
ALLEGHENY WEST GAZETTE

July 2020

President's Message

"Each person must live their life as a model for others." - Rosa Parks

AWCC's inaugural General Membership Informational meeting in June was a big success – over 25 neighbors joined and heard presentations from the City of Pittsburgh Mayor's Office, the City of Pittsburgh Department of Infrastructure and Mobility, our own Cathy Serventi, AWCC Treasurer, and our own John DeSantis, Northside Leadership Conference Bridge Committee.

The July 14th General Membership Informational meeting will also take place via Zoom and has another packed agenda: COVID-19 impact on AWCC Budget, Norfolk Southern Update/Bridge demolition, Allegheny Commons Park Update.

There is so much happening all over the area/country/world, maybe an hour or so of neighborhood-focused news will offer a nice distraction. You can find the Zoom meeting details on the next page. I hope to see you there!

One of the most significant discussions occurring right now at our dinner tables, Zoom meetings, social media platforms, and almost every other place where people gather is the Black Lives Matter movement. I'd like to take an opportunity to highlight two recent, local items.

One is a statement from the Northside Leadership Conference that begins: "Racial discrimination is immoral. Four simple words. The frustration of black residents is real and sadly justified because some people cannot recognize and honor the truth of those four words."

AWCC is a NLSC member, has representation on the Executive Committee and stands in support of the statement, which you can read in its entirety here:

<https://alleghenywest.org/statement-of-the-nslc-executive-committee-june-5-2020/>

Second is the historic legislation passed unanimously on July 7th by Pittsburgh City Council that commits that "Black Pittsburgh Matters." Pittsburgh is the first city in the nation to officially state that their Black Citizens and the Black communities they live in matter.

These are difficult times in general let alone to answer Rosa Parks' call to live our lives as a model for others. It seems it's most essential now.

Black Lives Matter.

— Ann Gilligan, AWCC President

AWCC MEETING/HAPPY HOUR ZOOM INFORMATION

Membership meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969724081?pwd=OVg3VlU0NnZmcktzRHhaNktOSzZBQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6972 4081

Password: 922184

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Problems connecting? Text (do NOT call)

Cathy at (412) 418-2027.

Friday Happy Hour: Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00, BYOB!

Join Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/479233274>

Meeting ID: 479 233 274 (This will remain the same each week!)

AWCC Informational Meeting

Tuesday, July 14th 2020 via Zoom

Agenda

7:30pm: Gather, say hello, talk about weather (it's so hot!)

7:35pm: Update - City of Pittsburgh, Mayor's Office

7:45pm: AWCC 2020 Budget/COVID-19 Impact (Cathy Serventi)

8:00pm: Allegheny Commons Park Update /Playground equipment (Tom Barbush)

8:15pm: Norfolk Southern Update, Bridge Demolition (John DeSantis)

8:30pm: Conclusion

FALL 2020 TREE PLANTING

According to Jeffrey Bergman, Director of Community Forestry and Tree Vitalize at Western PA Conservancy, there will be tree-planting in the fall. The intention is to move forward with the plantings for approved Tree Vitalize applications in Pittsburgh. They are finalizing assessments for the fall this summer and will follow up with applicants in late August. If you did not apply to have a tree planted, it may not be too late. Call or email me (412-321-5951 /callismar@gmail.com) and I can provide the application form.

-Mary Callison

COVID Testing Resources on the Northside

- Northside Christian Health Center [816 Middle Street, 15212](#) is offering free oral self-swab Coronavirus testing. Must pre-register: alleghenyCovidtesting.com / 412-321-4001 option * for assistance.
- Allegheny Health Network (Former Divine Providence Site / [1004 Arch Street, 15212](#)) A doctor's prescription is needed for this site. For more information: <https://www.ahn.org/coronavirus> / 412-687-7348
- Central Outreach and Wellness Center [127 Anderson St, Ste 101](#), Timber Court Building, 15212. The onsite testing is suspended, but they can assist you if you do not have a PCP or insurance..Call (412) 515-0000.



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