

Summer Projects

As autumn begins with back to school, football games and the Borough of Wilkinsburg's upcoming 125th anniversary activities, the Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation (WCDC) would like to recap some of our summer projects. The WCDC is pleased to have supported the Borough's Art in the Park music series and the Wilkinsburg Farmer's Market by providing marketing support through press releases, calendar postings and social media outreach. This year's Art in the Park poster was designed by Wilkinsburg resident Patricia Tсарaris of Pinkhaus Designs and the WCDC showcased this by purchasing space at both of the Wilkinsburg Park and Ride stations and in the City Paper's summer guide. They're proud to be a sponsor of the 125th Anniversary and purchased street banners to promote the celebration.



The WCDC continues to upgrade and maintain the business district streetscape: lampposts, litter receptacles, banners and street signs, most recently upgrading street signs along Wood Street. To commemorate Penn Avenue's role as the first road across America, they have purchased and are installing Lincoln Highway markers. They continue to keep our commercial area safe and litter free and will assist with business district tree planting this fall.

This summer the WCDC partnered with the Wilkinsburg Boys and Girls Club and the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry to provide lunch to nearly 150 children over the summer months. Much thanks to the Wilkinsburg Police Department and Chief Ophelia Coleman for once again providing the Youth Police Academy to which the WCDC was able to contribute and witness 18 youth graduate the program.

The WCDC continues in its efforts to promote the revitalization of Wilkinsburg and have developed an ambitious five-year strategic plan, which may be viewed on their website: www.wilkinsburgcdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Strategic-Plan-Summary.pdf

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Special Thanks to Jakob zumFelde



The WCDC Board of Directors and Staff would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done this past year by Jakob zumFelde, who served as WCDC Project Coordinator as a part of the PULSE (Pittsburgh Urban Leadership

Service Experience) program. PULSE is a community of young adults who spend a year developing their leadership through work with a local non-profit in the Pittsburgh area. The WCDC benefited immensely from Jakob's work on many projects including studying transportation issues which resulted in the preparation and submission of a traffic circulation grant request, coordinated an effort to help homeowners to identify agencies that assist in home repairs which led to the formation of the affordable housing coalition, supported the Wilkinsburg Tree Vitalize 500 tree initiative and commercial recycling efforts and helped with every aspect of our day-to-day operations. Jakob grew up in Goshen, Indiana, and recently completed a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Chemistry at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va. He hopes to remain in the Pittsburgh area and plans to continue to work in community planning or environment sciences. We'll miss having Jakob in the office and wish him the best of luck in his next endeavors!

Day of Giving 2012

Are you a supporter of the revitalization efforts taking place in Wilkinsburg? Do you want to help but aren't quite sure how to do so? The Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation (WCDC) is pleased to participate in the 2012 Day of Giving event, hosted by the Pittsburgh Foundation on October 3. This is the fourth annual PittsburghGives on-line program, where not-for-profit supporters can contribute to their favorite organizations and receive pro-rated matching funds from the Pittsburgh Foundation.

Should you want to support Wilkinsburg's transformation initiative, now is the time to maximize their gift with this matching contribution program. The Day of Giving event is a 24-hour period on October 3. Just log onto pittsburghgives.org to make your contribution. Last year, the WCDC participated for the first time and received \$1,197 in donations from twelve donors. We'd like to see that increase to at least \$1,500 this year!



WCDC CALENDAR

9/6 (Thurs.)	8:30-10 A.M.	Business District Safety Meeting—WCDC office
9/6 (Thurs.)	6-7:30 P.M.	WCDC Design Committee—WCDC office
9/29 (Sat.)	9-11 A.M.	WCDC Board Meeting—Wilkinsburg School Admin Bldg