

News To You

# WILKINS TOWNSHIP

Winter 2005

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Wilkins Township Pumpkin Patch Party

The Wilkins Township 2005 Pumpkin Patch Party was held on October 22, 2005 and was an enjoyable event. We had 71 children in their costumes come and paint pumpkins and even got a few hayrides in spite of the rain. That wouldn't dampen their spirits and they were all so adorable. The Shriners Clowns made everyone smile with their balloon figures and animals. We even had a best costume by 3 age groups and the clowns decided. The winners were : 0-3 group was Zack Siddiqui, he was the Scarecrow. The 4- 7 group was Brandon Nowikowski, he was the Pirate. The 8-10 group was Michael Aronckes, he was the Hippy. Thanks to all the parents and children who attended and helped make it a huge success. For everyone that volunteered their time and effort so this event would be an enjoyable one, THANK YOU!!! We hope that next years Pumpkin Patch Party 2006 will be just as fun. See you next year.



# WILKINS TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS

Upcoming trips with the Wilkins Township Senior Citizens in 2006.

January 28 - Saturday

"Phantom of the Opera" at the Benedum Center.

Lunch at the Tin Angel on Mount Washington.

February 21 and 22 - Tuesday and Wednesday - Seneca Allegany Casion in Salamanca, NY.

March 4 - Saturday - "Wicked" at the Benedum Center. Lunch included.

April 4 - Tuesday - Charlie Prose at the Castle in Greensburg.  
Lunch at Ferrante's Lakeview Banquet Hall.

June 14 - Wednesday  
"Salute to America". Lunch at Seven Springs Resort. Then on to the crash site of 9/11 in Somerset County.

June - Two days in Lancaster County, to see "Ruth" at the Millenium Theatre. Other things to see and do while there.

If you want to travel with us, please call 412-823-1312 for more information.

If you are interested in joining the Wilkins Sr. Citizens, call the Membership Chairman at 412-823-7074.

# FIRE COMPANIES ARE CALLING ON YOU!

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

To outfit a single Firefighter completely in protective clothing

cost approximately \$2500 per firefighter. This

includes the helmet, protective jacket, protective pants, protective head covering, boots and gloves.



## MAILING LIST

PLEASE NOTE: This newsletter goes out to all of the Residents in Wilkins Township. If you happen to know a neighbor that does not receive one, PLEASE give them this phone number (412) 824-6650 to call the Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building and ask to be put on our mailing list for the newsletter.

## CHRISTMAS TREE BURNING

Come join the fun on Friday, January 13, 2006 at 7:30 in the evening as we kickoff what we hope will be a new annual tradition - A Wilkins Township / Forest Hills Tree Burning. This year, the tree burning will take place at the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Recreation Center located on Greensburg Pike. Refreshments will be served.



## Century Club of Wilkins Township

The women of the Century Club are busy enjoying the beautiful fall foliage and our busy schedules. We have been busy collecting mercury thermometers and planning for the Election Day bake sale; cleaning up the Pep Boys garden, learning about photography and building a new Century Club web-site.

November 8, Election Day, you will spot our table at the Irene Pohl Municipal Building. As usual, the "cookie ladies" will be offering delicious home made baked goods and, once again this year, a chance on a beautiful and well-stocked Thanksgiving Basket. Please stop by and check it out- it even comes complete with a certificate for the turkey for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

We have been focusing this year on Mercury Thermometer retrieval. When old-style thermometers break, mercury pollutes the environment and could even poison your loved-ones. We collected thermometers at Wilkins Primary on Open House and will once again be collecting them on Election Day and during our November 15, 2005 meeting... And it is a good deal- bring us your old thermometer and we will replace it with a brand new digital one- much easier to read and non-polluting. If you can't join us on Election Day or stop by our meeting, please e-mail me at [centuryclubpa@lycos.com](mailto:centuryclubpa@lycos.com) and I will make arrangements to collect your thermometer.

Our next meeting will be held on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. We would love to see you there. For more information about the meeting, our winter activities and our club, please visit our new web-site: [centuryclubwilkins.tripod.com](http://centuryclubwilkins.tripod.com).

# 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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**RECYCLING IS PICKED UP BI-WEEKLY ON THE DAY OF THE WEEK THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR REFUSE PICK-UP.**

RECYCLING DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED.



# DID YOU KNOW?



- ⦿ You should install at least one on every level of your house.
- ⦿ Kitchens, the tops of stairwells, and halls outside bedrooms.
- ⦿ They are not expensive and can be purchased at your local hardware store.
- ⦿ Having a working smoke alarm in your home can double your chances of surviving a fire.
- ⦿ Regularly vacuum above and around alarms to keep them dust free,
- ⦿ Replace batteries at least every year. Make it a habit to change when daylight savings time starts.
- ⦿ Replace smoke alarms after 10 years or as the manufactures suggest.

## *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 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 to. 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.

## DEER SEASON

Deer season is here and it's a common fact that deer are most active during October thru December. Here are a few driving tips:

1. Slow down and be prepared to stop.
2. When you approach a deer on the highway, flash your headlights from bright to dim and honk your horn encouraging them to move.
3. Warn other drivers that there are deer ahead by tapping on your brakes.
4. If a deer hits your car, do not swerve, keep foot firmly on the brake to stop. This helps you from hitting another car.
5. Always remember to have everyone buckled up.





## HO HO HO COME HAVE LUNCH WITH SANTA CLAUSE

Its that time of year again for the Annual Wilkins Township Lunch with Santa. The luncheon will be held December 17, 2005 at the Wilkins Township #3 Volunteer Fire Hall 109 Powell Street off the Greensburg Pike.

All the festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. Sadecky's Puppets will perform at 11am. Followed by lunch and get your picture take with Santa. Please mark your calendar and come join in all the fun. This event is free to all children 10 and under to Wilkins Township Residents. Anyone over the age of 10 will be \$ 3.00 per person.

Please mail this form along with any payment to make reservation for your family by  
December 3rd, 2005.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

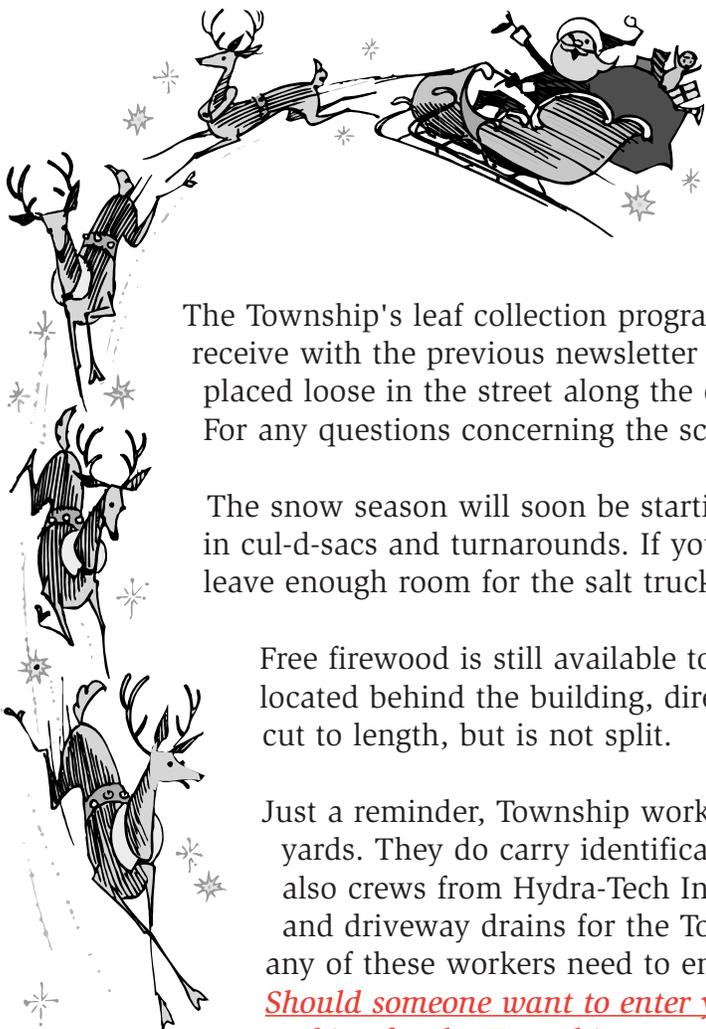
How many : \_\_\_\_\_

Age (s): \_\_\_\_\_

If child is a boy or girl: \_\_\_\_\_

How many over the age of 10 attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

The Township's leaf collection program is under way. Please refer to the schedule you receive with the previous newsletter for your pickup day. Remember leaves must be placed loose in the street along the curb; workers will not enter yards or pick up bags. For any questions concerning the schedule please call 412-824-6650 Ext. 10.

The snow season will soon be starting. 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 still locating and inspecting sewer lines in yards. They do carry identification and are required to show it if asked. There are also crews from Hydra-Tech Industries doing dye-testing of downspouts and driveway drains for the Township. 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.*

Finally, with the upcoming holidays, everyone here in the Public Works Department hopes that you and yours enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas.



**THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT  
WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
EVERY RESIDENT A  
HAPPY, HEALTHY  
HOLIDAY!  
REMEMBER "YOUR  
DESIGNED DRIVER!"  
STAY SAFE!**



# WILKINS TOWNSHIP

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

Patty Nowikowski, President  
Frank Derzak, Vice President  
William Stewart, Treasurer  
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Don Cwynar  
Krystall Kenderish  
Richard Voeltzel  
Richard E. Wise

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

The Recreational Advisory Board consists of 5 to 11 people. We plan events for the residents of Wilkins Townships. Such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Days, Pumpkin Patch Party, Christmas Party, the Tree Burning, and Newsletters.

Each event has a committee which meets and plans a budget for final approval from the Commissioners. The Recreational Advisory Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Irene J. Pohl Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. The Public is welcome.

We are always looking for new members and fresh ideas. If you are interested please, send a letter which would include your name, address, telephone number and why you would like to become a member of the Recreational Advisory Board. We look forward to hearing from you.

Patty Nowikowski .....President	Joy Voeltzel.....Secretary	Beth Humberston
Frank Derzak.....Vice President	Don Cwynar	Richard Voeltzel
William Stewart .....Treasurer	Richard Wise	Krystall Kenderish

Please note: Election of new officers will be on the next regular meeting in January 2006. The public is welcome.

All the members of the Recreational Advisory Board would like to wish all Wilkins Township Residents a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

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