

OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017

WHAT'S GOING ON?

2018 Budget Preparation

The Board of Commissioners will hold three public meetings to discuss and prepare the 2018 spending plan for the Township. These meetings will be held: Monday, September 25, 2017; Monday, October 30, 2017 and Monday, November 13, 2017. The meetings will be held at the Wilkins Township Municipal Building, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. All meetings will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Final adoption of the 2018 Budget is tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2017.

Proposed Legislation Regulating the Keeping of Chickens

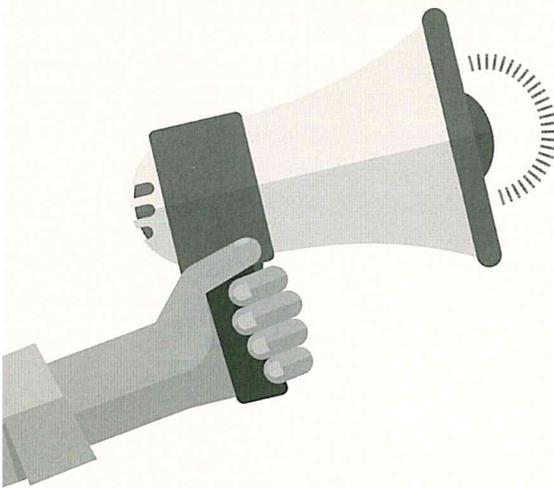
At the request of a number of residents, the Board of Commissioners charged the Planning Commission with the development of an ordinance that would permit all residential property owners to keep chickens. This ordinance has been drafted and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their September 11, 2017 meeting. Once presented, the Board will be asked to authorize the submission of the Ordinance to the Allegheny County Planning Division for review. Allegheny County has 30 days to review and comment on the ordinance. After the County review and comment, the Board of Commissioners will advertise and hold a public hearing seeking public comments on the proposed ordinance. It is currently anticipated that this hearing will be held in November. Generally, the draft ordinance requires individuals who wish to keep chickens to receive conditional use

approval from the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners. In order to receive this approval, the resident would be required to attend a public hearing and establish that all requirements of the ordinance have been or will be met. A copy of the draft ordinance is available for review on the Bulletin Board on the homepage of the Township's website (www.wilkinstownship.com).

Public Meeting

Churchill-Monroeville Wilkins Implementable Comprehensive Plan

Join us on October 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Rec333 (333 Penn Center Boulevard) for an update on the Implementable Comprehensive Plan that is being prepared for Wilkins, Monroeville and Churchill by Pashek & Associates. Implementable planning is a way of working out feasible solutions to problems that communities want to resolve. Some of the key issues that have been identified include: Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement; Transit, Trail, Bike and Pedestrian Connectivity; Shared Services; Recreation Facilities and Programming; Large Site Redevelopment and Community Engagement and Branding. The steering committee met at the end of July and began working through the concept of "Growing Smaller, Smarter." Wilkins, Churchill and Monroeville have all lost population over the course of the last two decades. What does this mean, how will it continue to affect us and how can we curtail the headwinds? Join us on October 19 and let's have a conversation!



TRICK OR TREAT

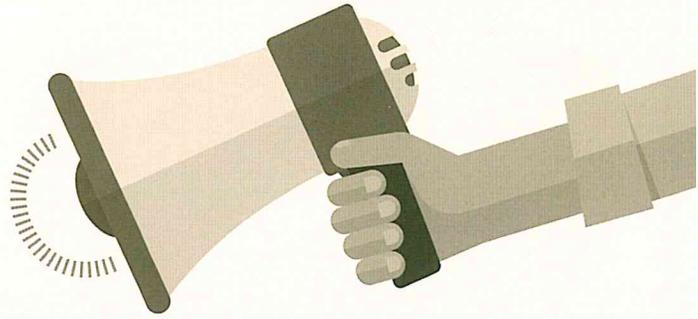
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from 6-8 p.m.



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What's Going On?



Open House

Wilkins Township Active Transportation Plan

Wilkins Township received a grant from the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to hire a consultant to prepare an Active Transportation Plan. This plan identifies opportunities that exist in the community to increase connectivity for individuals who choose to bike, walk or take public transportation instead of driving a vehicle. What if a lane of parking on Greensburg Pike was eliminated and replaced with a cycle track? What if the shoulders on Brown Avenue were expanded to six-foot bike lanes? What if the driving lanes on Churchill Road were narrowed by a foot each and a six-foot sidewalk was placed on the western (Elementary School) side? What if the private road that snakes up through the hillside above Thompson Run Road and connects to Penn Center was improved for bicycle and pedestrian access? Come to our Open House on Thursday, October 5 from 6 – 8 p.m.! See what we have done and how it can be done! The Open House will be held at the Wilkins Township Municipal Building, 110 Pepper Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145. Light refreshments will be available.

Help Wanted

Assistant Township Manager

Wilkins Township is currently recruiting for the new position of Assistant Township Manager. This is a high level supervisory position of considerable challenge. The Assistant Manager will be responsible for aiding the Township Manager in supervising and directing the Township's day-to-day operations, with an emphasis on managing the Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments. A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or closely related field preferred along with three years of progressively responsible experience in municipal government. Relevant experience in Public Works or Code Enforcement operations or related field may be considered in lieu of the educational requirement. A complete job description may be viewed at <http://www.wilkinstownship.com/helpwanted.htm>. Anticipated salary range is mid-\$60,000 and is highly dependent upon qualifications. Please submit, in PDF form, a cover letter, resume and three professional references to RBradley@Wilkinstownship.com with "Assistant Manager" in the subject line. Submissions will be received until the position is filled. Wilkins Township is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Wilkins Township Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP)

The Township prepared a Draft Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) under the requirements of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The purpose of the PRP is to implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) to reduce the discharge of sediment and phosphorous into Chalfant Run, Thompson Run, Sawmill Run and Turtle Creek by March of 2023. The draft PRP is available for public review at the Township Office during normal business hours. The PRP is also available for review on the Township's website: <http://wilkinstownship.com/PDF/Wilkins%20Township%20MS4%20PRP%20DRAFT%20Report.pdf>

Did you Know?

Wilkins Township posts the Township Commissioners Meeting Agenda and all public documents related to the agenda on the Bulletin Board on the Township website the Friday before the Board of Commissioners are scheduled to meet. Documents available for view include: the draft minutes of the previous meeting, public correspondence, reports of the various departments (police, public works, fire, code), a listing of all bills to be paid and information relative to action items on the agenda. Check it out!

PUBLIC WORKS NOTES



Street Sweeping

Starting on Monday, October 9 and through Friday, October 13, the Public Works Department will be sweeping Township owned streets (see schedule). Friday, October 13 (if needed) will be used in case the sweeper breaks down or for streets that may need swept again.

During this time Street parking will not be permitted.

Telephone poles will be posted the day before the scheduled day, Monday's route will be posted on Friday, October 6.

Yard Waste Dropoff

During the month of October, there will be a Yard Waste Drop-Off Container behind the Public Works Garage at the Municipal Building. Residents can bring and dispose of yard waste materials as follows:

Acceptable Items

Garden and Plant Debris
Leaves
Shrubs
Tree Limbs Diameter of 4" or less

Non-Acceptable Items

Grass Clippings
Logs
Whole Trees
Building Materials of any Type

Rules & Restrictions

No Plastic Bags
Paper Recycling Bags are OK
Remove Dirt from Root Balls

Leaf Collection

The 2017 Leaf Collection Program is scheduled to begin on October 16. A complete schedule is included in this newsletter. We ask that residents place leaves in rows along the curb line of the street and not large piles. Please remove branches and sticks from leaves because they clog the machines and cause down time for the workers.

The Compost Facility is maintained by the Township and is located behind the ball field at Linhart Park. There is a large "pile" of composted leaves from last year which is very nice material and is available free of charge. Please note that this is limited to use by township residents at their homes and is not available to contractors and landscapers for commercial use or resale.

Grass Clipping Composting

Again this year there is a posted area at the Township Leaf Compost Site at Linhart Park. Residents can drop off Grass Clippings and mix them with equal parts of Leaf Compost (A Shovel is Provided). We would also ask that Residents who do not bag their grass please do not blow the grass onto the street. This helps us keep our streets and catch basins clean and keeps unwanted pollutants out of our streams and rivers.

Snow Removal

Winter will be upon us soon and there some things that residents can do to help during snow storms: Yield to salt and plow trucks especially on hills. If you come upon a truck starting up or down a steep hill, wait and let it pass. Remember they are there to make your streets safe. If you have free standing basketball hoops that are either on or hanging over the street please move them back off the street.



ALLEGHENY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Special Needs Registry

The 2012 American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there are 159,027 people who have some type of disability living in Allegheny County. In order to better serve these residents, the Department of Emergency Services has developed a Special Needs Registry which allows them to provide voluntary information that would be helpful for emergency responders to know when responding to a call.

Any county resident who requires additional assistance due to special needs during a police, fire or medical emergency may submit information to the registry. This includes any physical or mental disability that would keep an individual from leaving the home quickly if they had to do so. This can include individuals with autism, those who are deaf-blind, and those who have intellectual disabilities, as well as individuals who have physical challenges. In the event that someone with special needs is unable to submit information on their own, a person who is authorized to act on their behalf may do so.

This is a voluntary registry. The information provided will be shared with 911, fire, police, EMS, emergency planners and first responders in times of crisis. Persons on the registry are volunteering for the list and have the choice to agree to assistance, or to say no. If someone does not want to disclose health information, they should not register. Providing this information does not guarantee that the person will receive immediate or special aid in an emergency or disaster. People should always have their own emergency plan in place. Individuals should be aware that their municipality may not be able to accommodate specific needs, but may be able to make a reasonable accommodation.

Contact

Information related to the registry, FAQs, and an online submission form may be found at:

www.alleghenycounty.us/specialneedsregistry

Residents may phone the office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday:

412-473-1000 (Voice Only)

412-473-2056 (TTY/TDD Only)

Registry information may also be sent by U.S. Mail to:

Emergency Services

Attn: Special Needs Registry

400 North Lexington Street, Suite 200

Pittsburgh, PA 15208-2521

FAQs

What special needs should be submitted to the Registry?

Any physical, mental, sensory or intellectual disability that would keep an individual from leaving the home quickly in the event of an emergency should submit information.



I live in an independent living facility, do I need to register?

No. The registry is only intended for use by those who do not live in a residential special needs facility (i.e. nursing homes or hospital).

Will my information be kept confidential?

The information provided through the registry will be shared with local, county, state and federal agencies for the purposes of emergency planning or emergency response. The County will make every effort to respect privacy and confidentiality while providing for the needs of the people involved.

Is participation in the Special Needs Registry voluntary?

Yes. Your submission of an application is your voluntary request to be included.

What is the Special Needs Registry?

The Special Needs Registry is a way for the Department of Emergency Services to receive information about residents who have special needs that would be helpful for emergency responders to know.

How will the Special Needs Registry be used?

The information will be programmed to appear on the 9-1-1 Operator's screen when an emergency call is made from your home. This will allow dispatchers to alert emergency responders that there may be a unique situation in your home involving a person with special needs. It will also be used for the purpose of emergency planning.

Who is eligible for the Special Needs Registry?

Any Allegheny County resident who may require additional assistance due to special needs during a police, fire or medical emergency may submit information to the registry. In the event that the person with special needs is unable to submit the information on their own, a person who is authorized to act on their behalf may do so (guardian, power of attorney, etc.).



ALARM SYSTEMS

Wilkins Township Ordinance #948 regulates for the registration and maintenance of home or business alarm systems. The yearly registration fee is \$12. Failure to register your alarm will subject you to additional fees and fines.

Ordinance #948 can be found in its entirety on the Township website:

www.wilkinstownship.com under the Bulletin Board > Wilkins Township ECODE > Chapter 61, Alarm Systems.

The Alarm Registration application is also located on the Township's website:

www.wilkinstownship.com under Documents > Forms > Alarm Registration Application.



Nixle Alert System

The Wilkins Township Police Department teamed up with Nixle, a community information service, in an effort to get emergency and/or important information out to our public immediately. E-mail and/or text message alerts are published by the Wilkins Township Police Department to advise the public of emergency situations, street closures, crime events, etc.

To receive these e-mails and/or text alerts, simply visit the Township website: **www.wilkinstownship.com** and follow the instructions on the home page (left of center) under "Sign up for Alerts from the Wilkins Township Police Department and other public safety agencies in your area."

To learn more, please visit, **www.nixle.com** and select "Residents Learn More."



When a child or elderly person goes missing... what do you do?

In the first critical hours, A Child is Missing alerts residential/business areas with a specialized message asking for information on the missing child (Autistic/Down Syndrome), elderly (often with Alzheimer's/Dementia), special needs, disabled, and students on campus.

1,000 alert phone calls go out in 60 seconds.

The community and law enforcement benefit.

Wilkins Township Police Department, along with over 5,500 other police departments, have successfully used the A Child is Missing program.

An internet-mapping system is used to send critical communications, from a missing child or adult to sexual offender alerts.

Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

Example of a message you may receive: "Wilkins Township Police Department is attempting to locate a missing...The child/adult was last seen... He/she is wearing...please look outside, around your home and up and down the street."

Your police department urges you to join this powerful communications tool. Wilkins Township personally has a success story using this system.

Join Our Database: To make sure you receive notifications, please register at **www.achildismissing.org**.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Edgewood
1 Pennwood Avenue
412-731-0909
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Forest Hills
444 Avenue D
412-824-3567
Mon., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tues. Weds. 4-8 p.m.

www.ccmellorlibrary.org

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Special Events for Adults

Poetry Reading / Squirrel Hill Poets – Join the Squirrel Hill Poets for a public reading of their work. All welcome, no registration necessary. Saturday, October 14, from 1 – 3 p.m.

Local Author Book Launch Party – Join local author W. Stephen Coleman for his local book launch of “Discovering Gettysburg” on October 7, 2 p.m.

Better Choices for Better Health – Starts October 4, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. A 6-week program conducted nationwide in communities and is geared towards helping people with chronic illnesses and/or their caregivers. The curriculum, developed at Stanford, centers around providing tools to help people self-manage their illnesses and has proven to be successful after follow-up with folks. Free to participants.

DRIVING COURSE – September 27, October 2 & 9, 9 a.m. The AARP Smart Driver Course is the nation's largest online driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. To register, call 412-731-0909.

Family Events

Halloween Parade – (date TBA) Dress up the whole family and join us for our annual Halloween parade, then join us for a party after with fun and games!

Royal Tea – Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m. Dine like royalty at our Royal Tea! We'll have stories, songs, games, and light refreshments. Costumes welcome! Designed for children 3 and up with a caregiver. Please register. There is a \$5 supply charge per child for this event.

Gingerbread Houses – Wednesday, December 6, 6 p.m. Come join us for a delightful family tradition to kick off your holiday season. We supply all of the things you need, just come with your holiday spirit and creative ideas! Please register. There is a \$5 supply charge per family for this event.

For a more complete listing of our programs and offerings, please visit our website at ccmellorlibrary.org.

2017 Wilkins Township Street Sweeping Schedule

Monday, October 9

Hawthorne Drive
Thorncrest Drive
Calmont Drive
Laurel Drive
Orion Drive
Jefferson Heights Road
Sunset Drive
Sylvia Lane
Old Northern Pike
Gilcrest Drive
Ridgewood Drive
Princeton Drive
Dunbar Drive
Delaney Drive
Gilmore Drive
Hart Drive
Queenston Drive
Kingston Drive
Frazier Drive
Charnwood Drive
Elwood Drive
Old Wm. Penn Highway
Ridgecrest Drive

Tuesday, October 10

Peffer Road
Gardenia Drive
Hibiscus Drive
Curry Court
Curry Avenue
Farnsworth Avenue
Leneake Street
Linhart Street
Churchill Lane
Orchard Street
Coal Street
Meadow Street
Vineseian Place
Penhurst Drive
Braddsley Drive
Harwick Drive
Radcliff Drive
Heritage Drive
George Lane
Harrison Road
Patterson Street
Barnes Street
George Street
James Street
Railroad Street

Wednesday, October 11

Saw Mill Run
Mortimer Avenue
Spur Road
Beaver Street
Beech Street
Washington Street & Extension
Hazel Street
Cline Street
Wallace Avenue
Ridge Street
Powell Street
Quarry Street
Highland Avenue
Clugston Avenue
Ayers Alley
Negley Avenue
Semmens Street
Rebecca Street
Thompson Street
McMasters Avenue
Dorothy Street
John Street
Peter Street
Grandview Avenue

Thursday, October 12

Roland Road
Stevendale Drive
Rita Drive
Nanette Drive
Lilly Lane
Lucinda Drive
Moss Street
Tongalucas Street
Ivy Street
Wilbur Avenue
Lucia Drive
Elizabeth Street
Dowling Avenue
Miller Street
Alpine Boulevard
Briaridge Drive
Tynewood Drive
Larchwood Drive
Leax Lane

2018 RECYCLING CALENDAR

HOLIDAYS OBSERVED: NEW YEAR'S DAY; MEMORIAL DAY;
JULY 4; LABOR DAY; THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS

PICK UP WILL BE DELAYED ONE DAY AS A RESULT
OF THESE HOLIDAYS



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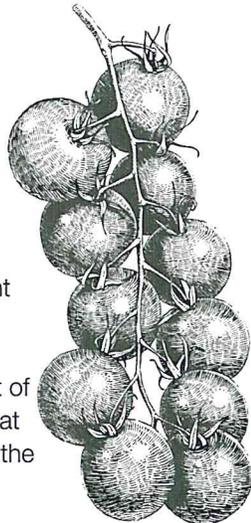
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How Does your Garden Grow?

A handful of Wilkins residents have expressed interest in developing a Community Garden. The Township has an opportunity to work with the Allegheny Grows program to access funding to help support the creation of a community garden; but, we need more help! If you have an interest in gardening – planning a garden and/or planting a garden – we want to hear from you! The planning process begins in September; the planting in the Spring. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please e-mail Rebecca Bradley at rbradley@wilkins-township.com, or call the Township offices 412-824-6650 x 10.



2017 WILKINS TOWNSHIP LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

NOTE: LEAVES MUST BE PLACED IN STREET. CREWS WILL NOT PICK UP BAGGED LEAVES OR ENTER YARDS.

Monday, Oct. 16 & 30, Nov. 13

Lucia Drive
Elizabeth Street
Greensburg Pike
Dowling Avenue
Miller Street
Alpine Boulevard
Briaridge Drive
Tynewood Drive
Larchwood Drive
Leax Lane

Monday, Oct. 23, Nov. 6 & 20

Roland Road
Stevendale Drive
Rita Drive
Nanette Drive
Lilly Lane
Brown Avenue
Lucinda Drive
Moss Street
Tongalucas Street
Ivy Street
Wilbur Avenue

Tuesday, Oct. 17 & 31, Nov. 14

Highland Avenue
Clugston Avenue
Negley Avenue
Ayers Alley
Semmens Street
Rebecca Street
Thompson Street
McMasters Avenue
Dorothy Street
John Street
Peter Street
Crestview Drive
Quarry Street
Grandview Avenue

Tuesday, Oct. 24, Nov. 7 & 21

Saw Mill Run
Mortimer Avenue
Spur Road
Beaver Street
Montgomery Street
Beech Street
Washington Avenue
Hazel Street
Cline Street
Wallace Avenue
Ridge Street
Powell Street

Wednesday, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & 15

Penhurst Drive
Braddsley Drive
Harwick Drive
Radcliff Drive
Heritage Drive
George Lane
Thomas Lane
Harrison Road
Grayhurst Drive
Patterson Street
Baker Street
Barnes Street
George Street
James Street
Railroad Street

Wednesday, Oct. 25, Nov. 8 & 22

Peffer Road
Gardenia Drive
Hibiscus Drive
Curry Court
Curry Avenue
Farnsworth Avenue
Larimer Avenue
Leneake Street
Linhart Street
Churchill Lane
Orchard Street
Coal Street
Meadow Street
Churchill Road
Pine Tree Drive
Vineseian Place

Thursday, Oct. 19, Nov. 2 & 16

Dunbar Drive
Delaney Drive
Gilmore Drive
Hart Drive
Queenston Drive
Kingston Drive
Frazier Drive
Charnwood Drive
Elwood Drive
Old Wm. Penn Highway
Ridgecrest Drive
Princeton Drive

Thursday, Oct. 26, Nov. 9

Monday, Nov. 27
Hawthorne Drive
Thorncrest Drive
Calmont Drive
Laurel Drive
Orion Drive
Jefferson Heights Road
Sunset Drive
Lougeay Road
Sylvia Lane
Old Northern Pike
Gilchrest Drive
Ridgewood Drive



WILKINS TOWNSHIP FIRE RESCUE COMPANY

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Volunteer Fire Company #1

This summer has been another very productive one for the members of Wilkins 1 VFC. Our members have taken training in ropes and rigging, ground ladders, lock out/tag out, and Rapid Intervention Team training to name a few. We also ran a Module 4 class with live burn training. We have five members testing for firefighter 1 in October which will move our participation level with the State Fire Commissioners program to gold. This means that when our trucks respond you are getting certified firefighters who have been trained and tested to meet a national standard. We are very proud of our participation in this program and the dedication of our members to make this happen.

Thank you Chief Romanelli! After over 30 years of service Chief Paul Romanelli resigned as Chief and Deputy Fire Marshal for Wilkins 1. Jason Davis was elected by the membership to fill the vacant Chief's position. Thank you for your service Chief Romanelli.

Junior firefighter positions open! The Wilkins 1 VFC has openings in their junior firefighter program. We are looking for junior members age 16 and up! If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, learn the craft of firefighting and join the brotherhood of firefighters we want you. Stop by any Thursday night at 7 p.m. to talk to us and fill out an application. If you are over 18 and interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter please also stop by on any Thursday night at 7 p.m. We would love to add you to our ever growing membership. We provide all training and equipment.

Throughout the summer you may have seen fire department activity in the area of Harrison and Patterson. Wilkins 1 was lucky enough to acquire a structure that is being demolished by its new owner, for training use. These are rare and exciting opportunities to train in actual structures. We built obstacles and props to help train for real life situations using an actual house. Theatrical "fog" allowed us to do some of our drills and

training in zero visibility conditions to simulate what it is like in an actual fire. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the residents of Patterson and Harrison for your patience while we have conducted these training exercises. We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation and the warm welcome we received from your neighborhood. Also thank you to Chief Davis for the use of this house!

October is National Fire Prevention month. Learn not to burn. Make an emergency plan and remember **ONCE YOU GET OUT STAY OUT!!**

Wilkins 1 is in the process of having one of our busiest years on record. We can only do this with your support. Please respond to our annual donation requests. **YOUR** donations help keep **YOUR** fire departments doors open. Don't discard your donation request. We appreciate your continued support.



Volunteer Fire Company #3

Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, September 17, 2017
2:30 – 7 p.m.

Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Company #3 is hosting their annual spaghetti dinner.

Eat in or Take Out

We will host a **Dance in the banquet hall** to benefit the Jeff Wagner Memorial Scholarship Fund. This benefits a Senior at Woodland Hills High School. So, school parents come out and support the dance!

Check out our website in the fall for the date and specifics.

Fire Safety Week – October 8 – 14

- Practice fire exit drills, know two ways OUT (once out STAY out) ,
- Check for tripping hazards, check extension cords for cuts and fraying.
- Make sure your house number is visible so that Emergency personal can see it easily

Stop by the Fire house and check out the trucks and equipment.

Annual Hoagie Sale November 7

See any Wilkins #3 Fireman to place your order.

Volunteer Fire Company #4

To this point in CY 2017, we've welcomed three new members. This is wonderful news for us and for you, the community we serve. But we still need more firefighters to protect lives and property here in Wilkins, and more associates to provide needed support. We pay for all gear and education and training expenses. Also, our volunteer firefighters who meet certain requirements may attend CCAC at little or no cost through the FireVEST Program.

We participated in the "Touch the Truck" event on June 24. It was very successful. We enjoyed interacting with the kids and

parents. The kids loved to look at the equipment and climb into the truck. We also provided traffic control for the 5K Run/Walk held earlier that day.

On July 25 we also participated in a similar "Touch the Truck" event at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Bible camp. Here, too, the kids loved to look at the equipment and climb into the truck.

We plan to participate in the annual Home Depot Safety Day on Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to noon. In addition to the Fire Department, Woodland Hills EMS and Wilkins Police will be there.

In the past few months, we have participated in different types of training in different topic areas, including rescue techniques, pump classes, online webinars, driver training, and in-house drills.

Just a reminder: You should have received your fund drive letter. Please respond and please be generous. Remember that your donations help support us in protecting your life and property.

Phone: 412-823-2322

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2017 donation to your Fire Company and a reminder to those who still need to do so.

(We also understand that times are tough so please donate what you can afford)

Our Banquet Hall is Currently Available for Rentals

We welcome Mascaro's Catering our new in house Caterer and banquet room manager for all rented events. Mascaro's catering offers a wide variety of reasonably priced menu's for your selection. Please call June Miller at 412-795-7040 for hall availability or to schedule a appointment.

Just a reminder!

Don't forget! Daylight Savings ends November 5.

Replace the batteries in your smoke detector when you turn your clocks back one hour.



United Way Contributions can be directed to YOUR Fire Company just click on: <http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/> Our agency code is 2613

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Meals for Friends Seeks Part-Time Site Coordinator

Meals for Friends, which provides freshly prepared, home delivered meals to senior or disabled members of Wilkins Township or surrounding neighborhoods, is planning on hiring a part-time site coordinator.

The paid position will involve general food preparation outside the main kitchen area, such as making sandwiches and packing lunch bags. The site coordinator will also do basic volunteer coordination and telephone troubleshooting.

The hours of the job will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from approximately 6:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

If interested in more information, please call 412-824-2400, or e-mail mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com.

Meals for Friends will hold an Italian hoagie sale on Thursday, October 26. The hoagies, from Triangle Bar, are \$6.25 each and may be ordered by calling 412-824-2400, or by e-mail, mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com.

CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL (CAEC) NEWS

New Advisory

The CAEC has issued a completely revised advisory – “THE STATE OF RECYCLING – 2017 UPDATE” so our residents can find LOCAL places and businesses that accept re-usable and re-cyclable items that cannot go into curbside containers. Remember: plastic sheeting (grocery bags and wrapping material) CANNOT be recycled from your curbside bin (the sorting mechanism gets jammed), so take unwanted, clean plastic bags back to stores (Giant Eagle, Shop and Save) that have special drop-off containers for them.

This advisory is FREE and available at the Municipal Building during regular business hours or you can download a copy from the CAEC website hosted at <churchillborough.com>. Simply click “Around Town” on the menu bar, scroll down to “Churchill Area Environmental Council” and go to “Advisories.” Be sure to check for other recent advisories of current interest, e.g. Marcellus Shale Update 2016, Sewage Overload Solutions, 2015, etc.

Environmental Graduation Award

The CAEC and its member municipalities (Chalfant, Churchill, Forest Hills, Wilkins) will sponsor a 2018 Graduation Award for a qualifying environmental project.

Any senior graduating from Woodland Hills High School in 2018 is eligible to apply. The deadline is March 31. The project cannot be an essay, but must represent “hands-on” activity in which the applicant had a leadership role. It may be completed at any high school grade level, and must be carried out within the high school or any of the municipalities within the WHSD.

For more information, examples of project types and topics, and a copy of the application form, go to the CAEC website <churchillborough.com> (see above), the Guidance Office, or most department chairmen at WHHS.

In 2017 the CAEC Graduation Award went to Ella Krings of Churchill Borough for her activities as a member of the school Green Team on recycling, fundraising for environmental issues and for special efforts to make the school’s memorial garden pollinator friendly.

2017 Summer Series Events

The Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank everyone who participated in our Summer Series Events in June and August. On June 24 we held our annual Kid Fest and Touch a Truck event. All of the children, young and old, had a great time playing games and checking out the Public Works, Police and Emergency vehicles. On August 26 all of those in attendance enjoyed our annual Food, Brews and Cruise Night. The evening started with a car cruise

and some wonderful food and drinks from various vendors. Next, everyone relaxed as Uptown Rhythm and Brass performed. Finally, we closed out the event with a spectacular fireworks display. The Recreation Advisory Board is already busy planning our 2018 Summer Series Events. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact Joy Voeltzel at joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com or 412-758-3149.

We hope to see you next year!



The Garden Club of Monroeville welcomes new members to its monthly meetings. GCM usually meets every fourth Tuesday from February – November, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Monroeville Public Library's Program Room. Upcoming programs for the remaining 2017 "Creation Reigns!" theme follow:

Tuesday, October 24 Program

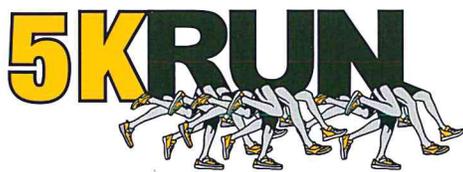
"The Life of Birds" (PBS DVD Naturalist David Attenborough) where we learn about bird's signals and songs.

Tuesday, November 28 Program

"Heal through Earthing, aka Grounding" (PBS DVD Director Steve Droschel) Considering when the body connects with the Earth's free electrons, free radical damage and inflammation resulting from electrical imbalances induced by modern society are actually subdued.

Be sure to Like us on Facebook, or Contact the Garden Club of Monroeville (PA) website at www.gardenclubofmonroeville.org

- to be our guest for the next meeting
- to find out more about GCFP scholarships for high school and college level students studying horticulture-related topics
- to find out more about our sponsorship of NGC, Inc.'s Youth Contests



We had another wonderful day for our annual 5K Run/Walk. Thank you to Frank Rizza for his leadership and help to the Recreation Advisory Board in planning this event. Every year it gets better. A special thank you to Chief Krancic and the

police force, and to Ed Bruener and the road crew, who are always there to help at all of our events. Thank you also to the men and women of our fire departments for all of their help and assistance. Thank you to all of our donors and to the people who came out and made it a special day.

I would like to take this moment to give a very Special Thank You to my Recreation Board. It was their idea to have this year's race dedicated in my grandmother's honor and her name on the t-shirts. This was a heart filled surprise and touched me and my family deeply. Alyce Katsur, Beth Humberston, Jan McMahan, Melissa Brinza, Rich Voeltzel, Simone Tanz, Sylvia Martinelli, Mark Wells and Frank Rizza. An act of kindness never goes unnoticed and is never forgotten.

Thank you,
Joy Voeltzel



Wilkins Township Century Club

The Century Club of Wilkins Township is a non-profit organization which allows women to play a major role in our community. We are a small part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. The organization is open to women residing in the area.

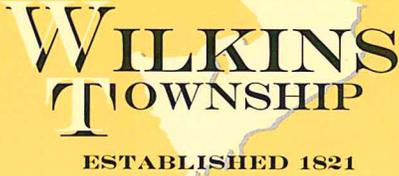
Presently we are working on knitting and/or crocheting hats to donate to the cancer patients at Hillman Cancer Center.

We also raise money through our Election Day bake sales and our annual spaghetti dinner to donate to our Township charities.

Cheer baskets are sent to our residents who are experiencing some hard times.

We are proud of the work we do and enjoy doing it together.

If you would like to join us come to a meeting or call Sylvia at 412-823-8696.



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with Santa!

The days are getting shorter and the air is getting chilly – it can only mean one thing: Christmas is around the corner! This year the Annual Children’s Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 2 at 7 p.m.** in the Community Center. Come spend an evening filled with fun and surprises. This event is free to township residents young and old, however, children 10 and under **must register by November 18, 2017** so that Santa can see whether they have been naughty or nice. We hope to see you there!

Family Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Child’s Name/Age/M or F _____

Adults over 10: Please circle 1 or 2

E-mail address _____

(To receive the Township planned events via e-mail, please include your e-mail address)

Please mail reservation forms to:

Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building
110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, Pa 15145
Attn: Recreational Advisory Board

The Deadline for reservations is November 18, 2017.

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FORMS ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. ALL CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER MUST LIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVITIES. PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER FOR CANCELLATION.

Please note: Due to capacity and safety issues for everyone, only two adults per family permitted to attend. No early entry and doors open promptly at 7 p.m.

Thank you, The Recreation Advisory Board.