Tastes of Wilkinsburg
Finding unique and delicious food nearby; the second in a series.

It’s been nine months since Markie Maraugha and Greg Stocke reopened Nancy’s as Nancy’s East End Dinner. They have preserved the retro decor, personable service, and classic diner food, but they have added their own flair.

For one thing, they have been intentional about featuring local sources: Fortune’s Tanzanian peaberry coffee, Natrona Bottling Company Soda, Mancini’s bread, DJ’s Butcher Block meats, and Leona’s Ice Cream Sandwiches.

They’ve also added some signature menu items including the Nancy burger—a

Lights! Camera! Wilkinsburg!

In 2012, CNN wrote that Pittsburgh is “fast becoming the Tinseltown of the East.” With 3 movies filming in the Borough in 15 months, perhaps Wilkinsburg should be known as the Tinseltown of the Eastern Suburbs!

In July and August of 2014, Southpaw—now in theaters—used Wilkinsburg locations as background for the story of Billy Hope, a successful boxer sent into a tailspin by personal tragedy. Jake Gyllenhaal, Forest Whitaker and 50 Cent graced the streets of the Borough as Billy Hope, the boxer trying to reclaim his former glory; Tick Wills, the trainer he uses to get his life back on track, and Jordan Mains, Billy's manager.

Earlier this year, the Blackridge area of Wilkinsburg was covered in white; despite the winter that would not die, the crew of Let It Snow had to use the fake stuff to re-create a snowy Christmas Eve that transforms one small town. Since retitled Love the Coopers, the all-star cast includes Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Ed Helms, Diane Keaton, Anthony Mackie, Amanda Seyfried, June Squibb, Marisa Tomei and

Community Meeting about Wilkinsburg and Pittsburgh Public School Partnership

The community is invited to a meeting on Thursday, October 15, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 Academy, located at 1101 N. Murtland Street in the Homewood neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed agreement between Wilkinsburg School District and Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS). The agreement proposes that Wilkinsburg High School will close and all students enrolled for 7th through 12th grade in Wilkinsburg will attend
Volunteers Wanted for Mulching Trees

On Thursday, October 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., there will be a tree mulching event at Holmes Playground at the corner of Holmes and Wood Streets in Wilkinsburg.

This volunteer activity is sponsored by the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, who generously donated and planted 13 trees in the playground.

The Wilkinsburg Parks and Recreation Board will be assisting and doing a clean-up of the playground if needed.

Neighbors interested in helping may call board member Mike Milberger at 412.242.8512.

PSO Returns to Wilkinsburg October 22

The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra returns to the auditorium at Wilkinsburg High School at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 22. Francesco Lecce-Chong will be conducting and Katy Williams will be a featured vocalist.

The program will include: Bizet’s Suite No. 1 from Carmen; Grieg’s Suite No. 1 from Peer Gynt, Opus. 46; Strauss’ “Mein Herr Marquis” from Die Fledemaus; Puccini’s “Quando me’n vo’” from La Bohème; Rossini’s Duetto buffo di due gatti; selections from Gershwin’s Porgy and Bess; and Offenbach’s Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld.

For the past 12 years, the PSO has collaborated with a community-based planning committee to create an annual concert at the high school. All proceeds go directly to the music programs in the Wilkinsburg school district.

The symphony raised over $6,000 from their concert here in April. Because they have a European tour in May, this time they are coming to Wilkinsburg in the fall.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets are available at the door (cash or checks) and at Nancy’s East End diner.

Focus on Local Activist Who Fought for Women’s Right to Vote

The next meeting of the Wilkinsburg Historical Society will be Monday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in South Avenue United Methodist Church.

The evening will focus on the women’s Suffragist Movement in Pittsburgh a hundred years ago. Women in the United States were not allowed to vote until 1920. Each state had women who organized to fight for the right to vote.

In the Pittsburgh area one of the leading activists was Winifred B. Meek Morris who kept a scrapbook of all the activities of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Equal Franchise Federation. Their group efforts will be discussed, along with vintage photographs and news articles.

The meeting is free and open to members, guests and all interested people. Refreshments will be served. Attendees should use the left Ross Avenue entrance.
Wanted: PILOTs!

Olivia Wilde, many of whom were spotted out and about in Southwestern PA. “Love the Coopers” opens November 13 of this year, just in time to kick-off the Christmas shopping season!

Next up is “American Pastoral”, a period piece based on the Philip Roth novel about a Jewish All-American golden boy, nicknamed “the Swede”, whose seemingly perfect upper middle class life is shattered by a family event. Ewan McGregor, Jennifer Connelly, and Dakota Fanning are starring in this movie that will be filming for 4 days in Wilkinsburg over the next several months.

For those familiar with the novel, Wilkinsburg locations will serve as the animal hospital and the interior and exterior of Merry’s tenement. Please note that this is a closed set, so if you see filming, maintain a respectful distance so that the cast and crew report positive experiences making movies in Wilkinsburg, and encourage other movies to consider filming here.

And when you see these movies on the big screen, be sure to look for familiar locations, especially those in our home town.

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All meetings will take place in Wilkinsburg Borough Building, 605 Ross Ave., 2nd floor Council Chambers, unless otherwise indicated.

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

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For more information visit www.wilkinsburgcdc.org/vprp   Fill out an application today—you could be living happily ever after—tomorrow
WCDC Presents Free Business Planning Workshop

The WCDC will kick off a free eight-week business planning workshop series this month.

If you’re interested in developing your business, please call the WCDC at 412.727.7855 to learn more and register. The workshop will start on Wednesday, October 7, from 7-9 p.m. at the Hosanna House.

The workshop will be led by Gordon Manker, WCDC Business Development Specialist, and will follow the CORE FOUR Business Planning Course®.

The CORE FOUR Business Planning Course® teaches aspiring or existing business owners the information and skills they need in four fundamental or “CORE” elements of business planning, including:
• Plan for business success
• Plan to meet the needs of the marketplace
• Plan the business cash flow needs
• Plan how the business will operate

Starting with a business idea, the CORE FOUR Business Planning Course® is used to plan a business in real time.

As students and entrepreneurs learn by doing, they will see the business idea evolve as they build the details. Experience demonstrates that a strong, well-researched business plan increases the likelihood of success.

Entrepreneurs will save time and money later on by making mistakes up front and on paper. The skills they learn in business planning will pay off in other areas of their life as well.

To learn more and register, call the WCDC at 412.727.7855.

Last Call for Dinner Hosts for LDI Event

A program of Leadership Pittsburgh, the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) XXIII class will be working on their next PopUp! Pittsburgh project in Wilkinsburg over the next year.

To kick things off, LDI is working with the WCDC, Hosanna House, and other partners to coordinate a Neighborhood Development Session on Thursday, October 29. As part of the session, LDI seeks Wilkinsburg residents and business owners who would be willing to host five to six LDI XXIII class members for dinner at their home or business. LDI will provide a $100 gift card to cover costs associated with purchasing food for the dinner.

The time spent with Wilkinsburg residents and business owners during these dinners will help LDI class participants gain perspective from local constituents who want to share their view of and vision for Wilkinsburg. Interested in hosting? Email marlee@wilkinsburgcdc.org or call (412) 727-7855.

To learn more about LDI & view the tentative 2015-16 class schedule, visit bit.ly/WilkinsburgLDI.

Special thanks to the homeowners, committee members & volunteers who made our 3rd Annual Wilkinsburg House & Garden Tour a success! Want to get involved with the tour next year? Email marlee@wilkinsburgcdc.org or call 412.727.7855.

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To support the WCDC, send a tax-deductible contribution to 1001 Wood St., Wilkinsburg, PA 15221 OR donate online at wilkinsburgcdc.org

Thank you!

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info@wilkinsburgcdc.org

WCDC Presents Free Business Planning Workshop

Gordon Manker, WCDC Business Development Specialist
Twenty four students scored at the proficient or advanced level on one or more Keystone examination in the 2014-15 school year. The Keystone Exams are end-of-course assessments in Algebra, Literature, and Biology, and are a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Scores were released this summer and a recognition breakfast was held on September 14th for the students and their parents/guardians. Dr. Joseph Petrella (pictured), acting superintendent of schools, addressed the students about the power of their achievement and the way in which the achievement demonstrates their abilities and their preparedness to continue along the path of becoming college and career ready.

On Thursday, September 17, a celebration of “Blessings in a Backpack” Day was held at Kelly Elementary School. The program has provided food for Wilkinsburg school children over the weekends since 2011.

Alumni Day at WHS Football Game Saturday, October 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Graham Field

Bring a helium red or blue balloon for a memoriam balloon release event. Former band members, cheerleaders, and majorettes will assist current students during the game. Admission is $4.

At 6 p.m. in the WHS cafeteria, there will be meet ’n greet with light refreshments. For more information see the Celebrate/Memories of Wilkinsburg High School Event on Facebook.

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Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 Academy, beginning with the 2016-17 school year

“All students should have access to educational opportunities regardless of their zip code,” said Dan Matsook, education consultant to Wilkinsburg. “We are grateful for the willingness of the Pittsburgh Public Schools to work with us to create a plan to serve Wilkinsburg’s students. We feel confident that today’s proposal creates a win-win for both districts.”

The benefits to Wilkinsburg 7-12th grade students will be:

- Eligibility for all curriculum, instruction, alternative education services, and activities available to residential PPS students;
- Opportunity to enroll in the various Magnet School offerings in the PPS, subject to availability and after all PPS resident students, that qualify, have been enrolled;
- Preparation for and administration of all mandated and optional standardized tests, with scores for Wilkinsburg students on state assessments separately.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education is overseeing the process and released a statement saying “is encouraged by this step being taken by both....school districts to work together on behalf of these students. The department stands ready to support both districts.”

To ensure a smooth transition, Matsook stressed that staff, parent, family and community engagement will be essential. The plan is that a transitional committee might be put in place to support the bringing together of the student populations, handling safety and other transition activities.

A WHS security guard who used to work at Westinghouse High School said that parental leadership and involvement is key to a smooth transition.

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Watering Young Trees by Bicycle

In 2011, Nine Mile Run Watershed Association (NMRWA’s) Wilkinsburg TreeVitalize 500 Trees Initiative introduced an intensive watering program to support the multi-year tree planting effort.

Through the generosity of Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority [WPJWA] as a water source, the NMRWA was able to water newly planted trees once a week during the first two growing seasons when rainfall was insufficient. Water was hauled around the watershed by truck to fill gator bags which delivered 15–20 gallons of water over a span of several hours. This yielded over a 90% survival rate so far.

Building on this success, the NMRWA has adopted the Water By-Cycle program model, pioneered by Casey Trees (DC’s urban forestry nonprofit). Once again WPJWA has been a great resource in access and training to safely utilize fire hydrants, which allow more efficiently delivered water to the densest tree plantings. And instead of using a truck to move equipment around, combining a bicycle with a heavy duty trailer, manufactured by Bikes at Work, the NMRWA has been able to move 3-400 feet of garden hose and other equipment to Regent Square and Penn Ave. in Wilkinsburg to water nearly 70% of the 2015 list.

Wilkinsburg Library Calendar

Library programs and events are free and open to everyone. Reservations can be made in advance by calling 412.244.2940.

Adult Programs

Oriental Brush Art, Thursdays, 10 a.m.—Class size limited. Registration required.

Oil Painting: Landscape & Still Life, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—Class size limited. Registration required.

Computer Basics, Wednesdays, Oct 7, 14 and 21, 10 a.m.—Introduction to computers class. Registration required.

Resume & Applications Assistance, Fridays, Oct 10:30 a.m.—Get help writing resumes and filling out applications the first three Fridays of each month. Registration required.

Memoir through Poetry Classes, Wednesdays, Oct 14, 21 and 28, 10 a.m.—Write your life stories using poetry and prose. Six-week workshop. Registration required.

General Fiction Book Group, Wednesday, Oct 28, 1 p.m.—This month’s book is to be announced. Copies will be available at the circulation desk.

Children’s Programs

STEM Time, Thursday, Oct 1, 3 p.m.—Learn something new about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Do a fun activity to explore a cool new STEM concept. For ages 9 to 13.

After-School Art, Thursday, Oct 8, 4 p.m.—Relax after school with a fun art project out of duct tape. For ages 8 and up.

Yu-Gi-Oh Duelist League, Thursday, Oct 15, 3-5:30 p.m.—Geared for younger and less experienced players to learn the game. Ages 7 and up.

American Girl Movie, Thursday, Oct 22, 4 p.m.—Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal and enjoy a movie with great snacks. For all ages (7 and under must be with an adult).

Not-So-Scary Halloween Party, Oct 29, 4 p.m.—Wear your costume (or don’t) and enjoy some crafts, games and more. For all ages (7 and under must be with an adult).

Wii Time, Tuesdays, 3-4:30 p.m.—Open Wii play for kids of all ages.

Eastridge Family Story Time, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.—For all ages.
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Percolate Gallery Opens New Exhibit; Resumes Figure Drawing Classes

Percolate is presenting a new exhibit: “Inner. Outer. Space: Artwork by Kate Bazis, James Gyre, Tilley Hawk and Tommy Bones Werner”. Opening on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 6 - 9 p.m., the show runs until Nov. 1.

This show features an interesting mix of 2- and 3-dimensional work, exploring geometry in steel, string, paint, and found objects, in ways both organic and technologically manifested. All four artists share a devotion to craftsmanship and detail, expressing a love for geometry and pattern in their own idiosyncratic way.

The gallery is open by appointment by calling 412.606.1220 and is located at 317 Trenton Ave. in Wilkinsburg.

Also, Percolate Gallery has resumed figure drawing sessions every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. Folks can draw from a live nude model for just $10. No registration required, just drawing materials.

Correction: The September Wilkinsburg Sun incorrectly reported that the Pittsburgh Asian Market is closed on Saturdays. The market, located at 600 Penn Avenue, is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sundays from 12–4 p.m. The store is only closed on holidays. We apologize for this error.

Wilkinsburg Thursday Open Market
Visit the WTOM every Thursday through November 19, 3-6 p.m., in the Ross Avenue parking lots and enjoy produce, food, baked goods, new-to-you items, and more.

Business After Hours
Host a networking event at your establishment. October and November dates available. Email info@wilkinsburgchamber.com

Be the Boss—November 12
Three Wilkinsburg girl scouts and seven other young women from the community will learn how to be the boss during a behind-the-scenes workshop given by Katie Heldstab, one of the owners of Leona’s Ice Cream Sandwiches made in Wilkinsburg in the old Smith’s Bakery on Penn Avenue. These girls will hear about real life challenges of running a business and learn how to think critically to solve issues. This event is sponsored by the Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce. Want to host the second BE THE BOSS seminar in January?

Stanton Industrial Electric Supply
Stanton Industrial Electric Supply has been located in the heart of Wilkinsburg since 1954 when it was started by John Stanton II to service the local steel mill markets. Currently under the ownership and operation of his son and grandson, John Stanton III and John Stanton IV (who has been working with his father for over 25 years), Stanton offers more than just electrical.

The commitment to their customers has enabled Stanton Electric to maintain relationships for over 25 years, with some of their contractor customers being the second generation they have served. The Stanton Electric team will continue to strive for exceptional customer service, going above and beyond the “Big Box” and large distributors, providing what you need, when you need it, still with free local delivery service.

Services Stanton Industrial Electric Supply Inc. offers: problem-solving electrical control applications, assistance with energy management solutions, lighting layout, design and fixture selection, advice on equipment retrofit and upgrades, engraving of legend plates, and rewiring of lamps.

Save the Date—51st Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast, Tuesday, Nov. 17—Western PA School for the Deaf
The Wilkinsburg Youth Project Enriches Local Teens

The Wilkinsburg Youth Project (WYP) is a work readiness program supported by Americorps/KEYS in the heart of Wilkinsburg. It has both a large-scale summer program and a smaller-scale after school project.

Primary objectives include work readiness skills and youth empowerment. WYP also helps with college preparedness, homework tutoring, employment search, and other forms of social and professional support. Guest speakers are welcome as well as opportunities for applicable field trips.

WYP has four components: gardening, mentorship, media, and construction. Primary partnerships include The Sanctuary Project, Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh, and Women for a Healthy Environment.

This past summer, WYP was selected to participate in the Summer Learn and Earn summer youth employment initiative sponsored by the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board.

About 50 youth engaged the four components, as well as providing effective mentorship for them using a Straight Talk and Standards method.

Americorps/KEYS interns are needed to help with the implementation of the after-school project, which will start in late October and will have about 12 students.

The WYP also intends to play a positive role in the transition of the WHS into Westinghouse over the coming years.

Jessica Burns, MSW, a resident of Wilkinsburg for almost 25 years, is currently the WYP Coordinator. Contact wilkinsburgyouthproject@gmail.com for more information.

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