

News To You

WILKINS TOWNSHIP

Spring 2006

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

LUNCH WITH SANTA

On behalf of the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board, we would like to thank Christina's Pizza for the great pizza's they made. Sedecky Puppets, for being able to entertain every child in the room for a full hour! We also want to thank Wilkins Township #3 Volunteer Fire Company for providing the hall. Last but certainly not least we would like to thank Santa because without you this party wouldn't have been the success it was.

Wilkins Township Recreation Board with Santa



WILKINS TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS

Wilkins Senior Citizens meet at the Municipal Building the third Thursday of each month. Many of our meetings feature entertainment; several times each year we have a covered dish dinner, and occasionally we play games. Meeting time is 1 P.M. and anyone over the age of 50 is welcome.

Several trips have been planned.

April 5

Charlie Prose at the Castle in Greensburg

Trip includes lunch at Ferrante's Lakeview Banquet Hall and a stop at Craftique Collections.

Cost \$77

June 14

Salute to America Trip includes lunch at 7 Springs with sensational sounds of 1940 Big Band musical tribute to America. Features hits from Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, the Andrew Sisters, the Mills Brothers and the Modernaires. Also included is a visit to the 9/11 Crash site in Somerset County.

Cost \$66

June (date to be announced)
Ruth at the Millennium Theater,
Lancaster, Pa. Lots to see and do.

Cost \$247

*For more details call Ginny at
412 823-1312 or stop in to visit a meeting.*

News around Wilkins # 3 V.F.C.



Our Annual fund drive starts soon!
We need your support, Please be generous as in the past! This is YOUR Volunteer Fire Department!



Wilkins Twp VFC #3 will hold its Annual Fish & Shrimp dinners starting Friday 3/3/2006 and every Friday in Lent from 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Good Friday 4/14/2006 from 12:00pm to 7:00pm.



On the menu this year we will serve Macaroni & Cheese along with our other favorites.

- New England Clam Chowder or Broccoli & Cheese soup for \$2.75.
- Deviled Crabs or Hush Puppies for \$1.00
- Fish or Shrimp Dinners for \$6.00
- Dinners included a Mountain of Fries & Coleslaw.
- Fish sandwiches are \$4.50.

Eat at the firehouse with friends and neighbors or take home.

Our Ladies Auxiliary will also hold a Bake sale.

For more information call the firehouse at
412-271-4000.

We thank you in advance for your support and always welcome new members to the fire company.

See you at the fish fry!



Don't forget you can rent the Fire hall for your Parties, Weddings, and Graduations!

Bring your own Caterer in or serve your home cooked food. Book your parties early!
Call 412-271-9344 and ask for Denise.

WILKINS TOWNSHIP MEALS ON WHEELS

For the past eleven years a small group of Wilkins Area volunteers has been operating the Wilkins Area Meals on Wheels out of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Jefferson Heights Road in Eastmont. Our clients list grows and diminishes with the seasons and the needs of our clients. At times we serve 70 elderly, our neighbors who find it hard to shop and cook for themselves. We provide them with hot meals and bagged lunches five days a week. They pay a modest fee for those services and we receive support from the state through the Lutherans Service Society. (only some of them are Lutherans).

Our current, on-going problem is we need more volunteers, more hands to do the work. None of it is difficult. We help the paid cook put food into containers, seal the containers, wash pots and pans. We make sandwiches and put lunches into bags. We drive the food to client's homes. If gas prices are a worry to you, we can offer a bit of help there. Most of us are getting older too. We need help in this work for our neighbors. Won't you share an hour or two a month with us? We really need you. Our clients need you. Please call the kitchen at 412-824-5579. We will be waiting for your call.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE

At the request of Waste Management, the Board of Commissioners has agreed to a change in the schedule for recycling, effective April 1, 2006. The revised recycling schedule is included in the newsletter. Pick-up will still occur on the day of your normal refuse pickup, however, the recycling week will be the opposite of that which it has been. As usual, recyclables will be picked up the last week of March (March 27th-30th). But, the following week (April 3rd - 6th), recyclables will also be picked up. Following that, recycling will resume on a bi-weekly schedule, with the week of April 17th-20th being the next recycling week, and so on. Waste Management requested the change to provide for better pickup coverage in not only Wilkins, but also other communities whom they serve. If you have any questions regarding your recycling pickup, please feel free to call the Township Managers' office: 412-824-6650 x 10.

What do you get when you combine 8 gallons of Hot chocolate, 400 Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Cookies, Cold drinks and over 300 residents? Give up?

One heck of a Christmas Tree Burning!

Wilkins Township and Forest Hill's Borough had their 1st ever joint Christmas tree burning on January 13. Residents from both Communities came to the Forest Hills Lodge on Greensburg Pike to watch their Christmas tree go up in smoke the safe way! The Road Department workers collected the trees after the holiday and piled

them up approximately 25 feet high and the Fire departments set them a blaze!

The weather could not have been better it was the warmest day of the New Year! Both Wilkins and Forest Hills receive grant money for their recycling efforts. Trees, leaves, cans and bottles are recycled. The money is used to purchase equipment to be used by both communities. The Wilkins Recreation Board and The Forest Hills Civic Association would like to thank all Residents who attended the event.

Also Special thanks to the Road departments and Forest Hills and Wilkins Fire Companies. We are sure that next year the Tree Burning will be even Bigger and Better!



TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS

2006 RECYCLING CALENDAR

Holidays Observed are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving & Christmas.
 Pick-Up will be delayed one (1) day as a result of these holidays.

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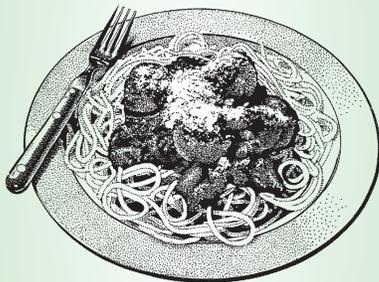
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RECYCLING IS PICKED UP BI-WEEKLY ON THE DAY OF THE WEEK THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR REFUSE PICK-UP.
 RECYCLING DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED.

Century Club of Wilkins Township

The Century Club is looking forward to a busy spring. Please join us for our annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 30, 2006! We will be serving from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the spaghetti and meatballs are delicious. You can eat in or take out and the cost is a reasonable \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. This is our major fundraiser for the year and the moneys that we earn go to support the local fire departments, schools and many other local organizations. Hope to see you there.



We would also like you to join us for a regular monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Irene Pohl Municipal Building. On Valentine's Day we will be having a "Ladies Night Out" with crazy bridge and other heartfelt surprises, and who knows what escapades we will get into in March!!!



If you would like more information about the club or our meetings, please check out our web-site at <http://centuryclubwilkins.tripod.com/> or e-mail us at centuryclubpa@lycos.com.

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

**WE WILL BE OFFERING BOTH FAST
AND SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL**

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Saturday, February 25, 2006 / 11:00 - 2:00

**Wilkins Township Municipal Building
110 Peffer Road
Turtle Creek, PA 15145**

**You must register at one of the above
dates as no registrations will be accepted
after the February 25th sign up.**

**T-BALL 5-6 YEARS OLD
BOYS LITTLE LEAGUE 7-12 YEARS OLD
BOYS PONY LEAGUE 13-14 YEARS OLD
BOYS COLT LEAGUE 15-16 YEARS OLD**

**GIRLS SOFTBALL / SLOW PITCH AND FAST
PITCH
GIRLS SOFTBALL 7-15 YEARS**

REGISTRATION FEES:

WILKINS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS – FREE

OUT OF TOWNSHIP FEE – \$35.00 PER CHILD

CONTACT: JOHN MORVAY at 412-829-0785



Wilkins Township Fire Department News

As a reminder to the Citizens of Wilkins Township, the 2006 Fund Drive mailings will be arriving soon. Please help support your Volunteer Fire Departments. The Fire Departments would like to say THANK YOU for your past support in the fund drives. Your support has helped the fire company's provide quality training to its members, upgrade equipment, maintain buildings and apparatus. Without your support we wouldn't be able to maintain the highest quality of fire protection that our citizens deserve.

Wilkins Township VFC # 1 is expecting their New Pumper Truck in June of this year. This will replace their current one and provide the Citizens of Wilkins with the up-to-date fire fighting technology utilizing foam capabilities. The members are hoping for delivery in early June so that they will be able to have it on show to the community during Community Days.

All Wilkins Township Fire Companies are looking for new members. There are so many different tasks to be taken care of. (Fundraising, administrative help, cleaning the trucks, responding to calls, etc.) Most people think if you join the Fire Department you have to respond to fire a call; that is an untrue statement. Each company has different classes of membership to suit your volunteerism. Every job with the fire department is very important; we can't do one without the other. Any interested parties stop in and check us out!

If you would like any information regarding membership or have any other questions, please contact one of the Fire Stations or stop in on a Thursday night between 7pm and 9pm during our practice night.



Wilkins Twp. # 1	412-829-0530	835 Railroad Street
Wilkins Twp. # 3	412-271-4000	109 Powell Street
Wilkins Twp. # 4	412-823-2322	205 Frazier Drive



Here Comes Peter Cottontail!

It's that time of year when Peter Cottontail will make his visit to the children of Wilkins Township on Saturday, April 8th from 1pm to 4pm. Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held at the Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building. Remember to bring your Easter baskets to fill them with the eggs that you find. You can also have your picture taken with Peter Cottontail and some other great things to do. So please mark your calendar and be ready to have a great time. This event is free to all children 10 and under to Wilkins Township Residents. See you there!

Please mail this form to make reservations for your family by March 25, 2006.

Name (s): _____

How many : _____

Age (s): _____

If child is a boy or girl: _____

Please Mail back form to the Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building
110 Pepper Road • Turtle Creek, PA 15145



PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

Congratulations to Patty Nowikowski, the Wilkins Citizen of the Year. Having worked with Patty on a number of events this past year I can tell you it is an honor well deserved. Patty and the rest of the Recreation Board have devoted a lot of time and effort into making the Township a great place to live. We're lucky to have people as dedicated as they are.

The snow season is here. Please remember that parking is not permitted in cul-d-sacs and turnarounds. If you park on a narrow street please make sure you leave enough room for the salt truck and snow plow to pass.

Free firewood is still available to residents at the Municipal Building. The pile is located behind the building, directly across from the former Rescue One garage. It is cut to length, but is not split.

Just a reminder, Township workers are cleaning and video inspecting sewer lines throughout the Township. They do carry identification and are required to show it if asked. There are also crews from Hydra-Tech Industries doing camera work and dye-testing of downspouts and driveway drains for the Township. While they will need to enter yards, under no circumstances do any of these workers need to enter any homes or businesses. *Should someone want to enter your home using the pretext of working for the Township, you should notify 911 immediately.*

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.

Our department recently mourned the passing of our former co-worker, Adam Romanelli. Adam worked for the Township for over forty three years. He was a devoted employee who loved working and living in Wilkins. Even in retirement he was always available to help us if we had questions about things that were done in the "old days", his knowledge was extensive and will be sorely missed. Adam was part of the growth of the Township from farmland to what it is today, his family should be as proud of that as he was. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Jackie and his two sons, Chip and Frankie and their families.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

On January 18, 2006 Allegheny County 9-1-1 took over the dispatching responsibilities for Wilkins Township public safety. If there is an emergency you should dial 911 for Police, Fire or EMS.

For all non-emergency needs that require assistance, you should dial: 412-473-3056.

For the administrative section of the Police, Fire and EMS you should call the below listed numbers:

EMERGENCY	911	FIRE DEPARTMENT #1	412-829-0530
NON-EMERGENCY	412-473-3056	FIRE DEPARTMENT #3	412-271-4000
POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE	412-824-0032	FIRE DEPARTMENT #4	412-823-2322
EMS ADMINISTRATIVE	412-351-9111		

For our residents who have alarm systems, you must advise your alarm company the new contact number is: 412-473-3370.



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

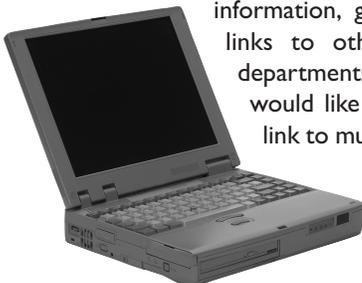
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www.wilkinstownship.com

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OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND READY FOR VIEWING!

The Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that the official Wilkins Township website is now up and running and can be viewed at www.wilkinstownship.com. Make sure that you have your volume turned up when you load the website and enjoy! We plan to continue to add new features to the website and are always happy to hear any suggestions from our residents on features that they will like to see. The website not only provides information regarding the elected and appointed officials of the Township, but also includes the detailed history (for our students) of the Township, up-to-date minutes of Commissioners meetings, forms that can be downloaded, directions to area attractions, real estate information, great local photos and many links to other sites, including our fire departments. For those residents who would like to contact us, there is also a link to municipal representatives' emails.



So, grab a cup of coffee, have a seat and explore! We know that you, like us, will enjoy the site!



Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer this spring.

Every spring the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows water runoff. Check into eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. And you may not need as much pesticide and herbicide as you think, so read the manufacturer's recommendations. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset. Our water.



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For a complete list of these concerned communities, visit www.3riverswetweather.org