austin Jefferson)

7:55: Department of City Planning (Nazia Tarannum)

8:00: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)

8:05: Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office (Bobby Wilson/Jordyn Gilliard/Julianne Hluska)

**8:30: Guests and Presentations**

- **Duquesne Light Company (tentative) tree trimming in neighborhood**

**8:30: Officer and Committee Reports**

Minutes of Last Meeting (Bob Griewahn, Secretary)

Treasurer's Report (Cathy Serventi, Treasurer)

Communications Committee (Trish Burton)

Friends of Allegheny West (Deb Lantz)

Housing and Planning Committee (Jim Wallace)

Membership Committee (Aaron Bryan)

- Independence Day Block Party

Property Committee (Michael Shealey)

- 806 Western Avenue

Ways and Means Committee (Carol Gomrick)

- Christmas Tour Update

Executive Committee Actions (Timothy Zinn)  
North Side Leadership Conference Update (Ann Gilligan, Bob Griewahn)

**9:00: Unfinished Business**

- Registered Community Organization
- Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District (WANID)—project updates

**9:00: New Business**

- Summer recess

**9:15: Adjourn**

\*Additions to the agenda can be made by emailing [president@allegheywest.org](mailto:president@allegheywest.org)

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Meeting ID: 865 9768 4488

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**Upcoming Meeting Reminders:**

Housing and Planning Committee Meeting- (3rd Tuesday of the Month) - Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17th @7:30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074045427?pwd=MUVvbUpEOXlMZDhBTEZ0V0JaT1MxUT09>

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AWCC Executive Committee Meeting - 806 Western Avenue - **Tuesday, September 24th @7:30pm**

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