



Wilkinsburg

Community Invited to Mural Dedication - Tuesday, October 12, 4-7 pm



Mural Artist Brian Holderman sketches his new mural design.

A dedication of the new mural at 745 Penn Avenue will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12. The community is invited to join the celebration at the Penn Ave. Parklet.

The mural is part of the Wilkinsburg Community Development Corporation's Public Art Program to preserve, restore and enhance the Borough's appearance through artistic expression. Artist Brian Holderman has revisited the mural he first created for the Wilkinsburg and the Sprout Fund in 2003. The new design will fill the entire wall.

Holderman is a graphic artist who has been working in the city for more than 10 years. He also makes and exhibits paintings throughout the United States. Although the mural has yet to be named, Holderman has been referring to it as "the forest," because of its green theme.

Lazae Laspina, who serves on the WCDC design committee, nurtured the mural project. *"Given its prominent location on Penn Avenue," said Laspina, "the completed mural has the potential to become a public art 'anchor tenant'. My hope is that it will be received positively by the community and help pave the way for other types of public art in the borough, extending beyond murals."*

Revitalization and expansion of the mural was made possible by a grant from the Sprout Fund, whose Public Art program has developed more than 50 enduring works of art by local artists in neighborhoods in Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities of Allegheny County.

"The Sprout Public Art process is very concerned with community input," noted Laspina. "This was something important to me, but the challenge with that approach is making sure the final artwork doesn't suffer from too many opinions. I think Brian did a wonderful job of distilling feedback from Wilkinsburg residents and business owners into an engaging visual. I'm excited to see the finished mural and believe it will be a beautiful addition to the parklet."

Join us as we thank Brian, Lazae and the Sprout Fund with live music by Wilkinsburg's own "Jimmy Sapienza's Five Guys Named Moe", and light refreshments.

Event Calendar

October

Thursday 10/7

Business District Safety Meeting
8:30am -10:00am
WCDC Office—1001 Wood Street

Tuesday 10/12

Sprout Fund Mural Dedication

4:00pm—7:00pm
Penn Ave. Parklet

Thursday 10/28

WCDC Design Committee
6:00pm—7:30pm
WCDC Office—1001 Wood St

Saturday 10/30

WCDC Board Meeting
9am -12pm
Wilkinsburg School Admin. Building
718 Wallace Avenue

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1001 Wood St.
Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

