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2014 Wilkins Township Summer Parks Program

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services office of Community Services will be sponsoring a summer food service program at;

Lions, Eastmont and Linhart Parks.

All children up to age eighteen (18) are eligible to be fed. The program is scheduled to run from June 12th through August 15th 2013 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Lunch will be served daily.

This is held in conjunction with the Township's summer program. ■



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Wilkins Township Summer Festival 2014

The 20th annual Wilkins Township Summer Festival will be celebrated on Tuesday June 17th, 2014 through Saturday June 21st. The hours this year will be from 6 pm to 11 pm nightly. Summer Festival will be held at Penn Center parking lot behind Sears.

The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board has planned another year packed full of fun for the whole family. Tropical Amusements are back providing the Carnival midway. The rides will operate from 7 pm to 11 pm nightly. Both single tickets and all night wrist bands are available for sale.

There will be a variety of food from all the vendors, so come hungry. There will be free entertainment from these bands nightly performing 2 sets 7:30 and 9:15pm as follows:

Tuesday	June 17 th	Dallas Marks
Wednesday	June 18 th	Tres' Lads
Thursday	June 19 th	Billy Price
Friday	June 20 th	Father John and the Soul Searchers
Saturday	June 21 st	Joe Grushecky and the House Rockers

The car cruise starts at 5 pm on Friday June 20th. The entry fee is \$5.00 donation which all proceeds go to Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board. Rain date is on Saturday the 21st.

Saturday June 21st is the 5K race registration at 8 am at D'Imperio's Penn Center Saturday June 21st at 10:30 pm Pyrotecnico will be putting on a spectacular fireworks display again this year.

Please come join in all the fun and support Wilkins Township non-profit groups. We hope to make this the best Summer Festival yet! See you there! ■



Come, enjoy and make some memories!



Catch the Reading Bug!



We have a lot of summer fun planned for all including Summer Reading Clubs for preschoolers, school age children, teens, and adults. We start and end the summer with parties and have prizes all summer long.

Here's what's happening

Sign Up For Our Summer Book Clubs!

Preschoolers and School age children on Monday, June 9 6:30-7:30pm at the Edgewood Library. Learn more about snakes, decorate a cookie to eat here or take home, and check out books for summer reading. Register in advance.

Teen Kick-Off Party Wednesday June 11 at 6:30pm at the Edgewood Library. Make an ice cream sundae, talk about books, and hear about volunteer opportunities.

FIZZ BOOM POP CLUB

When: June 9-August 9

Who: Preschoolers, school children k-5 and their caregivers.

What: Read or listen to 10 books and receive prizes along the way.

How: Visit the library for a reading log or register online.

QUESTYINZ CLUB

When: June 9-August 9

Who: Children k-5 and families

What: Can't get to the library? Enjoy learning about a wide variety of topics? Questyinz leads elementary students thru quests for knowledge as they earn badges and win virtual goodies.

How: Pick up a game pass with a secret code at the library.

SPARK A REACTION CLUB

When: June 9-August 9

Who: Teens

What: Enter each book you read to join our weekly raffle for prizes.

How: Visit the library for entry forms or register on-line.

LITERARY ELEMENTS BOOK CLUB

When: June 30 – August 2

Who: Adults

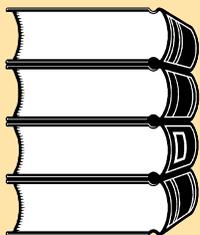
What: Read at least one book a week and enter drawings for prizes.

How: Register at the library for prizes.

More details on summer programs at www.ccmellorlibrary.org

Storytime!

Looking for something fun and educational to do with your little one? Join us for storytime! We use books, songs, rhymes, dances and crafts to promote early literacy skills in a fun environment. We are at the Wilkins Township Community Center every Friday at 10:30. Birth thru 5. No registration necessary.



Check Out Our Summer Programs
Family Events held at the Edgewood Library
Register in advance for these events.

Snakes? Snakes! Monday June 9th. 6:30 – 7:30. Join us for the kick-off of summer reading with a dozen snakes! Cookies to decorate.

Build-A-Bird Birdhouse. Monday July 14, 6:00 – 7:30. Supplies provided.

Parents vs. Kids Field Games. Please check our website for the July date. 6:00 – 7:30.

End of Summer Carnival. Monday, August 4, 6:00 – 8:00. Good old fashioned carnival. Games and act ivies for the whole family. Rain date Wednesday, August 6.

Saturday Series

No sign-up necessary

Held at the Edgewood Library

Early Literacy Stations for 2-6 year olds. We'll provide the supplies for you and your child to engage in fun activities to bolster early literacy skills stop in anytime on Saturdays June 14, Jul 19, and August 2.

Science Maker Space for 5-10 year olds. Children and their caregivers can explore a new avenue of science during the day on Saturdays, June 29, July 26, and August 23.

Children Birth to Five – Storytime!

No Registration Needed

Wilkins Community Center

Story Hours Fridays 10:30am

Children Ages 5 to 8

Register in Advance

Way Cool Wednesdays 1:30pm from June 11 to July 30. Join us for an interactive science program each week. Edgewood Library

Children Ages 8-12

Live Action Clue Game. Just what it sounds like-live action clue. Check website for dates. Edgewood Library

Spark it! Chemistry for kids. Thursdays in June 1:30. Hands on chemistry. Edgewood Library

Build It! Thursdays in July 1:30. The science of building. Edgewood Library.

For Teens

Volunteer Orientation Looking for volunteer opportunity?

Stop in at our orientation to find out how you can volunteer at the library this summer. Tuesday June 17th 3-4pm.

Wednesday June 25 5-6pm. Edgewood Library.

C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

Main Library
1 Pennwood Avenue
Edgewood, PA 15218
412-731-0909

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm
Fri 10am-5pm
Sat 9am-4pm

Forest Hills

Branch Library
444 Avenue D (Lower Level)
Forest Hills, PA 15221
412-824-3567

Mon, Fri, Sat 10am-2pm
Tues, Weds 4-8pm





#304 Volunteer Fire Department

WE NEED MEMBERS – Without a sufficient number of firefighters, our mission to preserve the lives and property of Wilkins residents will be compromised. We cover all gear and training expenses. We also need associate members to help out with maintenance and other tasks. So please join us and let other residents know that we are looking for new members. To join our company, go to our website at;

www.wilkins304firerescue.com

and click on "Online Membership Application" near the top of the page.

In the period December 2013 through February 2014, we responded to 28 calls, including calls for motor vehicle accidents and for odors and spills. As always, we regularly trained and drilled to maintain and improve our skills in firefighting and rescue work.

Once again, we will have two booths at the Wilkins Summer Festival. Stop by, say hello, try our games of chance, and get one of our now-famous "walking tacos"!

Our new rescue vehicle's chasis is ready; we are now waiting for the box. The new rescue will be compliant with current national standards. It is scheduled for delivery in October. To those residents who have contributed to our annual fund drive, *thank you.*

For those who have not yet done so, please donate. (If you wish to contribute through the United Way, our code number 880323.)

REMEMBER: Check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. They could save your life and those who live with you.

Note that if you want to call our fire hall, our non-emergency number is 412-823-2322. For emergencies dial 911. ■

Citizen's Assistance Program

As a part of the Wilkins Township Police Department's new approach to community oriented policing, we are offering Township residents an opportunity to provide us with the name and telephone number of an individual with whom we may make contact in the event that we are required to gain access to your home for emergency purposes.

As our population grows older, our police officers are frequently asked by the loved ones or neighbors of our older residents to provide well-being check-ups. By providing the department with the name and phone number of a key-holder, the police officers could better serve these types of requests.

Please note that we ARE NOT requesting a key to your home. We are providing you with an opportunity to give us information that we will keep on file in the Police Department. In the event of an emergency, the officer on-duty would contact the individual listed on the card so that access can be granted to the home. If you are interested in this program, please fill out the following form and mail it back to the Wilkins Township Police Department, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

Township of Wilkins Police Department Citizen's Assistance Program

Name of Resident(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of Designated Key holder: _____

Home Phone Number of Designated Key holder: _____

Cell Phone Number of Designated Key holder: _____

Signature of Resident: _____

Date: _____

Mail Completed Form To:
Wilkins Township Police Department
110 Peffer Road
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Questions? Please call: **412-824-0032**





**It's time to register for the summer 2014
Forest Hills Basketball League**

The Forest Hills Borough is once again calling all boys and girls, ages 7 to fifteen, who are interested in joining the basketball league this summer at the Forest Hills Park on Ardmore Boulevard, so don't miss out on this fun-filled sport.

Registration is \$35 for residents; \$45 for non-residents. The fee will go towards purchasing t-shirts and equipment; each registered player will receive their own basketball. Please fill out the registration form shown below and send in with your check or money order by June 20. The program will be Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. starting at the beginning of July through the first of August – actual dates will be featured in the summer issue of the Tree City Times and on the borough's web-site. The program will be held at the Forest Hills Park located on the corner of Ardmore Boulevard and Braddock Road.

For more information, call 412-351-7330 x220.

Coaches Joe DeGregorio and Barry Layton will once again be back to run the program, and will include all forms of exercises, clinics and games, so whether you've played before or haven't tried it yet, this program is just right for all the kids.

Please make check or money order payable to the Borough of Forest Hills, and mail to the Forest Hills Borough, Cindy Simm, Recreation Director, 2071 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

Player's Name:

Address:

Player's Age:

Phone Numbers (home/cell):

E-mail Address (optional):

Parent(s) Names:

Resident Fee: \$35 Non-resident Fee: \$45
Please circle one.

Due date to send in registration: June 20



**Softball and Baseball
season is under way!**

SOFTBALL: We would like to give a big thank you to Tony Paganico. At the end of last softball season, Wilkins families were interested in moving our slow pitch softball program to a fast pitch program. We contacted Tony, the Woodland Hills High School softball coach. He was very enthusiastic for the opportunity to help get us started. The Wilkins Baseball Board has since voted to shut down our slow pitch softball program and moved to a district wide fast pitch program. Tony along with Wilkins coaches, Jack Hamilton and Roy Nedley, faithfully worked with the girls from the end of the season throughout the fall and winter trying to prepare our girls to enter a fast pitch league. Their dedication has paid off as the teams are now in full swing and playing in their first season under the name of Woodland Hills Fast Pitch. This is the start of a great program that will benefit all the communities in the Woodland Hills area. This will also be a feeder program into the Woodland Hills High School as there are currently no other fast pitch programs in the district. So if you see the girls on the Woodland Hills High School softball field stop and cheer them on!

BASEBALL: The majority of Wilkins baseball and tball is played at Eastmont Park this year. Pete Nitcher has dedicated the last year to renovating these fields that have not been used in many years. He has taken on the renovation project by doing many of the repairs himself and working diligently with the Township to make sure the fields were playable for opening day on April 26th. We also thank Wilkins Township for their support of this project, Rebecca Bradley, Ed Brunner and the Wilkins Township Board. The opening of these fields is a great asset to our community. It is wonderful to see kids playing on the basketball courts, kids in the park, both fields with baseball games going on and the concession stand running! Please come out to the park for a game or two and be sure to stop by our booth for a cold beverage at this year's summer festival! ■

Anne Hussman
Commissioner, Wilkins Township Baseball



FIRE CO. No. 3

Stop in and see
our (your) **NEW**
Fire Truck !!!



Wilkins Twp. #3 V.F.C. is hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday September the 14th from 2:30 to 7:00 pm.
You can eat in or takeout.

New this year at the Spaghetti dinner we will sponsor Wine tasting !!!!!
HYPERLINK "<http://www.walnuthillwinery.com/index.html>"



and



You will be able to sample wines and purchase a bottle to enjoy at the dinner or take home for your enjoyment!

Thanks to all who came out and supported our Lenten Fish Fry!
Successful fundraisers benefit Wilkins Township by supporting vital services in your community!

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2014 donation to your Fire Company and a reminder to those who still need to do so.
Reminders will be going out soon.

Our Banquet Hall is currently un-available for rentals.
We hope this is only temporary

Just a reminder!



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

Check out our Web site <http://wilkinstwp303.com/>

Help us help you make sure your house number is visible so that Emergency personal can see it easily

See you at the Summer Festival! Please visit us at our booth ■

Meals for Friends is a non-profit organization in formation whose goal is to provide meals for seniors and the disabled who are unable to prepare meals for themselves. The steering committee is looking for volunteers to help establish the program. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Eastmont.

For questions call 412-793-8347. ■

Help Support Our Local Food Bank



The Recreation Advisory Board will be accepting donations for the Turtle Creek Food Bank. Canned goods and non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Recreation booth during the week of Summer Festival. Thank you in advance for your support. ■

A Rain Garden in Lions Park

Lions Park has recently had a number of improvements to make the trails there more accessible. As described in the park's master plan, rain gardens could make the trails even more enjoyable. A rain garden is a shallow depression that is planted with deep rooted native plants and grasses to help dry an area. As a life scout in B.S.A. Troop 90, I will be leading an Eagle Scout Project to install a rain garden in Lions Park, tentatively scheduled for late fall this year.

To volunteer or donate for this project please contact me, John Gleason, at 412-849-1019 or the Wilkins Township Municipal office at 412-824-6650. ■





Wilkins Township would like to Thank **Ruth Fecko** for over 50 years of looking after our children as their crossing guard. Ruth will be celebrating her 51st year in September 2014. Ruth at 82 stated that she has no plans of retiring and she loves the children and they give her purpose in life. I am now watching over a second generation of children and I thank the parents for sharing them with me.

Kudos to Ruth! ■

What's Going On?

The Board of Commissioners remained busy through the winter, adopting a balanced budget for 2014, and moving forward on a variety of projects for the benefit of our residents. Following is a summary of projects that our residents can expect to see this year.

Public Works / Recreation Projects:

At their April meeting, the Board awarded a paving contract to A. Folino for milling, base repair and paving of Briaridge Drive (from Brown Avenue to the first intersection with Tynewood) and the remainder of Jefferson Heights Road. A separate contract was awarded to Russell Standard for the installation of underdrain and application of microseal to Wallace Avenue from Powell to Ridge Streets. We anticipate that these projects will begin within the next 60-90 days. The Township Engineer continues to work on finalizing Phase II of the Dowling Avenue Sanitary Sewer project while at the same time preparing specifications and bid documents for Phase III. The Board also recently applied for and received a PennVest loan in the amount of \$537,000 which will be used along with a \$350,000 Department of Environmental Protection grant to separate sanitary and storm sewer lines in the Highland Avenue area of the community. With the aid of a grant from the Wilkins Township Industrial Development Authority, the Township will accept a contract to re-roof the pavilions, concession stands and restroom facilities at Lions, Linhart and Eastmont Parks this year. Finally, the Board budgeted funds to replace all of the garage doors in the Public Works area of the Municipal Building. This contract has been awarded to Trinity Garage Doors and we anticipate that the work will soon commence. The existing garage doors have deteriorated and two have been abandoned due to concerns for employee safety. These doors are also not energy efficient.

Public Safety Projects:

The Officers of the Wilkins Township Police Department will receive new body armor this year with partial funding received through a Department of Justice grant. The Chief has ordered and will soon accept delivery of one 2014 Ford Interceptor which will replace a police vehicle with 95,000 miles on it. Additionally, funds acquired through drug arrests by officers of the Wilkins Police Department will be used this year to purchase new technology for the department. The Police Department will host a Bike Safety program at the end of May (see the article included in this newsletter for additional details).

The Township has been awarded a grant through the Local Government Academy to hire an intern for 12 weeks this summer. Mr. Joe O'Connor, a Township resident, was selected to complete a project that focuses on vacant and blighted structures within the Township. Mr. O'Connor will be tasked with utilizing a Geographic Information System (GIS) application to map the vacant/blighted structures and add additional details such as photographs, property ownership, tax delinquency, rental status, housing condition, police incidents and property turnover. Following mapping and data acquisition and input, Mr. O'Connor will rate each individual property and make recommendations, based upon research, for the appropriate future action to remove the vacancy and blight. ■



Free Helmet Give-Away

(while supplies last) For Children 18 & under

May 31, 2014

11:00 AM -2:00 PM

Wilkins Township Community Center
(Across from Wilkins Municipal Bldg)

Bike obstacle course
FREE Bike Inspections
FREE Popcorn & Refreshments

For more information please call Wilkins PD (412) 824-0032

Sponsored by:

- Wilkins Township Police Department
- Wilkins Township VFD's #1, #3 & #4
- Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board
- Woodland Hills EMS
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- West Penn AAA
- Kohl's Cares for Kids
- Shop N Save

Clean-up Wilkins

We had another successful event on April 26 with over 30 residents participating.

Nearly 70 bags of trash were picked up, many tires, and even a windshield.

There were, however, streets we were not able to clean. If anyone would like to complete the project please contact the Municipal Building to get gloves, vests, and bags to assist you.

To all of the volunteers, **THANK YOU.**
You did a great job. ■



Open Your to a Senior

A Volunteer Recruitment Initiative of United Way 



1. Seniors who need help contact us. register and put in a request for a volunteer.
2. Meanwhile you sign up complete a volunteer registration form and attend an info session.
3. Our match team aligns your interest with the needs of a senior and gives you a call.
4. If you're available great. You've got a match for volunteer assignment.
5. If you're not available right then it's okay. we're flexible and will keep you in our system.
6. Once you accept your senior match we give you the details and contact info so you can get in touch with your senior.
7. Over the course of your pairing we'll be sure to keep in touch.

Examples of seniors waiting for help

Once upon a time June was an opera singer. Now she's 86 years old retired and blind living alone in her home. With family members all living out of town she could sure use a friendly visitor who enjoys music and current events.

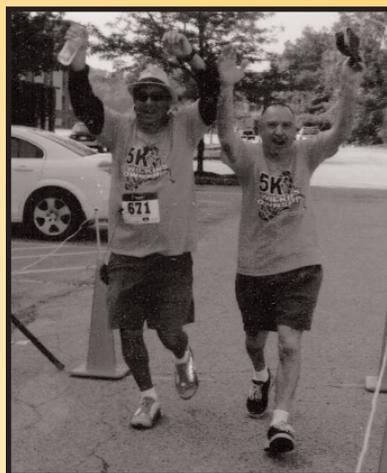
George, his wife and their beloved cat live in a senior highrise. Since the 79 year-old veteran and his wife stopped driving a while ago he needs rides to his various medical appointments once or twice a month.

Since her husband died Margaret has been living with her daughter Suzanne. They both would like some help with their household grocery shopping and Margaret would like to accompany their volunteer to their local Giant Eagle.

www.openyourhearttoasenior.org



Annual 5K Race



State Representative Paul Costa and John Martinelli

The Wilkins Township Recreation Board

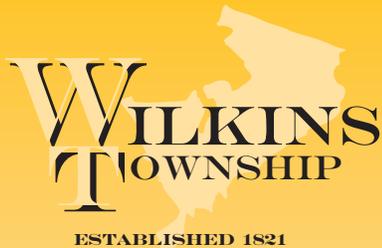
is pleased to announce that plans are underway for our Community Days 5K Run/Walk to be held June 21, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at D'Imperio's Restaurant. For information call 412-824-6650. ■



Recycling Reminder

By now everyone should have received a letter with an enclosed blue card with a list of acceptable recycling items (glass bottles and jars were accidentally omitted from the acceptable list). If you did not receive a letter please feel free to stop by the Municipal Building and pick one up along with a recycling sticker if you have or plan on purchasing a new recycling container. The container may be purchased at the place of your choice and must be no bigger than 32 gallons. ■





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Check out our web site at:
www.wilkins township.com



WWW WILKINS TTTT TRIPS *On the go !*

Wilkins Goes to Atlantic City

Over 40 residents had such a good time in Atlantic City last fall, that we have decided to try that trip again.

October 1, 2, and 3 will see our motor coach taking us to the Boardwalk for some fun.

Cost of the trip is \$194. Each person will get \$30 in slot play and two meal tickets and a show ticket plus untold fun and prizes on the bus ride. To reserve your spot send \$100 to;

P. Romanelli at 165 Churchill Lane, Turtle Creek, Pa. 15145.

Checks payable to Wilkins Senior Citizens.
The remainder of the money will be due September 1st.

You don't have to be a senior to join the fun. ■

