



A NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

TECHNOLOGY SEEDING PROJECT *Plug in to growth*

Is your business upgrading its use of technology? Is your computer on its last leg? Dreaming of a new software program to track inventory? Fantasizing about a web site that can increase sales? The Northside Community Development Fund can now provide mini-grants to businesses seeking to upgrade their use of technology. The goal of this new program is to create new employment opportunities, while closing the "digital divide" between large and small businesses.

The Technology Seeding Program will provide:

- an analysis of current and recommended technology upgrades
- small business matching grants to purchase hardware and software
- a technology purchasing net-

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- training on and installation of new technology tools
- marketing assistance to participate in today's competitive digital economy, including web site design and workshops on e-commerce
- bidding assistance through an interactive website
- workforce development assistance

To be eligible to apply, your business must:

- be located on Pittsburgh's Northside
- demonstrate the potential to increase sales and gross revenue
- demonstrate the ability to increase employment
- commit to providing 25 cents for every dollar provided for purchases
- commit to hire qualified low-

income individuals when possible

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for 25 to 35 local businesses. Contact the Northside Fund at (412) 322-0290 or lefever@nscdfund.org to get your application today.

The Northside Fund would also like to thank the following supporters, without whom this project would not have been a possibility: Timothy Cornell, Executive Director Allegheny County Assistance Office; Patrick Quinn Family Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County; Congressman Mike Doyle; Joseph Stratico and Eric Pferdekamper of CareerLink; James Nealon, Vice President, Citizens Bank; Bob Kmetz, CCAC Career Services; Judy Hill Finegan Pittsburgh Partnership; Barbara Pareas, Director Department of Personnel, City of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh City Councilman Sala Udin; Robert Rubinstein, Business Development Director, URA; Senator Rick Santorum; Senator Arlen Specter; Mayor Tom Murphy; and Randy Strothman.

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The Northside Chronicle

John Lyon, longtime editor of the *Northside Chronicle*, died on October 17, 2005 after a battle with cancer.



His passing left a void and emptiness on Pittsburgh's Northside. The Northside Fund staff who shared office

space with John will miss him greatly. As John was preparing for his retirement last year, he asked the Northside Fund to invest in the paper to ensure that it would continue to provide a voice for the Northside and its residents for future generations. The Northside Fund now faces this formidable task.



A committee comprised of John Canning, Lynn Glorieux, Janice Parks and Linda LeFever are meeting to launch a process to identify the next editor of this monthly community newspaper. In the meantime, Janet Gunter of Perry Hilltop is serving as the Acting Editor. To reach the *Northside Chronicle* call (412) 321-2919.

CLIENT PROFILE

Have Grill, Will Travel

No, it is not the old classic Western show, it is the slogan for the new Deli and BBQ eatery and catering business, Finger Lickin' Good that will soon be opening at 1518 Brighton Road. Richard Minter has been working diligently on the renovation of his building in preparation for the grand opening.

Food has always been a passion for Richard Minter, the former Director of Food Service for Atria Assisted Living, who has a degree in both Dietetics and Nutrition and Culinary Arts from the Community College of Allegheny County. Though Richard enjoyed a very successful career over the years, his dream has always been to start his own business. In an attempt to pursue that dream, Richard began a part-time catering business in 1997 to serve festivals and private parties. He found that he established such a following, especially for his specialty BBQ, that by 2004 he felt that the time was right to take a leap of faith and make a go of his dream. Much to the surprise of his boss and co-workers, he informed them this past March that he would be resigning from his position as Director of Food Service in order to start his own eatery--Finger Lickin' Good.

A life-long Northside native, the Northside was an obvious choice for the location for his business. To make his dream a reality, and find a permanent location for his business, he purchased 1518 Brighton Road located directly across from the Zone One Police Station in October 2004. For the past few months, anyone driving by could be sure to see Minter working on the store front.

New Talent Has Come to the Northside Fund

The Northside Fund would like to welcome some new additions to its Boards and Committees. Janice Parks, Executive Director of the Young Men and Women's African American Heritage Association and Walt Nalducci, the Observatory Hill, Inc. representative to the Northside Leadership Conference (see related article) have joined the Board of Directors. Pete Zerega, of First Commonwealth Community Development Corporation and Deborah Label of Citizens Bank have joined the Loan Review Committee. New De-

velopment Committee members include: Akela Vance of Fineview Citizens Council and California Kirkbride neighbors, and Rebecca Davidson Wagner of Central Northside Neighborhood Council.

The Northside Fund would like to thank all Board and Committee members for generously volunteering their time to help support community development efforts on the Northside, it is the foundation that has allowed the Northside Fund to grow and succeed.

When asked what will make Finger Lickin' Good stand out from the rest, Mr. Minter replied, "the freshness." The majority of all the food that will be served at Finger Lickin' Good will be made from scratch. BBQ items will include; chicken, ribs, pulled pork and smoked beef brisket. All of the entrees and sandwiches will be hand-carved to order. The BBQ sauces used at the eatery are Mr. Minter's very own recipe's that began with his father, a former butcher and have been passed down and tweaked over the years. They include a medium sauce, the "explosive" sauce and a mustard sauce. The sauces will be set out separately and the customer will be able to put their own sauce on their meals. In addition to the BBQ, Finger Lickin' Good will also feature a Deli with items including; club sandwiches, panini sandwiches, homemade soups and different plated salads and sides. There will be a variety of desserts with a special feature on Sweet Potato Pie.



Look for Finger Lickin' Good to open its doors in December. The initial hours of operation will be from 11am - 5pm Monday thru Friday. If you would like to contact Richard regarding his catering services, he can be reached at (412) 889-6400. Please take time to stop by and welcome Richard to the neighborhood.

Last Paper Edition of *Developing Communities*

This is it! This is the last printed edition of the quarterly newsletter. In the interest of the environment (and saving a few trees), the Northside Community Development Fund will be publishing future newsletters on-line.

Please sign up for the electronic version at newsletter@nscdfund.org or visit www.northsidebiz.com for all of the latest Northside Fund news. Also, look for the business page--Business Buzz--in the monthly *Northside Chronicle*.

MEET THE BOARD

Walt Nalducci

Walt Nalducci's energy and optimism are qualities that the City of Pittsburgh and the Northside particularly, could use more of these days. In the rough and tumble political world of community development, Nalducci's sincere commitment to the goal of Northside unity is enthusiastically welcomed. "We have a great staff that has come together," he says, referring to the Northside Leadership Conference. "I am really optimistic about where we are headed."

As is often the case, Pittsburgh's greatest champions tend to be non-natives--and Nalducci is no exception. Originally from Kane, PA, Nalducci attended Saint Vincent College in Latrobe before moving to Pittsburgh in 1991 to attend Duquesne Law School, where he received his Juris Doctorate in 1993.

The spirit of public service and community activism is quite apparent to anyone who speaks with Nalducci or glances at his resume. As a student, he was a member of the Student Bar Association, Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and the Italian American Law Society. Now a partner with the firm of Cutruzzola & Nalducci, his volunteerism has continued to grow with time. He offers his support to Observatory Hill Inc., whom he represents on the Board of the Northside Leadership Conference; the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet project (PUMP); the Knights of Columbus; and the St. Vincent Alumni Association, as well as numerous professional legal associations including the American Bar Association and PA Bar Association.

After searching for a house in the city for five years, Nalducci



fell in love with a beautiful, secluded home located alongside Riverview Park in Observatory Hill. "There are some many incredible houses in Observatory Hill," he says. "Sometimes it's hard to believe that more people don't recognize that." Asked about his hopes for the future of the Northside Nalducci points to the Federal North Project, as well as his hopes that all the neighborhoods can work together to effect real change; and with residents like Walt Nalducci the Northside has certainly taken a big step toward a brighter future.

Northside Fund's 2005 Annual Event & Business Spotlight Awards

The Northside Fund's 2005 Annual Event and Business Spotlight Awards was a re-



sounding success! On a chilly September evening, friends and associates gathered at Red Fin Blues on Washington's Landing to enjoy fresh seafood, good company, and the reggae beats of Ras Prophet (with the URA's Robert Rubinstein!).

Emcee Mark Schneider presided over the Award Ceremony, which recognized three outstanding Northside businesses: Lifetime Achievement recipient Gus and Yiayia Kolaris of Gus and Yiayia's; Dynamic Growth winner Fidelity Flight Simulation, presented to President Graham Hodgetts; and Northside Impact recipient Ed Graf. The Northside Fund also presented the Honorary Northsider plaque to Linda Leonhardt of First National Bank, and a special mention to John Lyon for his 10-year commitment to the *Northside*

Chronicle. Others in attendance included: State Representative Don Walko, Stephanie Cipriani, Pat Buck, Barbara Burns, Jim Genstein, Pam Ludin, Tom Joseph, Tom Kessinger, Brenda Frazier,



Shelly Sponholz, Robin Miller, Darlene Shelton-Lamot, Bruce Klein, Ray and Ken Kasunick, John McCloskey, Jean Krak, Judy Dyda, Carl Knoblock, Brenda Wells, and many more.

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Northside Happenings in December

Allegheny West has a variety of activities planned for this holiday season. Please visit www.alleghenywest.info for details on House tours, High Teas, and more.

Salvation Army Events

Annual Christmas Dinner

December 18th 12:00 noon at 100 West North Avenue

Holiday Food Voucher Distribution

December 19th and 20th 9:30 am thru 3:00 pm

Please call Captains Elvie and Colleen Carter at 412-321-0290 for more information.



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New Elected Officials

The Northside Fund would like to congratulate our new Mayor, Bob O' Connor and welcome Tonya Payne, the new Pittsburgh City Council District 6 Representative.

Wishing You and Your Family a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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