COMMUNITY GUIDEBOOK '92

Fast facts

West View

FOUNDED: 1905.

ORIGIN OF NAME: Named after the West View Inn, a hotel.

POPULATION: 7,762.

AREA: 1.1 square miles.

BOUNDARIES: Surrounded by Ross Town-ship:

POSTAL-ZIP: West View, 15229.

POLICE: Nine officers. Chief Laird Kircher. 931-2800

FIRE: 931-2800.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 931-2800.

TRASH COLLECTION: Waste Management, 2197 Duss Ave., Ambridge, PA 15003; 266-8880.

RECYCLING: Materials include plastic, bimetal cans, aluminum and clear, brown and green glass. Curbside every other week.

BOROUGH OFFICE: 441 Perry Highway. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

■ NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 21 full-time, 13 part-time.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Ken Wolf, 931-2800.

MAYOR: Richard Powell, 931-2800.

BOROUGH COUNCIL: All, 931-2800. Presi-dent Daniel Dougherty; Vice President Mary Kay Bernhard; Joseph Nowark; John Gorman; David Glavin; John Henry; Bernard Smith.

MEETINGS: Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the borough building on Perry Highway. Planning Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

TREASURER: Ken Wolf, 931-2800.

TAX COLLECTOR: William Wounderly, 931-9449.

1992 BUDGET: \$2.2 million.

TAXES: Municipal property tax, 22 mills; school tax, 83.25 mills; Allegheny County, 36.5 mills; earned income tax of 1 percent, shared with the school district; occupational privilege tax \$10 per year, shared with the school district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: North Hills, 135 Sixth Ave., Ross, 367-6000; James C. Higgins, superintendent. North Hills High School, 53 Rochester Road, 367-6061

SCHOOL BOARD: President Dennis Watson, 931-1436; Vice President Thomas Milarski, 367-9045; Arlene Bender, 366-0354; John Bernauer, 367-0196; Alice Harvey, 364-4881; Charlotte Kowalski, 364-2986; Cheri Neely, 486-7446; Joan O'Brien, 367-0774; Mark Scott, 367-0476.

UTILITIES, Water: West View Water Authority, 931-3292. Sewage: ALCOSAN, 766-6696. Cable, TCI, 741-1840. Electric, Duquesne Light Co., 393-7100.

U.S SENATORS: Harris Wofford (D), Senate Russel Bldg., Room 277, Washington, D.C. 20510, (202) 224-6324. Arlen Specter (R), 3417 Warden Drive, Philadelphia, 19104, 215-597-7200.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE: Rick Santorum (R), 200 Fleet St., Room 4000, Pitt, PA 15220, 928-0725.

STATE SENATOR: Melissa Hart (R), 40th District; 3880 Babcock Blvd.; Pittsburgh, PA 15237, 369-0525

STATE REPRESENTATIVE: David Mayernik (D), 29th District; 440 Perry Highway; Pittsburgh, PA 15229: 931-2295

COMMUNITY GROUPS: West View Kiwanis.

BUSINESS GROUPS: West View Chamber of Commerce, 931-1258

LIBRARY: Northland Public Library, 366-1800.

CHURCHES: St. Aphanasius Catholic, 931-4624; Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran, 931-4500; St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran, 931-3886; North Hills United Presbyterian, 931-2788; St. Luke Lutheran, 931-1674; West View United Methodist, 766-2223.

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Waiting for customers at their doorstep iced tea stand are, from left, Kathy Rice, 11, Chris Husak, 5, and Zack Husak, 8.

Police curb crime through improved communications

By David Donald

Staff write

In many ways, West View has changed little through the time Richard Powell has been mayor.

After 23 years in office, Powell describes the small 1.1-acre borough as a bedroom community, a nice resi-dential area with stable neighborhoods. Most contain single-family dwellings.

"A lot of people have been here 50 years or more," he says. "They are a friendly bunch of people."

The borough takes pride in its services. "No matter where you go, you hear about our road crew, even in the winter," Powell says.

But in other ways, time has brought West View a few challenges. Since Interstate 279 opened, Powell not only has seen an influx of traffic and congestion but also a small increase in crime.

With I-279 access, West View is an easy target. "They can pull a job and be up in the hills in seven-and-a-half are neighborly.

minutes," Powell says.

The West View police have improved communications with their Ross counterparts in an attempt to curb the rise, Powell says. That's particularly important to the borough because it's surrounded by the much larger township.

Even the congestion is changing. Powell has noticed more motorists back on Perry Highway that runs through the heart of West View.

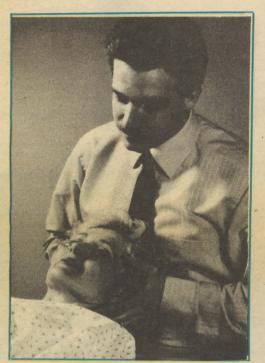
Another change is occurring slowly, Powell says, but is having a lasting effect. More and more of the long-time residents are selling their homes and moving to places with cheaper rent outside the borough, he says. The new buyers are often younger families with children.

The community offers affordable housing that makes West View attractive to first-time buyers, says Ken Wolf, borough manager.

The new people are friendly, too, Powell says. "They

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