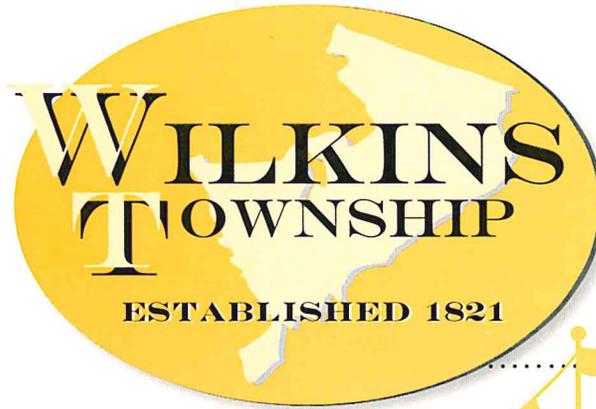
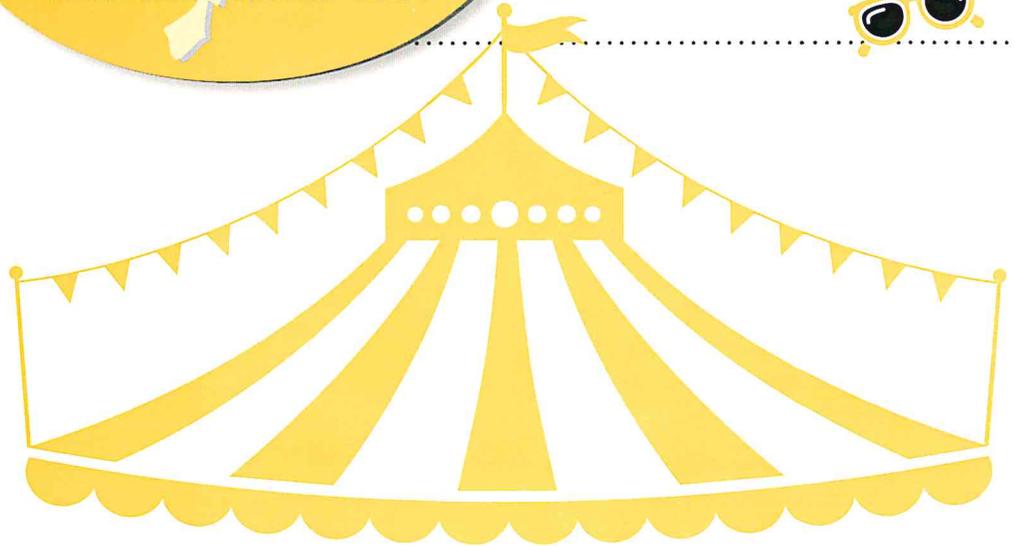


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OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SUMMER ISSUE 2015



WILKINS TOWNSHIP SUMMER FESTIVAL 2015

The 21st Annual Wilkins Township Summer Festival will be celebrated from Tuesday, June 16th through Saturday, June 20th. The hours are 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. nightly. Summer Festival will be held in the Penn Center parking lot behind the old Sears building.

The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board has planned another year packed full of fun for the whole family. Tropical Amusements is back providing the Carnival midway. The rides will operate from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. nightly. Both single tickets and all night wrist bands are available for sale.

There will be a variety of food from various vendors, so come hungry.

There will be free entertainment from the following bands performing 2 sets nightly at 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.:

- **Tuesday, June 16** – Dallas Marks
- **Wednesday, June 17** – The Holidays
- **Thursday, June 18** – Billy Price
- **Friday, June 19** – Father John and the Soul Searchers
- **Saturday, June 20** – Joe Grushecky and the HouseRockers

There will be a car cruise starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 19th. The entry fee is a \$5.00 donation with all proceeds going to the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board. Rain date is Saturday, June 20th.

The 5K race will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. by the former D'Imperio's restaurant in Penn Center.

Starfire will be putting on a spectacular fireworks display on Saturday, June 20th at 10:30 p.m..





The Wilkins 5K walk/run benefits the Wilkins volunteer fire departments. The race will be held on Saturday, June 20th.

The course is challenging for both beginners and the experienced runners because of the hill that runners must navigate both down and again on the way back up to the finish line.

The first 50 entrants will receive a Wilkins race t-shirt as well as a gift bag.

Trophies and medals will be awarded to top finishers in various age groups determined by number of registrations for each group of runners.

Medals will be awarded for the top finisher for youngest and oldest winners.

- Registration fee is \$25 for all racers.
- Race time is 8:30 A.M.
- Registration begins at 7:30 A.M.
- Registration via [Elite runners.com](http://Elite.runners.com) and on the day of the race.



The NEW Wilkins Township Farmer's Market

We are pleased to announce the opening of the New Wilkins Township Farmer's Market.

Starting June 3, 2015 at 3 p.m. across from Pep Boys (the old Chinese Buffet lot).

Please join us for homegrown produce from Bridge's Farms.

We will also have Nellie's Deli, fudge, homemade baked goods and plants and flowers.

We are starting to grow and can only do that with your help.

So come and see what we have to offer.

The market will continue through October.

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

STORY HOURS IN THE PARK

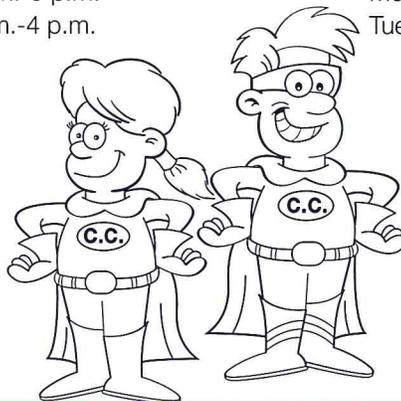
Join the Superhero fun with story hours in the park. As part of summer camps C.C. Mellor Library will offer Every Hero Has a Story programs in Linhart and Eastmont Park on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Geared toward preschools and school age children, we'll have stories, songs, activities and crafts. The programs are free and no registration is required. We'll be in Linhart on June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30 and August 9 and Eastmont on June 25, July 9, July 23, August 2.

We kick off Every Hero has a Story at the Library in Edgewood on Monday, June 15 at 6 p.m. with a Super Hero Activity Training Camp. **To join the fun register by calling 412-731-0909 or on-line at www.ccmellorlibrary.com.**

C. C. Mellor Library

1 Pennwood Avenue
Edgewood, PA 15218
412-731-0909
Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Forest Hills Branch
444 Avenue D
Forest Hills, PA 15221
412-824-3567
Mon., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tues., Wed. 4 p.m.-8 p.m.



WHAT'S GOING ON?



Wilkins Township Recycles!

New Recycling Containers

In February of 2015 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Waste Management awarded the Township of Wilkins a grant in the amount of \$47,587. These funds will be used to purchase 32-gallon curbside recycling containers which will be distributed to all residents of the community residing in structures with less than four units. It is currently anticipated that the new recycling containers will be purchased in the late summer/early fall of 2015. Township crew members will deliver containers to all eligible properties once they have been received by the municipality. Additional information regarding the delivery of the containers will be mailed to residents and will be available on the Township's website.

Highland Avenue Landslide

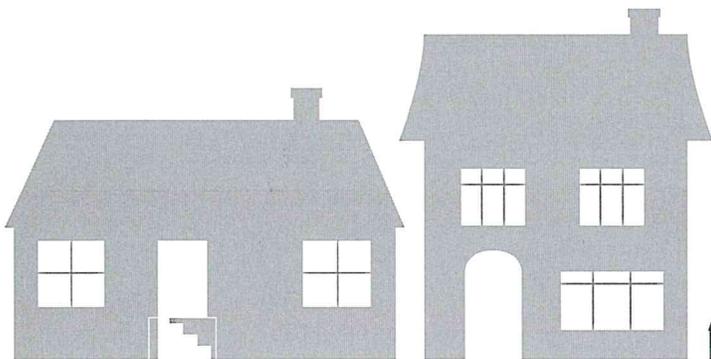
The remnants of two hurricanes, Frances and Ivan, back in August and September of 2004 led to significant property damage in Wilkins Township. One of the areas that was extensively damaged was Highland Avenue. Many residents familiar with that area of the community noticed that jersey barriers were placed on Highland shortly after the September 2004 storms due to a landslide which caused a portion of the road surface to become unstable. For the last decade the jersey barriers remained in place and Highland Avenue remained open to traffic. About a month ago the Township's Public Works crews noticed that the land was once again sliding and a decision was made to permanently close the road. The Township's engineers recommended that the Township procure a contract with a firm that specializes in earth movement to determine why the land slid again and to determine whether there are any further precautionary measures that the Township leaders should take. The cost of the study is \$20,000 and funds to pay for it and other measures deemed necessary have been removed from the 2015 paving budget.

2015 Paving and Demolition Program

Paving: The Township Commissioners adopted a revised 2015 Paving Program which includes the following work: 1) Mill, base repair and repave Briaridge Drive from Tynewood to the dead end; 2) Placement of a speed hump on Kingston and one on Dunbar; 3) Application of Suit Kote Micro Pave to Gardenia Drive from Churchill Road to Peffer Road; and 4) Application of Suit Kote Micro Pave to Harrison Road from Larimer to Churchill. According to the manufacturer, Micro Pave is a rapid-set, latex modified overlay that removes surface wear and provides smooth overlay while protecting existing road surfaces. The total cost of paving has been estimated at \$170,000. Demolition: The Township applied for \$48,000 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant Fund (CDBG) and received \$8,755. Funds received in 2015 will be supplemented with Township funds and used to demolish 687 Negley Avenue and 255 Harrison Road. The Township Commissioners approved an emergency contract for the demolition of 160 Dorothy Street which was significantly damaged by fire and is in danger of collapsing onto the street.

Linhart Sewer Separation Project

Wilkins Township owned, operated and maintained a combined storm water and sanitary sewer system, the majority of which was constructed in the early 1900's in the area of Highland, Negley, Thompson, Semmens and Rebecca (or Two-Hill or the Linhart Area Sewershed). The Township is under orders from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to eliminate storm water from the sanitary sewer system. As the Board was considering the costs of separating the storm water and sanitary sewers in the Linhart Area Sewershed, they were approached by representatives of the DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) who were interested in removing acid mine drainage from an area on Highland Avenue. A joint project was authorized by the Board of Commissioners and DEP. DEP provided \$350,000 to separate the sanitary sewers from the storm sewers and the Township sought a loan through PennVest for the balance of the estimated \$830,000 project. Approximately 2,400 linear feet of 8" PVC sanitary sewer, 23 manholes and 830 linear feet of 12" storm sewer have been installed as of the writing of this newsletter. The project is in the final stages of completion and the Township Commissioners have effectively eliminated a combined sewer overflow that discharged directly into Thompson Run.



TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

110 Pepper Road Turtle Creek, PA 15145
412-824-6650 x13

Emergency Sheltering Team

Wilkins Township has not faced the need to provide emergency sheltering to citizens displaced from their dwelling place by an emergency since the flooding in June of 2009. At that time a group of local residents, with support from the Wilkins Township Century Club, engaged in Red Cross training to operate an emergency shelter when needed. On Saturday night, May 2, 2015, it became necessary to provide emergency sheltering to residents of the twelve story apartment building known as The Brentmoor of Penn Center (formerly the Penn Towers) because of a major fire at the apartment complex. Two PAT buses transported displaced residents to the Wilkins Township Municipal Building to wait until it was safe to return to their apartments. Since 2009 some of the Sheltering Team members have had to drop out of the group for various reasons. Wilkins Township Emergency Management is seeking new volunteers to increase the available staff to operate our Emergency Shelter when necessary. Please contact the Wilkins Township Municipal Building at 412-824-6650 to offer your services to help staff the Emergency Shelter Operation.

Code Enforcement

Some of the more frequent violated code issues include:

- Grass is not to exceed eight (8) inches in height – Ord. 1013, §302.4
- Vehicles are not to be parked, kept or stored on grassy yard areas that are not part of a garage driveway – Ord. 1013, §302.8
- Vehicles with an expired inspection or an expired license plate are not to be parked, kept or stored on exterior property – Ord. 1013, §302.8
- Garbage cans and rubbish are not to be placed at curb side earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection, and are to be removed from curb side by 6:00 p.m. on the day of collection – Ord. 814, §135-5.G
- Outside garbage containers are to have close fitting covers – Ord. 1013, §308.3.1 & 308.3.2
- Swimming pools able to contain more than twenty-four (24) inches of water require a permit – PA Uniform Construction Code & Ord. 538. Pools with electrical service for pumps, filters, lights must have an electrical permit. Pools may be inspected periodically for proper maintenance

Wilkins Township Summer Lunch Program

Where

- Linhart Park – James Street
- Eastmont Park – Frazier Drive

When

June 8th – August 21st

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Who

All Wilkins Township Children
(up to age 18)

Come join the fun at one of the Township's parks this summer! Every summer, the Township sponsors a

summer program at our 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.

We regret that we will be unable to offer the Summer Lunch Program at Lions Park this summer due to the lack of a Park Monitor. The program will still be held at Eastmont & Linhart Parks Monday-Friday from 9-1 beginning on Monday, June 8th.





FIRE CO. No. 3

Stop in and See our (your) NEW Fire Truck!

Wilkins Twp. #3 V.F.C. is hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September the 20th from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. You can eat in or takeout.

Again this year at the Spaghetti dinner we will sponsor Wine tasting by **Raspberry Acres Winery!**

You will be able to sample wines and purchase a bottle to enjoy at the dinner or take home for your enjoyment!

Thanks to all who came out and supported our Lenten Fish Fry!

Successful fundraisers benefit Wilkins Township by supporting vital services in your community!

Thank you to those who already turned in your 2015 donation to your Fire Company and a reminder to those who still need to do so.

Reminders will be going out soon.

Our Banquet Hall is currently unavailable for rentals. We hope this is only temporary.

Just a reminder!

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



Check out our website at: <http://wilkinstwp303.com/>

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

See you at the Summer Festival! Please visit us at our booth. We will be offering our Famous Fish sandwiches!



Meals for Friends Begins Home Meal Delivery July 6

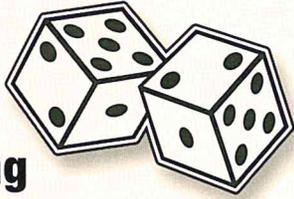
Meals for Friends will begin Home Meal Delivery on July 6. The non-profit, community based program is designed to provide two meals a day to the senior and disabled or temporarily disabled of the Wilkins Township area and surrounding neighborhoods.

Meals for Friends provides meals locally prepared at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Eastmont. A hot meal which can easily be reheated in a microwave and a cold bag lunch will be available Monday through Friday except for holidays. A \$6/day donation is requested to help cover costs.

If you are interested in receiving meals or in volunteering to help, please email info@mealsforfriends.org or call 412-793-8347.

Look for us at Wilkins Community Days June 16-20.





Upcoming Senior Citizen Trip

Seneca Allegany Trip

Date: October 18-19, 2015

Cost: \$196, no triples or quads
\$261, single

Includes: lodging, casino bonus (TBA),
baggage, and taxes.

Deposit: \$50/person

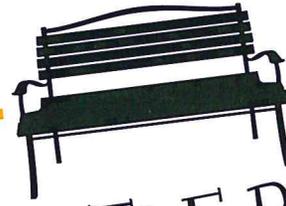
Balance Due: September 15, 2015

Depart: 6 a.m. Monroeville Mall
(light pole 48)

Start for home: 3 p.m. on Oct. 19.

Send reservations to:
Municipal Building, 110 Pepper Road,
Turtle Creek, Pa 15145
Attn.: Senior Citizens

**Please include name address and
phone number.**



PARTY IN THE PARK!

EASTMONT PARK

June 20 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Frank Doyle Jr. a former Eastmont resident has organized a "Party in the Park!" for the "alumni" of the neighborhood to reminisce about the good old days growing up in the BEST NEIGHBORHOOD EVER! All current residents, former residences and friends of the neighborhood are welcome!

Music will be provided by former resident Joe Gribbon! Las Chicas Mexican Food Truck will be there (www.laschicatruck.com) or bring your own food for a family picnic! If you are able, please bring a dessert or snack to share.

You must provide your own beverages. It would be a good idea to bring a chair or two!

Please bring your memories to share and enjoy an afternoon with your friends!

Questions? Please call Sue Delanko 724-681-5033.

Century Club of Wilkins Township

During our Annual Dinner Banquet, I was honored to announce that Virginia (Ginny) Maggiore has been a member of the General Federation of Women's Club for 65 years. Her passion, commitment and desire to serve others are to be commended and acknowledged. We thanked her for her time and service to the community.

The women of the Century Club activated the Red Cross Emergency Center at the municipal building due to the fire at the Brentmoor Apartments. Brentmoor residents were loaded onto PAT buses and brought to the municipal building for shelter and comfort. Carole Hill, Debbie Moore, Sylvia Martinelli and I prepared to welcome the residents and their animal friends with blankets, coffee, tea, water and friendly companionship. The Center stayed open well into the early hours of the morning, until the Red Cross personnel arrived to assist the displaced residents. As the residents were

being transported back to the Brentmoor, and we were cleaning up the meeting room, we were pleased to have the ability to reach out and assist the residents of Wilkins Township during this event. We also want to thank the EMT's that stayed with us and Wilkins Township Department of Public Works for bringing up the Red Cross Trailer and hauling in the supplies for use. All in all, it was a busy night for all members of the many volunteer fire departments that came to assist with the fire. The commitment and service to the community is truly appreciated and realized during emergency events. Thank you.

Stop by the Century Club booth during Community Days for a delicious hotdog and new this year, we will have haluski. YEAH!!! Homemade Baked Goods will also be available.

ASK ME HOW TO JOIN THE "CLUB"



Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program

Side Yard & Blighted Structure

Allegheny County is accepting applications from individuals who wish to acquire vacant, tax delinquent properties. All applicants must be current on taxes, water, sewage and refuse bills and must have no outstanding code violations or municipal liens on any properties owned in Allegheny County. There are three options for acquisition, as identified in the table below. Please contact Maureen Quinn at 412-350-1090 for more information. Applications must be submitted by June 30, 2015.

Product	Property Requirements	Cost to Applicant
Side Yard to Owner-Occupied Primary Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must share a common boundary with the parcel on which the applicant's primary residence is located • Must be a vacant lot or a vacant structure that will be demolished by the applicant. • Must be less than ½ acre. • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value. • Parcel fee of \$3,000 will be waived. • Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000. • Closing costs, which average \$500.
Demolition of a Blighted Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vacant structure to be demolished by the applicant. • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes. 	
Rehabilitation of a Blighted Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vacant structure to be rehabilitated by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value. • Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400. • Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000. • Closing costs, which average \$500.

10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- 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 car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater



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WINE & ART CLASS

COME AND PAINT A PICTURE ON CANVAS!

The Recreation Advisory Board is hosting its very first Wine and Art Class on Friday, September 18th from 7-10 p.m. at the Wilkins Community Center

Step by step painting, no experience necessary!

The cost is \$40.00 a person (covers all supplies).

Bring your own wine and glass. Snacks, coffee, water and tea will be provided.

Please return this reservation form along with your check, made out to Wilkins Township, by Friday, September 11, 2015 to:

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

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

If you have any questions please feel free to call Joy Voeltzel of the Recreation Advisory Board at 412-824-4523.