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OUR
COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
FALL ISSUE

Wilkins Township 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 2012. It was a huge success! The weather was great and it was wonderful to meet so many different people from different communities!

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! 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 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 2013 and we plan on making it bigger and better yet. See you next year.



Zumba with Sue

back cover .

Wilkins Taste the Wines of PA

The Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners will hold the first work session on the 2013 Budget on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 110 Peffer Road. Subsequent meetings will be held: Monday, October 29th and Monday November 12th at 6:00 PM. Final Budget Adoption is tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2012. The Board welcomes your attendance and input at these meetings.

Share the Road

Share the Road East is an advocacy group that is working to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in municipalities east of Pittsburgh. Currently the group is comprised of elected officials and individuals from Edgewood, Swissvale, Forest Hills, Churchill, Wilkins Township, Wilkinsburg, and Monroeville. Anyone interested in working with the group or learning more can contact Michael Boyd at HYPERLINK "mailto: mboyd50@gmail.com" mboyd50@gmail.com.





In April through August, our company responded to 40 emergency calls, including calls for structure, vehicle, and vegetation (brush) fires and rescue calls. We also responded to hazardous condition calls and other incidents. Furthermore, we participated regularly in training and drills to maintain and improve our skills in firefighting and rescue work.

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Our most recent residential fund drive is ongoing. Thank you to those who've contributed. If you haven't given yet, please do so.

In order to raise funds, we operated two booths at the Summer Festival where we sold strip tickets and had a wheel of fortune game. *Thank you for your support.*

On June 23 we assisted with safety issues during the Summer Festival 5K Run/Walk, such as blocking off intersections and directing traffic.

On July 18, our rescue vehicle was a big hit at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School.

On July 28, our company participated in Kid's Day at Applebee's restaurant. The kids loved to "drive" the engine.

Our all-volunteer company has two pressing needs: funds and members. Of these, OUR GREATEST NEED IS FOR NEW MEMBERS. Without a sufficient number of firefighters, our mission to preserve the lives and property of Wilkins residents will be compromised. In addition to firefighters, we need more associate members to help clean and maintain vehicles, equipment and our fire hall and grounds, help plan and staff events, and raise funds. To join our company, go to our website at HYPERLINK "http://www.wilkins304firerescue.com/index/html"www.wilkins304firerescue.com and click on "Online Membership Application" near the top of the page.

Of course, we need funds as well as members to support our critical firefighting and rescue missions.

[FYI – Our United Way code is 880323.]

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

How to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

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Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters.

Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams. Compost your yard waste.

Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels and learn how to prevent pest problems.

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.

Take your car to the carwash instead of washing it in your driveway.

Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil. Pick up after your pet.

OASIS Tutoring Volunteers Needed!

The OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program

promotes literacy with a proven approach that helps high-need children build skills to read at grade level. Older adults (50 years and older) are our volunteer tutors.

The Pittsburgh OASIS tutoring program is 11 years old and works in both the Pittsburgh Public School District and the Woodland Hills School District. The curriculum is a six-step approach to literacy developed by educators. It includes reading and language activities that spark a child's interest and create an environment where students can achieve.

Tutors receive twelve hours of training in the six-step approach before they begin working with students. Free materials are provided to the tutors to use. OASIS also provides ongoing support with additional training mentoring and networking opportunities throughout the school year. If you are interested in becoming an OASIS tutor, please

If you are interested in becoming an OASIS tutor, please contact John D. Spehar, M.Ed., Pittsburgh, OASIS Tutoring Coordinator at (412) 232-2021 or Carol Congedo, M.D., M.A., Curriculum and Instruction OASIS Tutor Trainer at

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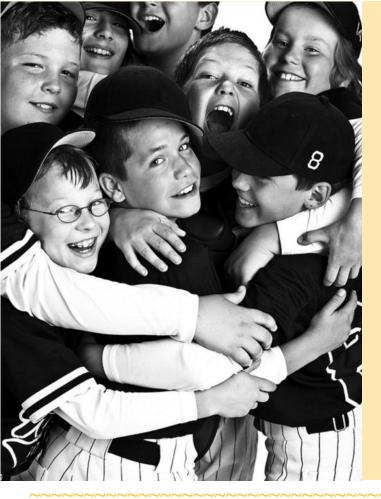
Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Wilkins Township Democrats will be sponsoring the annual Spaghetti Dinner

on October 21st, at the Community Center.

The eat-in-only event will be held from 3 until 6 PM.

A \$5 donation is requested.



BASEBALL SOFTBALL

Thanks to many folks, we had another successful season on the diamond this summer. We would like to specifically thank all of the coaches, parent volunteers, and fans. We also want to thank our corporate sponsors. Please patronize them as they are a large reason why we are able to run our program with minimal registrations fees.

They are:

Johnny Mock Auto Body • Wilkins Township Shop N Save The Italian Club • Prestogeorge Coffee & Tea Beavercreek Towing Co. • Patrick Lanigan Funeral Home State Representative Paul Costa • 1-800-GOT-JUNK? Buffalo Wild Wings

We also want to thank all of the residents in the Township who patronized our drink booth at the Community Days Festival this summer. This is our # 1 fund raiser and we appreciate your support. We hope to see all of the ball players in 2013. Registration will take place sometime in February. Keep your eyes open for dates and times.

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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



Catch the Reading Bug!

Here's a Sampling of our Fall Activities.
For more details visit the library or check our website.

For Kids

Story Times

Join us every Friday at 10:30am for Preschool Story Hour at the Wilkins Community Center. We'll have plenty of stories, finger plays, games and a craft. Here are more story hours:

Mondays
Tuesdays
10:30am Forest Hills Branch
10:30am CC Mellor Edgewood
Wednesdays
10:30am CC Mellor Edgewood
Thursdays
10:30am Churchill Borough Building

The following adult and children's programs are held at the Edgewood Library. To register call 412-731-0909.

Annual Halloween Party & Parade

Wednesday, October 24th, 6:00pm Parade around the library. Pizza and treats for costumed children. Storyteller Allen Irvine entertains.

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 15th, 10:30 Join Mrs. Claus for stories starting at 10:30, Songs and a yummy pancake breakfast to follow. Kids 2 to 10.

For Adults

AARP Driving Classes for the 55+ Crowd

Basic Class held Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19 9am-1pm. Refresher Course, already completed Basic Class, held Thursday October 26 from 9am to 1pm. Cost \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members.

Can You Pass the Citizenship Civics Test?

The U S Citizenship and Immigration Services lead this interactive program on the citizenship process and test the audience's knowledge of U S history and civics on Tuesday October 17 at 7pm. Teens and adults.

When We Shine: 15 Songs about Pittsburgh

Join Tom Breiding as he musically tells the history of our region from coal fields to stories of workers in steel, glass and coal industries on Tuesday, November 6 at 7pm. Family friendly.

Edgewood Chamber Concert Local professional musicians will perform cutting edge music on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20. Refreshments provided. Family friendly.

Arts and Crafts Fair Do your holiday shopping On Saturday, December 8 and Sunday December 9 10am to 4pm.

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

www.ccmellorlibrary.org



Century Club

The Wilkins Township Century Club has taken on a project to help Summer Tissue, of Military Connections, collect items for care packages to send to our troops overseas.

Below is a list of needed items:

Individual boxed cereal
Chef Boyardee with pop-top lids
Canned soup with pop-top lids
Beef Jerky
Individual drink mixes
Granola Bars
Protein Bars
Packets of Tuna
Cookies or Crackers
Gum & Mints
Non-chocolate candy, such as
Starburst, Skittles, Licorice, etc...

Questions can be directed to Marilyn Hill at (412)823-1253. Donated items can be dropped off at 213 Churchill Road.



The Recreation Advisory Board is hosting a Craft Show / Bake Sale on Saturday October 13th, 2012 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



We will host a Dance in the banquet hall on November 3rd. 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 7th through the 13th 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 November 6th, See any Wilkins #3 Fireman to place your order.

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2012 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 un-available for rentals. We hope this is only temporary

Just a reminder!

Don't forget! Daylight Savings ends November 4th 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 EXTREME need of Fire fighters. Can you help? Volunteer Today!

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



STOP! Don't throw those newspapers & magazines in the trash!!! There are Abitibi Dumpsters throughout the Township for your convenience! There is one on Frazier Drive at the Vol. Fire Co. No. 4; one at Powell Street at Vol. Fire Co. No. 3 and two at the Municipal Building. The proceeds from the collection go to the Century Club of Wilkins Township which in turn supports Meals on Wheels, the fire companies & many other non-profit organizations in Wilkins.



KEEPING SKUNKS AWAY

Several areas within the Municipality are having problems with skunks. The Township does not trap or dispose of any wildlife. It is up to the resident(s) to contact an exterminator or a company that traps skunks if they so wish.

The website www.howtogetridofstuff.com gives several useful tips on trying to get rid of skunks. Below are a few examples from the website:

Keeping skunks away... far away

Skunks are scavengers and will eat anything from bugs to garbage. If a skunk finds a tasty morsel on your land, chances are good that he'll start visiting more often. Skunks are nocturnal, so you're most likely to see/smell them at night and in the early morning when they're out scavenging for food. Skunks can and do eat anything; bird eggs, bugs and larvae, human wastes, small rodents, you name it - they'll eat it. Following is a list of the most common foods that attract skunks onto people's property:

Unprotected garbage. When you transfer your trash outside for pickup, store it in heavy duty metal or plastic trash cans with lids that will stay on even if the can is knocked over. Never place unprotected bags out on the curb.

Grubs and larvae: Skunks love grubs! Grubs are beetle larva that live underneath of your lawn. Skunks are known for digging small holes in peoples yards as they hunt for them. Luckily, beneficial nematodes also love to eat grubs, and are easily deployed in your lawn and garden to eliminate this attractant.

Pet food: Never leave unprotected animal food outside at night, it's akin to setting a place at your dinner table for Pepé le Pew.

Nuts, berries, and fruits. If you have bushes or trees that bear fruits, nuts, or berries you should periodically walk your yard and remove any that have fallen to the ground. Skunks will happily feast on them, and so will rodents... which skunks will also happily eat.

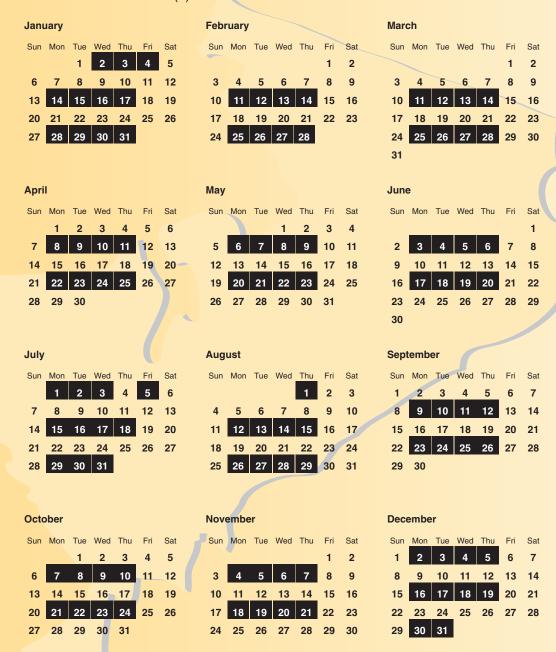
Other attractants. While the above food sources are the most common culprits that attract skunks, there are (of course) more. If any of these exist on your property, do your best to minimize or eliminate them.

- · Compost heaps containing bones, fruit rinds and egg shells.
- Large numbers of ground dwelling insects under dead leaves and foliage.
- · Easily accessible water sources.
- · Bird feeder spills.

TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS RECYCLING CALENDAR

HOLIDAYS OBSERVED ARE:

MEMORIAL DAY, JULY 4TH, LABOR DAY, THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS & New Years Day. PICK-UP WILL BE DELAYED ONE (1) DAY AS A RESULT OF THESE HOLIDAYS.



Refuse collections are scheduled weekly. Please put your containers out by the curb the night before pick-up. Containers must have lids. Containers must be removed from the pick-up point the next day. No auto parts or building materials. Rugs must be cut to 4' lengths. Call Municipal Building to arrange pick-up of freezer, refrigerator, air conditioner or unit using freon coolant. RECYCLING DAYS ARE SHOWN IN BOLD BLACK

Public Works Notes Fall 2012

The 2012 Leaf Collection Program is scheduled to begin on October 15th. 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.

We are finding a number of sanitary sewer problems due to the use of sanitary wipes. These products do no break down in the sewer system and they can and do cause blockages and backups in your sewer lines as well as the township main lines. Please dispose of these items in a waste can and do not flush them in the toilet.



2012 Wilkins Township Leaf Collection Schedule

Monday, Oct.15, Oct. 29 & Nov.12

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

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

Hawthorne Drive
Thorncrest Drive
Calmont Drive
Laurel Drive
Orion Drive
Jefferson Heights Road
Sunset Drive
Sylvia Lane
Gilchrest Drive
Ridgewood Drive
Princeton Drive

Tuesday, Oct. 23, Nov. 6 & Nov. 20

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

Tuesday, Oct. 16, Oct. 30 & Nov. 14

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

NOTE:

Leaves must be placed in street.

Crews will not pick up bagged leaves or enter yards.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, Nov. 7 & Nov. 21

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

Wednesday, Oct. 17, Oct. 31 & Nov. 14

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

Monday, Oct. 22, Nov. 5 & Nov. 19

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

Thursday, Oct. 25, Nov. 8 & Nov. 26

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

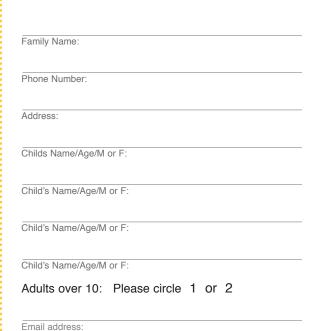


The days get shorter and the air gets chilly – it can only mean one thing: Christmas is around the corner! We hope you will join us Saturday December 1st at 12 noon. This is the annual Children's Christmas Party. Come and spend an afternoon filled with fun and surprises. This event is free to township residents young and old, however, children 10 and under must register by November 16, 2012 so that Santa can see whether they have been naughty or nice. Drinks and snacks will be served. This 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

The Deadline for reservation is November 16th 2012.



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.

Please note: Due to capacity and safety issues for everyone, only 2 adults per family permitted to attend. No early entry and doors open promptly at noon.



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WILKINS TASTE THE WINES OF PA

You are invited to join your neighbors as we travel off to Erie for a day of wine sampling and a bit of gambling.

Our tour leaves on Tuesday, October 23rd. Our first stop is Penn Shore Winery for tasting.

Then we are off to another tasting at Mazza Vineyards to sample their specialties. We will have time to shop at both of these stops.

The Pufferbelly Restaurant will be the next stop. It is a restored fire station in Downtown Erie.

The restaurant is named after the steam pumpers and fire engines of the late 1800's. There are three menu choices for a delicious meal. Last stop will be a short visit to the Presque Isle Downs and Casino. There you can try your luck at the slots, gaming tables or the races.

Cost for this trip is only \$66 per person.

If interested please call Sylvia at 412 823-8696.

ZUMBA WITH SU

Join your neighbors for Zumba fun and fitness at the Wilkins Township Community Center Monday evenings at 7 PM our own certified instructor, Sue Delanko DiFuccia, will guide us for a full hour of instruction. Classes begin October 15th and will continue every Monday until November 19th. Enjoy all six classes for only \$36. To register, call Wilkins Township at 412 824-6650.

This event is sponsored by the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Committee.

