

News To You

WILKINS TOWNSHIP

Winter 2006

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WILKINS TOWNSHIP 2006 APPLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



The Apple Pumpkin Festival was held on October 28th and was an enjoyable event. All the children who came had their face painted and even got to see a terrific magic show put on by Steve Haberman. The audience participation was great! The kids just loved it and had a great time. Thanks to the road crew, we even got in a few hayrides in spite of the hail, rain and snow flurries. Thank you to all the parents and children who came and made this event a huge success.



Thank you to Wilkins #3 Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the hall. To everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make it a fun day "KUDO"S. We hope to see you at next years Apple Pumpkin Festival.

2006 STREET PAVING PROGRAM



This year, Gilmore, Rita and a portion of Dunbar Drive were slated to be paved. At their regular meeting in May, the Board of Commissioners awarded the paving contract to Sciarretti Asphalt Company (Braddock). Shortly thereafter, Sciarretti notified the Township that they were withdrawing their bid. After several weeks, and a public hearing on the matter, Sciarretti withdrew their bid and the Board of Commissioners subsequently awarded the paving contract to A. Folino (Oakmont), the next lowest bidder.

Folino, believing in May that their company had not received the Township's paving project, bid and received other municipal and state paving contracts between May and July. When notified in July of the receipt of the Township's low-bid, Folino notified the Township that they could not start the Township's paving project until October, due to previous commitments.

On October 30th, A. Folino submitted correspondence to the Board of Commissioners requesting their consideration in delaying the 2006 Paving Project until April of 2007. Based upon what the Township's Engineers have indicated (and past experience), the Township believes that the sub-base (the material beneath the asphalt) on Gilmore and Dunbar is in poor condition. According to the Township's Engineer, opening either of these streets at this point in the year could potentially result in the inability to properly address these sub-base conditions and not completing the paving prior to the on-set of winter weather. This would result in additional damage to the existing roadway and a major inconvenience to the residents of these areas and other motorists.

For these reasons, and based upon the recommendation of the Township's Engineer (Senate), the 2006 Paving Project will be delayed until the spring of 2007. The Board expects that Folino will begin asphalt removal and base repair as early as mid-March (weather permitting). The streets should be completed by the end of April.

The Board of Commissioners apologizes for any inconvenience that these changes may cause Township residents. If you are a resident of one of these areas and have concerns about a serious condition, please contact Rebecca Bradley, the Township Manager at 412-824-6650. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please Remember to Recycle!!!

The Century Club of Wilkins Township is proud to bring the residents a chance to recycle newspaper. The bright green and yellow bins have been placed at the Municipal Building and at Fire Company #3 (Powell Street) and Fire Company #4 (Frazier Drive). All you have to do is stop by and drop off your old papers!



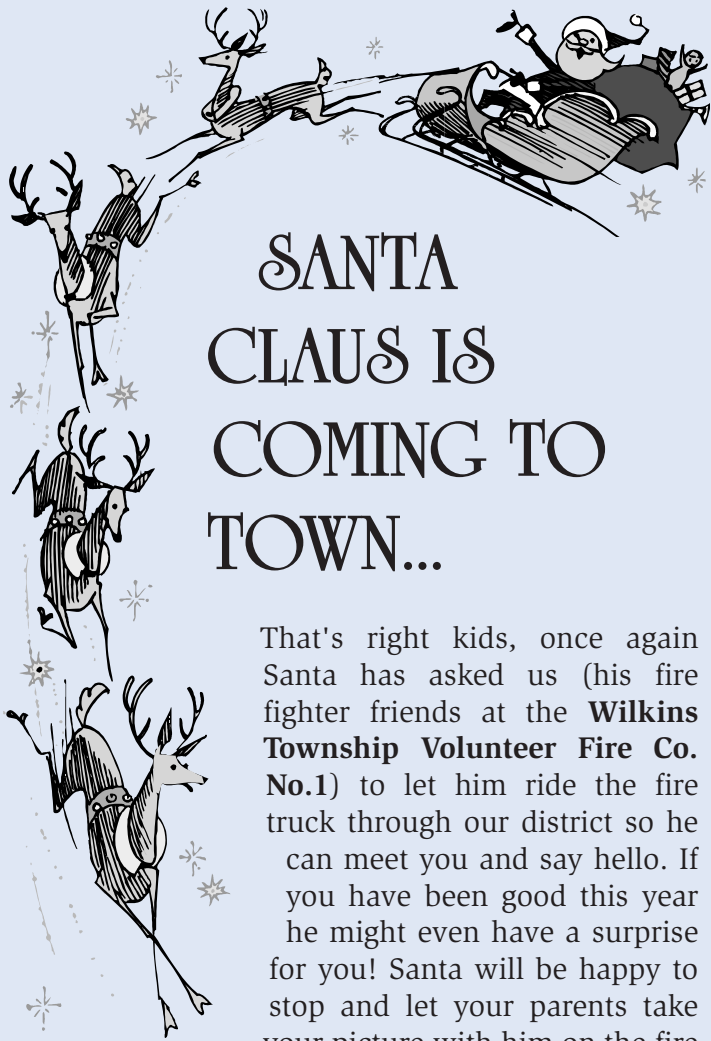
WE WANT ALL OF YOUR:

- Newspapers Envelopes Magazines Folders Office and School Papers Mail Fax and Copy Paper
- Shopping Catalogs Colored Paper

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Plastic Metals Trash Phone Books Glass

*Please help us make a difference
in Wilkins Township*



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...

That's right kids, once again Santa has asked us (his fire fighter friends at the **Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Co. No.1**) to let him ride the fire truck through our district so he can meet you and say hello. If you have been good this year he might even have a surprise for you! Santa will be happy to stop and let your parents take your picture with him on the fire

truck. Parents should have cameras ready to capture this special moment.

Santa will start his ride at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 16th 2006.

Santa will be in the following areas at these approximate times. Just listen for the sirens and you will know he is just a few minutes away.

10:00 - 10:45	Gardenia, Churchill Road, Highland, Negley
10:45 - 11:15	Curry, Patterson, Harrison
11:15 - 12:00	Grayhurst, Penhurst
12:15 - 12:45	Briaridge Dr.
12:45 - 1:15	Beulah Road Shopping Center
1:30 - 2:00	Penn Center Shopping Center near Eckerd Drugs



Santa and the firefighters of Wilkins Township VFC NO.1 would like to thank the generous businesses in their district whose support has made this year's visit a special one.

Please note that the times listed above are "approximate" and subject to change due to the response of the children in each area. Please allow additional time before and after the listed times.

In case of bad weather, the rain date is Sunday, December 17th, 2006.



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.



Come Have Lunch With Santa!!!

It's time for the Annual Wilkins Township Lunch with Santa Claus. The luncheon will be held December 16th, 2006 at the Elks Club on Beulah Road. (The old Fountain Room). All the festivities will begin at 10:30 am. Sedecky's Puppets will perform at 11:00 am. Lunch will be followed with your picture taken 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 Townships Residents only. 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 9th, 2006 to the Irene J. Pohl Building, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, Pa 15145

Family Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Child's Name / Age / M or F: _____

Child's Name / Age / M or F: _____

How many over the age of 10 attending: _____

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FORMS ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. ALL CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER MUST LIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVITIES. PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER FOR CANCELLATION.



PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

The Township's annual leaf collection program is underway. A copy of the collection schedule was included in the last edition of the newsletter. If you don't have one, a copy may be obtained by calling (412)824-6650 Ext.10, or by logging on to www.wilkinstownship.com. All leaves must be placed at the curb; no bagged or boxed leaves will be picked up.

The Township has been notified that some landscapers in the area are charging Township residents for both the raking of leaves **and** hauling and disposal. You may want to check with your landscaper to make sure you are not being charged for hauling and disposal, if your landscaper is placing your leaves at the curb for Township pickup.

The Township maintains a composting facility that is located behind the ball field at Linhart Park. There is a large "pile" of composted leaves from last year. It is very nice material and you are free to use it at no charge. Please note that this is limited to resident's use at their homes only and is not available to contractors and landscapers for commercial use.

The snow season is here! 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.

A number of residents have bought portable basketball goals for their children's use. If you have one please remember that they should not be left in the street. They pose a hazard to drivers as well as causing a problem with snow removal. If you want to leave them setup, we suggest you place them in the yard at the curb line with just the rim hanging out over the curb. We appreciate your cooperation!



Township workers will once again be working cleaning and video inspecting sewer lines throughout the Township during the winter months. They do carry identification and are required to show it if asked. During the course of the sewer work we are finding a number of manholes in yards that have been covered over by property owners. This practice is not permitted. You should be aware that when these are found they will be uncovered and/or raised to the existing grade.



There are still crews doing dye testing on downspouts and driveways. In addition, there is a crew rehabilitating manholes at various locations. Again, while they will need to enter yards, 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.

Wilkins Township Fire Department News

The Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Companies would like to thank all Wilkins Township Citizens for their support in 2006. Fundraising efforts are still ongoing, and we appreciate any donations that you can give. 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 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.



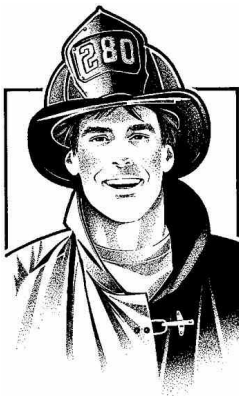
We can't do one without the other. Any interested parties please stop in and check us out!

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.

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

WINTER REMINDER

*Please do not block access to fire hydrants.
Keeping the area clean and free from debris makes our job easier.*



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.

TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS

2007 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.



ESTABLISHED 1821

Wilkins Township
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Turtle Creek, PA 15145

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ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE RECREATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL WILKINS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ABOUT COMMUNITY DAYS 2007. IT'S APPROACHING SOON.

THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERY RESIDENT A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAY! REMEMBER "YOUR DESIGNATED DRIVER!" STAY SAFE!