



Wilkinsburg News + Events

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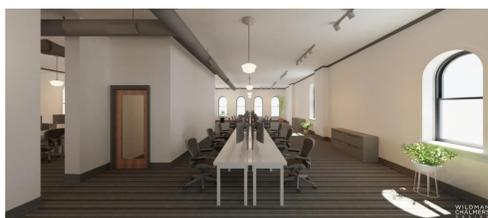
WILKINSBURG RENAISSANCE:

WCDC BECOMES FIRST OFFICIAL TENANT AS NEW, HISTORIC COMMERCIAL SPACE HITS THE MARKET

The WCDC officially announced that we will relocate our headquarters to the historic [Lohr Building](#), becoming the first official tenant to occupy the newly renovated, 130+ year-old structure. The symbolic move coincides with the WCDC's 10-year anniversary, which it will celebrate by readying two significant multi-million projects to completion, including the revival of the Wilkinsburg Train Station. Together, both the Lohr and the train station — which were vacant for a combined 50 years — represent a \$9 million investment that will bring over 20,000 square feet of office or commercial space to the market.



“We’ve worked tirelessly to initiate these strategic, historic renovation projects that will spur private investments by providing anchor commercial properties that connect new tenants with existing and new Wilkinsburg business owners,” said Tracey Evans, WCDC’s executive director. “With the Lohr Building’s pending opening, we feel as if we’re cutting the ribbon on Wilkinsburg’s modern-day renaissance.”



**To read more about the
Lohr Building's history and
its \$2.5M renovation -
[CLICK HERE](#)**

Calling All Business Owners

WCDC's Façade Renovation



As part of its efforts to support local businesses, the WCDC offers a matching grant for business owners to renovate their storefront façades. Properties must be located in the Wilkinsburg Business District to qualify.

Please review the WCDC's [Design Guidelines](#) & [Façade Renovation Application](#) for such projects. The application fee is \$100.

Property Spotlight

FOR SALE



[616 Penn Ave](#)
\$400,000

This one-story, brick 4,700 square-foot storefront is located on the busy Penn Avenue, in walking distance to the much-talked-about \$6.5 redevelopment project of the Wilkinsburg Train Station, which expected to be completed within the year. This commercial property can be subdivided into two units.

Interested in learning more? Contact Art Davis at 412-371-1852.

FOR LEASE



[1035 Penn Ave](#)
\$3,400/month

Almost 22,000 square feet, this property is in good condition and ready to lease. Built as a car wash, it includes six self-serve bays and two drive-in bays. Conveniently located, the property is just off I-376 in the center of Wilkinsburg at the corner of Penn Ave and Swissvale Ave.

Interested in a tour? Contact Mark Edelsberg at 954-357-0201 or mte@roschman.com

Community Calendar

All events and meetings listed below take place in Wilkinsburg, unless otherwise noted.

>>Wilkinsburg Movie Night

August 16, 8 p.m.
Penn Ave Parklet (739 Penn Ave)
Wilkinsburg outdoor movie night at the Penn Avenue parklet will feature Captain Marvel.

[More Info](#)

>>Sun Fest '19

August 17, 1 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Community Forge (1256 Franklin Ave)
Community Forge is hosting their

>>Free Antique Evaluations

August 19 - 7:30 p.m.
South United Methodist Church
Wilkinsburg Historical Society's August meeting will feature Jeffrey Poole, local Antiques expert. Mr. Poole will give FREE informal appraisals of antiques and collectibles.

>>Wilkinsburg Community Day + Parade

annual BBQ for the community. FREE BBQ 1 to 3 p.m. as well as a back-to-school giveaway. Local music, live art and food trucks after 4 p.m.

[More Info](#)

>>Fashion Boot Camp

August 17 and 18
Pittsburgh Urban Christian School (809 Center St)

FREE two-day workshop for 6th-8th grade boys and girls to learn the business and science of fashion design.

[Register](#)

August 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

739 Penn Ave

Join the Wilkinsburg Borough for the 2019 Wilkinsburg Community Day hosted by Mayor Marita Garrett! In addition to the games, music, food, and fun - there will be a parade starting at 11am at Park Avenue Park!

[More Info](#)

>>CORE FOUR Course

September 26

Hosanna House

The WCDC will host a FREE 8-week business planning workshop series.

To register, email Gordon Manker at gordon@wilkinsburgcdc.org.

[More Info](#)

Have an event or meeting coming up?

[Send us the details](#), and we'll include it in our next new letter.

Want to learn more about borough council, commission & authority meetings?

Check out Wilkinsburg Borough's [Calendar](#).

Support the WCDC

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the WCDC's inception in 2010, over \$100 million in public and private investment has occurred in the mile-long business district. In 2018, there were seven commercial property sales, compared to 2015, when there was just one.

At the WCDC, we envision Wilkinsburg will be a prosperous and growing community regarded for its strong business district and neighborhoods; historic charm; convenient location; and desirable quality of life.

The Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation (WCDC) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the revitalization of Wilkinsburg through business & residential development; organizational & individual civic leadership; and ethnic & cultural diversity.

Donate Now!



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