

WILKINS TOWNSHIP

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Thank you for another Successful Summer Festival!

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 2011. It was our best year yet!

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 spinning the oldies and being the master of ceremonies.

Thanks to all the great bands that got to play. Thanks to Tropical Amusements for all the 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.

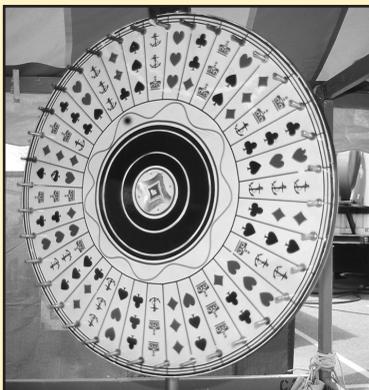


I wish I had enough space to THANK every person that donated or had their hand into making our Summer Festival the success it was. You know who you are and so do we. The Recreation Advisory Board truly appreciates all the local business and personal donations. To our own 3 volunteer fire departments 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 year's 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 2012 and we plan on making it bigger and better yet.

See you next year. ■





Wilkins VFC #1

The 2011 Leaf Collection Program is scheduled to begin on October 17th. A complete schedule is included in this issue of the 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. It is very nice material and you are free to use it at no charge. Please note that this is limited to resident's use at their homes only and is not available to contractors and landscapers for commercial use or resale.

Winter will be upon us soon and there are 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 basket ball hoops that are either on or hanging over the street please move them back off the street. Although the bulk of our sanitary sewer cleaning and video inspecting is complete township workers will still be around doing follow up inspections and maintenance. They do carry identification and are required to show it if asked. During the course of the sewer work we are finding a number of manholes in yards that have been covered over by property owners. This practice is not permitted. You should be aware that when these are found they will be uncovered and/or raised to the existing grade. As a reminder, Township workers have no need to enter homes to do this work, should someone want to enter your home

using the pretext of working for the Township, you should notify 911 immediately.

Once again you may obtain firewood when available. When we are cutting trees we have been placing the wood in the lot across from the Community Center. There is no cost and is for the use of Township residents only.

With the start of the school year, please watch for children walking to bus stops and obey all laws concerning school buses. ■



Wilkins Township Craft Show



The Recreation Advisory Board is hosting a Craft Show on Saturday November 5th 2011 at 9 am at the Wilkins Township Community Center. Come and see all of the neat ideas for your holiday shopping and gift giving.

We are looking for crafters with special talents or residents that may have their own business like Avon, Tupperware, Candlelight, Pampered Chef, etc.



If you have any questions or are interested in renting a table, please feel free contact me at

joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com. ■

The Wilkins 1 Volunteer Fire Company recently mailed out their 2011 fund drive requests. We are dismayed to say that of the 1,100 letters mailed out only 300 were returned. Only 30% of the residents in our fire district responded to our request for a donation. These tax deductible donations go directly into our operating account to pay for the annual operating budget for the department. While each fire department in the Township does receive an annual allotment from the Township, this accounts for only 50% of our annual operating costs. The department pays for all of its apparatus, protective clothing, equipment, fuel, utilities, station upkeep, training, and all other expenses relating to the day to day operation of the fire department. If the annual donations continue to drop, the fire departments will have to look for alternative funding sources which could impact each homeowner in the Township. If you have not yet sent in your donation, please take a minute to do so. The life you save may just be your own.

The Officers and members of the Wilkins 1 VFD would like to invite the residents of the Township to our Open House which will be held Saturday, October 15, 2011 from noon to 3PM. Stop by for demonstrations, tours and refreshments. We would also like to remind everyone that it is almost time to change the clocks which means time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and to make sure that you have an emergency escape plan for your home and practice it! And please remember once out of your house stay out! Do not go back in to save pets or to get personal property. Get Out, Stay Out! ■

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**



Learn About Fire Safety

Fire Fighter Rich will come and teach the importance of fire safety to schools, organizations, senior citizens, boy and girl scouts etc.

If you are interested, please call Wilkins Township VFC #3 at 412-271-4000 and leave a message for Rich.



Century Club

The CCWT is a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, a national organization.

We do a great deal of charity work, but every member need not commit to every activity. Each does what they can to help.

Our meetings are held at the Community Center on the second Tuesday of each month and programs are planned for those meetings. In October, we will hear from the Pittsburgh Women's Shelter (one of our charities). November will be a workshop to make treats for our local mEALS-ON-wHEELS (ANOTHER OF OUR CHARITIES) and we will have a jewelry sale. December will feature the Sunshine Kids from Wilkins Township.

February will see us hosting an open meeting on Public Safety. This meeting will be provided by our Chief of Police, Ed Krancic and the Allegheny County Sheriff's Department. It will be open for all members of the community.

If you are interested in helping your community please join us or call Betty Delanko (412 823-6163) for more information. ■

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

Catch the Reading Bug!

There is something for everyone at the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library. Here's a sampling of our programs.



For Children:

Join Children's Librarian Lauren Miller for weekly Preschool Story Hours at the Wilkins Community Center at 10:30 am on Fridays from September 23 to November 18.

There will be plenty of stories, finger plays, songs, games, and a craft. No sign up is necessary.

If you can't make this program, there are story hours at:

Forest Hills Branch, Mondays 10:30am

CC Mellor Edgewood, Tuesdays 10:30am;

Wednesdays 10:30am & 1:30pm and

Saturdays at 10:30am Churchill Borough Building, 2400 William Penn Highway, Thursdays 10:30am

Special Children's Programs at the Library in Edgewood. Call to Register.

Halloween Parade and Magic Show, Thursday, October 27 at 6pm.

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus, Saturday, December 17 at 10am.

For Adults at the Library in Edgewood:

Book Discussion with author Stuart O'Nan of *Emily Alone*, Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm.

AARP Driving Classes for Seniors. Basic Class Thursday and Friday November 3 & 4, 9am-1pm

Refresher Class Thursday, November 10 9am-1pm

Cost \$12 AARP members and \$14 nonmembers

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair: Local artisans will have a large variety of homemade items for sale on Saturday, December 3 from 10am to 5pm. For vendor information call Sally Bogie at 412-731-0909.

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.

C C Mellor is participating in Pittsburgh Day of Giving on Tuesday, October 4. A gift then or during our Annual Appeal helps provide library services to Wilkins residents.

For more program information check our website www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

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 22nd 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 9th through the 15th 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 personnel can see it easily. Stop by the Fire house and check out the trucks & equipment.

We will hold our annual Hoagie sale November 15th See any Wilkins #3 Fireman to place your order.

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2011 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 6th. Replace the batteries in your smoke detector when you turn your clocks back one hour.

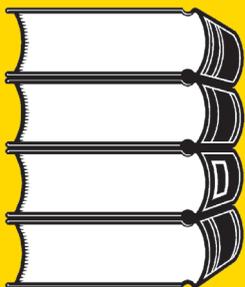


United Way Contributions can be directed to your Fire Company just click on to <http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/> Our agency code is 2613

We are in the EXTREME need of Fire fighters. Can you help?

Volunteer Today!

Check out our Web site <http://wilkinstp303.com/>





Pictured (front row L to R) Dara Johnson, Gianna Pasqualino, Laura Powers, Maya Beckley, Khadija Thomas, Gina Kordistos
(back row L to R) Shelby King-Oliver, Nicalina Kordistos, Nadia Meekins and Lerah Pasqualino.

Wilkins Twp based Girl Scout Troop 54284 seen relaxing on the steps of the US Capital Building in June 2011.

Although only a portion of the troop was able to make the trip, the girls worked really hard fundraising during the annual cookie sale and were able to raise enough money for an educational trip to Washington, D.C. Troop 54284 would like to thank the residents of Wilkins Twp and neighboring areas who supported their efforts during door-to-door sales and booth sales. If anyone is interested in Girl Scouting in the Woodland Hills School District, please contact Anne Carney for further information: acarney@gswpa.org. ■



Columbus Day Dinner

The Democratic Party of Wilkins Township will host the annual Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner at the Community Center on Sunday, October 9th, 2011.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$6.50. The event hours are 2PM until 6 PM and will feature door prizes, raffles and other drawings.

Local and County candidates will be on hand to meet with citizens.

Please join your neighbors to have a delicious meal. ■



Firemen Honored

At a Community event commemorating 9/11, our volunteer firemen and women were honored.

The event was sponsored by Pat Lannigan, and the keynote address was given by Congressman Mike Doyle. Each fire department was awarded a plaque to honor their services. Men and women from Fire Departments #1 and #3 were on hand to receive the award for Wilkins Township.

On September 12 the firemen came to the Board Meeting to present the plaque to the commissioners to be displayed at the Municipal Building.

Wilkins Township is very proud of their three volunteer fire departments. Thank you for your service. ■



2011 Wilkins Township Leaf Collection Schedule

**Monday, Oct. 17,
Oct. 31 & Nov. 14**

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 18,
Nov. 1 & Nov. 15**

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. 19,
Nov. 2 & Nov. 16**

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

**Thursday, Oct. 20,
Nov. 3 & Nov. 17**

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

Note:

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

**Monday, Oct. 24,
Nov. 7 & Nov. 21**

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

**Tuesday, Oct. 25,
Nov. 8 & Nov. 22**

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. 26,
Nov. 9 & Nov. 23**

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

**Thursday, Oct. 27,
Nov. 10 & Monday, Nov. 28**

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



FIRE Co. No.4

In April through August of this year, we responded to 82 calls, an average of nearly four calls per week. Among these were calls for motor vehicle accidents, downed wires, brush fires, and flooding. We also participated in drills to maintain and improve members' skills in fire and rescue work.



We hosted four "Safety Days" where we showed our pumper and equipment to community members. Children especially enjoyed sitting in the truck cab and seeing the equipment. We held "Safety Days" at the Sanford-Brown Institute in Penn Center on June 30, Emmanuel Lutheran Church bible camp on July 20, Applebee's in Penn Center on July 23, and on August 6 at the Shop-N-Save.

We had two booths at this year's Wilkins Festival, one with instant bingo strips and tickets for raffles, and the other with a "spin the wheel" game with black-and-gold sports-themed prizes. Thanks to those who supported us through our fundraising booths.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTES:

If you want to call the fire hall, our non-emergency number is 412-823-2322.

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. Go to our website at

HYPERLINK

"<http://www.wilkins304firerescue.com/index.html>"www.wilkins304firerescue.com/index.html

and click on "Online Membership Application" at the top of the page. As you know, we must continually raise funds to support our vital work in the community. Monies from our fundraising efforts are essential to the financial health of our company. These funds are used to maintain and upgrade equipment, pay for utilities, underwrite firefighting training, etc. So, to those who have already contributed, thank you. For those who have not yet contributed, when asked to donate, please do so.

(Our United Way code number is 880323). ■



Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

On October 9, 2011, beginning at 12:00 PM, Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 15% of the proceeds of all sales to the Wilkins Township Police to aid them in the purchase of necessary department equipment. Please join us at Buffalo Wild Wings for some great food ~ for a great cause!

Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 3455 William Penn Highway, at the new Village at Showcase Shops! ■

PROPERTY TAX REBATE



WE CAN HELP!

Don't pay to complete Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms, my office can help

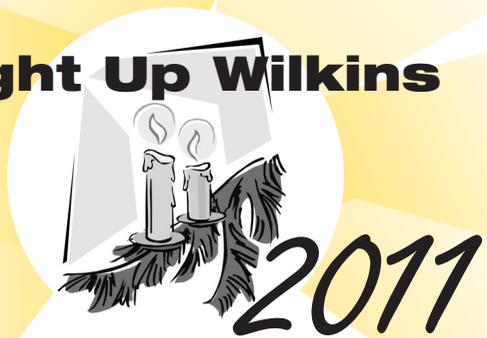
A non-government agency in Harrisburg identifying itself as the Senior Advisory Center is offering to fill out senior citizens' Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms for \$39. Do not pay for this service. Seniors can receive free assistance with the forms from my office. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program provides rebates of up to \$975 based on rent or property taxes paid. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and those 18 or older with permanent disabilities. The income limit for homeowners is \$35,000; the income limit for renters is \$15,000. Applicants need only count half of their Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, or Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits when applying. The deadline to apply for a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2010 is Dec. 31. If you know anyone who can benefit from this information, please pass it along.

My office can assist you and your family with other state-related issues and programs, as well. This includes prescription drug and children's health insurance, and problems with insurance companies, utilities, state income tax forms, unemployment compensation, PennDOT, tenant issues, foreclosure issues, eviction, food vouchers and welfare issues.

My office is located at 519 Penn Ave. in Turtle Creek. The phone number is (412) 824-3400.

~ Representative Paul Costa ■

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 2nd from 7pm to 9 pm for the 5th Annual Light Up Wilkins 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 16, 2011 so that Santa can see whether they have been naughty or nice. Drinks and snacks will be served. 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 Municipal Building 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145 attn: Recreational Advisory Board

The Deadline for reservation is November 16th 2011.

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Child's Name/Age/M or F: _____

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 November 16th 2011. ALL CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER MUST LIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVITIES.

PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER FOR CANCELLATION.



Doors open at 7 pm - NO Early Entry

Thank You - Wilkins Township 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 14th 2011 to reserve your space. This event is for all Wilkins Township residents' children 10 and under. Saturday October 22nd 2011 beginning at 12 noon Wilkins Township Community Center (behind the municipal building) Please mail this form to make reservation for your family to the Municipal Building 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145 attn: Recreational Advisory Board.

The deadline for reservations is: October 14th 2011

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Childs Name/Age/M or F: _____

Child's Name/Age/M or F: _____

How may over 10 attending: _____

Email Address: _____

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Doors open at noon - NO Early Entry

Thank You - Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board



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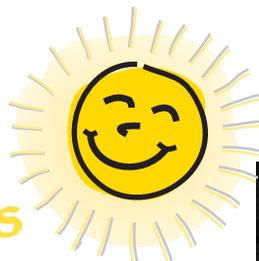
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Check out our web site at:
www.wilkinstownship.com

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Shinning Seniors

The Wilkins Township Senior Citizens enjoyed a beautiful day in the park for the annual picnic. Games were played and door prizes awarded. A delicious meal was served complete with fresh picked corn on the cob.

Our Seniors meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Community Center. The September meeting introduced the members to assistant District Attorney, Mark Traqnquilli, who mesmerized the group with tales from the courtroom.

October will be a covered dish and will begin at 1 PM. and will feature entertainment.

December we will have dinner at D'Imperio's and will be entertained by the Woodland Hills High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Rachel Godfrey.

Many fun trips are planned, including a trip to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville and Casino trips.



Where are you . . . wish you were here!

~ Please join us and enjoy some time with your friends and neighbors. ■



"Trick or Treat" will be celebrated on October 31, 2011 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.