



## October 2008

### Otto Milk...Cool History, Cool Future

The **Otto Milk Building** is about to be reborn, like the phoenix that perches on the corner (an artifact from its original resident). In 1865 Joseph Spencer erected this structure to house his growing Phoenix Brewery, one of several breweries that would form the Pittsburgh Brewing Company 45 years later. Next it became home to the Otto Milk Company, a family-owned factory that delivered milk to the front porches of thousands of Western Pennsylvania families. Several other tenants followed, but none of them "stuck" and for the past few decades this monument to industry sat vacant. When developer Jack Benoff purchased the property in 2007, much of the original Otto Milk equipment was still inside. Now the distinctive tower of this landmark industrial building will have a new life, as home to 56 condominium units in the heart of the Strip.



#### Otto Milk...Cool, Refreshing and Good for You

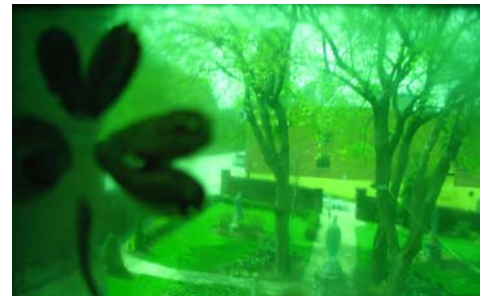
Each unit in the building will be unique. Some feature two-story loft spaces, high ceilings, brick walls, glass inserts, rooftop patios and private terraces and all will feature attractive on-site amenities like a fitness center, community gathering area, covered parking and a wide range of color and style options. 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units range in price from \$183K to \$1.3M. Most prices are set so that your mortgage payment will be equal to or less than rent for a comparable apartment, while offering the advantage of homeownership, and significant tax advantages as well.

If you have a thirst for city living, take a look at the **Otto Milk Building**. Visit their new website for more information on the tax advantages available as well as floor plans. And the best thing about it is, you'd be living in the Strip – Pittsburgh's Historical Market District and favorite neighborhood!

For more information on the Otto Milk Building Condos visit <http://www.ottomilkcondos.com/yourspace.html>

### Strip Scavenger Hunt

**Do you know your way around the Strip District?** Test your knowledge in NITS first ever **Online Scavenger Hunt**. Here is the fifth featured photo from the **Spirit of the Strip PhotoWalk**. The first person to identify where the photo was taken will win a Strip Tote Bag. If you can't identify the location immediately, never fear! Keep your eyes open as you shop, dine, stroll or otherwise enjoy the Strip and maybe you will discover the location later. NITS will feature a photo from the Spirit of the Strip PhotoWalk each month through November 2008 and ask "Where in the Strip can you find this?"



"Green" buildings are on everyone's mind these days, but from where in the Strip was this green photo taken?

*Photo courtesy of Jennifer Yang*

If you want to refresh your memory on photos from previous months, visit our website at [www.neighborsinthestrip.com](http://www.neighborsinthestrip.com). Remember, that after the publication of the December NITS-e-gram, those who can correctly identify the location of all six photos will be entered into a drawing for an amazing grand prize! Only the first person to correctly identify the photo each month will be acknowledged, giving the monthly winner an advantage (you'll know at least one of the locations) so send your guesses to [cynthiahelfrich@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiahelfrich@yahoo.com) quickly!

It's Bright & Beautiful for our

Monday to Friday	10-5
Saturday	9-5
Sunday	11-3

**Holiday Preview Sale**  
at **Collage** Jewelry, Gifts & Furnishings  
October 8<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>

22nd & Penn In the Strip  
412-201-4291 [www.collage-pgh.com](http://www.collage-pgh.com)

## Gene Sanes – Solving Problems for Urban America

Are you tired of strenuous yard work and ready to make the leap to downtown living, but your suburban furniture is just so wrong for your edgy downtown loft? You may just find the decorating answers you require at **Gene Sanes & Associates**. The talented craftsmen at **Gene Sanes** will build you exactly what you want from a hand drawing, a photo, or an architectural rendering,



The latest creation to come from the **Gene Sanes Production Department** is a 92" Single-Cushion Breakdown Sofa, custom designed to reach a third floor loft via a skinny stairwell. This sofa breaks into four parts for easy

mobility. As a bonus, the ottoman offers a lift-off top for storage. For more information visit [www.genesanes.com](http://www.genesanes.com) or call 412-471-8224

## Busy Fall at Harp & Fiddle



*Because there's too much going on at the Harp & Fiddle this fall to limit them to a listing in the Events column!*



On October 24 one of Pittsburgh's favorite events, **Lisdoonvarna**, begins at 7 pm. This Irish matchmaking festival celebrates the fact that in the comfortable and

friendly atmosphere at the Pub people can relax, have a pint, and be themselves. Over its 15 year history, over 70 couples have met at the **Harp & Fiddle** and "lived happily ever after." Matchmakers will assist you in making a match – just walk up and let them know who you "fancy" and they will be happy to help you find "Love at Lisdoonvarna."

**For Notre Dame Alumni and Fans!** On October 25 at 4 pm, the Notre Dame Glee Club will present a program at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the East End (*see ad on page 4 for more information*). Following this delicious afternoon or music, join the members of the Glee Club at the **Harp and Fiddle** for a reception and Notre Dame Game Watch (ND vs. Washington) at 8 p.m.

On November 1, the **Harp & Fiddle** will feature 12 hours of live music, at the **Guinness Oyster Festival**. In addition to the musical performances, both inside and outside under the tent, the Oyster Festival will feature all your favorite oyster dishes.

In addition to these special events, the **Harp & Fiddle** has a stellar line-up of live musical acts scheduled, along with celi dancing, karaoke, trivia, and much more. For a complete calendar, visit [www.harpandfiddle.com](http://www.harpandfiddle.com)

## Brown Bag Opera Concerts in the Strip!

There's a new venue for live music in the Strip and it's unlike any other. **Pittsburgh Opera** will be offering free

**PITTSBURGH OPERA**

**Brown Bag Opera Concerts** each Saturday at their new facility, 2425 Liberty Avenue. If you missed their Open House earlier this month, you can still experience the wonder of their spectacular new space, while learning more about the Opera!

The concerts begin at noon on Saturdays and no reservation is required. Take a break from your shopping day in the Strip and enjoy the brightest stars of **Pittsburgh Opera** with a pre-order a deluxe box lunch, prepared by **il mercato**. Also, on selected Saturdays immediately following the Brown Bag Concert, **Opera Up Close** returns with a series of behind-the-scenes previews presented by artists who bring the work to the stage, including directors, singers, and designers. Music Director Antony Walker highlights the October 11 Samson & Dalila session. **Opera Up Close** continues on November 8, January 31, March 14, and April 25.

For program information or to order a box lunch, call Kristin Gatch at Pittsburgh Opera 412-281-0912 X227. Visit NITS homepage at [www.neighborsinthestrip.com](http://www.neighborsinthestrip.com) for a complete description of the program

## Pittsburgh Neighborhood Narratives Comes to the Strip

A sold-out audience was glued to the screen at the September 25 premiere of **Pittsburgh Neighborhood Narratives** in Regent Square. The Strip will have its own opportunity to view this sometimes amusing, sometimes dramatic, but always interesting ride celebrating Pittsburgh neighborhoods on November 8 at the **Firehouse Lounge**. Certain to be a favorite segment of this film at the Strip viewing is Ray Werner's "**Tommy and Me**," which takes place in the Strip. At a sneak preview in the NITS' office, there wasn't a dry eye in the house (of course, we are a sentimental bunch)



"Each one of Pittsburgh's neighborhoods has a distinct personality, which, when combined with the allure of fiction, provides a unique interpretation of the city," said Andrew Halasz, who, along with Kirsten Lauth Shaeffer, developed this project for Pittsburgh filmmakers to commemorate Pittsburgh's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Doors at the Firehouse Lounge will open about 30 minutes before the 7 pm screening and tickets (\$5.00) may be purchased onsite. All proceeds from the Strip screening benefit Operation Safety Net

For more information on **Pittsburgh Neighborhood Narratives**, visit [www.pghneighborhoodnarratives.com](http://www.pghneighborhoodnarratives.com)

# Events

## October Schedule for Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle.

See article on page 2 for October events at the Harp & Fiddle or visit [www.harpandfiddle.com](http://www.harpandfiddle.com)

**October 3 – January 10 – The Enamel Experience, Society for Contemporary Craft.** Organized by the University of West of England, the exhibition presents badges by 23 internationally-recognized metalsmiths from the US and abroad that communicate ideas through these intimate yet declarative objects of personal adornment. *For more information regarding events surrounding this exhibition, visit [www.contemporarycraft.org](http://www.contemporarycraft.org)*

**Through November 1 – Echoes from the Past. Penn Avenue Pottery** presents guest artist Lou Ann Gallanar. Lou Ann's clay pots are burnished with a polished river rock before firing to give them a soft gloss without glazing and fired in clay cylinders packed with straw or sawdust and chemicals that vaporize in the enclosed atmosphere leaving random flashes of color on the pots

**Through November 1 – Hundred Acres Manor Haunted House.** Marking five years of scaring Pittsburgh senseless, Hundred Acres Manor unveils its new face of terror – a Gothic castle façade that welcomes Manor visitors into a world where nightmares come to life. Proceeds benefit **Homeless Children's Education Fund.** *For more information, visit [www.homelessfund.org/events/events](http://www.homelessfund.org/events/events)*

**Through November 15 – The Mystery of Irma Vep.** "On a Dark and Stormy Night" something is prowling the English moors in this high energy quick witted comedy classic by Charles Ludlum and now playing at the **Open Stage Theatre.** *For more information call 412-281-9700.*

**Upcoming Events at Society for Contemporary Craft**  
**November 1** – Craig Smith demonstrates woodturning skills  
**November 22** – Polymer clay artist Laura Tabakman  
*For more information, visit [www.contemporarycraft.org](http://www.contemporarycraft.org)*

## November Wine Classes at Palate Partners

- **November 6** - Join **Mike Gonze** for a tasting tour of Germany. Experience the difference that various Regions make in the taste of wine, decode the labels, and learn how to pronounce some really challenging names!
- **November 13** – just in time for the holidays, **Debbie Mortillaro** discusses how to match both red and white wines to your turkey dinner, sample stuffings, and learn how to make your pumpkin pie in advance without it becoming soggy

These classes have been filling up fast, so make your reservations quickly at 412-391-8502. *For additional classes and tastings, visit [www.palatepartners.com](http://www.palatepartners.com)*

**November 8 – Pittsburgh Neighborhood Narratives** – See a screening of **Pittsburgh Neighborhood Narratives** at The Firehouse Lounge. Screening begins at 7 pm and all profits will be donated to Operation Safety Net. *See story on page 2 of this month's NITS-e-gram for additional information.*

# The Yum Report:

## The Travel Channel Visits the Strip!



The Strip District seems to be on the minds of everybody in the culinary and travel industries these days. The latest visitor to Pittsburgh's Historic Market District is **The Travel Channel!** The Travel Channel will be in town from October 16 – 20 to prepare a feature on the Strip, and will be filming throughout the Strip on October 18. Yum will keep you advised when the Travel Channel plans to air its visit!

**Note #1:** Since Yum was left on the cutting room floor when The Food Network visited Crystal, Yum will be trundling the sidewalks of the Strip on 10/18 hoping to be discovered by The Travel Channel.

**Note #2:** Watch for **Yum's Online Holiday Guide to Shopping and Celebrating in the Strip**, November 1 on [www.neighborsinthestrip.com](http://www.neighborsinthestrip.com)

**Note #3:** The website for **Cioppino** and **il mercato** now includes menus and additional information. If you haven't visited them yet, be sure to check [www.cioppinopittsburgh.com](http://www.cioppinopittsburgh.com) ASAP!

## Welcome!

Welcome and thanks to our New and Renewing Members of Neighbors in the Strip:



## Members:

Euclid Fish Company  
John CR Kelly Realty  
Klavon's Ice Cream Parlor  
Mahla Office Furniture  
Mid Atlantic Capital **\*NEW\***  
Mullen  
Rothschild Doyno **\*NEW\***  
Hot, Haute, Hot  
Strip District Meats

## Did You Know...

Paul Carrozzi, the owner of **Roland's Seafood Grill** is teaching a class at CCAC. In his hands-on workshop, students learn several cooking methods, proper handling procedures, and recipes for a variety of fish and seafood to take the mystery out of cooking moist delicious seafood. The Strip is just filled with experts in their fields!



*Have a Boo-ti-ful Halloween and see you next month...*

*Cindy H.*

*The University of Notre Dame  
Alumni Club of Pittsburgh  
Proudly Presents*

# *The Notre Dame Glee Club*

*Fall Tour*

*Saturday, October 25, 4:00 PM*

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*

*5801 Hampton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206*

*Donations accepted at the concert*

*Join the Glee Club after the show at Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle Irish Pub  
2329 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 [www.harpandfiddle.com](http://www.harpandfiddle.com)*

