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## OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SUMMER ISSUE 2016

# 2016 Summer Event Series

## Township Events – All Are Welcome

Community Center | 110 Pepper Road | Turtle Creek

## FARMER'S MARKET



Our Farmer's Market will open  
**June 15** in the John Harvard/  
Brewstones parking lot in  
Penn Center.

So far we have 6 vendors lined up.

They will include:

- Bridge's Farm
  - Candy
- Amish Donuts
  - Spices
- Callifonte Italian Foods
- Dee's Delights (baked goods)

Every day we are adding new vendors. If you know of any please call the building at 412-824-6650.

**The market will be every  
Wednesday afternoon through  
October from 4 to 6:30 p.m.**

We hope you will come to shop.

### Saturday, June 25

#### 5K Run/1.5 M Walk

Wilkins Primary School  
362 Churchill Road  
Pre-register at  
[www.getmeregistered.com](http://www.getmeregistered.com) or  
on site at 8 a.m.

Walkers start at 8:30 a.m. and runners  
start at 9 a.m. All ages welcome.

#### Touch a Truck

5 – 7 p.m. at the Community Center  
Bring the kids and touch a truck:  
Fire trucks, dump trucks, backhoe, roller,  
police cruiser, ambulance and more!

#### Bicycle Safety Course

5 – 7 p.m. hosted by our Wilkins  
Township Police Officers at the  
Community Center.

Bring your bike for inspection –  
Free helmet give-away!

#### Dallas Marks

Live music from 7 – 9 p.m. in the ball field  
by the Community Center.

*Bring a lawn chair! Sorry no pets or  
coolers allowed.*

### Saturday, July 23

#### Kid Fest – 5 – 7 p.m.

Face painting! Petting zoo! Bouncy  
House! Hay rides! Food vendors!  
National Guard sponsored activities!

Live music from 7 – 9 p.m.

*Bring a lawn chair! Sorry no pets or  
coolers allowed.*

### Saturday, August 27

#### Food, Booze & Cruise Night

6 – 9 p.m.

#### Wilkins Township Car Cruise

Food and beer trucks and wine tasting!

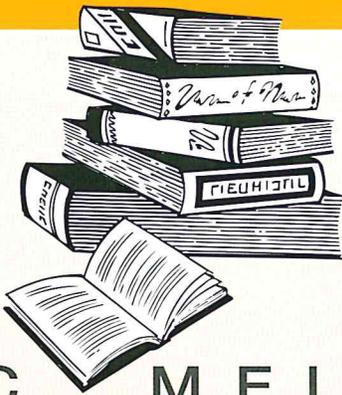
7 – 9 p.m.

#### Uptown Rhythm and Blues

10 p.m.

#### Fireworks by Starfire

*Bring a lawn chair! Sorry no pets or  
coolers allowed.*



# C.C.MELLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

1 Pennwood Avenue  
Edgewood, PA 15218  
412-731-0909

Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Fri. 10 a.m.-5 pm  
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. Weds. 4-8 p.m.

[www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

## On your Mark, Get Set, Read

With the Olympics being held this summer the Reading Club theme focuses on fitness and sports and fun and games for kids, teens, and adults. We have a summer full of activities planned around this theme. Join the fun at Linhart or Eastmont Parks or visit the libraries in Forest Hills or Edgewood. Learn more at [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

## Story Hours in the Park

As part of Wilkins Summer Camps C C Mellor Library will offer Olympic themed programs in Lions (Tuesdays) and Eastmont Park (Thursdays) at 11:30 a.m. Story Hour begins Tuesday, June 21 and runs through Thursday, August 11. 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 kick off On the Mark, Get Set, Read at the Library in Edgewood on Monday, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. with Amazing Race Activities. Participants go from activity station to activity station with the goal off filling their card. Register by calling 412-731-0909 or on-line at [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

**Look for us at Wilkins Township's Kid Fest on Saturday, July 23. We'll bring stories and activities to do.**

Did you know that Wilkins Township and CCM are local partners with Live Well Allegheny, an initiative of Allegheny County Health Department to promote health and physical fitness? In addition to a large collection of materials for healthy living, CCM offers a number of fitness programs, including WiseWalk, Mind-Body Adult Exercise Class, Move Up Project and Creative Movement for Preschoolers. Visit the library to exercise both your mind and your body. Visit Live Well Allegheny at [www.livewellallegheny.com](http://www.livewellallegheny.com).

## Wilkins Seniors

The Wilkins Seniors meet the third Thursday of each month in the Community Center.

The schedule for the upcoming months are as follows:

June 16 – 1 p.m. – Bingo Day

July NO MEETING

August annual picnic for members – noon at Linhart Park.

September Craft Day (making a small craft item to send to Meals for Friends) 1 p.m.

October Covered Dish Dinner 12 start time and Entertainment from LIZ and DUKE Motown singers.

All are welcome to join in the festivities.



## Wilkins Does Atlantic City

### Reminder

Our trip to ATLANTIC CITY is filling up fast.

If you wish to be part of the group send your money to:

Wilkins Seniors  
110 Peffer Road  
Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Cost is \$214 per person.

Includes:

- 2 meal tickets
- \$25 in slot play
- 2 nights at the beautiful Resorts International
- lots of fun and prizes on the bus

The dates are September 14 - 16, 2016.

It should still be warm in Atlantic City, so the beach will be open and beautiful.



# 2016 Wilkins Township Street Sweeping Schedule

Starting on Monday, June 27 thru Friday, July 1, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 5 and 6 and Monday, July 11 the Township Public Works will be sweeping Township owned streets (see schedule below).

**During this time street parking will not be permitted.** Telephone poles will be posted the day before the scheduled day. Tuesday, July 5 and Monday, July 11 routes will be posted the Friday before.

**Monday, June 27**

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

**Tuesday, June 28**

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

**Wednesday, June 29**

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

**Thursday, June 30**

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

**Friday, July 1**

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

**Tuesday, July 5**

Highland Avenue  
Clugston Avenue  
Ayers Alley  
Negley Avenue  
Semmens Street  
Rebecca Street  
Thompson Street  
McMasters Avenue  
Dorothy Street  
John Street  
Peter Street  
Quarry Street  
Grandview Avenue

**Wednesday, July 6**

Penhurst Drive  
Braddley Drive  
Harwick Drive  
Radcliff Drive  
Heritage Drive  
George Lane  
Harrison Road  
Patterson Street  
Barnes Avenue  
Baker Street  
George Street  
James Street  
Railroad Street

**Monday, July 11**

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



**Where**

Lions Park  
Miller Street

Eastmont Park  
Frazier Drive

**When**

June 13 – August 19  
Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 1 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 Linhart Park this summer due to the lack of a Park Monitor. The program will still be held at Eastmont and Lions Parks, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning on Monday, June 13.



# WILKINS TOWNSHIP FIRE RESCUE COMPANY

## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

### Wilkins VFC #1

Winter brought anything but hibernation to Wilkins #1 VFC. After installation of our new vehicle rescue tools, Wilkins 1 sponsored a Basic Vehicle Rescue Technician training course through CCAC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Seven of our members became PA Department of Health certified Vehicle Rescue Technicians. They join four other members already certified to give us 11 certified BVR Technicians! In addition to the Wilkins 1 members, there were also members of Wilkins #3, Renton, and Logan's Ferry Heights Fire Departments. But the training didn't stop there. Wilkins 1 in conjunction with Bucks County Community College sponsored an Essentials of Firefighting course. This is the entry level course for new firefighters and is composed of four modules. We are happy to say we had a class of 19 students complete the first two modules, and we are conducting the third module in June. Wilkins 1 has three students in this class and the other students come from neighboring departments. Seven members of Wilkins 1 have taken their training to become American Heart Association CPR/AED/First Aid instructors, and will complete their teaching requirements in the beginning of May. Watch for class offerings coming soon! Through an educational package purchased from Bucks County

Community College, the winter training has also included our annual Hazardous Materials Operation refresher, Search and Rescue Preparedness, Preparation for Initial Company Operations, Highway Safety for Emergency Responders, Personnel Accountability, and Incident Preplanning. We are proud to say our members have logged over 1,500 hours of training and service in the first quarter of 2016!

#### **Please Donate!**

Our 2016 annual donation requests have been out for several months now. To date, our rate of return is ONLY 15.9%. This means that 84% of the residents in our fire district DO NOT DONATE!!! These donations make up the majority of our annual operating budget which keeps us in service and responding to your requests for help! If you have not yet done so, please send your donation today. These funds are critical to keep your fire service FREE.

#### **Volunteers Welcome!**

Have some time and some talent to offer? We are always looking for volunteers. From our junior firefighter program to administrative and clerical work, we have a job that can fit most anybody. If you are interested, either call the station 412-829-0530 or stop by any Thursday night at 7 p.m.

### Wilkins VFC #3

Wilkins Twp. #3 V.F.C. is hosting their **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** on **Sunday, September 18** from **2:30 to 7 p.m.**

You can eat in or takeout.

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 2016 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 Web site at <http://wilkinstwp303.com/>

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

## Wilkins VFC #4

### Become a Member and Get a College Education

As you know, volunteer fire companies always need money for operations and equipment. BUT our greatest need is for members. We pay for all gear and education and training expenses. Also, our volunteer firefighters who meet certain requirements may attend CCAC at little or no cost through the FireVEST Program.

The Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST) provides full scholarships for an associate's degree or certificate program at CCAC, as well as training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy.

Of the 200 scholarships offered per year, 150 are for new recruits in exchange for a commitment of five years of service to a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County, while 50 scholarships are awarded to existing volunteers in exchange for a commitment of five additional years of service.

Scholarship applicants must be residents of Allegheny County and either be a current volunteer or have joined a volunteer fire department in Allegheny County. Applicants must apply and be accepted to CCAC, file for federal and state financial aid, and complete the financial aid process on time and in its entirety.

If awarded a scholarship, recipients are required to meet certain obligations. These include:

- serving as a volunteer firefighter for five years in Allegheny County;
- maintaining an acceptable level of service as monitored by recipient's fire department;
- completing required courses at the Allegheny County Fire Academy – see list of courses on the FireVEST Application;
- maintaining a minimum FireVEST scholarship cumulative grade point average of 2.00 for the duration of the recipient's studies; and
- repaying a portion of the scholarship if service and academic requirements are not met.

Phone: 412-823-2322



## Meals for Friends to Celebrate Its One Year Anniversary

On July 6, Meals for Friends will celebrate the completion of its first year of service to Wilkins Township and surrounding neighborhoods. Meals for Friends, a community managed, 501c3 nonprofit corporation, is the only local home meal delivery program serving people of all ages. Anyone who is a senior, disabled or temporarily disabled, may request meal delivery.

For more information on receiving meals or volunteering for Meals for Friends, please call 412-824-2400 or e-mail [mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com](mailto:mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com).

Meals for Friends will hold a fundraising hoagie sale on June 29. The Italian hoagies, from Triangle Bar in Swissvale, will sell for \$6.25 each and can be picked up at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Eastmont. If interested in ordering hoagies, please call 412-824-2400 or e-mail [mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com](mailto:mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com).

## Century Club



The ladies of the Century Club gathered for our May dinner meeting for the close of business for 2015-2016 business year. We are thrilled to announce that once again; the Century Club is able to donate money to the various nonprofits that serve the needs of our community. We want to thank the residents, our vendors, our volunteers and all the members that participated in our fund raising events throughout the past year. We baked goodies, we sold hot dogs at the Community Festival, baked some more goodies and then held our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Our hard work and your purchasing of our homemade baked goods and Spaghetti Dinner allows us to give back

to our community! This year's recipients will be as follows: Wilkins Township Fire Departments #1, #3 and #4, the CC Mellor Library, Wilkins Primary School Nurse, S. W. Veterans Caring & Sharing Program, Wilkins Elks Lodge #554 – Memorial Day Project and Meals for Friends.

The Century Club is always looking for a **“FEW GOOD WOMEN!”** Please consider joining us in giving back to our community and have some fun doing it. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except June, July and August at the Wilkins Township Community Center. Please call 412-823-1253 for membership information. Come Join Us!

– Michelle Criner

## Wilkins Township Recycles!

The Township recently took delivery of 3,500 new 32 gallon recycling containers, compliments of a grant obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection. Employees of the Public Works Department will be delivering one container to each household within the next several weeks. Containers will be delivered to the front yard/porch area only. You may continue to use your old container in addition to your new container. The Township **will not** be collecting the old containers. Watch your mail for more information about recycling. If you **do not** wish to receive a container, please call Dawn at 412-824-6650 x10 ([dbingham@wilkinstownship.com](mailto:dbingham@wilkinstownship.com)). Recycling is mandatory for all residents of Wilkins Township.



## Keeping Our Water Clean

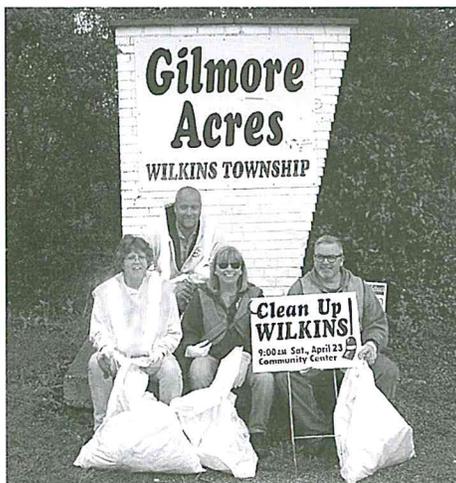
The Township would like to thank Kevin Brunner and Boy Scout Troop #47 for their help in placing markers on catch basins and door hangers on door knobs throughout the Eastmont neighborhood on April 30, 2016. The storm drain sticker and door hanger project is one of many activities aimed at preventing trash, pet waste, and household chemicals from entering into Turtle Creek Watershed, through Wilkins' storm sewer system.

Rain washes down streets and parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks, roofs and yards, carrying water and everything it picks up into storm drains. Storm drains are the entry point into a storm sewer system and this system eventually discharges storm water directly to local streams without treatment! The storm drain sticker and door hanger project is part of a larger storm water management

program that strives to keep local streams and rivers free of trash, dirt, and chemicals, such as used motor oil, by promoting smart practices that will reduce sources of pollution on the land. Through this project, Wilkins Commissioners hope to increase residents' awareness about the connection between the street and

their yards, storm drains, and the storm sewer system.

Most people do not understand that storm drains are the entry point into the storm sewer system, and that storm water runoff leaving the system does not get treated first like sanitary wastewater. But there are things that everyone can do to reduce the amount of trash, debris, pet wastes, and chemicals carried by storm water. The most basic way to help is to never dump anything you wouldn't drink or swim in down a storm drain. Other ways to help include picking up pet wastes, properly disposing of household chemicals such as paints and cleaning supplies, sweeping driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them, and washing cars at car wash facilities or on lawns rather than in driveways.



## 2016 Clean Up Wilkins

Thank you to all of the residents and volunteers who joined with us on April 23 for another successful clean up day. Over 150 bags of trash were picked up from the sides of Township roads by about 50 volunteers. A special thank you to the Wilkins Senior Citizens Group for donating baked goods for the troops and to the Century Club for sponsoring the event and serving a pizza lunch complete with treats and drinks. Once again, the Wilkinsburg Joint Water Authority came through with a donation of water and the members of the Township's three volunteer firefighters provided both traffic control and litter patrol. We appreciate their unwavering support! Also a special thank you to Sam and the volunteers from Ridgewood who adopted Lougeay Road and continue to clear it of litter. You all did a sensational job and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

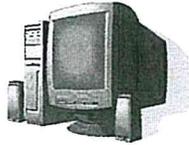
# MONROEVILLE PUBLIC WORKS

9AM - 2PM SATURDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

EVENT LOCATION:  
200 STARR DRIVE  
MONROEVILLE, PA 15146

WILKINS RESIDENTS  
MAY PARTICIPATE

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
1-866-815-0016 OR ECSR.NET



## ✓ WHAT TO BRING ELECTRONICS...

- ⊗ Computers and Peripherals
- ⊗ Televisions
- ⊗ Printers
- ⊗ Microwaves
- ⊗ Stereos/CD & Tape Players
- ⊗ Copiers
- ⊗ Fax Machines
- ⊗ Cell Phones/Telephones
- ⊗ Laptop Computers
- ⊗ VCR's/DVD Players
- ⊗ Scanners
- ⊗ VHS/Cassette Tapes/CDs/DVDs
- ⊗ Phone Systems
- ⊗ Dehumidifiers
- ⊗ Air Conditioners

## ✓ WHAT TO BRING HHW...

- ⊗ Household Cleaning Products
- ⊗ Aerosols
- ⊗ Pool Chemicals
- ⊗ Wood/Metal Cleaners & Polish
- ⊗ Bleach
- ⊗ Lye
- ⊗ Indoor Pesticides
- ⊗ Flea Repellants/Shampoos & Collars
- ⊗ Bug Sprays
- ⊗ Strychnine
- ⊗ Mouse/Rat Poisons & Baits
- ⊗ Motor Oil & Fuel Additives
- ⊗ Transmission/Brake/Starter Fluid
- ⊗ Antifreeze
- ⊗ Degreasers
- ⊗ Car Wax & Polishes
- ⊗ Gasoline/Kerosene/Diesel Fuel
- ⊗ Lighter Fluid
- ⊗ Home Heating Oil
- ⊗ Propane Tanks/Compressed Gas Cylinders
- ⊗ Herbicides & Insecticides
- ⊗ Fungicides/Wood Preservatives
- ⊗ Driveway Sealer
- ⊗ Weed Killer
- ⊗ DDT
- ⊗ Adhesives & Glues
- ⊗ Oil/Enamel/Latex & Spray Paint
- ⊗ Stains & Finishes
- ⊗ Fixatives & Solvents
- ⊗ Paint Stripper/Remover/Thinner
- ⊗ Photographic Chemicals
- ⊗ Mercury Thermostats/Thermometers
- ⊗ All Batteries
- ⊗ Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- ⊗ Compact Fluorescent Lights

## ⊘ WHAT NOT TO BRING...

- ⊗ Explosives
- ⊗ Radioactive Materials (Smoke Detectors)
- ⊗ Ammunition
- ⊗ Tires
- ⊗ Medical Waste
- ⊗ Syringes
- ⊗ Large Appliances

# ECSR

From household waste to electronics, ECS&R handles it all. Just follow this simple *Collections Guide*.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) \$1.85 PER LB

TELEVISIONS AND COMPUTER MONITORS \$0.45 PER LB

ALL OTHER ELECTRONICS \$0.25 PER LB

UNIVERSAL WASTE (BULBS AND BATTERIES) \$1.85 PER LB

CASH, CHECK OR CHARGE ACCEPTED DAY OF COLLECTION

www.wilkins-township.com

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)

## How Does Your Garden Grow?

This fall Wilkins Township is able to apply for the Allegheny Grows program, which would support the creation of a community garden. The township is seeking involvement from residents on the planning and implementation of a community garden. Interested individuals should contact the township at 412-824-6650 or [contact@wilkins township.com](mailto:contact@wilkins township.com).



## Got Grass?

Wilkins Township will be experimenting with composting residential grass clippings at the Linhart Park compost pile in an effort to reduce landfill waste and decrease municipal garbage expenditures. Though residents are encouraged to first mulch grass clippings while mowing, those who do catch these clippings can drop them off at a designated location at the township's compost site that is separate from the larger, preexisting leaf pile. In order to speed up the composting process and prevent odor, residents dropping off grass are asked to add an equal or greater volume of leaves from the leaf pile to their clippings and mix the two together. A plastic shovel will be provided at the site for this task.