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The Woman Who Wants to Reopen Nancy's

Markie Maraugh remembers her father talking fondly about Nancy's Restaurant when she was young. Her



dad, who works for a local funeral home, often would have lunch there. Since then, she has enjoyed the friendly service and comfort food, too.

When she and her partner, Greg Stockie, heard about Nancy's closing, they decided they needed to do something about it. "Somebody needs to keep the legacy alive," said Maraugh. Since then, they have signed papers to buy the restaurant including a lot of the furniture and equipment.

They plan to keep Nancy in the name of the new restaurant: Nancy's East End Diner.

Maraugh describes herself as a go-

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The End of an Era: Nancy's Restaurant Closes Its Doors

If you ever ate at Nancy's Restaurant, you probably talked to Nancy. She was an attentive owner, who was known to sit and chat with you while you waited for your home fries.

Chances are you did order the home fries. WQED's Chris Fennimore wrote in his foodie blog that Nancy's had "the best home fries in the 'Burgh!"

Fennimore also told a story about watching a waitress sit down with a family to cut the children's food and help them with butter, syrup, and drinks. "This kind of thing happens every time I go into Nancy's," he wrote, naming the place a "community treasure."

Over the summer, we lost this treasure. Nancy's Restaurant closed its doors. For many of us, it was an unexpected shock.

Nancy, who has been battling pancreatic cancer, had already shortened hours, but still was struggling to staff the restaurant. Family members who worked there were trying to take care of her, and a main waitress was ironically helping her

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Be a Good Neighbor—In the event of snow and ice, Wilkinsburg residents are required by Borough Code to remove, or have removed, any snow and/or ice accumulation on their sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the snow event.

Parade and Caroling on December 13



The Holiday Parade begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 13 at the DPW building (line-up begins at 10 a.m.).

The parade will proceed down Swissvale, turn on Penn Avenue to Wood Street, ending in front of the high school with a concert at 2 p.m.

Later, the 5th annual Wilkinsburg A'Caroling begins at 5:30, ending at 6:30 p.m. You can sing with the Greater Pittsburgh Area MAD DADS starting at the corner of Whitney and Center, or with Wilkinsburg Block Watch starting at the corner of Whitney and Pennwood, or with St. James Church (6-7 p.m.) starting at the front door of the church on Franklin Ave. Residents can also create their own group and route. Contact Ernie at 412.225.6943 or Kate at 412.475.7444. For a booklet of carols, email kgrannemann@gmail.com.



Wilkinsburg resident James B. Richard was honored for his continued contributions to the Chamber of Commerce and the Wilkinsburg community at the recent Wilkinsburg Gives Thanks breakfast. Richard has called Wilkinsburg home for over 77 years and has volunteered for many Wilkinsburg organizations, including the Boy Scouts, the South Avenue United Methodist Church, the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society.

Fire Fighters Distribute Winter Warmth to Kids

On November 6, Pittsburgh Fire Fighters from IAFF Local #1 distributed brand new coats to kindergarten students from Kelly and Turner Elementary Schools in Wilkinsburg. This was made possible by the Fire Fighters participation in Operation Warm: Coats for Kids program.

The Fire Fighters were joined by local

officials, teachers and staff. Each child was personally assisted to first properly size and then to select the right color. John Gardell, Local #1 vice president, said, "Of the many programs that our organization takes part in this one is truly special."

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Snow Removal 101

In the words of the 1949 song, "It's a marshmallow world in the winter/when the snow comes to cover the ground/It's a time for play/It's a whipped cream day/I wait for it the whole year round!"

Clearly the lyricists never worked for a Southwestern PA Department of Public Works between November and March!

If you subscribe to the wisdom of the *Farmer's Almanac*, we're in for another cold and snowy winter, and that means our DPW crew will be out on the streets, salting and plowing to keep residents safe. Please help them to do their jobs by:

- **Understanding priorities:** State roads and other arterial streets are treated and plowed first, followed by school bus routes and Port Authority Bus routes, and then secondary roads. DPW is not responsible for treating or plowing privately owned roads and alleys.

- **Providing access**—If you have access to off-street parking, please do not park in the street. Vehicles parked in the streets hinder the speed and efficiency of snow removal. Also, do not abandon your vehicle in the middle of the road! If your car breaks down or you have a minor accident, please move your vehicle off or to the side of the street as soon as possible.

- **Understanding the process**—Initial passes of the plow are to open streets for traffic flow; subsequent passes will push the snow back to the curb line to provide drainage when snow melts. Please do not add to the burden by shoveling or plowing snow from your property into the street. Pile snow in your yard (more snow in your yard means bigger snowmen!).

- **Keeping your distance**—Stay back at least 500 feet behind a salt truck. Salt trucks are designed to drop more salt near the center of the road—it will work its way to the road edge as traffic runs over it.

- **Do your part:** It's likely the snow plow will leave snow in front of your driveway. It's your responsibility to remove the snow that has been deposited there.

And finally, remember that in the event of snow and ice, Wilkinsburg residents are required by Borough Code to remove, or have removed, any snow and/or ice accumulation on their sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the snow event.

In With the New; What To Do With the Old

The winter holidays often mean gifts, and those gifts often include new computers, tablets, laptops, and televisions!

However, your old electronic devices are no gifts to the planet. Many electronic devices contain hazardous compounds like cadmium, mercury and lead, and cannot be dumped in a landfill. PA is one of 25 states that have passed electronic recycling laws, meaning you can no longer just toss your old devices out with the weekly trash.

Several options are available for residents to ensure those hazardous chemicals stay out of landfills. Here is a list of local businesses who will accept your discards and ensure they are disposed of in compliance with state regulations:

Construction Junction, 214 North Lexington Street, Pgh., 15208, 412.243.5025. CJ will accept a maximum of four monitors per drop-off (including televisions, computer monitors, etc.). Note that items must be intact with no broken or cracked glass or plastic. They also accept desktop and laptop computers, cell phones and PDAs, printers, copiers, DVD players, fax machines, telephones, routers, switches, video recorders, and digital cameras.

The Computer Cafe, 12300 Perry Highway, Suite 110, Wexford, 15090, 724.776.5860. Accepts the following items if they are under 75 pounds: computers, servers, monitors, televisions up to 25", computer components and peripherals,

cell phones and PDAs, table computers, routers, external drives, modems, phone systems, DVD and VHS players, home printers, fax machines and scanners, and stereo equipment. You must be able to carry them into the shop (cart is available).

E-Cycling Recycling, 11490 Perry Highway, Route 19, Wexford, 15090. Accepts televisions, computers, monitors, and computer peripherals at no charge.

eLoop Regional Recycling Center 625 Plum Industrial Court, Pittsburgh 15239, 724.519.7646. Offers free electronic recycling for consumers and businesses with fewer than 50 employees.

Evolution E-Cycling, 2235 Mary Street, Pgh., 15203, 412.390.3450. Accept the following at no charge: televisions, DVD and VCR players, cell phones, LCD monitors, laptop and desktop computers, computer components and peripherals, keyboards and mice, printers and scanners. Charges fee for CRT monitors and pick-up.

Retail Outlets

The following stores offer recycle programs at no charge, but each has their own requirements; contact the store for more information:

- Best Buy, Waterfront, 412.476.8061
- hhgregg, Monroeville, 412.376.9258
- Staples, East Liberty, 412.363.5148

So, give our planet a gift this holiday season, and keep your e-waste out of our landfills!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

12/4 (Wed.)	6 P.M.	Planning Commission
12/10 (Wed.)	7 P.M.	Council Meeting
12/18 (Thurs.)	5:30 P.M.	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
1/5 (Mon.)	7 P.M.	Planning Commission
1/7 (Wed.)	6:30 P.M.	Council Work Session
1/20 (Thurs.)	5:30 P.M.	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
2/2 (Wed.)	6:30 P.M.	Planning Commission
2/3 (Wed.)	6:30 P.M.	Council Work Session

All meetings will take place in the Wilkinsburg Borough Building, 605 Ross Avenue.

The Borough's 2014 Budget is available for your perusal at: wilkinsburgpa.gov/pdf/2015_Managers_General.pdf

PHDA Awards First-Time Home Buyer Grant to Wilkinsburg Resident

The Pittsburgh Housing Development Association, Inc. (PHDA) launched their First-Time Home Buyer Subsidies Grant Program in January 2014. Funded by the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation, the grant program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to a qualified first time home buyer.

For this first round, Wilkinsburg resident Taj Aura-Hood was awarded the grant after she completed an application and a home buyer counseling program through PHDA. The grant was awarded at the PHDA Award Luncheon in October 2014.

PHDA is a part of the Wilkinsburg

Community Development Corporation's Wilkinsburg Affordable Housing Coalition (WAHC). In addition to PHDA and the WCDC, WAHC partners include

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, Habitat for Humanity, Wilkinsburg Christian Housing, and other housing assistance agencies that support low and moderate income home owners in Wilkinsburg and throughout the



Pittsburgh region.

For more information about PHDA's workshops and programs, visit phdainc.org. To learn more about the WAHC, visit bit.ly/1qesEOu.

WCDC Seeks Volunteers for Liquor License Campaign

The WCDC will seek to place a referendum on next spring's primary election ballot that will allow Wilkinsburg restaurants to apply for and receive liquor licenses from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

To do this, the WCDC seeks volunteers to circulate petitions and collect signatures from registered Wilkinsburg voters in favor of the proposed referendum. Volunteers must be registered Wilkinsburg voters and available to collect signatures between February 17 and March 10, 2015.

For more information and/or to sign up to volunteer, contact Marlee Gallagher, WCDC Communications & Outreach Coordinator, at marlee@wilkinsburgcdc.org or 412.727.7855.

Support the WCDC with a Year-End Contribution

As 2014 comes to a close, consider making a tax-deductible contribution to support the WCDC. Your donation will provide critical funding for WCDC programs that aim to improve Wilkinsburg's image and identity, revitalize the business district, support education and youth, and create a clean, green, and safe community. All donations made on or before December 31, 2014, can be deducted from your 2014 taxes. To contribute to the WCDC, visit wilkinsburgcdc.org/donate. For more information on making year-end charitable contributions, visit 1.usa.gov/1cOOyOo.

Please note that the WCDC office will be closed on December 24 & 25 as well as December 31 & January 1. Have a happy holiday season!

Wilkinsburg is open for business.

The WCDC helps small businesses in Wilkinsburg succeed through workshops, grant opportunities, and more.

Find out how the WCDC can help you by visiting wilkinsburgcdc.org.

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*Hosea Ghafoor, Owner, Soul Food Connection
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Kelly School's Student Council and staff hosted a successful Grandparents Day with enjoyable presentations and performances and a great turnout.

An Education Partnership Blesses Kelly Students

Christmas came a little early for the staff and students at Kelly Elementary School. Thanks to the efforts of The Educational Partnership and Eisenhower Elementary students, children at Kelly Elementary received Adopt-a-School kits filled with goodies and school supplies.

On Thursday, December 11, staff and students from the partnership and Eisenhower visited Kelly to distribute the kits, which were filled with paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, glue sticks, scissors and more. Eisenhower students packed the kits themselves and even included personal messages to their peers.

Based in the West End, The Education Partnership distributes school supplies to students in six counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. This season, more than 7,500 children will be given a variety of supplies at no cost to the district. Thank you to the students at Eisenhower Elementary, The Education Partnership and all of the district's community partners!

Their website is theeducationpartnership.org.

SCHOOL EVENTS & MEETINGS

12/22-1/2	Winter Break
1/19 (Mon.)	MLK, Jr. Day, No School
1/22 (Thurs.)	End of Grading Period
1/23 (Fri.)	Clerical Day, No School
2/16 (Mon.)	President's Day, No School



The Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program is working in Wilkinsburg.



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On Saturday, November 15, neighbors came out for two hours of leaf raking and general clean-up at Whitney Park.

It was a beautiful day, if a bit cold, and even the kids enjoyed the activity. The park looks better than it has ever looked coming up to the cold weather.

The neighbors' efforts will make a big difference in using the park over the winter, as well as making the annual spring clean-up easier.

Thanks to all who participated. And thanks to the Wilksburg DPW workers for picking up the leaves and branches we piled up in the parking lot. Good Job!



—submitted by
Marty Freundt



Friends of the Library Welcomes New Members

Everyone needs a friend. Libraries do as well. Many libraries are fortunate to have a friends group helping to support this essential community asset.

FOLLOW (Friends of the Living Library of Wilksburg) is the local volunteer organization lending the assistance needed to help ensure dynamic programming, additions of unique children and adult books and the equipment that enables the library to remain a well-rounded resource center.

Each year FOLLOW sponsors the annual Used Book Sale in the fall, serves as library advocates throughout our

municipality and volunteers in the library as skills are needed.

With a twenty-five year history of service, FOLLOW is looking for more fellow residents to become active members of this vibrant group, insuring continued library services especially in this challenging technological era.

This opportunity to make a positive impact on the Wilksburg community by helping the library grow is the greatest benefit to FOLLOW membership.

To learn more, stop by the library to complete an application and view the various membership levels.

Library Calendar

Programs and events at the library are free and open to everyone.

Reservations must be made in advance by calling 412.244.2940.

Adult Programs

Computer Basics Class, Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, 10 a.m.—Learn or brush up on basic skills.

Computer MS Word Class, Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, 11:30 a.m.—Learn to create Word documents.

Book Art, Thursday, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.—Learn to make a holiday wreath using a discarded book.

General Fiction Book Group, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1 p.m.—Azar Nafisi's memoir, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, January's selection, is available at the circulation desk.

Children's Program

Mini-Maker Night, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 3-5:30 p.m.—Make anything you dream with library's tools and supplies. All ages; under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Iron Chef: Candy Sushi, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 3-4 p.m.—Explore the art of sushi with candy and your imagination. Ages 7 and up.

Lego Club, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 3-6 p.m.—Build whatever you can imagine. Ages 5 and up.

Family Story Time, Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.—Stories, songs and games. Ages 6 months to 5 years with an adult.

Wii Time, Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.—Open Wii play for kids.

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husband fight his pancreatic cancer.

Nancy's doors closed on June 20 after 40 years of service. Nancy first opened Nancy's Luncheonette on Penn Avenue in 1974 with only four booths and stools. In 1980, she moved to the present building on South Avenue near the Busway and renamed her place Nancy's Restaurant.

"Our food was known as homestyle, mom-and-pop food," said Lisa Burrelli, Nancy's daughter who worked at the restaurant. "We were famous for our fresh home fries, ham off the bone and grits."

Everything was cooked to order. "My mom's motto was we wouldn't serve you anything we wouldn't sit down and eat ourselves," said Burrelli.

The restaurant was definitely a family business. Burrelli's sisters have also worked there: Donna Curry and Nancy Shook. And four of her grandchildren have worked there, too.

"Over the years we had many local celebrities that came," said Burrelli, "including Nick Perry, Joe Negri, Chris Fennimore and Bill Cardille."

One of the highlights for her was participating in a Cerebral Palsy fundraiser in 1986. A lot of people came from Channel 4 and helped cook and wait on customers, and Nancy and family went to the telethon to answer phones. More recently, the director of *Southpaw*, the new Jake Gyllenhaal movie, planned to film at the restaurant, but at the last minute had to cut the scene.

Some would say the most fun day of the year at Nancy's was Halloween. She would always work in a costume. Burrelli remembers the year when her mom dressed as a hooker and the local police who ate there posed for a pic of them "arresting" her.

"Wilkinsburg has always been a great little town....Hopefully everyone will remember all the great food, the good memories and the kindness Nancy always had for everybody that walked in. I had so many brothers and sisters because everybody called her Mom!" reminisced Burrelli.

Well wishes can be sent to Nancy Bielicki c/o 311 Penn Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15147

New Address and Staff!

As part of the collaboration between the Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation, 1001 Wood St will be the new home of the Chamber of Commerce, located at the corner of Penn and Wood on the mezzanine level as of January. Start out the new year by visiting the new location and finding out how you can make difference collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce.

New Team Member

The Chamber would like to welcome Jerry Gaudi of IMPACT REdevelopment to the administrative team. Jerry can be contacted by email at info@wilkinsburgchamber.com.

50 Years of Giving Thanks

Thanks to all sponsors, participants, and attendees for making the 50th year of the Wilkinsburg Gives Thanks Breakfast an amazing event. Over 120 people attended on the first icy day of the holiday season.

Jim Richards was honored for his dedication to Wilkinsburg, Jim Cunningham of WQED entertained us as the featured speaker, and a wonderful meal was served by the Western Pennsylvania School of the Deaf. We look forward to giving thanks again next year and hope you will be a part of this great tradition.

More Good Food in Wilkinsburg

Another amazing restaurant just joined the ranks in Wilkinsburg. Cafe & More BBQ has only been open for a short time and has already spread by word of mouth for its good food and variety. From Tacos to BBQ, you will not be disappointed when you visit Regina at 764 Penn Ave.

Monthly Meeting

Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting: The Chamber of Commerce meets December 18 at 8 a.m. at the Borough Building's second floor in Council Chambers.

Parade Volunteers Needed

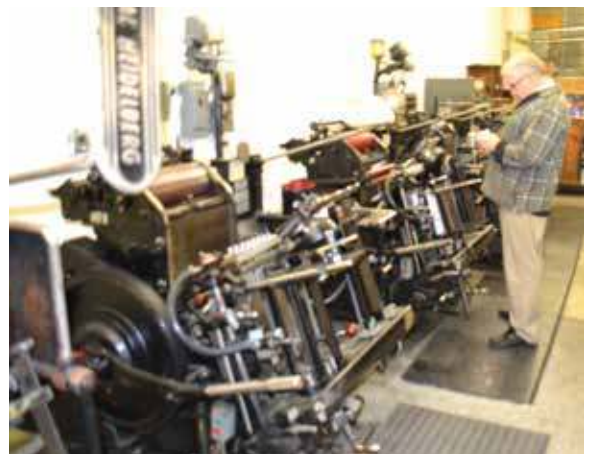
Holiday parade volunteers are needed to serve refreshments and assist with set up and clean up. If you are available to volunteer during the parade, please contact Barbara Thompson at 412.812.9613 or barbthompson19@gmail.com.

Member Spotlight: Triangle Poster and Printing

The Triangle Poster and Printing Company moved to Wilkinsburg in 1994 and has been in Pittsburgh since 1905.

Located at 2119 Robinson Blvd, Triangle offers a variety of advertising products such as numbered raffle tickets, numbered invoices, letterheads, flyers, coupons, placemats, fundraiser calendars, vinyl banners, indoor and outdoor posters and more.

For more information, call 412.371.0774 or visit triangleposter.com.

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Toy Drive Needs Your Help

It's that time of year to help out your neighbors by donating money or toys for Wilkinsburg's Annual Toy Drive. Over the last six years, the Drive has been able to give Christmas joy to over 1,000 kids!

New and unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Borough Building in the collection box at the Police Department. Monetary donations can be made online through grooveproductionsinc.com or checks can be made out to Groove Productions and sent to: ATTN Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson, 605 Ross Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221.

Donation ideas include dolls, dress-up sets, trucks, legos, puzzles, board games, jewelry sets, craft sets, music players, skateboards, scooters, sports balls, remote control toys, gift cards, and bath items

To sign-up to receive toys, you must complete an application form, available at the Borough Building or from Vanessa at 412.867.5882. Families who register must be residents of Wilkinsburg and provide proof. Eligible children include ages 2-18. Last day for sign-ups is December 18 by 5 p.m. Representatives will also be available to collect application information on:

December 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 4, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 9, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

December 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Distribution Day is December 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsors include: Wilkinsburg Police Department, Wilkinsburg Borough, Groove Productions, and Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson. The Drive is also looking for volunteers. For more information, call Vanessa at the number above.

End-of-Year Opportunity Knocks

The Wilkinsburg Boys and Girls Club provides a safe place for youth of Wilkinsburg year round. It is important



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

that to keep our youth safe, however, many of the families that would like to send their children to the club cannot afford the fees. Each year the Club reaches out to the community and asks for donations to help provide scholarships. If you have a heart for the youth of Wilkinsburg, please make a check out to The Wilkinsburg Boys and Girls Club and mail it to 813 South Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA 15221. To become a member of the club please call 412.242.1211.

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getter entrepreneur who has always liked to bake. "I've always had a passion for baking and taking care of people. It comes from my grandma who always insisted on feeding you when you came in the door."

She and Stockie plan to leave their present work to run the restaurant full-time. Maraughha has been working for a locksmith and security company and has done tax preparation, and Stockie's background is in education and research.

What will be familiar about the new Nancy's? Maraughha says that they plan to keep the interior of the restaurant the same. Nancy's family plans to leave a lot of the decor and pictures. The food will be familiar, too, with an emphasis on diner-like dishes, including hearty and hot breakfast foods.

But some things will be different:

FIREFIGHTERS, from page 2

Fire Fighters through raffles and events, generous donations were also made by the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation, Range Resources, Diehl Automotive of Robinson, MSA, Bigham Tavern, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 66 and Geico Insurance from Monroeville.

Bob Shanahan of Geico stated, "I was very excited for the opportunity to give back to the neighborhood where I grew up and the school district from which I graduated."

Any one interested in helping with a donation can go to: donate.operationwarm.org/page/contribute/Pittsburgh

Maraughha and Stockie are purchasing an espresso maker and negotiating with an East End roaster for their supply of coffee. Also, they hope to open earlier in the morning to attract the commuter crowd to breakfast.

"On the weekends," Maraughha said, "we hope to attract East Enders for inventive breakfast specials."

Another desire they have for the new Nancy's is an interactive approach. They will be looking to platforms like Twitter and Facebook to find out what dishes customers like best. For example, they want to have a ham loaf and mac'n cheese lunch special, but feedback will determine how often and when they offer it. "We want to have an active following on social media to help us find our signature dishes," said Maraughha.

Their plan is to open Nancy's East End Diner in January 2015.



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