
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

August 2026

President's Message

Greetings, Neighbors -

I say this every August, but I truly cannot believe it is already August. Summer has flown by! As we begin looking ahead to fall, I am pleased to share that our General Membership Meetings will resume next month in September. Because we still have summer recess for one more month, I will keep my updates brief:

Executive Updates - There were no executive actions resulting from our most recent Executive Committee meeting.

Regarding the WANID (Western Avenue Neighborhood Improvement District) project, Mayor O'Connor's Chief of Staff Dan Gilman, who walked Western Avenue with AWCC and WANID representatives last month, received a quote from Duquesne Light to bury the utility lines along Western Avenue. The estimated cost came in at approximately \$17 million. Given that estimate, the city is exploring other options and will provide further updates in the coming months.

Renovations at the AWCC building at 806 Western Avenue are currently underway, and we remain on track to complete the project by the end of the year. Thank you to Aaron, our property chair!

Our annual Labor Day Block Party is coming up on Monday, September 7. As our final block party of the year, you will not want to miss it! More details can be found within this gazette.

Proposed Bylaws Update - To ensure everyone has adequate time to review the proposed revisions before our September membership meeting, I have posted the draft bylaws on our website at www.alleghenywest.org under the Constitution and Bylaws tab.

At a high level, the proposed changes include:

- Clarifications and updates to:
 - Article II (Area)
 - Article III (Purpose)
- Addition of a formal Policy Against Discrimination Article
- Removal of provisions related to Associate Membership from Article IV (Membership) – this type of membership previously allowed individuals, organizations, businesses, etc, residing or operating outside Allegheny West boundaries to become members, subject to Executive Committee approval, with full voting rights.
- Reorganization and streamlining of several articles, including the consolidation of the Officers and Duties of Officers sections.

I encourage everyone to review the proposed bylaws before our September meeting so that we can have a productive discussion and consider any questions or feedback from the membership.

That is all for now. See you on September 8th!

Warmly,

Elizabeth Barbush

Allegheny West Civic Council

Neighborhood Small Business News

Wholde Massage Studio, 901 Western Ave., Suite 209

A new massage studio has opened in Suite 209 at 901 Western Avenue. Proprietors Hena Rizvi and Joe Truesdell completed their training at the Pittsburgh School of Massage, where they were classmates of former Allegheny West resident Kyle Giest. Learn more at wholde.com or get in touch at 412-228-0806 or connect@wholde.com.

Oryx and Fig, 922 Western Ave.

A refillery offering sustainable household and personal care products has opened on Western Avenue. Hours: Wednesday 12–6pm, Thursday 12–5pm, Friday and Saturday 12–6pm, and Sunday 12–4pm. Learn more at oryxandfig.com; get in touch at oryxandfig@gmail.com.

Events and Announcements

- Join your friends and neighbors on North Lincoln Avenue for the final AWCC Block Party of the summer! We'll gather on the 800 block on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, from 4ish to 7ish. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share; AWCC will provide burgers, dogs, and drinks. We'll share more information via our neighborhood listserv. (Email communications@alleghenywest.org for instructions on signing up for the listserv.)
- The Northside Farmers Market is open every Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. through November at Allegheny Commons Park, East Ohio Street and Cedar Avenue. On the last Friday of each month, the market hosts a community Happy Hour with live music and kid-friendly activities.
- Trash and recycling will be picked up Monday, August 10 and Monday, August 24. Trash only on Monday, August 17. For the full schedule, visit <https://pgh.st/>.
- Street Sweeping is in full swing! The neighborhood gets swept the second week of the month. Check your street signs for more information.

Allegheny West Civic Council Meetings

Although AWCC General Membership meetings won't convene in August, there are committee meetings occurring before our next General Meeting on Tuesday September 8th.

Here are dates and details:

- ***Housing & Planning Committee Meeting***
806 Western Avenue (also on Zoom) Tuesday, September 1st at 7:30pm
Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87074045427?pwd=MUVvbUpEOXIMZDhBTEZ0V0JaT1MxUT09>
Meeting ID: 870 7404 5427, Passcode: 045565
- ***AWCC Executive Committee Meeting***
806 Western Avenue, Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00 PM

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