

James B. Richard Receives Neighborhood Leader Award

On May 24, WCDC Board Member James B. (Jim) Richard, was presented with the Neighborhood

Leader Award at the Community Development Summit held by Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG). The award is in memory of former Pittsburgh Mayor Bob O'Connor and each year PCRG recognizes an individual who exemplifies the late mayor's dedication to neighborhood



improvement. A Neighborhood Leader creates a positive impact on his or her community; displays leadership, enthusiasm, and dependability; acts as a role model for others; builds consensus to accomplish goals; and serves on boards and committees.

Richard has called Wilkinsburg Borough home for over 75 years. Throughout these years, he has served Wilkinsburg tirelessly through a variety of organizations. He has volunteered for organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America (72 years); South Avenue United Methodist Church (72 years); Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce (54 years); the Wilkinsburg Historical Society (27 years); and many other worthy groups.

In 1989, Mr. Richard assumed the role of Wilkinsburg School Director, a post he held for 18 years. This position of leadership was one of many that Mr. Richard has held throughout his many years of service to his community. He has also served as a Trustee of South Avenue United Methodist

Church, President of the Kiwanis Club of Wilkinsburg, and Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America to name a few. No matter his impressive leadership experience, Mr. Richard has time and again been willing to serve his community through even the smallest tasks. Volunteering such as at community clean-up days and working with Nine Mile Run Watershed Association to plant street trees along Penn Avenue. Through his leadership and service, Mr. Richard models what it means to be a constructive citizen making Wilkinsburg a

better place to live, work, and visit.

In 2006, he helped found the Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation. And, subsequently



Successful Workshop: *The Small Business Financing workshop in April was well-attended and was a great success for the second year in a row. Thanks to Dollar Bank, the presenters and all who attended!*

WCDC Gives Youth Grant

The WCDC is pleased to award the third annual Youth Initiative Grant. The recipient of the 2012 Youth Grant is the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry's Youth Meal Partnership, which serves meals and provides other support to over 50 youth from the Wilkinsburg Boys and Girls club.

WCDC CALENDAR

6/7 (Thurs.)	8:30-10 A.M.	Business District Safety Meeting—WCDC office
6/7 (Thurs.)	6:30-8 P.M.	WCDC Design Committee—WCDC office
6/30 (Sat.)	9-11 A.M.	WCDC Board Meeting—Wilkinsburg School Admin Bldg.

Additional meetings will be posted at www.wilkinsburgcdc.org

served as Treasurer for the WCDC for the first three years of operation. Richard's dedication to the WCDC and all of Wilkinsburg helped the organization survive its infancy in good financial standing.

Richard has also worked through the Wilkinsburg Historical Society to ensure that the history of the community is passed on to future generations. Using his knowledge and passion for Wilkinsburg, he has helped the Historical Society publish two books, one that commemorates Wilkinsburg High School's 100th anniversary, and one that provides a general history of the community.

His dedication to Wilkinsburg has undoubtedly changed the lives of generations of Boy Scouts, Wilkinsburg school students, and Wilkinsburg citizens. Thank you, Mr. Richard!

