

WILKINS TOWNSHIP

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Fall 2010

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Summer Festival 2010

The Recreation Advisory Board would like to take a moment and thank all of the people who came out this year to the Summer Festival 2010. It was a huge success! The weather was great except for Wednesday evening, it poured for an hour but then it cleared up and a rainbow was in view over the stage and the band played on!

The Recreation Advisory Board would like to thank some special people who helped make Summer Festival the success it was, Mr. Mike McWilliams Pittsburgh East Nissan for sponsoring the beautiful fireworks display again this year. Mr. John King of LG Realty along with Barry Layton for the use of the parking lot and making this possible.

Thanks to all the food vendors for all the different foods and treats. There was something for everyone! We would also like to thank Frankie Day from 770 KFB oldies radio for donating his time Saturday night and being the master of ceremonies. What can I say, what a guy! Thanks to Beth Humberston for overseeing the annual car cruise. The car cruise was our best yet! We had so many awesome cars that came out and showed their pride, so many to look at. Next years will be even bigger! Thanks to all the great music spun all week by Dj's Jimmy Jamz, Vibes and Wild Bill.

Thanks to all the great bands that got to play. Thanks to Tropical Amusements for all the neat rides and games for all to have fun. Thank you to our Police department along

with the Sheriffs department for making all feel safe. Their presence was very much noticed and appreciated. A Thank you goes out to Rebecca Bradley our Township manager for all of her continued support and input for helping make Summer Festival a success.

I wish I had enough space to THANK every person that donated or had their hand into making our Summer Festival the success it was. You know who you are and so do we. The Recreation Advisory Board truly appreciates all the local business, personal donations. To our own 3 volunteer fire departments for their time and dedication to our Community. A huge shout out of THANKS to our amazing road crew, they are instrumental in making sure that everything runs smooth all week.

Last but not least, to our local business and all the people who donated to or had a part in this years Summer Festival. Your support is vital as a community and to the Recreation



Advisory Board. Thanks to the Commissioners of Wilkins Township for their support. The Recreation Advisory Board is already working on Summer Festival 2011 and we plan on making it bigger and better yet. See you next year. ■

Back to School Checklist



Remember to:

- Drive slowly and cautiously, obey all traffic laws and signs.
- Be alert for children walking to bus stops and schools.
- Do not pass school buses when moving or stopped.
- Pay attention to buses' emergency lighting when loading and unloading children

Safety Skills for Your Children – To and From School:

Rehearse your children's full name, address and phone number with them. Teach your children how to make emergency phone calls from home, cell phones and public phones.

Show your children safe places that they can go in an emergency – like a neighbor's house, an open business or a store. Make sure your children are taking the safest route to school, school buses and to friend's houses.

Encourage your children to walk with friends – not alone – and to stay in well-traveled and open areas where others can see them.

Teach your children to walk confidently and stay alert to what is going on around them.

Encourage your children to lookout for other children's safety and to tell you or an adult anything they see that does not seem right.

Tell your children to never accept a gift or a ride from someone that they do not know well.

Teach your children to go to someone they can trust for help – a police officer, school crossing guard, neighbor, family friends or family members.

When walking to a bus stop or to school, tell children to walk off to the side of the road facing on-coming traffic and to stay alert at all times for on-coming vehicles.

When at a bus stop, teach your children to stay as far as possible off of the roadway and to be alert to passing traffic.

When loading on and off a bus, teach your children to pay attention to any moving vehicles on the roadway.

Safety Skills for Your Children – When your Child Arrives Home from School:

Make sure your children can reach you or a trusted family member or friend by telephone at work, if needed. Have your children check in with you or a neighbor when they get home from school.

Work out an escape plan at home with your children in the event of a fire or other emergency. Teach your children to never open the door to a stranger.

Caution your children about answering the phone and accidentally letting a stranger know they are home alone.

Make sure your children know how to work the door and window locks and that they use them when they are inside the house alone.

Always let your children know to dial 911 if there is an emergency or they need help.

*Safety & Security
is Everyone's Responsibility!
Let's Have a
Happy and Safe School Year!*



Members of the Wilkins Township community have teamed with the American Red Cross to establish a group that will help our friends and neighbors in case of an emergency with shelter, food and information. We are ready for major emergencies such as flooding as well as for establishing warming and cooling stations during power outages. The Red Cross has provided training and will be getting us a trailer with basic supplies, but more help is needed. We are asking for donations of new socks, slippers and towels to help in an emergency. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase these. We will also be establishing partnerships with local food businesses to assist in an emergency. If you would like to make a donation, become a food partner or to volunteer, please contact the Wilkins Township offices.

- Thank you. ■

Motorists – School Bus Safety:

The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any school bus stopped on a highway or traffic way shall stop at least ten feet before reaching a school bus when the red signal lights on the school bus are flashing and the side stop signal arms are activated. The driver shall not proceed until the flashing red signal lights are no longer activated. In no event shall a driver of a vehicle resume motion of the vehicle until the school children who may have alighted from the school bus have reached a place of safety.

The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection at which a school bus is stopped shall stop his/her vehicle at that intersection until the flashing red signal lights are no longer activated.

Any person who violates these laws commits a summary offense and shall upon conviction be sentenced to pay a fine of \$250.00.

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library



Catch the
Reading Bug!

C. C. Mellor Memorial Library is offering a series of afterschool programs entitled Wild about Books. Join Abbie Greenberg on Wednesdays at @3:30pm beginning September 22 for these fun programs. Each week children and caretakers will discover a new book character, participate in related games and activities, and finish up with a craft to take home. Programs last approximately one hour and are geared for children 5 to 8 years of age.

September is National Library Card month. If you don't already have a library card, stop in at either the main library in Edgewood or the branch in Forest Hills. Your library card will quickly become the most important card in your wallet!

In addition to allowing you to check out books, magazines, books on CD and movies, you can use your card for a variety of on-line applications. A library card gives you access to on-line databases which have accurate information for students doing research or adults working on projects such as genealogy, repairing their vehicle, or preparing for a book club. Card holders can also download books and movies to their computer or mp3 player. Newly available are ebooks which can be loaded to a portable reading device such as Sony Readers, Nooks, or Kobos. All of these electronic services are available 24/7 with no extra charge books.

Check out the paperback exchange in the Irene Pohl Municipal Building lobby. Each month the collection is changed by volunteers from the Rotary Club of Forest Hills. ■

HYPERLINK "<http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org>"
www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

Join us for Wild About Books - A Brand New Program!

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
September 22 - November 10, 2010
Wilkins Recreation Center
Behind the Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building
110 Peffer Road
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Each week we'll discover a new book character through stories and a craft.

If you have a child who always seems to be saying,
"I'm bored, I need something or someone new to read about,
then this is the program for you!!

Wild About Books is a free program provided by the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library in Edgewood. Please call the library (412)731-0909 for more details

Please visit us at one of our two locations:

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



**We will host a Dance in the
banquet hall on October 2nd**

Back by popular demand! "Mid-life Crisis" a Classics/Rock band. Come out and dance with us! Bring your own munchies and refreshments. Only a \$5.00 per person donation!

October 3rd through the 9th is Fire Safety Week. 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 & equipment

We will hold our annual Hoagie sale on Election Day November 2nd See any Wilkins #3 Fireman to place your order.

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2010 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 available for rentals year round. Please call us at 412-271-4000

Just a reminder!
Don't forget! Daylight Savings is November 7th
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 to

HYPERLINK

"<http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/>"
<http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/>

Our agency code is 2613

We are in the EXTREME need of Fire fighters.
Can you help?
Volunteer Today!
Check out our Web site
<http://wilkinstp303.com/>





2010 Wilkins Township Leaf Collection Schedule

Note: Leaves must be placed in street. Crews will not pick up bagged leaves or enter yards.

Monday, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 & Nov. 15

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

Tuesday, Oct. 19 Nov. 2 & Nov. 16

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

Wednesday, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 & Nov. 17

Penhurst Drive
Braddley Drive
Harwick Drive
Radcliff Drive
Heritage Drive
George Lane
Harrison Road
Patterson Street
Barnes Street
George Street
James Street
Railroad Street

Thursday, Oct. 21 Nov. 4 & Nov. 18

Hawthorne Drive
Thorncrest Drive
Calmont Drive
Laurel Drive
Orion Drive
Jefferson Heights Road
Sunset Drive
Sylvia Lane
Old Northern Pike
Gilcrest Drive
Ridgewood Drive

Monday, Oct. 25, Nov. 8 & Nov. 22

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

Tuesday, Oct. 26 Nov. 9 & Nov. 23

Highland Avenue
Clugston Avenue
Negley Avenue
Semmens Street
Rebecca Street
Thompson Street
McMasters Avenue
Dorothy Street
John Street
Peter Street
Quarry Street
Grandview Avenue

Wednesday, Oct. 27. Nov. 10 & Nov. 24

Peffer Road
Gardenia Drive
Hibiscus Drive
Curry Court
Curry Avenue
Farnsworth Avenue
Leneake Street
Linhart Street
Churchill Lane
Coal Street
Meadow Street
Churchill Road

Thursday, Oct. 28 Nov. 11 & Monday, Nov. 29

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

Street Smarts for Seniors



Being alert, confident and aware of your surroundings are your best defense against crime.

When Traveling:

Use the safest and most direct route. Travel in the daytime and with one or more people whenever you can. Avoid dark, secluded areas. Avoid wearing valuable jewelry that might tempt a thief. Carry only money or credit cards you will need. If you use a purse, carry it firmly, close to your body and hold onto the clasp. Never leave your purse unattended. When returning home, have your house key in your hand before you get to the door.

Safety in your Car:

Choose a well-lit space when parking. Make sure you can easily see your car and the area around it from a distance. Look around before you get out of your car. Lock all doors while you are in the car and when you leave it. Have your car key ready before you reach your car. Before you get into your car, check that no one is hiding in it.

Being Secure in Your Home:

Do not open your door to strangers. If delivery or repair person arrives without notice, ask their name and the telephone number of the company that they work for. Call the company before unlocking the door. If your name is listed in the phone book, use your initials instead of your first name. Do not list your address. Never give information to wrong number callers. Do not hide house keys anywhere outside. Do not put your name or address on your key ring. Remove or prune bushes that hid windows and doors. Light outside entrances, garage doors, sidewalks and parking areas. Do not leave ladders or tools outside. ■



WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

We had a wonderful year on the diamond again and wish to congratulate all the participants on the baseball and softball teams this past season. In particular, the 9/10 year old baseball team won their Championship and our 11/12 team placed 2nd in their play-offs. Wilkins Twp is one of the few associations whose numbers are increasing and we expect to see that continue. We want to thank all those residents for patronizing our drink booth during the Summer Festival...the proceeds will be put to good use.

Please look for registration information in the next issue which will take place in late January / early February. ◆



FIRE CO. No.4



In the months of April through August, we responded to 74 calls, an average of 3.4 calls per week. Among these were calls to suppress brush fires and structure fires, and calls to handle motor vehicle accidents, including fires involving motor vehicles.

On Sunday, October 10, from 11 am to midnight, eat at Applebee's in Penn Center during the Dining to Donate Event. Get a Dining to Donate flyer we are distributing, order your meal, present your flyer to your server, and Applebee's will donate 15% of your check (excluding alcohol, gift card purchases, taxes, and tips) to Wilkins #4. Use your flyer for the dining room or Carside to Go – your choice.



Once again, we are sponsoring the annual Eastmont Halloween Parade. This year's parade will be held on Sunday, October 31, beginning at 5 pm at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The parade will form in the parking lot. Please remember the following parade rules designed for your safety and to assure that an enjoyable time will be had by all:

- When parking, don't block driveways and intersections.
- All small/young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- All participants, young and old alike, must obey directions given by police officers, paramedics, and fire company volunteers.

As always, the parade will end at our fire hall. All participants are invited to stay for Halloween treats.

We are your neighbors. Like you, we have work and family responsibilities. We are also unpaid volunteers who fight fires, perform rescues, provide damage control, AND, MOST IMPORTANT, SAVE LIVES. We must constantly keep up our skills and maintain our vehicles, equipment and fire hall to do these things safely and effectively. We do all this gladly and at personal sacrifice. We need more volunteer firefighters as well as volunteers to clean and maintain vehicles, equipment and the fire hall, plan and staff events, and raise funds. So please consider joining us, and when asked to donate, please do so. ■



Community Center Rental

Planning a birthday party, retirement party, baby or bridal shower? The newly renovated Wilkins Township Community Center, located behind the Township building, is the perfect place for your event! The Community Center offers one large and one smaller room for parties; a fully equipped kitchen and ample parking facilities. The cost to rent the Community Center is \$125.00 for a seven hour event. For additional information on rentals, please visit our website: [HYPERLINK](http://www.wilkinstownship.com)

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click on the "Applications and Forms" tab and look for "Community Center Rental Application." If you do not have internet access, please feel free to contact us at 412-824-6650 x 10. ■

Century Club



If you are interested in what is going on in Wilkins Township, you only have to go to a meeting of the Century Club of Wilkins Township. We meet every first Tuesday of the month and we not only keep each other informed, we offer a night of friendship and ways to volunteer your time. We know everyone's time is short but when it comes to a great feeling about where you live we offer the most for your money. In the spring, we serve a truly wonderful spaghetti dinner, bake sales on election days, and sell cookies at Summer Festival. Women of all ages are members and our meetings come with refreshments. If you want to come to our September meeting,

call 412-824-0993. We are having a small program at the Mates Linhart cemetery at 6 PM and refreshments at the community center. The cemetery is home to soldiers from all wars, even a revolutionary war soldier. Our November program will be making things for the meals on wheels program. Christmas, we usually have a super choir. The Century Club is a small branch of an international organization that started libraries across the country, pushed for street lights, car seats for children, and other meaningful legislation. So, if you need to feel like doing something worthwhile each month and need to get out of the house, join us. ■

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Light Up Wilkins

The days get shorter and the air gets chilly – it can only mean one thing: Christmas is around the corner! We hope you will join us Friday, December 3rd from 7pm to 9 pm for the 4th Annual Wilkins Township Light Up Night and Children's Christmas Party. Come and watch the beautiful township tree sparkle and 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 17, 2010 so that Santa can see whether they have been naughty or nice. This year's event will be at the Community Center and we hope to see you all there!!

Please mail this form to make reservation for your family to the Irene J. Pohl Building 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145 attn: Recreational Advisory Board

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The Deadline for reservation is November 17st 2010.

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Childs Name/Age/M or F: _____

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How many adults over 10: _____

Email address: _____

To receive the Township planned events via email, please include your email address

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.

Joy Voeltzel
Secretary Recreation Advisory Board



The Pumpkin Patch Party

Hey kids the Recreation Advisory Board is stirring up some fun things to do at the annual Pumpkin Patch party this year. We will have an afternoon filled with great things to do for all ages. So mark your calendars and come join in all the fun. Costumes are optional. Please complete the form below and send back by October 13th 2010 to reserve your space. This event is for all Wilkins Township residents' children 10 and under. Saturday October 23th 2010 beginning at 1pm Wilkins Township Community Center (behind the municipal building)

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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 checkups. 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**

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www.wilkinstownship.com

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Shinning Seniors



The Wilkins Township Seniors are looking for new members. These members must be age 55 or over and must poses' a vibrant personality and be willing and able to make new friends, laugh, and have fun.

If you fit this description, join us on the third Thursday of each month, 1 PM at the Community Center. Entertainment or games make-up the meeting fares along with dessert. Trips are planned that you will want to be part of and you will meet lots of people from your neighborhood .Please join us, for a day of relaxation and lively conversation.

For more information call Sylvia at 412 823-8696. Come join the fun! ■



Trick-or-Treat will be observed on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.