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A FREE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS ABOUT WILKINSBURG

Hebru Brantley Paints Mural Here



Hebru Brantley, a world-renowned artist, will be painting a large scale mural on Wallace Avenue in Wilkinsburg, scheduled to be completed by the time you are reading this.

The mural, which features Hebru's Flyboy character inspired by the Tuskegee airmen, is at 501 Wallace Avenue in Wilkinsburg. Once a meat warehouse, the building has a large wall that faces Penn Avenue, highly visible to car and bus commuters.

"Street art is a way of campaigning for me, getting my work out there to people who may not typically be exposed to it. It gives the community something to connect with," said artist Hebru Brantley.

"The mural in Wilkinsburg will be a 'Flyboy' flying. It is important to me to depict a black kid traveling safely through the city. Flyboy is a symbol of what it means to fly in your imagination and community.

This idea is carried out through murals all over, from Atlanta to LA to Chicago."

Last year, Brantley, who is from Chicago, made his Pennsylvania debut with *I Wish I Knew: How It Felt To Be Free*, an exhibit presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust at the August Wilson Center in Pittsburgh.

"As an art commissioner and vice president of council, I'm thrilled that Hebru and the Cultural Trust chose Wilkinsburg to place this mural. Hebru's message through his work is important for our residents, especially our youth to see that they can thrive and be whomever they strive to be," said Marita Garrett.

Janis Burley Wilson, vice president of strategic partnerships and community engagement at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, said that "presenting contemporary art and artists of Hebru's caliber is crucial to advancing Pittsburgh's arts scene...."



Two-Way Street Fest Coming Up on May 20

Join the WCDC and partners for the first Two-Way Street Fest on Saturday, May 20, 12-4 p.m. on Wood Street between Penn and Franklin Avenues.

This inaugural event celebrates community, small businesses, and some major infrastructure improvements taking place in Wilkinsburg this year, including changing Wood Street from one way to two. Food, music, local vendors, activities, and more will be part of this free, family-friendly event.

Activities will include the Venture Outdoors climbing wall, Xpogo extreme pogo performances, bike safety with Bike Pittsburgh, bike share demos with Healthy Ride, a bounce castle, and more. Other

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New Stage and Movie Nights

Movie nights will be held at the parks and parklet on Penn Avenue in the business district as part of the Summer Activities Schedule (see page 3) thanks to a grant from Comcast. The grant enabled the Borough to purchase an inflatable screen and sound system.

A new stage is also being planned for construction by Memorial Day for the parklet, built with the help of Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh and the Borough Public Works crew.

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Book Sale at Library

The Wilkinsburg Public Library is having a book sale at the Eastridge Branch at 1900 Graham Blvd. on May 5, 6 and 8 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

New Art Show

Opening reception for the exhibit "98 Reasons" is May 13, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Percolate in Wilkinsburg. The exhibition



features artist Mildred Sidorow and lasts from May 10 until June 1.

Sidorow, 98 years young, still creates and paints almost every day. The exhibit brings her collection

of work, dating back from the 1960s until present. "I consider my artwork to be visual forms of poetry," she said.

Born in 1918, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, self-taught Sidorow has been painting for over 65 years and has won numerous awards. Percolate is located at 317 S. Trenton Avenue in Wilkinsburg.

Free Pre-K Classes

Wilkinsburg Public Library is participating in Play K—a free program that

helps caregivers of preschoolers prepare for school.

Five simple things—talking, singing, reading, writing and playing with your child every day—can build skills that will enable children to be more successful in kindergarten.

Classes are on Saturday, 10 a.m.–noon, starting May 6 for preschoolers and adults. For more information call 412.244.2944.

Grants for Sewage Bills

The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) began 2017 by launching its Clean Water Assistance Fund, which will help low-income families and individuals pay their ALCOSAN bills.

ALCOSAN has committed nearly a million dollars to this assistance program for qualifying residents in the 83 municipalities in the authority's service area.

The fund will provide a \$30 credit every three months to homeowners as well as tenants who have accounts in their own names for sewage service.

To be eligible, applicants must meet income limits set by the federal government. Currently, that means, for example, that a family of four earning \$36,450 or less per year would be eligible.

The credit will be applied to your account by the agency that bills you for sewage treatment. For example, these bills may come from Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority, Jordan Tax Service, Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority, your municipality or some other agency.

The credits will automatically appear every three months, even if you are billed monthly, bimonthly or quarterly.

The fund, administered by Dollar Energy Fund Inc., partners with local social service agencies to process

applications. Applicants must provide in person a copy of their water/sewage bill, Social Security numbers for all members of their household and proof of the household's monthly income.

Residents should call in advance for an appointment.

Participating agencies are listed at alcosan.org.



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A successful clearing, weeding, cleaning, and composting of Linear Park and Gazebo Parklet on Wood Street with twelve volunteers from Good Deeds Day and six volunteers from Wilkinsburg.

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Expanded Summer Activities Coming

Excitement is building for summer activities in Wilkinsburg. This year will include senior resident activities and summer recreation activities.

The Borough received a grant from the Local Government Academy to help pay for an intern who will work with other volunteers and staff to plan and execute programs at the community parks.



Early plans are for a variety of programs to be a part of the activity. Outdoor education, art, reading and other activities will be mixed in with traditional recreation activities. The Wilkinsburg Borough and School District have teamed up to offer program funding as well.

The intern will also be planning and starting weekly senior citizen activities later this summer.

Volunteers will be asked to form a steering committee in May to give suggestions for programming. Interested seniors can contact the Borough administrative offices to participate by calling 412.244.2900. Information will also be available on the Borough's Facebook page and website and next month's edition of the *Wilkinsburg Sun*.

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The stage will be 12 x 20 feet and provide lighting and additional electric for entertainment. A storage building is also planned for adjacent to the stage. Concerts are planned for the summer and the schedule will be available on the Borough web site and on social media outlets as well as upcoming editions of *The Sun*.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AT BOROUGH BUILDING, 605 ROSS AVE.

5/2 (Tues.)	6 P.M.	Planning Commission, 2nd floor
5/3 (Wed.)	7 P.M.	Council Work Session, 2nd floor
5/5 (Fri.)	9 A.M.	Policy & Procedure Committee, 1st floor
5/8 (Mon.)	4 P.M.	Finance Committe, 1st floor
5/8 (Mon.)	6 P.M.	Library Board, 2nd floor
5/9 (Tues.)	1 P.M.	Social Media & Promotions Committee, 1st floor
5/10 (Wed.)	7 P.M.	Council Legislative Session, 2nd floor
5/11 (Thurs.)	10 A.M.	Constituent & Community Relations, 2nd floor
5/15 (Mon.)	4:30 P.M.	Public Safety Committee, 2nd floor
5/18 (Thurs.)	5 P.M.	Public Safety Forum, 2nd floor
5/18 (Thurs.)	5:30 P.M.	Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 1st floor
5/18 (Thurs.)	6:30 P.M.	Wilkinsburg Arts Commission, 2nd floor
5/22 (Mon.)	5:30 P.M.	Joint Tax Committee, 2nd floor
5/24 (Wed.)	5:30 P.M.	Blight Committee, 1st floor
5/24 (Wed.)	6:30 P.M.	Shade Tree Advisory Committee, 2nd floor
5/24 (Wed.)	7 P.M.	Capital Planning Committee, 1st floor
5/25 (Thurs.)	6:30 P.M.	Special Events Committee, 2nd floor
6/2 (Fri.)	9 A.M.	Policy & Procedure Committee, 1st floor
6/6 (Tues.)	6 P.M.	Planning Commission, 2nd floor
6/7 (Wed.)	7 P.M.	Council Work Session, 2nd floor
6/8 (Thurs.)	10 A.M.	Constituent & Community Relations, 2nd floor

Wilkinsburg Designated a Banner Community

County officials, including members of County Council and County Manager William D. McKain CPA, held a press conference and ceremony on March 31 to announce that 51 municipalities, including Wilkinsburg, have been designated as 2017

Banner Communities.

"We are so proud of the designation"

says Council Vice

President Marita

Garrett. "Council and

the Mayor are honored to be recognized for excellence and will continue to work on improving the quality of life for residents by offering efficient and effective government operations" she added.

The Banner Community Program, sponsored by the Allegheny League of Municipalities in cooperation with the county, recognizes those communities committed to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. This is the fifth year of the program.

"Local government is considered by many to be the most important form of government because of its direct impact on the daily lives of residents. The job of being a local government official, whether elected or appointed, has become an increasingly complex occupation," said County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

"The Banner Community Program designation is a public recognition of the efforts that these government officials take on behalf of its residents and businesses each day. I congratulate the officials who represent these communities, and thank them, for the example they set in our county."

Wilkinsburg received the designation in recognition of community excellence for items like staff and elected official training, community outreach and other qualifying categories.



Meet WCDC's New Staff Members

Sophia Yeung was hired as the WCDC's full-time Development Coordinator last month. In this role, she will help support and grow the WCDC's development and fundraising programs.

Sophia initially joined the WCDC as an intern in October 2016 to create a series of instructional videos aimed at making the vacant property acquisition and rehabilitation process simpler and more successful.



photo by Greg Scullin

Sophia Yeung

In December 2016, Sophia earned her master's degree in Public Policy & Management from Carnegie Mellon University. She is an AmeriCorps alum and a former CORO fellow in public affairs, interested in the convergence of policy and innovation.

Josh Rolón joined the WCDC as the Main Street Manager last month as well. He comes to the WCDC from Bloomfield Development Corporation where he was the Community Coordinator.

Before working in Bloomfield, Josh was in the Pittsburgh Office of the Mayor as a liaison for veteran serving

organizations. He also managed civic engagement programs, including the Civic Leadership Academy. Josh is a founding member of Bloomfield Livable Streets, and on the organizing committee of Make Music Pittsburgh.

Welcome Sophia & Josh!



Josh Rolón



All aboard! Work at the Wilksburg Station continued in April with the environmental abatement, including asbestos and other hazardous material removal. For ongoing updates, visit and like fb.com/WilksburgTrainStation. To view the project video and make a donation, check out WilkStation.org.

FREE Home Buying Workshop Returns this Month

Pittsburgh Housing Development Association, Inc. and Dollar Bank will host a FREE Home Buying Workshop on Monday, May 15, 6 p.m. at the Landmarks Preservation Resource Center (744 Rebecca Ave. in Wilksburg). Workshop attendees will learn more about credit counseling and restoration programs, grant money for closing costs, affordable mortgage options, assistance for public housing residents and renters, and credit analysis.

Advance registration is requested. Please call 412.242.2700 to learn more and register.



Save the Dates!

- Monday, May 1–Wednesday, May 3: National Main Street Conference; bit.ly/MainStConference
- Friday, May 5, 4 p.m.–Thursday, June 1: Youth Mini-Grant Application Deadline; wilksburgcdc.org/education-youth
- Saturday, May 13, 9-11 a.m.: WCDC Board Meeting; WCDC Office—1001 Wood St.
- Monday, May 15, 6 p. m.: Free Home Buying Workshop; LPRC—744 Rebecca Ave.
- Saturday, May 20, 12-4 p.m.: Wilksburg Two-Way Street Fest; bit.ly/TwoWayStreetFest
- Thursday, June 1, 6 p.m.: WCDC Business Workshop Graduation—807 Wallace Ave.

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6th Grade Transition Day

On March 28, Wilkinsburg sixth graders spent the day at Pittsburgh Westinghouse Academy where they will attend school next year through our partnership with Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Students received a warm welcome during the morning assembly and listened to a panel of students talk about their transition experiences.

Students also received a Westinghouse Bulldogs towel, met their teachers, visited classrooms, ate lunch and toured the building.



PSSA Buddies Visit Testing Classrooms to Cheer on Older Classmates

During the first full week of April, our younger classes stepped up to cheer on the students taking the PSSAs in grades 3-6, as a part of an “PSSA Classroom Adoption” activity at Kelly Elementary. Each of the testing classrooms were assigned a PSSA Buddy Classroom from one of the non-testing grades.

As pictured below, Ms. Kalo’s Pre-K adopted Ms. Polosky’s 5th grade and made a colorful banner to hang outside their classroom and remind them to do their best. They also visited their buddies before testing began to deliver encouraging cards,

“Oh the Places You’ll Go” #2 pencils and erasers.

“It is so nice to know that our younger friends are thinking of us!” said Polosky.

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) measures student achievement of the State’s academic standards for reading, mathematics, science and writing. By using these standards, educators, parents and administrators can evaluate their students’ strengths and weaknesses to increase scores.

However, assessment scores just represent a snapshot in time of student performance and should not be considered the sole indicator of student achievement. Standardized assessments, like the PSSA, help Pennsylvania meet federal and state requirements, as well as provide educators, stakeholders, and policymakers with important information about the commonwealth’s students and schools, and inform instructional practices.

Read more: [Story about Wilkinsburg students at Westinghouse on next page.](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

5/15 (Mon.)	7 P.M.	School Board Planning Session
5/23 (Tues.)	5:30 P.M.	Finance Committee—Review Proposed Final Budget
5/23 (Tues.)	7 P.M.	School Board Legislative Session
5/29 (Mon.)	ALL DAY	Memorial Day (No School)
6/6 (Tues.)	7 P.M.	Public Budget Hearing
6/9 (Fri.)	ALL DAY	Clerical Day (No Students)
6/12 (Mon.)	.	Last Day of School
6/14 (Wed.)		School Picnic (No School)

Wilkinsburg Student Stories from Westinghouse Academy

Starting in the 2016-2017 academic year, through a partnership with the Pittsburgh Public School District, Wilkinsburg students in grades 7-12 began attending Pittsburgh Westinghouse Academy for middle school and high school. Sayvon Martin, 9th grade, and Chaquala Mullen, 7th grade, are two of those initial 200 Wilkinsburg students.

Sayvon Martin

Before coming to Pittsburgh Westinghouse Academy, Sayvon Martin, an incoming 9th grader from Wilkinsburg Middle School, worried about how his future classmates would get along with his current ones. He doesn't anymore. About half of the friends that he has now didn't come from Wilkinsburg, and all the usual worries a typical middle schooler has when going into high school—like getting to class on time in a bigger school with more hallway traffic—are gone.

Sayvon is impressed by the well-rounded academic support he receives from teachers "They want you to succeed in every avenue of your life," he said.

His favorite classes are math and biology. He hopes to go to the University of Michigan for mechanical engineering.

In addition to his course work, Sayvon plays multiple positions for the junior varsity and varsity football teams. He was surprised

by how much the team improved this year and attributes the success to great coaching focused on helping each team member—not just the dominant players.

Sayvon also plays for Pittsburgh Westinghouse's basketball team and is one of the school's Student Envoys, student leaders who work to spread a culture of high academic achievement and collaboration among their peers. He has an infectious positive energy and many of his peers come to him for advice. "I give what I'd like to get," he said.

Out of all his accomplishments so far, Sayvon is proudest of his increased focus and improved work ethic,

crediting his teachers and coaches for inspiring him to do better. He excitedly stated that he's in a friendly competition with another Student Envoy, a student with a 4.0 GPA, for the honored class distinction of valedictorian.

"He is a very trustworthy student who is determined to make his future great by starting the path built on hard work," said Mr. Young, the school's Algebra I instructor and assistant basketball coach.

Chaquala Mullen

Chaquala Mullen, a 7th grader at Pittsburgh Westinghouse Academy, wasn't afraid to leave Wilkinsburg's Kelly

Elementary School and start middle school in another district. When asked about her mindset during the transition, Chaquala said she was "hyped." At first, her friends had reservations about coming to Pittsburgh Westinghouse, but her excitement was contagious. "I helped them feel excited, too," she announced proudly.

Chaquala has an older brother in the 8th grade at Westinghouse Academy and said that all her younger siblings will go here, too. Much like her friends, her brother worried about coming to the school, but she said, "He's not scared anymore. Now, he knows it's okay."

The only surprise Chaquala had during the first week of school was the number of students in the hallways. She hadn't expected so many. But her teachers were "chill," and she found the new experience to be a lot of fun.

She's most proud of how much she has improved in reading. Her favorite stories are ones that include comedy and action, and she has even written a few herself. When she's not at class, doing homework, drawing or playing for the school's middle school basketball and soccer teams, Chaquala enjoys walking with her friends, watching scary movies and checking out all the latest fashions at the mall.

Ms. Finn, a communications teacher, says, "She is consistently determined to succeed...participating and answering questions daily, which contributes to the classroom community. She has a desire to learn. She is kind to other students and a loyal friend."



From left to right: Chaquala Mullen, WSD School Board President Ed Donovan, Sayvon Martin

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Library May Events

These library programs and events are free and open to everyone. Reservations can be made in advance at the circulation desk or by calling 412.244.2940. (M=Main Library; E=Eastridge branch)

Adult Programs

Oriental Brush Art Class, Mondays, May 1, 8 and 15, 10 a.m.—Discover or continue your skill at this amazing art form. Registration required.

Memoir Writing Class, Wednesdays in May, 10 a.m.—Write your life stories. Continue the community dialogue. Six-week workshop. Registration preferred.

Race: Power of an Illusion, Saturday, May 20, 1 p.m.—Join Vince Neal as he explores the timely topic of race as a concept and how it impacts our lives, our communities. (M)

One-on-One Tech, by appointment—Call to reserve time with a staff member for computer, laptop or other digital device coaching. (M & E)

General Book Discussion Group, Wednesday, May 31, 1 p.m.—Title to be selected. Everyone invited. (M)

Crochet with Frankie, Mondays, 2 p.m.—Beginners and experienced crocheters welcomed. Bring your materials. (M)

Chess, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6 p.m.; 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 11 a.m.—All ages welcome. (E)

Crochet, Saturdays, 11 a.m.—Join Frankie to get tips and help with your projects. (E)

Children's Programs

Family Storytime, Mondays, 11 a.m. (M) and Thursdays, 11 a.m. (E)—Read stories, play games and sing songs. For babies thru preschoolers with an adult.

Homeschool Discovery, Mondays, 2 p.m. (M) and Wednesdays, 2 p.m. (E)—Topical discussions, activities, and various resources to enhance your child's learning. K-5. (M)

Videos Games, Tuesdays, 3 p.m.—Play Wii and Xbox One. Ages 10 and up. (M)

Make and Take, Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Children's simple crafts to make at the library or at home. All ages. (M & E)

Play K Class, Saturdays, 10 a.m.—Give your children the skills they will need to be successful in kindergarten. For all preschoolers with an adult.

Equity Cafe Community Workshops



Calling all Wilkinsburg residents, business owners, community leaders, and anyone with a stake in the future of Wilkinsburg!

New Sun Rising's Launch Wilkinsburg business incubator, which teamed up with the Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce to bring you monthly business workshops, will now host a series of three Equity Cafe community workshops. The first is Tuesday, May 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Hosanna House in Wilkinsburg.

You are invited to the first of the three community discussions to discover and appreciate Wilkinsburg's strengths (The Discovery Cafe), dream of what could be in Wilkinsburg's future (The Dream Cafe), and figure out how to put those dreams into action, creating Wilkinsburg's destiny (The Destiny Cafe). The goal of these workshops is to work together to construct a more equitable Wilkinsburg.

Dinner will be provided for free! For more information, contact Ashley at: ashley@newsunrising.org. This event is free, but please RSVP by May 6 at tinyurl.com/wilkinsburgdiscovery.

For more information about the World Cafe model, visit www.theworldcafe.com.

This event is hosted in partnership with Coro Next Neighborhood Leaders and made possible through the support of the Henry L. Hillman Foundation.

Wilkinsburg Thursday Open Market



Wilkinsburg will come alive on Thursdays beginning in June throughout the summer and fall with the Wilkinsburg Thursday Open Market (WTOM). WTOM, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and formerly known as the Farmer's Market, is every Thursday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. beginning June 15 until November 16.

Vendors should provide their own tables, canopies, packaging, and display units. Vendors are encouraged to increase their sales by investing in a free Square reader (squareup.com) to easily process credit card payments using mobile devices. For more information, contact info@wilkinsburgchamber.com.

Please note the new location: 225 Penn Avenue in Wilkinsburg—Life Care Hospital Parking Lot at S Trenton and Penn Avenues

Member Spotlight—Our Businesses are on the Move!

Latisha Robinson is the Manager of First National Bank's Wilkinsburg Office, located at 732 Penn Avenue.

In her role, Latisha ensures that her customers in the Wilkinsburg community receive First National Bank's leading financial products and services along with knowledgeable consultation and a premium branch experience.

Latisha has over a decade of banking experience. Stop by to visit her in the branch or call 412.501.0038 to start a conversation about your financial goals and how First National Bank can help you to achieve them.



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The Greater Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce ensures the growth, prosperity and sustainability of businesses in Wilkinsburg and the surrounding communities.

Summer Suggestions from Code Enforcement

Now that warm weather is here, property owners think of all the work to do outside. Some things to keep in mind as you plan:

Grass height should never get higher than 12 inches. Garden clippings and tree trimmings should be placed in approved containers or cut and tied into bundles. Bundles should not more than four feet long, two feet in diameter or forty pounds in weight.

Garbage should be stored in secure, reusable containers. Biodegradable plastic bags may be used as liners in reusable containers and taken to the curb for collection after 6 p.m. the evening before collection. Plastic bags may be used as disposable containers for rubbish or yard wastes. It is unlawful to allow reusable solid waste containers or recycling bins to remain at the curb following collection. Containers are to be promptly returned to their storage location no later than 9 p.m. of the collection day.

The goal is to keep Wilkinsburg clean. To help the community,

keep your eyes open for people who dump garbage like tires or TVs on vacant land. Dumping is illegal. Report it to the police, including license plate numbers of any vehicles involved.

Spring cleaning that requires a dumpster will need a dumpster permit if it is in the street or alleyway.

If your sidewalk cracks have become a tripping hazard, it's time to repair your sidewalk. Call Code Enforcement to find out what materials can be used for your repair. Don't forget about any trees that could be affected by this replacement.

Warmer weather also bring bugs. To keep mosquitos at bay, don't allow any standing water on your property. Empty any container that collects water.

As always, call Code Enforcement before you start any home renovations to determine if permits are required. The office can be reached at 412-244-2910. Many useful Code forms and additional information can be found on our web site at Wilkinsburgpa.gov.



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vendors include A Peace of Mind, Move Yinz, Repair the World, Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce, and others. Food and drink vendors, including Culinary Artists, Salud PGH, Cobbler World, Health-A-Licious food truck, Wigle Whiskey, and Leona's Ice Cream Sandwiches, street musicians, including Timbeleza, and a DJ will also be part of the festivities.

Additionally, the Sanctuary Project will host their annual Block Party for Peace in conjunction with the Fest, and the Wilkinsburg Skate Jam plans to kick off a youth skate workshop during the event. The Fest is also part of Remake Learning Days, an initiative across southwestern PA and WV to engage youth in hands-on, technology-infused, relevant learning experiences and activities.

The Two-Way Street Fest is generously supported by Port Authority, Community LIFE, Western PA School for the Deaf, C.S. McKee, BNY Mellon, Milestone, Pittsburgh Urban Christian School, Neighborhood Allies, First National Bank, and Witherell & Associates.

Check out the Two-Way Street Fest Facebook page for up-to-date information and more details at bit.ly/TwoWayStreetFest. For questions or to sign up to volunteer, call 412.727.7855 or email marlee@wilkinsburgcdc.org.

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