

# WILKINS TOWNSHIP

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Spring 2009

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Wilkins Township Summer Festival

The 15th annual Summer Festival will be celebrated on Tuesday June 16, 2009 through Saturday June 20th. The hours this year will be from 6 pm to 11 pm nightly. In addition we will open early this year on Saturday June 20 at 12:30 for The Battle of the

Bands. The Summer Festival will be held in the Penn Center lot behind Sears.

The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board has planned another year packed full of fun for the whole family. Tropical Amusements are back providing the Carnival midway. The rides will operate from 6 pm to 11 pm nightly. Both single tickets and all night wrist bands are available for sale. There will be a variety of food from all the vendors, so come hungry.



### The Battle of the Bands.

There will be free entertainment from these bands nightly performing 2 sets 7:30 and 9:15pm as follows:

Tuesday	June 16 Saddle Up Band
Wednesday	June 17 The Buffet Man (Tom Watt)
Thursday	June 18 Billy Price
Friday	June 19 Jimmie Ross and the Jaggerz
Saturday	June 20 Joe Grushecky and the Houserockers



The car cruise starts at 5 pm on Friday June 19th. All proceeds go to Wilkins Township Baseball. Rain date is on Saturday the 20th.

On Saturday June 20th at 10:30 pm Pyrotecnico will be putting on a spectacular fireworks display.

Please come join in all the fun and support Wilkins Township non-profit groups. We hope to make this the best Summer Festival yet! See you there! ■



# 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.

Mail Completed Form To:  
Wilkins Township Police Department  
110 Peffer Road  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145



Questions? Please call: 412-824-0032

Township of Wilkins Police Department

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

# What's Going On? What's Going On? What's Going On?

## **BUSINESS AND LOCAL**

### **SERVICE TAXES:**

The Board of Commissioners appointed the Municipality of Monroeville as the tax collector for Business Tax and Local Service Tax effective January 1, 2009. Earned Income Tax will continue to be collected by Pennsylvania Municipal Services. Business Tax is a tax on the gross receipts of a business. Local Service Tax is a \$52.00 tax assessed against all individuals employed within the Township of Wilkins who earn over \$12,000. If you own and operate a business in Wilkins Township, you may be subject to these taxes. For more information please visit the Township's website ([www.wilkinstownship.com](http://www.wilkinstownship.com)) and click on the "Tax Info and Tax Forms" Link, or contact the Monroeville Tax Office at 412-856-3347.

### **PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES:**

For the last nine months, the Wilkins Township Planning Commission has been meeting with Mr. Thomas Graney, a planning and zoning consultant. The Planning Commission has made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for changes in zoning in the following areas of the community: Jefferson Heights Road, Larimer Avenue, Brown Avenue and Ridgecrest Drive. The Board of Commissioners will hold a public meeting on June 1, 2009. All affected property owners will be notified by direct mail from the Township. For more information, including addresses and parcel numbers of affected lots, please visit the Township's website and click on "Proposed Township Rezoning" on the home page, or contact Rebecca Bradley, Manager at 412-824-6650 x 10 (email: [rbradley@wilkinstownship.com](mailto:rbradley@wilkinstownship.com)).

### **HELP WANTED – POLICE OFFICER:**

The Board of Commissioners recently authorized the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of advertising, testing and creating a list of eligible candidates for the position of fulltime, probationary police officer for the Township. Applicants must be a minimum of twenty-one years of age, must have a Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Act (Act 120) certification, a high school diploma (or GED), and at least 60 college credits with an accredited college or university. In addition, candidates must have a minimum of one-year continuous full-time police service with a police agency or two-years of continuous part time service with a police agency. For more information, including timelines, applications and forms, please visit the Township's website and click on "Help Wanted," or contact Chief Krancic at 412-824-0032.

### **RIGHT TO KNOW REQUESTS:**

On January 12, 2009, the Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners adopted a Right to Know Policy in accordance with the new Right to Know Law signed into effect by Governor Rendell. The new law became effective January 1, 2009 and changes how Wilkins Township must respond to requests for information. Any legal resident of the United States may make a right to know request. The request should be made to the Township's Open Records Officer, Rebecca Bradley. Requests for information may be made in one of four ways: in person, by mail, by email, or by fax. For more information, please visit the Township's website and click on "Right to Know" on the home page, or contact Rebecca Bradley.

### **HISTORICAL MINUTES,**

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

The Township's website is a great place to gather information to work on a historical project! Recently, the Township was able to place minutes, resolutions and ordinances on-line. These documents date back to 1901 and can be a valuable resource for high school and college students, as well as for the history buff in your house! This project is a part of the Township's on-going effort to make all records more readily accessible to the public. If you are interested in reviewing these historical records, they can be accessed at the Township's website by clicking on the "Wilkins Township History" tab. If you would like to review these documents in their original form, please feel free to stop by the office Monday through Friday during normal business hours. ■

## Century Club

**The women of the GFWC Century** have been having a very productive spring. We not only had a very successful spaghetti dinner, thanks to your support, but we were able to make a few people happy. The women decided to brighten-up the days of some of our residents who have been a bit down-in-the-dumps. Baskets of cheer were put together and delivered to many of our citizens. Each was received with gratitude and tears.

The women also had a very successful food drive for a needy family in the Township.

If you know of anyone in the Township who has been having some problems, let us know so we can send some cheer their way. ■

# FIRE CO. No.3



We will hold our annual Hoagie sale on Election Day May 19th See any Wilkins #3 Fireman to place your order.

Wilkins Twp. #3 V.F.C. is hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday September the 13th from 2:30 to 7:00 pm. You can eat in or takeout.



Thank you to those who already turned in your 2009 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)

Come and see our freshly painted banquet hall!  
We recently installed a new floor and purchased new tables and chairs!

Our Banquet Hall is available for rentals year round.  
Please call 412-271-4000

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

## Volunteer Today!

Check out our Web site  
"Get on the truck.org"

*Help us, help you make sure your house number is visible so that Emergency personnel can see it easily.*

See you at the Summer Festival! ■



## Members Still Needed

**All Wilkins Township Fire Companies are looking for new members.**

There are so many different tasks to be taken care of. (Fund raising, administrative help, cleaning the trucks, responding to calls, etc.) Most people think if you join the fire service you have to respond to fire a call; that is an untrue statement. Each company has different divisions of membership to suit your volunteerism. Every job with the fire company is very important. We can't do one without the other. Any interested parties please stop in and check us out! Also residents can check out our new membership recruitment site **HYPERLINK** "<http://WWW.GETONTHETRUCK.ORG>" [WWW.GETONTHETRUCK.ORG](http://WWW.GETONTHETRUCK.ORG). The website was designed for all of the Fire Departments in the Woodland Hills School District to help with membership and any questions one may have about joining the Fire Department.

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 practices or call one of the stations below. ■

**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



## Wilkins Clean-up

By the time you receive this letter, we will have completed our second annual CLEAN-UP WILKINS. Thanks to all of the volunteers who spent a Saturday morning making our community some place special. People like you are what makes this country great! ■

# Heroes

In the morning light  
The dew-laden glade shimmers a reflective warmth  
that dispels the night shift's cold

Three officers emerge to walk to their final post,  
after standing the last call of the roll.  
They assume their eternal assignments,  
with heads held high,  
and a smile on each of their faces,  
they remember our love,  
and stand proudly at the duty assigned .....  
as sentinels to the right hand of God.

Thank you for your service to us in this worldly place,  
And behold the honor of your new assignment ...  
As heroes in the memory of all who knew you.

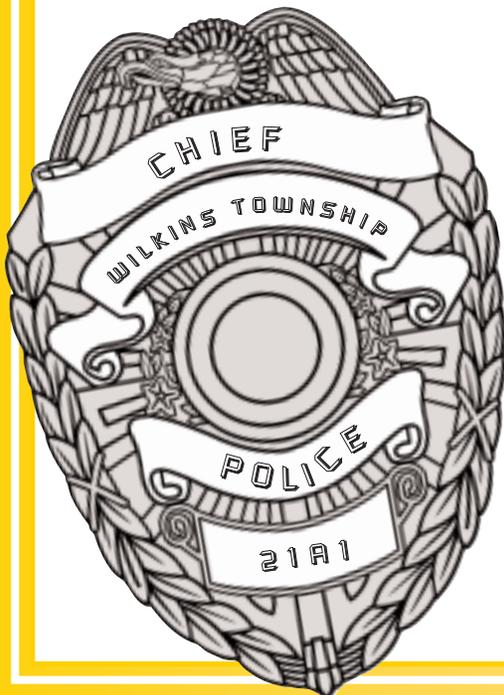
Officer Stephen Mayhle  
Officer Eric Kelly  
Officer Paul Sciuillo II

Stand your post



■ Poem written by Teddy Anderson of Pittsburgh Police S.W.A.T.

## Meet Wilkins New Chief of Police Edward Krancic



Hello, my name is Edward Krancic. I have been a police officer in Wilkins Township for the past twenty-two years and a resident of the community for over twenty years. On March 30, 2009, the Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners appointed me as Chief of Police. I thank the Board for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

The main goal of the Police Department under my leadership is to become more proactive and develop a stronger bond with the community by refocusing our orientation as officers

to community policing strategies and initiatives. We are in the process of developing programs for our children, teens, seniors and other residents and business owners to increase the interaction of our department with these groups on a daily basis.

Our door is always open so please feel free to stop in or call (412) 824-0032 with any concerns or ideas. Let us know what we can do for you!

Respectfully,

Chief Ed Krancic  
Wilkins Township Police Department





# Lunch with Peter Cottontail

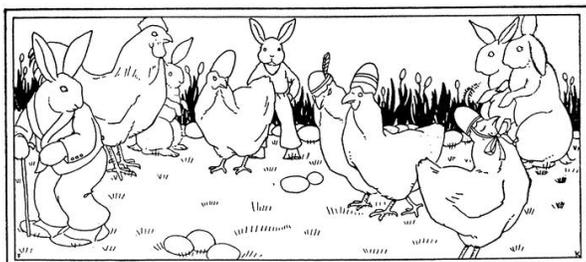


**The Wilkins Township's Luncheon with Peter Cotton Tail** on March 28, 2009 at the Irene J Pohl Municipal Building proved to be an enjoyable event for all that attended. The room was packed but it was a joy to hear all the children laugh and sing with Robin the Magician as she performed her magic for everyone. The children also enjoyed decorating colored eggs and coloring their bunny masks.

The mouth watering pizza and hot dogs were served to everyone. Each child was able to get their picture taken with Peter Cottontail and receive an Easter basket from him! The Recreation Advisory Board was hoping the Community Center would have been ready in time for our event but things came up beyond our control, but look for the Community Center to be open real soon!

A huge Thank You to all the people that volunteered their time in making this a memorable event. See you next year! ■

Joy Voeltzel  
Secretary Recreation Advisory Board  
joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com



Catch the Reading Bug!

## C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

Main Branch 1 Pennwood Avenue • Edgewood, Pa 15218 • 412-731-0909

444 Avenue D • Forest Hills, Pa 15221 • 412-824-3567

HYPERLINK "<http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org>" [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

### Be Creative @ Your Library:

All children 12 and under are invited to kick off the Summer Reading Club Monday June 15 at 12 noon at the library's main branch. Join the Summer Reading Club and get creative with activities offered by the library. Register for the reading club, enjoy entertainment, have a snack, and get creative with activities offered by the library. Reservations can be made by calling the library and will be taken until June 13.

Activities open to club members run from June 15 through August 12:

Mondays; 10:30: Forest Hills Branch

Stories, activities, and crafts

Registration required

Wednesdays; 1:00: Wilkins Township Community Center

Liz Kostandinu brings stories, activities, and crafts based on the theme. Children can also log in their summer reading progress.

Wednesdays; 1:30: Main Library in Edgewood

Way Cool Wednesdays – activities for children 6 and up based on the theme.

Registration required

SRC runs through August 15. Participants must read or listen to ten books to complete the club. All reading can be reported at the library or online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org>" [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org). Call or visit our website for more information.

Your Library Card-- One Card, One County, Infinite Possibilities  
A library card from C C Mellor Library is good at any library in Allegheny County and free to all residents.

Accessing online databases, downloading e-books and e-movies, creating lists of books you have read and would like to read in the future, and managing your account online are just a few of the things you can do with your card. Sign up today!! ■

# Wilkins Township Summer Parks Program

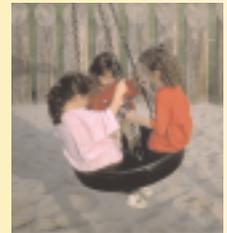
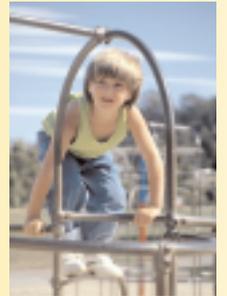


**Where:** Linhart Park - James Street  
Lions Park - Miller Street  
Eastmont Park - Frazier Drive

**When:** June 15th - August 21st  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

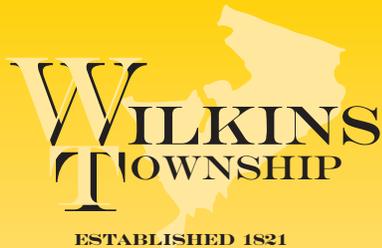
**Who:** All Wilkins Township Children

Come join the fun at one of the Township's three parks this summer! 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 twelve week program at no cost. The lunch program is sponsored by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services / Offices of Community Service. ■



## FIESTA Party in the Park

Having a graduation, birthday, anniversary or other celebration over the summer? Why not check out renting one of the Township's three parks for your event? Park rentals are available at Linhart, Lions and Eastmont. The cost of the rental is \$50.00 for the day. For more information and to obtain an application, please visit the Township's website: [www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com), or contact Mae Franc ([maefranc@wilkins township.com](mailto:maefranc@wilkins township.com)) 412-824-6650 x 10. ■



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

## Wilkins Shining Seniors



Wilkins Seniors meet the third Thursday of each month at 1 PM. Our goal is to help you meet your neighbors in Wilkins and have some fun. At our last two meetings we laughed at a ventriloquist and his puppets and had fun playing a special bingo with the director of CC Mellor Library, Sally Bogie. We have many trips planned including Light-up Night on the Gateway Clipper and a trip to the new Meadows Casino. Come join your neighbors and have some fun. ■

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# Community Center



The Recreation Advisory Board will be hosting and cordially invites our residents, family and friends to attend the grand opening for the new Community Center on Wednesday May 6th 2009 at 7pm. Come and join us and meet some of the organizations that are in our Township and tour the new facility which was paid for by grants and the hard work done by the Public Works Department. We look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments will be served. ■