



OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2018

COMING SOON

WILKINS TOWNSHIP *Community Garden!*

Volunteers Wanted

Have you seen the signs around the town? This autumn, a group of volunteers will be planting their first community garden on property located between Mortimer Avenue and Highland Avenue (across from 605 Mortimer or next to 609 Highland Avenue). The group is looking for new members, both those that can plan and those that can plant! If you would like to find out more about what the Committee is up to, check out their Facebook page: "Wilkins Township Community Garden," or contact the municipal offices for a schedule of meetings **412-824-6650 x10** or **rbradley@wilkinstownship.com**.

Let's Grow a Flower

Bring your children and grandchildren to the Summer Series event on June 23 and visit the Community Garden table! Volunteers will help your children plant a flower that they can take with them!

Join the Community Garden Volunteers and Grow Pittsburgh for these Workshops:

Workshop #1

Organic Gardening Basics

When: **June 27, 2018 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
Where: Wilkins Township Municipal Building, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Learn the skills and tools that you need to start your own backyard garden. Topics will include how to select the perfect space for your garden site, basic garden design and how to compost. Each participant will be given resources for maintaining a healthy organic garden space.

Workshop #2

Backyard and Community Composting

When: **July 24, 2018 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
Where: Linhart Park, James Street, Turtle Creek, PA 15235

Compost, composed of household wastes and other organic materials such as newspaper, leaves, and grass, provides valuable nutrients to garden soil. Used as a soil amendment or mulch, compost also helps to suppress weeds and disease-causing pests. Join us to learn about the resources for starting a home compost pile, ways to improve your existing compost pile, and how to make compost tea.

Workshop #3

Medicinal Plants

When: **August 23, 2018 from 6:30 – 8 p.m.**
Where: Lions Park, Miller Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

There are many plants growing wild that have medicinal and healing properties. Some plants speed the repair of damaged tissue, some soothe the nerves and others improve circulation, fight infections and nourish the immune system. Using wild plants in medicine has a long history, both in traditional and present day medicine. Come spend a couple hours as we walk the trails at Lions and learn how to identify, prepare and use these valuable local resources.

What's in a Name?

The Volunteers of the Community Garden are looking for your help in naming our garden! Right now, they call it the Wilkins Township Community Garden. Years ago, the site was known as the pumpkin patch. Do you have a catchy name for our garden? The winning name-giver will earn a \$25 gift card!

SUMMER SERIES 2018

TOWNSHIP EVENT All ages welcome

5K Run/1.5 M Walk

Saturday, June 23, 2018
8 a.m.

Wilkins Primary School
362 Churchill Road

Register online at
www.runsignup.com/wilkinstownship
or on the day of the event.

KID FEST

Saturday, June 23, 2018
Festivities begin at 3 p.m.

All kid geared event at the Community Center Complex, 110 Pepper Road. Bounce house, face painting, games, food vendors and much, much more.

Food, Brew and Cruise Night

Saturday, August 25, 2018
6 p.m.

Food and beer trucks along with our annual car cruise and live music beginning at 7 p.m.

Closing out our series will be fireworks by Star Fire at 10 p.m.

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

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



Summer Lunch Program

Where
Lions Park
Miller Street

When
June 11 – August 17
M – F • 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. This year the only site that will be open is Lions Park due to a lack of summer help. 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.

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



Churchill Area Environmental Council

The Churchill Area Environmental Council (CAEC) will have a new advisory titled “Addressing Common Contaminants – Asbestos, Lead, Radon” with important information relevant to our local area. It will be available at the municipal building, or you can download a copy from the CAEC website after June 15, 2018. The website is hosted at churchillborough.com. Select “Around Town” from the menu bar, click on “Churchill Area Environmental Council,” and bring up the complete set of CAEC advisories in order by date of issue. The new advisory discusses recent, local problems with common contaminants as well as remediation possibilities for residents to consider.

If you have any questions please e-mail Joan at milton.gottlieb@verizon.net.

TOWNSHIP NOTES

With the spring rain and cool nights the grass is growing quickly. Please keep in mind that the township has an ordinance regarding the height of grass.

Grass and Weeds: §124-2(l) of the Township Code – All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. “Weeds” shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, that this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Also keep in mind that grass, leaves (except for recycling purposes) and snow are not permitted to be pushed or blown upon any Township street. Grass cuttings and branches are not permitted to be deposited in any area which could harbor or be a breeding area for insects or animals.



WILKINS RECYCLING 2014-2018

Recycling collection will continue to be bi-weekly.
Refer to the recycling calendar for your pick up dates.

Recycling Containers

Residents may continue to use their old green recycling containers and/or stop at the Municipal Building M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for a new 32-gallon container if you have not already received one.

Between collections store your recycling container inside your garage or in a side/rear location not visible to neighbors or from the street. Move your recycling container back to its storage place after collection on the same day.

SINGLE-STREAM TECHNOLOGY- NO NEED TO SORT,
SEPARATE, OR BAG RECYCLABLES.

Simply empty all your recyclables into your recycling container.

Place the container at the curb the evening before collection day.

Recycling is Mandatory and Important

Helps reduce the cost of future waste contracts.

Your recyclables will have new life as future products.

YES! Items Acceptable

- Plastics #s 1-7 (on item bottom)
- Cans (aluminum, steel, bi-metal) – *rinsed of excess food residue*
- Glass
- Paper – most types as follows:
 - Newspapers; inserts
 - Junk Mail
 - Magazines, catalogs
 - Books – phone, paper, and hardback
 - Books (remove hardback covers)
 - Office paper; shredded paper (tied inside a clear plastic bag)
- Paperboard (chipboard), e.g., pasta, cereal, tissue, baking mix boxes
- Toilet paper rolls; paper towel rolls
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flat and cut to fit [not wedged] into container)
- Pizza box tops (no residual food)
- Juice and soy milk boxes
- Dairy and juice cartons with gable tops (only types with a recycling number)
- Egg cartons – *paper types only*



NO! Not Acceptable

- Styrofoam; bubble wrap
- Metal scrap; clothes hangers
- Chemicals; oil; paint
- Mirrors; windows; sheet glass
- Light bulbs (all types)
- Garbage; food waste; paper plates
- Plastic wrap and film
- Plastic bags and utensils
- Freezer and other food wrappings
- Batteries (all types)
- Tires (all types)
- Garden hoses
- Gift wrapping paper
- Plastic children's toys; other large plastic items
- Dishes and ceramics
- Pots and Pans
- Diapers (new and used)
- Electronics – all types
- Aluminum Foil; baking pans
- Paper towels; tissues, napkins



WILKINS TOWNSHIP FIRE RESCUE

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



Century Club

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Century Club was a huge success.

We thank all of our residents,

friends and family that came out to support this worthy cause and Club. As a reminder, the money that the Century Club makes throughout the year is donated back to the Township nonprofits.

These nonprofits would include all three Wilkins Township Fire Departments, CC Mellor Library, Wilkins Primary School Nurse, Meal for Friends (services Wilkins Township Families) and Veterans Caring and Sharing Program.

Thank you all for your generous support! See you at the Election Day Bake Sale!!



MEALS FOR FRIENDS

Receives Grant from Meals on Wheels America

Meals for Friends is happy to announce that, for the second year in a row, it has received a substantial grant from Meals on Wheels America through the Subaru Share the Love Fundraising Event.

We worked hard on the application and are proud of the result.

The award, for \$6,583.91 will be used for badly needed supplies and equipment as well as ongoing operating expenses.

Meals for Friends provides freshly prepared home delivered meals to senior or disabled members of Wilkins Township or surrounding neighborhoods.

New clients are now being accepted.

If you are interested in receiving meals, or volunteering to work in the program, please call **412-824-2400** or e-mail **mealsforfriendswilkins3@gmail.com**.

#1 Volunteer Fire Company

The Wilkins 1 VFC will be having another busy summer of classes and training. Just recently, some of our members attended a truck operations class held by Turtle Creek Fire Department. Just a reminder, Wilkins 1 has several in house CPR and First Aid instructors. We can tailor a class to fit your needs for any age group and any number of attendees. Please contact Mike or Ryan at **412-829-0530** to schedule a class. Interested in volunteering? Stop by the station any Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. to see us.

#4 Volunteer Fire Company

2018 continues to be a very busy year for us responding to emergency calls. Please consider joining the fire department as a firefighter. **We need your help!** We pay for all gear, education, and training expenses. Remember, Wilkins Township fire service is 100% 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.

Spring/Summer Reminder: please keep fire hydrants by your house free of debris and landscaping. Please don't plant flowers or bushes that might impede our access to a hydrant. We need them for our use and your protection.

Lots of construction has been going on in the Penn Center area. Please be aware of new traffic patterns and parking changes.

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.

Don't forget, 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.

Phone: **412-823-2322**

COMPANY



3 Volunteer Fire Company

A Message from the President

When you have an emergency who do you call? The Fire Department.

Now we as all the VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS NEED YOUR HELP!

Believe it or not we are all volunteers and your neighbors and depend on the donations of our residents to assist us in our funding. I hate to say it but our most recent fund drive was the lowest in all of its history. We have 1,037 homes just in our district only 178 homes donated. This came to the amount of \$8,181 that's 17% we aren't asking for much whatever you can afford that's all we ask. We need to purchase equipment and keep what we have in top notch condition to respond to your needs. It takes over \$8,000 to gear each firefighter, fire trucks cost between \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. We do get some help from the Township but every year it gets tougher and tougher on all of us. We, as well as the other two departments in the Township need Firefighters desperately.

All that is needed is your time for training and your dedication to Wilkins Township.

I hate to put this so bluntly but we need to face the facts.

All of the Volunteer Fire departments are in this same situation.

We can't do it only with the fish fries, hoagie sales, spaghetti dinners, dances and other fundraisers!

And we can't ask our VOLUNTEERS to do more fundraising.

Again, we understand times are tough for all but if we all do our part we will be just fine! Thank you for your support!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, September 16, 2018
2:30 – 7 p.m.

Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Company #3 is hosting their annual spaghetti dinner.

Eat in or Take Out

Banquet Hall Currently 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 menu's for your selection. Please call June Miller at **412-795-7040** for hall availability or to schedule a appointment.

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 2018 donation to your Fire Company and a reminder to those who still need to do so.

Reminders will be going out soon.

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

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

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

C.C. MELLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Summer Events at the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit www.ccmellorlibrary.org. Online program registration is at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com.

For adult programming, contact Megan Zagorski at zagorskim@einetnetwork.net. For children's programming, contact Erin Tobiasz at tobiasze2@einetnetwork.net.

All programs are at the Edgewood Library unless noted otherwise.

Special Events

100th Anniversary Kickoff

Tuesday, July 17, 5-7 p.m.,

Forest Hills Library and Westinghouse Lodge

Help us kick off our centennial year with this fun event for the whole family! More information will be available on our website closer to the event date, but mark your calendars now!

Adult Programming

Board Game Night

Second Wednesdays beginning May 9, 6:30 p.m.

Ready to move on from Monopoly? We will be teaching a new strategy-based game every month, and will have old favorites on hand as well.

Century Book Club

Third Wednesdays beginning July 18, 7 p.m.

A new limited-series book club celebrating the 100th anniversary of the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library! We will be reading one book published in each decade that the library has been open, starting in 1918. Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming book selections.

Under-40 Book Club

Fourth Wednesdays beginning May 23, 7 p.m.

The Under-40 Book Club reads books written by authors under 40 and published in the last 5 years. Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming book selections. Open to anyone 21-39.

Discover Medicare

Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. and Wednesday June 20, 6 p.m.

Discover Medicare makes it easy for everyone to understand how Medicare works and how to get the most out of it. This program will discuss how and when to enroll, your supplemental coverage options, Rx drug costs, and more. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day

Saturday, June 9, 12-3 p.m.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day is the largest knitter-run event in the world. Our local knitting group will be knitting together on the patio at the Edgewood Club. Bring a project and help us celebrate the fun of fiber arts!

Poetry Reading

Saturday, July 14

Local poet Charlie Brice and special guests M. L. Liebler and Judy Robinson will be reading selections of their work in honor of Brice's upcoming collection of poems, *Mnemosyne's Hand*. Light refreshments will be served.

Forest Hills Tech Help

By appointment during library hours, at the Forest Hills Library

Get your computer questions answered! A knowledgeable staff member can provide assistance whether you need help using Microsoft Office, creating an e-mail account, searching the internet or using an e-reader. By appointment only: to schedule a one-on-one appointment, ask a librarian or call 412-436-2390.

Forest Hills Intergenerational Craft Night

First Thursdays, 6 p.m. at the Forest Hills Library

Craftspeople of all ages are invited to drop by with a favorite hand-work project for crafting and company. All skill levels are welcome.

Regular Children's Programming

Family Storytime

Ages 0-5. Come share books, songs, rhymes and stories all geared toward early literacy skills.

- **Mondays, 10:30 a.m.** at the Forest Hills Library
- **Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.** at the Edgewood Library
- **Fridays, 10:30 a.m.** at the Churchill Borough Building

Kindergarten Readiness

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 4-6. Join us for songs, stories, games and activities designed to develop skills to ease the transition to kindergarten.

Baby Lapsit

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Ages 0-18 months. Stories, nursery rhymes and books for babies.

Summer Reading

Kids Summer Reading

Ages 0-12. Summer reading at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library runs **June 11 through August 11, 2018**. Stop by the Edgewood or Forest Hills locations to start a punch card! Track your reading, writing, library attendance, and more to earn books and prizes! Online registration for summer reading programs and events opens June 1.

Teen Summer Reading

Ages 13-18. Summer reading at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library runs **June 11 through August 11, 2018**. Stop by the Edgewood or Forest Hills locations and enter a drawing for every book you read. We'll draw a winner every Monday to win books and gift cards!

The Butterfly Project

Monday, July 30, 2 p.m.

Ages 5+ with families. Participants in the Butterfly Project will learn about children who died in the Holocaust and paint a butterfly. Butterflies will be displayed at your library and at participating libraries around the county! This program is presented by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. Please register online.

GSK Science in the Summer

June 26-29, 1 p.m. (Session 1, rising 2nd-3rd graders),

2:30 p.m. (Session 2, rising 4th-6th graders)

In conjunction with the Carnegie Science Center, we will be offering a weeklong astronomy program. Lift off to your mission as a Space Scientist! Perform experiments in Astronomy, Meteorology, Materials Science, and more. Registration is required for this program.

Art Attack!

Tuesdays, beginning June 12, 1 p.m.

Ages 5+. Tackle a new project every week! Paint, build, sculpt, and express yourself! Be prepared to get creative—and messy. Please register online.

Drop-In Craft

Saturdays beginning June 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

All ages. We'll have a new craft project every week, so bring the whole family down! No registration required.

Family Game Night

Thursdays beginning June 14, 6 p.m.

All ages. Bring the whole family for board games at the library! No registration required.

Slime Time

Thursdays beginning June 14, 1 p.m.

Ages 5+. Make a new slime, every time! Please register online.

Tech Toys Tryout

Wednesdays beginning June 13, 1 p.m.

Ages 8-12. Each week we'll have a new gadget, tech toy, or coding game. Join us to try them out! Please register online.

Forest Hills Science Explorers

Thursdays beginning June 12, 3 p.m.

at the Westinghouse Lodge in Forest Hills

Ages 5-8. Learn about the natural world through experiments, observation, art, and more! Please register online.

Forest Hills Maker Corner

First Saturdays, 10 a.m. at the Forest Hills Library

Ages 5-10. This maker open house provides a space for families to learn and work together on inventive projects with their school-age kids. We'll have new ideas each month, so bring your imagination! No registration required.

Forest Hills Teen Volunteering

Thursdays beginning June 14, 3-4 p.m. at the Forest Hills Library

Ages 13-18. The Forest Hills Library offers the opportunity for teens to help their local neighborhood with community service projects. Come have fun and help us prepare for our end of the summer library event. Please register online.

RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels are custom designed to work day in and day out to keep rainwater out of storm drains and sewers.

Connected to your home's downspout, the rain barrel collects stormwater during each rainfall. Residential rain barrels come in a variety of colors, shapes and materials and range in size from a 30-gallon capacity up to about 150 gallons. What size and how many a homeowner may need to adequately capture rainfall depends on the size of the home's roof and the average rainfall in your geographic area.

In southwestern Pennsylvania, an average rainfall is one-quarter inch, while the average roof size is about 1,000 square feet.

That equates to about 150 gallons of stormwater flowing from the rooftop during each rainfall. Over a year – our region averages about 37.5 inches of rainfall annually – that total accumulates to about 22,500 gallons of stormwater.

Rain barrels are a practical, low-cost, lot-level solution for helping to control stormwater, which can cause sewage overflows and pollution of our rivers and streams. During dry weather, a hose connected to the barrel allows the high quality rainwater, devoid of minerals, chlorine and other chemicals, to seep out to water your garden and replenish the groundwater table. Rain barrels can help to direct stormwater away from the foundation of your home and reduce your water and sewer bills.

Rain Barrels are secure and safe. Many barrels are constructed of UV-stabilized Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) to prevent warping, fading or cracks. The barrels are generally designed to retain leaves, twigs and roofing materials without clogging the barrel, while also being mosquito-safe.

Generally, rain barrels require maintenance by the homeowner to drain after each rain event to assure there is capacity for the next rainfall. Rain barrels should be disconnected during winter months to prevent freezing.



WILKINS TOWNSHIP

ESTABLISHED 1821

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

Joy Voeltzel, President
Melissa Brinza, Vice President
Janice McMahan, Secretary
Alyce Katsur, Treasurer
Beth Humberston
Jessica Reed
Simone Tanz
Richard Voeltzel

Check out our website at:
www.wilkins township.com

FARMER'S MARKET



The Recreation Advisory Board will host our annual Farmers Market! It will be held **every Wednesday from 4-6 p.m.** rain or shine in front of the old D'Imperio restaurant in the Penn Center Complex.

Come out and meet your neighbors and shop for fresh produce and lots of other goodies!

If you have any questions or would like to join us as a vendor, contact Rich Voeltzel at **412-853-8922**.

See you there!

Wilkins Township Bicentennial

The Bicentennial Committee is actively seeking relevant photos of the township, old posters, programs or any other materials that can be displayed during our bicentennial celebration in 2021. If you or someone you know is in possession of any items that you are willing to donate to the township, please feel free to drop them off at the Municipal Building or call **412-824-6650** for more information.

We are also looking for individuals who may have a long history with the township who are willing to share their memories with us.

