



# OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019



## Wilkins Township Baseball

Spring is near and Wilkins Baseball Registration is open! We had an awesome turnout last year and fielded 4 t-ball teams, 2 8u teams and 2 10u teams. We had so much fun that we decided to have 8u and 10u tournament teams as well as Fall Ball teams and a fall t-ball clinic! Looking forward to bringing 12u baseball back! We can't forget that we had a team go undefeated and the kids earned some great trophies.

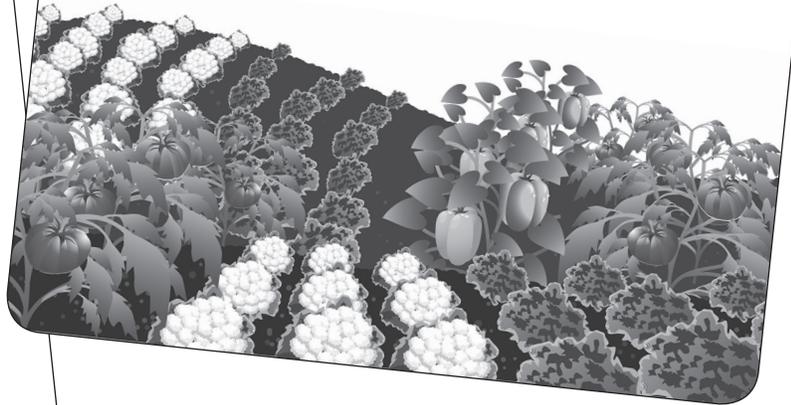
To register, please visit [www.wilkinsbaseball.com](http://www.wilkinsbaseball.com) by **March 22**. We will have in person registration at the Wilkins Township Municipal Building **February 9** from Noon-2 p.m. and **March 7** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We look forward to another great year of baseball.

### Play Ball!

## Wilkins Community Garden SPRING PLANTING

The Community Garden Committee is currently planning a Spring Planting on **April 6**, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Garden, located between Mortimer and Highland Avenues. If you are interested in an individual plot or working with other residents to harvest vegetables communally, please plan to join us! For more information about the committee, please visit us on Facebook at Wilkins Township Community Garden.

The Community Garden Committee's next planning meeting will be held on **February 26**, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Municipal Building. Reservations for individual plots **must** be made by/at this meeting.



## CLEAN UP WILKINS

Join us on **Saturday, April 27** for our annual clean up Wilkins day. All are welcome to meet us at 9 a.m. at the Community Center for a quick breakfast before we go off to various areas of the township to clean. At noon we will meet back at the Community Center for a pizza lunch and prizes.

All three of our fire departments come out to help and The Elks help out by cleaning up Brown Avenue.

Vests, gloves, water and bags will be provided.

Please consider joining us as we have a fun time keeping Wilkins Township streets beautiful.



# SUMMER SERIES 2019

## SAVE-THE-DATES

*Township Event — All Are Welcome*

Other than the 5K, all events will be held at: Wilkins Township Municipal Complex  
110 Peffer Road  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

### 5K Run/1.5 M Walk

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

Wilkins Primary School  
362 Churchill Road

Registration begins at 7 a.m.

Race begins at 8 a.m. all ages welcome

Pre-register at [www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

### KID FEST

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

All festivities begin at 3 p.m.

Kid Orientated event. There will be a lot of fun things scheduled!

### Food and Brews Night

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**

6-9:30 p.m.

Food and beer trucks

Live music from 7-9:30 p.m.

Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

Admission is free to all events, suggested donation of a canned good or non-perishable item for Turtle Creek food bank is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!



## PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

### Yard Waste Dropoff

Starting April 1 through April 30 there will be a yard waste drop off container behind the Public Works Garage at the Municipal Building. Residents can bring and dispose of yard waste materials as follows.

#### Acceptable Items

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

#### Non-Acceptable Items

- Grass Clippings
- Logs
- Whole Trees
- Building Materials of any Type

#### Rules & Restrictions

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

### Grass Clipping Compost

Again this year there will be a posted area at the Township Leaf Compost Site at Linhart Park where residents can drop off grass clippings and mix with equal parts of leaf compost (a shovel is provided).

Leaf compost is always available to residents and is free of charge.

### Summer Help Wanted

At this time there are a few positions open for seasonal help this upcoming summer with the Public Works Department. Eligible candidates would be students who have graduated high school and will be starting college or who are currently attending college.

Duties would include the following:

- Park Maintenance
- Road Maintenance
- Cutting Roadside Weeds and Brush
- Line Painting
- Sewer Maintenance
- Storm Cleanup

Interested individuals can download an application for employment at

[www.wilkinstownship.com](http://www.wilkinstownship.com)

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WILKINS TOWNSHIP EMPLOYMENT

APPLICATION or stop by the office.

Although the bulk of the sewer cleaning and video inspecting is finished, township workers will be around doing maintenance, follow up inspections and repairs as needed. Workers do carry identification and are required to show it if asked. During the course of the sewer work we are still finding 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. *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 not break down in the sewer system and they can and do cause blockages and backups in your sewer lines, the township main lines as well as the wastewater treatment plant. Please dispose of these items in a waste can and do not flush in the toilet.

## Planning Commission/Civil Service Board Vacancies

The Board of Commissioners seeks residents interested in serving on the Planning Commission or Civil Service Board. Interested residents may apply by submitting correspondence indicating their interest to the Township Manager, Rebecca Vargo by mail to 110 Pepper Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145, or by e-mail to [rvargo@wilkinstownship.com](mailto:rvargo@wilkinstownship.com). Following is a brief summary of each position.

**Civil Service Board:** Members of the Civil Service Board serve terms of six years. This volunteer position is responsible for hiring, promoting and discharging police officers. Interested residents may not hold an elected or appointed office with the Federal, State or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth. Residents with experience or education in the fields of human resource management and law enforcement are encouraged to apply.

**Planning Commission:** Members of the Planning Commission serve terms of five years. This volunteer position is responsible for developing zoning, land development and subdivision regulations; and reviewing and making recommendations for proposed land developments in the community. Residents with experience or education in the fields of engineering, architecture and construction are encouraged to apply.



WILKINS TOWNSHIP

## Summer Lunch Program



### Where

Linhart Park – James Street  
Lions Park – Miller Street  
Eastmont Park – Frazier Drive

### When

June 10 – August 16  
Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### Who

All Wilkins Township Children  
(up to age 18)

Every summer, the Township sponsors a summer program at our three community parks. Children will be supervised by a Township employee and will have an opportunity to play and make crafts each day. Lunch is provided each day of the ten week program at no cost. The lunch program is sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a park monitor please contact the Municipal Office at 412-824-6650 x10. Monitors must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Wilkins Township.



## THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF RECYCLING

The recycling industry is experiencing high levels of contamination, or trash in recycling. This is coming at a time when the requirements for quality (clean) recycling are increasing due to new policies in China. These policies have banned 24 types of materials and include strict quality standards.

In 2017, China began to limit the quantity of material it accepts for recycling and in 2018 added specific contamination limits set at 0.5 percent. These significant changes are affecting the recycling industry world-wide. As a result, the focus on quality is higher than ever, as we work to ensure the long-term sustainability of recycling programs.

When non-recycling items (contamination) end up in your recycling, they have the potential to turn the entire load into trash and increase processing costs resulting in contamination and in the very near future service charges being passed on to the municipality for non-compliance of residents.

Please join us in the battle against contamination and make sure your recycling is free of contaminants and follow the recycling do's and don'ts.



**DO** recycle all cans, paper and cardboard

**DO** recycle plastics #1 & #2 only

**DO** keep foods and liquids out of recycling

**DO** keep plastic bags out of recycling

**DON'T** bag your recyclables. Plastic bags and film get tangled in the machinery

**DON'T** include food-soiled items; they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash

**DON'T** add ANY GLASS, needles and electronics; they can cause injury to the workers

**DON'T** toss in "tangles" like rubber hoses and wires; they can shut down an entire recycling center

# FIRE RESCUE NEWS



# NEWS FIRE RESCUE

## #1 Volunteer Fire Company

### Annual Fund Drive

Our 2019 fund drive is underway. For those of you who have regularly supported us, you have our sincere thanks and gratitude. For those who have not been able to do so, we hope you will consider making a donation this year. Our promise to you is that 100 percent of your donation will be used to fund the purchase of necessary equipment, protective gear for the firefighters and to provide training to our members.

### Other Ways You Can Help Us

Maybe being an active firefighter is not something you can commit to at this time. Perhaps you can assist us in other ways. Do you have mechanical or handyman skills? There are occasional building and vehicle maintenance projects that could require your particular talent. What about a specialty service skill such as tax

preparation? Yes, even though we are a non-profit, wholly volunteer organization, we must file taxes each year and have to pay to have these done. Becoming a "goodwill" member and taking on these periodic projects would be a tremendous help. Stop down the station around 6:30 any Thursday evening to say hello and meet the other members.

### CPR and First Aid Classes

Interested in obtaining training in CPR or First Aid for you or a group? Four of our members are certified instructors and can arrange a class. The cost is \$40 per person. Please contact Ryan Flaherty by e-mail at [Rflaherty835@gmail.com](mailto:Rflaherty835@gmail.com) for details.

### Did You Know?

We responded to 372 alarms last year totaling over 3100 hours of service. Additionally, 2900 hours were spent in

training by our members to develop and refine the skills they bring to each call.

Wilkins VFC #1 has achieved recognition from the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioners' office as a participant in the State certification and training program. Be assured, that should you need us, those responding will have the proper training and experience to handle whatever situation they encounter. Over 90 percent of our responders have state certification in specific skill areas and they will participate in additional certification training classes throughout this year.

### New Website

Be sure to take a look at our website at: [wilkinstownship302.org](http://wilkinstownship302.org). You can find additional information about your fire company, sign up for our newsletter, or apply for membership.



The women of the Century Club were kept busy over the past several months with meetings and events that included: A remembrance of 9/11 during our September meeting. At our October meeting we enjoyed listening to speakers from Meals for Friends. The November meeting found us baking for our Election Day Bake Sale and creating snowflakes to be put in the Holiday gift bags for Meals for Friends. We will continue to stay busy as we look forward to planning and participating in these upcoming events: In February we will participate in Cookies, Coffee, and Bingo at the Vet's Hospital. At our March meeting we will begin planning for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. We will host the Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, April 7, 2019**, at the Wilkins Township Community Center, from 2-6 p.m. The event is Eat In or Take Out.

Dinner includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, meatballs, salad, bread and butter. There will also be a basket raffle and bake sale. The Spaghetti Dinner is our biggest fundraiser event.

The Century Club donates all money raised at our events to the following organizations: Wilkins Fire Departments, Wilkins Elks Memorial Day, CC Mellor Library, Wilkins School Nurse, Meals for Friends, Veterans Sharing and Caring and the Food Bank in Turtle Creek.

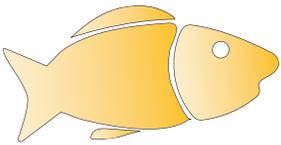
We are always seeking new members to join us! We meet in the Wilkins Township Community Center at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month from September thru May. We would love to see you there.

## # 3 Volunteer Fire Company

In 2018 Our Company responded to 333 calls in our Township and the surrounding communities. In 2017 we responded to 228 calls some were structure fires, flooding, carbon monoxide, auto accidents, evacuations of buildings and any other emergencies that you can think of.

Visit our website for more information at <http://wilkinstwp303.com/>

### Mark your calendars!



Lenten Fish fry starts on **Friday, March 8** and every **Friday** thru **April 19**.

Don't forget when you are out shoveling snow help us out in case of an emergency and clean the snow around the fire hydrants that may be on or near your property.

### 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



### Contribution Statistics

**We desperately need your HELP Look at these dwindling statistics!**

**178 out of 1,037 of our residents sent in donations this is only 17 percent!**

<b>2018</b>	178 homes	<b>2012</b>	220 homes
<b>2017</b>	178 homes	<b>2011</b>	320 homes
<b>2016</b>	245 homes	<b>2010</b>	278 homes
<b>2015</b>	263 homes	<b>2009</b>	329 homes
<b>2014</b>	275 homes	<b>2008</b>	346 homes
<b>2013</b>	294 homes		

The number of households contributing continues to dwindle. Please contribute whatever amount you can to ensure fire protection in your community.

If all the residents would just pitch in a little we can increase the number of homes donating!

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors who supported in 2018 and look for your continued support in 2019.

New members especially Firefighters are ALWAYS welcome!

### Banquet Hall Now Available for Rentals

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



## #4 Volunteer Fire Company

Always remember to keep the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors current by replacing them twice a year, every time we change our clocks. These detectors can save lives!

2018 was a very busy year for us. We actually had the highest number of calls in our history. We have been responding to fire alarms, structure fires, vehicle fires, carbon monoxide conditions, cooking incidents, flooding conditions, vehicle accidents, physical rescues, elevator rescues and numerous other emergencies. We need your help! Please consider joining the fire department as a firefighter. We pay for all gear, education, and training expenses. Remember, Wilkins Township fire service is 100 percent volunteer.

The Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST) provides full scholarships for an Associate's degree or certificate program

at Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy for our members who meet certain requirements and a commitment of five years of service. We will be happy to provide more information once you join our membership.

Winter reminder: please keep fire hydrants by your house free of debris and snow. Please don't plant bushes that might impede our access to a hydrant. We need them for our use and your protection.

Please support YOUR fire department through our fund drives. Also, if you donate to United Way, you can designate Wilkins #4 for your donation under the "Alternative Organization." Our code number is 880323.

**Wilkins #4 VFD Phone: 412 823-2322**



## LIBRARY EVENTS FEBRUARY-MAY

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

Online program registration is at: [ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com).

For adult programming, contact Megan Zagorski at [zagorskim@einetwork.net](mailto:zagorskim@einetwork.net).

For children's programming, contact Erin Tobiasz at [tobiasze2@einetwork.net](mailto:tobiasze2@einetwork.net).

### Book Sale

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's annual book sale promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find plenty to choose from among the thousands of books, movies, audiobooks, music CDs, and more. Everything is at bargain prices!

The weekend will kick off with a preview party for area residents and their guests on **Friday, March 8** at 6 p.m., hosted by the library's community groups. This is a great time to join your friends and neighbors in browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of food, drink and conversation. The cost per person is \$25 at the door. Dealers and scanners are welcome at the preview party.

**Saturday, March 9** and **Sunday, March 10** are the main sale days. Books are \$2 for hardbacks, \$1 for paperbacks and \$.50 for kids' books. DVDs and CDs are \$2 each.

**Monday, March 11** and **Tuesday, March 12** are bag sale days. Fill a bag for \$6. Bring your own bag or get one at the sale.

### Sale Hours:

**Friday, March 8** – 6-9 p.m. (Preview Party)

**Saturday, March 9** – 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sunday, March 10** – 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Monday, March 11** – 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 12** – 9 a.m.-Noon

### DONATIONS

Due to the volume of materials CCM has received this year, we will NOT be accepting book donations between **March 1** and **March 31**. If you would like to donate books to the sale, please drop them off before **March 1**. Donations may be made at CCM Edgewood only. Before donating, please read CCM's donations guide on our website – there are some items we cannot accept.

### VOLUNTEER

An event of this size requires many helping hands! We will need volunteers to help set up for the sale and clean up afterwards. If you're interested in volunteering, sign up at CCM Edgewood or e-mail Erin Pierce at [piercee@einetwork.net](mailto:piercee@einetwork.net).

## FARMER'S MARKET



The Recreation Advisory Board will once again host our annual Farmers Market! It will be held every Wednesday evening, rain or shine, from 4-6 p.m. beginning **June 19** and running through **October 23**.

The location will be within the Penn Center Complex, the exact location is yet to be determined! Please consider coming out to shop for fresh produce and a lot of other goodies!

If you have any questions or would like information on being one of our vendors, please contact Rich Voeltzel at 412-853-8922 or the Township Municipal Building at 412-824-6650 x10.

We hope to see you there!

# Are you an Artist?

The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board is looking for Artists/Hobbyists that are interested in displaying and/or selling their artwork at our **August 24** Summer Series Event.

Setup will be at 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Municipal Building.

If you are interested in participating please fill out the attached registration form, including any questions you may have. Please mail completed form to:

Wilkins Township  
110 Peffer Road  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Please feel free to share this information and form with any artist or hobbyist you may know.

Registration Form: **August 24 Artwork Display** **Deadline: August 1**

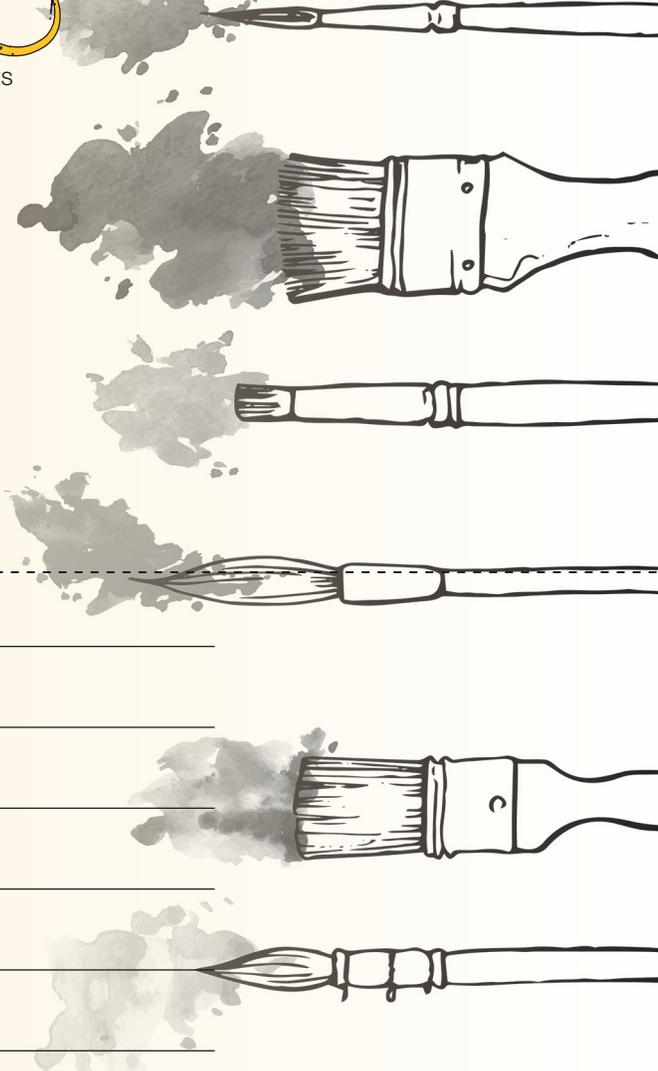
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Artwork Type

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Phone Number

Questions



## We Need You!

### Meals for Friends is Looking for Volunteers

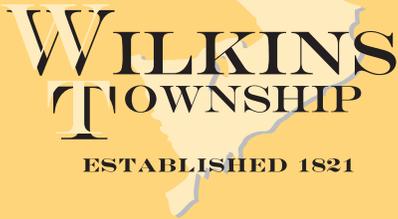
Meals for Friends is fervently seeking volunteers, particularly drivers, to deliver freshly prepared meals to disabled and senior members of Wilkins Township and surrounding communities. If interested in donating about two hours a week to deliver meals or to help prepare them in the kitchen, please call 412-824-2400 or e-mail [mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com](mailto:mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com).

## Did You Know?

*When you're washing your car in the driveway, you're not just washing your car in the driveway.*

Many residents don't associate their vehicle washing activities with local water quality and may be unaware that the discharges that enter storm drains are not treated before being discharged into local waters. Outdoor car washing has the potential to result in soap, scum, and oily grit in water flowing down the street and into the storm drain. To reduce the impact, where possible, wash your car on gravel, grass, or other permeable surfaces.





**Wilkins Township  
Recreation Advisory Board**  
110 Peffer Road  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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Check out our website at:  
**[www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com)**

Once again Peter Cottontail will be visiting the children of Wilkins Township. He plans on hopping in on **Saturday, April 13 at 11 a.m.** at the Community Center, located behind the Municipal Building. Besides eating brunch and getting pictures taken with the bunny we have other fun activities planned. Please mark your calendars and be ready to have a good time! The event is free to all residents' children **10 and under**. *There is a cost of \$3 per person for anyone over the age of 10. We hope to see you there!*



# BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY!

**Please return this reservation form by  
Friday, April 5, 2019 to:**

Recreation Advisory Board  
110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

**PARENTS BRING YOUR CAMERAS**

**THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FORMS ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER FOR CANCELLATION.**

Only two adults per family may attend due to capacity of building. If you have any questions please feel free to call Joy Voeltzel of the Recreation Advisory Board at **412-824-4523** or via e-mail at **joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com**. Doors open at 11 a.m. – *Sorry, no early entry.*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name/Age/M or F \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name/Age/M or F \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name/Age/M or F \_\_\_\_\_

Adults 10 and over attending \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_