
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

December 2025

Happy Holidays!

By the time this gazette reaches your hands, our neighborhood will have just wrapped up another successful **Allegheny West Christmas Tour!** What a joy it has been to see all the beautiful decorations adorning our streets. Our Allegheny West Christmas Tree is up and ready to welcome visitors and tour goers to our special corner of Pittsburgh.

A heartfelt **thank you** goes out to Carol, Yulia, Aaron, and all of the incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year's tour magical. Your dedication and creativity bring the spirit of the season to life. And to all of our neighbors, thank you for decking out your homes with such care and charm. Strolling through Allegheny West during the holidays is a treat, and your efforts make it unforgettable.

This is the time of year when I am reminded how lucky we are to live in such a vibrant, close-knit community. Whether you're attending festive gatherings, taking a walk through the snowy park, or even ice skating on Lake Elizabeth (weather depending), I hope you find moments to savor the beauty of the season.

The end of the year can feel like a whirlwind, but I hope you find time to relax and enjoy the warmth of friendship and community. So, on behalf of AWCC:

Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a joyful New Year!

Here's to a bright and beautiful season, and an even better year ahead!

Elizabeth Barbush
President, Allegheny West Civic Council



Cocktail Corner

Last Word

Shake the following with ice in your favorite cocktail shaker:

- ❖ 0.75 oz. dry gin
- ❖ 0.75 oz. maraschino liqueur
- ❖ 0.75 oz. green Chartreuse
- ❖ 0.75 oz. lime juice

Strain into a cocktail glass.

-Ted Saucier, Bottoms Up (1951)

Bartender's Notes

- ❖ As always, drink responsibly.
- ❖ Luxardo is the only brand of maraschino liqueur I see at the PLCB stores, and it's almost always available. Do yourself a favor: don't use the pink liquid in that jar of dayglo maraschino cherries that you have in the refrigerator. It's not the same stuff.
- ❖ Green Chartreuse is also easy to find. Don't use the yellow Chartreuse, although I never see that in the store anymore, so that's probably not an issue.
- ❖ This would make a pretty hefty cocktail at 3 ounces. Since it's one of those "equal proportions" recipes, though, it's easy to scale. Try a half ounce of each ingredient first, to see if you like it.
- ❖ Use fresh lime juice in this drink, and save the Rose's Lime for your next Gimlet.

And that's a wrap. I've written over 50 of these cocktail articles over the past four and a half years. With "Dry January" coming up, this seems like a natural time to put the column to bed. If you've been following along, you probably have a bar that's pretty well stocked with some spirits you might otherwise have passed over at the "State Store". In any event, I hope you've enjoyed reading the column. I wish you all a merry holiday season.

Submitted by Robert Griewahn

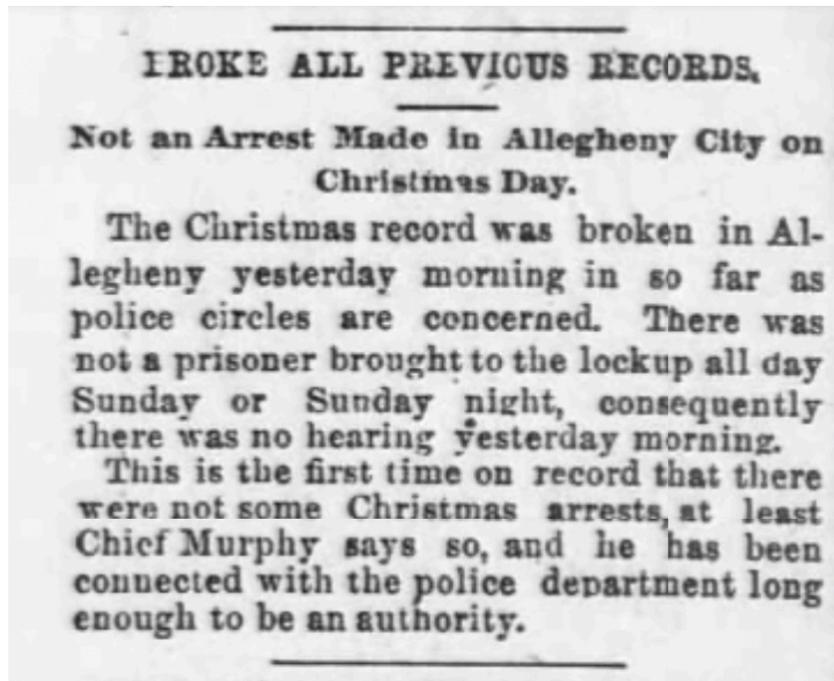
For The New Year

The New Year comes—fling wide, fling wide the door
 Of Opportunity! the spirit free
 To scale the utmost heights of hopes to be,
 To rest on peaks ne'er reached by man before!
 The boundless infinite let us explore,
 To search out undiscovered mystery,
 Undreamed of in our poor philosophy!
 The bounty of the gods upon us pour!
 Nay, in the New Year we shall be as gods:
 No longer apish puppets or dull clods
 Of clay; but poised, empowered to command,
 Upon the Etna of New Worlds we'll stand—
 This scant earth-raiment to the winds will cast—
 Full richly robed as supermen at last!

Carrie Williams Clifford, 1920

*Carrie Williams Clifford was born in September 1862 in Chillicothe, Ohio. A poet and activist, she is the author of *The Widening Light* (Walter Reid, 1922) and *Race Rhymes* (R. L. Pendleton, 1911).*

A cofounder and the first president of the Ohio State Federation of Colored Women, Clifford hired Black women for the Niagara Movement, a predecessor of the NAACP. She taught in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and worked as an editor for the Cleveland Journal. She died in 1934.



Pittsburg Dispatch, December 27, 1892: pg. 8

Announcements & Events

Please use the city's 3-1-1 service to report any non-emergency City of Pittsburgh concerns. Access the service online at <https://www.pittsburghpa.gov/Resident-Services/311/Online-Request-Form> or search the "MyBurgh" app in your phone's App store; you can also dial 3-1-1 or 412-255-2621.

Chris Furman and Shannon Pultz would like to invite all AWCC members to a guided walk-through of 1112 Galveston Avenue with them and Dave Colaizzi of Bridge City Builders at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 9, before the general membership meeting. This will be an opportunity to see the progress made during the stabilization phase, ask questions, and get a firsthand sense of the work underway.

Space is limited; please RSVP to communications@alleghenywest.org to reserve a spot ... & a hard hat!

Calvary United Methodist Church's 13th Annual Messiah Sing Along is on Saturday December 13th and Sunday December 14th at 4pm. Please visit <https://calvarypgh.com/> for more information and to purchase tickets!

- Recycling will be picked up on Monday December 8th and Monday December 22nd
- Street sweeping has concluded for the year, and will restart in April 2026.

December General Membership Meeting Agenda

The next Allegheny West Civic Council General Membership Meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 9th** at 7:30 PM at Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue—also on Zoom (see below).

7:30: Call to Order

7:35: Greetings and Introductions of New Neighbors

7:40 Reports of Elected Officials, City Departments, Organizations

7:45: City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police (Officer Burford/Commander Malloy)

7:50: City of Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey's Office (Lindsey Aquino-Robles)

7:55: State Representative Aerion Abney's Office (Tom Harnett)

8:00: Department of City Planning (Nazia Tarannum)

8:05: Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)

8:10: Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office (Bobby Wilson/Jordyn Gilliard/Julianne Hluska)

8:15: Officer and Committee Reports

- Minutes of Last Meeting (Bob Griewahn, Secretary)
- Treasurer's Report (Cathy Serventi, Treasurer)
- Communications Committee (Sarah Cook)
- Friends of Allegheny West (Trish Burton)
- Housing and Planning Committee (Tom Cihil)
- Membership Committee (Yulia Bhonsle)
- Property Committee (Aaron Bryan)
- Ways and Means Committee (Carol Gomrick)
- Executive Committee Actions (Elizabeth Barbush)

8:50: Unfinished Business

8:55: New Business

9:05: Adjourn

Additions to the agenda can be made by emailing president@alleghenywest.org

AWCC December Calendar

Allegheny West Civic Council General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church (Beech Avenue or rear entrance); also on Zoom

Tuesday, December 9th at 7:30 PM (the second Tuesday of the month)

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

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081 Passcode: 979088

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting

806 Western Avenue; also on Zoom

Tuesday December 2nd at 7:30 PM; Tuesday January 6th at 7:30 PM (the first Tuesday of the month)

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

Meeting ID: 870 7404 5427 Passcode: 045565

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting

806 Western Avenue

Tuesday, December 30th at 7:00 PM (the last Tuesday of the month)

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