

**Rummage Sale**  
**August 1-2-3**  
 Friday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Saturday - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Sunday - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Saint Peter Church hall**  
**Corner of Ridge and Arch Streets**  
**North Side**



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COUNCIL NOTES

- PLEASE NOTE: There will be no general membership meeting in the month of August.

Street Sweeping Summer Dates:

**July**

Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

**August**

Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

- Bocce Games continue on Thursdays at 6:30pm, corner of Western Avenue and Rope Way.
- Erin Tobin is scheduled to update neighbors about the progress for the NE Commons Fountain Project at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

**ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE**

July 2014

**A Message From President Bob:**

*"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."*

— Sam Keen

The next stop on my 2014 Laziness World Tour is the Allegheny West Independence Day Block Party. It'll be held this Friday, July 4. Tim Zinn, AWCC's redoubtable Membership Chair, has a rib cook-off planned for this year's party. Pittsburgh is known for rib cook-offs and, though we won't be featuring musical performances by washed-up rock bands of the Seventies, we'll still have a great time. If you're a master rib chef, contact Tim at [membership@alleghenywest.org](mailto:membership@alleghenywest.org) to reserve a spot. If, like me, you're more of a rib critic, be sure to come to the party and opine. As always, Allegheny West Civic Council provides the meat and the beverages, but we'd like you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors.

Before I sign off, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in the Wine Tasting and House & Garden Tour last month. We had a great turnout, and I heard nothing but compliments from the tour-goers in my groups. Special thanks go to Trish "Trixie" Burton and Deb "Deb" Kelly for organizing the event. They did a great job of pulling things together.

Well, that's all for now. See you at the block party. I'll be the one with rib sauce all over my face. And shirt.

Bob Griewahn  
 President, AWCC



**AWCC July Calendar**

AWCC General Membership Meeting

Calvary United Methodist Church  
 (Beech Avenue Entrance)  
 Tuesday, July 8 @ 7:30pm

Housing & Planning Committee Meeting

(845 N. Lincoln Avenue)  
 Tuesday, July 15 @ 7:30pm

AWCC Executive Committee Meeting

806 Western Avenue  
 Tuesday, July 29 @ 7:30pm

## Did You Know?



### Stephen Collins Foster (July 4, 1826 – January 13, 1864)

Stephen Foster was born July 4, 1826, on his family's estate, high on the hillside above the Allegheny River in Lawrenceville!

Known as the "father of American music," Foster was an American songwriter primarily known for his parlor and minstrel music. Foster wrote over 200 songs; among his best-known are:

*Oh! Susanna*  
*Camptown Races*  
*Old Folks at Home*  
*My Old Kentucky Home*  
*Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair*  
*Old Black Joe*  
*Beautiful Dreamer*

Many of his compositions remain popular more than 150 years after he wrote them.

## Young Preservationists Association - July Speaker Series

YPA is pleased to host John Canning at our second Speaker Series event. John is a lifetime resident of Pittsburgh's Northside and member of the Allegheny City Society. John will discuss Northside historic preservation opportunities and the importance of protecting not only physical structures, but also the cultural fabric of a community.

The event is free to the public, but seating is limited. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP at [info@youngpreservationists.org](mailto:info@youngpreservationists.org).

### Event Details

Wednesday, July 9th / 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Allegheny  
 1230 Federal St  
 Pittsburgh, PA

### The Gazette

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## A TASTE OF ITALY – Another Successful Year!

Submitted by Debra Kelly



Trish and I would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to making our wine tasting and tour in June such a huge success! This year, we sold out very early as more people are learning about our annual fundraising event and quite a few are now coming back year after year.

The weather could not have been any better to stroll through some of Allegheny West's lovely "secret" gardens and beautiful homes. Although some of our guests have been on our tour multiple times, for others it was their first glimpse at the wonderful neighborhood we all get to share on a day to day basis. We served as hosts to 180 guests during the tours, who were divided into groups of 15 and who were led through our neighborhood by experienced guides who shared the history of Allegheny West. This year, our theme was "A Taste of Italy" where guests were served 7 different regional Italian wines and had hors d'oeuvres paired to complement their wines. In addition, they also experienced balsamic vinegar and Italian olive oil tastings and sampled Italian cheeses and olives throughout the evening. Our guides pointed out Italianate style homes as they walked through our streets and taught our guests how to identify that style of home. We also had a Wine Specialist to speak about wine tasting and our wines of the evening and an expert in Italian gardening at several of the houses.

Our guests had very positive things to say about our neighborhood and the tour and expressed gratitude for being able to spend their evening with us. We would also like to thank all the homeowners who spent countless hours preparing their homes and gardens for the tour; volunteers who served as greeters; neighbors who helped make sure everything was spic and span on our streets; to all the people who prepared the hors d'oeuvres and desserts and for those who served them and poured the wine; for preparation of the brochures and ticketing for our guests and to all the guides who told the tale of Old Allegheny while leading our guests throughout the neighborhood.

This fundraiser, along with our Christmas tour, allows us to take on projects in the neighborhood which help to make Allegheny West increasingly beautiful from year to year. Without the help from so many people these events would never happen.

For those of you who have not been actively involved in our fundraising events or have not considered having your home on tour for either of our fundraisers, please consider doing so! We may not think our homes are ready to be on a tour, but as one of our guests said "it is like walking into Downton Abbey" and your perception of your home will change when you see the awestruck look as some of our guests walk through your home. Please let us know if you would like to have your home on the Christmas tour or to help in some other capacity, so that our fundraising events can continue!

