



# Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation

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## Event Calendar

### April showers bring: Trees to the Business District.

Last year the WCDC and Nine Mile Run Watershed Association developed a street tree plan for the business district. This spring, the first of those trees will be planted in several areas. The WCDC will assist with planting and maintenance of a healthy street tree inventory. View the completed plan on our website.



Simulated images of Business District Trees

### Façade Improvement Funding Available – but not for long !

Thinking about fixing up your building this spring? Time is running out to apply for up to \$5,000 to make improvements to your building. The WCDC is facilitating a grant provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to the Borough of Wilkinsburg. The Façade Improvement Grant is a 50/50 matching grant which funds up to 50% of the total project cost, with a maximum of \$10,000. Applications and the WCDC Façade Improvement Guidelines are available on our website. Any projects will need to be approved by the WCDC and completed by the End of May in order to be eligible for reimbursement. If you've been thinking about this program, now is the time. Currently, the Governor has not allocated any funding to this program so it is unlikely to be offered again. Call our office with any questions at 412-727-7855.

### Small Business Financing Workshop

The WCDC is proud to host a small business financing workshop on May 5, 2011, 6:00pm, to be held at Hosanna House in the 2nd floor dining room. The event is free for existing and start up businesses in the Wilkinsburg area. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an 'insider' look at how commercial loan applications are underwritten and to share resources that will help businesses prepare for successful loan applications. Presenters, include John T. Quinn, Loan Representative, Business Banking and Ray Garofalo, Asst. Vice President, Community Development, Dollar Bank, Becky MacBlane of the Regional Development Funding Corporation and John Dobransky Small Business Development Center, University of Pittsburgh Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence.

For additional information contact 412-727-7855 or info@wilkinsburgcdc.org.

#### April

**Thursday 4/7**  
Business District Safety Meeting  
8:30-10:00am  
WCDC Office—1001 Wood St.

**Saturday 4/16**  
WCDC Board Meeting  
9-11am  
Wilkinsburg School Admin. Building  
718 Wallace Avenue

**Tuesday 4/19**  
Economic Development Committee  
1:00-2:00pm  
WCDC Office—1001 Wood St.

**Wednesday 4/26**  
Façade Improvement Workshop  
8:00—9:30 am  
Housing Resource Center

**Thursday 4/28**  
WCDC Design Committee  
6:00-7:30pm  
WCDC Office—1001 Wood St

#### May

**Thursday 4/5**  
Business District Safety Meeting  
8:30-10:00am  
WCDC Office—1001 Wood St.

**Thursday 4/5**  
Small Business Financing Workshop  
6:00pm  
Hosanna House 817 Wallace Ave.

**Thursday 4/5**  
**WCDC Annual Meeting**  
6:00—8:00pm  
Hosanna House 817 Wallace Ave.

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Wilkinsburg, PA 15221  
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