



# WILKINS TOWNSHIP

Winter 2011

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## Light Up Wilkins 2010



On behalf of Wilkins Township Recreational Advisory Board, we would like to thank everyone that came out and helped celebrate the season by taking a ride on the sleigh and having hot cocoa while waiting to see Santa! The smell of gingerbread was everywhere and each child decorated his or her own frame to have their picture of Santa and them together.

The Recreational Advisory Board would like to thank everyone that came and volunteered for this event, but special thanks goes out to Lucy Costa and John Martinelli for helping run our kitchen, they are such pro's, Rebecca Bradley for her help with set up, serving and clean up, a huge thanks to Tim & Scott from our Road Crew for taking their time in running the sleigh ride. It was very cold out and wasn't sure if anyone would attempt to ride, Last but not least, Thanks to Santa for lighting up the Christmas tree, it was just beautiful and without him and Mrs. Claus, the party wouldn't have been a success that it was! We had a great time. ■

See you next year.





# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES

Winter is upon us again and we can all hope it is not like last year. There are some things residents can do to help during snow storms:



Yield to salt and plow trucks especially on large or steep hills. If you come upon a truck starting up or down a hill, wait and let it pass. They are there to make your streets safe. When it snows, if you have a driveway and can use it, please do so. This allows crews to clear the entire road. Sometimes residents get frustrated saying that we keep plowing their driveways in. In the areas of the township with wider streets, it takes multiple passes to clear the streets curb to curb. This needs to be done in the event of more heavy snow.



Please note that Township Ordinances prohibit the following:

- Parking in cul-de-sacs and turnarounds
- Shoveling or blowing of snow onto streets that have been cleared

Township workers will once again be cleaning and video inspecting sewer



lines throughout the township. 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. As a reminder, Township workers have no need to enter homes to do this work. Should someone want to enter your home using the pretext of working for the township, you should notify 911 immediately.



Once again you may obtain firewood when available. When we are cutting trees we have been placing the wood in the lot across from the Community Center. There is no cost and is for the use of TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY. ■



## The Pumpkin Patch party

**The Pumpkin Patch Party** was held at the Community Center on Saturday October 23rd and was an enjoyable event. Picking a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch to decorate and other crafts helped make the day fun. Our Thanks to Mike the Magician who came and put on a great magic show for all to see, and the kids just loved it and had a great time and some of the costumes were adorable. Thanks to the Road Crew, we even got in a few hayrides. Thank you to all the parents who came and made it a huge success. "Kudos's" to everyone who volunteered their time in making the Pumpkin Patch Party a fun day! The Recreation Advisory Board hopes to see you at next year's party. ■



## MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

**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! Also residents can check out our new membership recruitment site [HYPERLINK "http://WWW.GETONTHE TRUCK.ORG"](http://WWW.GETONTHE TRUCK.ORG) WWW.GETONTHE TRUCK.ORG. The website was designed for all of the Fire Departments in the Woodland Hills School District to help with membership and any questions one may have about joining the Fire Department. 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 or call one of the stations below.

Wilkins Twp. # 1	412-829-0530
Wilkins Twp. # 3	412-271-4000
Wilkins Twp. # 4	412-823-2322

835 Railroad Street  
109 Powell Street  
205 Frazier Drive

# C.C. Mellor Memorial Library



Catch the  
Reading Bug!

## Annual Book Sale

Make plans to attend the Library's Book Sale held in the Edgewood Club Ballroom 1 Pennwood Avenue in Edgewood. Full price days are Saturday March 19 and Sunday March 20 from 9am-4pm. A Bag Sale is held on Monday, March 21 from 1pm to 8pm and Tuesday, March 22 from 9am to 2pm. Over 9,000 books, audio books, movies for adults and children are available. The library is accepting donations for the sale.

## Thank You

The C. C. Mellor Memorial Library is able to offer children's programs and other services directly to residents because of financial support received from Wilkins Township. We thank Wilkins Township Commissioners for contributing to the library. Story time begins Friday, January 14-May 20 at the Recreation Center at 10:30 a.m. Story time is for preschoolers and consists of stories, flannel boards and rhymes and a craft related to the theme. Each week brings a new theme so mark you calendars and join us.

For more information contact C. C. Mellor Memorial Library at 412-731-0909 or visit our website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org"www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

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Please visit us at one of our two locations:

### C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

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

Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm  
Fri 10am-5pm  
Sat 9am-4pm

### Forest Hills

Branch Library  
444 Avenue D (Lower Level)  
Forest Hills, PA 15221  
412-824-3567

Mon, Fri, Sat 10am-2pm  
Tues, Weds 4-8pm



## 2010 a year at a glance!

**Our company responded to 190 calls** in our Township and the surrounding communities. Some were structure fires, flooding, carbon monoxide, auto accidents, evacuations of buildings and any other emergencies that you can think of.

We received a State Grant to purchase a generator that will power the entire firehouse so that it may become a Warming center in the event of extended utility power loss.

You can book your Hall reservations for 2011 by calling the firehouse at 412-271-4000

Visit our Web Site for more information at <http://wilkinstwp303.com/>

## Mark your calendars! ~~~~~

Lenten Fish fry starts on Friday March 11th and every Friday thru April 22nd

April 30th  
Dance the winter away!  
Back by popular demand! "Mid-life Crisis" a Classics/Rock band

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Don't forget when you are out shoveling snow help us out in case of an emergency and clean the snow around the fire hydrants that maybe on or near your property.



United Way Contributions can be directed to YOUR Fire Company just click on to

**HYPERLINK**  
"http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/"

Our agency code is 2613

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for your support in 2010 and look for your continued support in 2011. New members are ALWAYS welcome! ■





## Wilkins Clean-up

April is coming too quickly this year!

We are already planning for our annual Clean-up Wilkins, April 16th 2011.

We will meet at the Community Center at 9 AM and hit the streets with our assignments.

We should be able to return to the Center by noon for a pizza lunch provided by the Century Club.

We will have contests for finding the most unusual items.

Please join us for a fun morning with your neighbors. ■



## 2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

The Board of Commissioners adopted the 2011 General Fund Budget at their regular meeting of December 13, 2010. The 2011 budget projects revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$4,369,200. Real Estate Tax millage will remain at 4.513. General Fund Budget information is available on-line each month at [HYPERLINK "http://www.wilkins-township.com"](http://www.wilkins-township.com) [www.wilkins-township.com](http://www.wilkins-township.com) – just click on the “General Fund & Ordinance” tab on the left hand side of the screen. ■

## Community Center Rentals



Looking for a place to hold Junior's birthday party or Baby's shower? The Wilkins Township Community Center, located behind the Municipal Building on Pepper Road, is available for rentals. The cost per six hour rental is \$125.00. The Community Center was recently renovated and includes one large room and one smaller room. A fully equipped kitchen and restrooms facilities are also available.

The Board of Commissioners recently approved the ability of renters to serve beer and wine, as long as they have provided the Township with a certificate of insurance from their homeowner's insurance policy.

For additional information regarding rental of the Community Center, please visit the Township's website, [HYPERLINK "http://www.wilkins-township.com"](http://www.wilkins-township.com) [www.wilkins-township.com](http://www.wilkins-township.com), and click on the “Forms and Applications” tab, look for “Community Center Rental Application” and “Community Center Rental Rules and Regulations.” ■

## WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



Registration for the upcoming season for Baseball, T-Ball, & Softball will be in February 2011. Dates, times, and location are yet to be determined. Please keep an eye out for flyers being posted in the Township or sent home from school. If you do not see a notice by the first of February, please contact John Aiello, 412-607-9985, [aiello402@comcast.net](mailto:aiello402@comcast.net).

*A few changes will be implemented in 2011:*

- The registration fee will be waived for all Wilkins Twp residents.
- T-Ball will be held during the week and on weekends, to avoid all the Sunday rain-outs that were experienced last season.
- Linhart Park will be utilized more often for games / practices

*Please enjoy your winter and we'll look forward to seeing you on the diamond in the spring. ◆*





**FIRE CO. No.4**

**Wilkins VFC #4 again hosted a great Halloween Parade** on October 31 for all of the local ghosts and goblins to start off their Trick or Treat fun at the firehouse.

Good weather brought an especially good turnout and put everyone



in the holiday mood. Firefighters patrolled the streets and set up signs at major intersections to alert motorists that children were out for Halloween. The company also participated in the Sears Safety Day on Saturday, October 23.

Accidents along the Business Route 22 corridor continue to be a source of many calls, along with carbon monoxide detectors. These detectors, along with the equally reliable smoke detectors, have saved many lives and prevented homes from incurring major damages. Although your neighborhood volunteers will respond to any emergency day or night, including weekends and holidays, we would much rather have your home and family remain safe. If you have any questions about your home's safety such as the placement of smoke detectors, the use of space heaters, or your furnace, please contact us at the number below. Station 4 responded to 28 alarms from September through November.



Totaling up all of these and other time put in for drills, fire schools, meetings, etc., we put in about 370 hours from all of our members during that time.

We can always use more help from our neighbors to keep each of our homes safe all year around. If you would like information about what you can do to assist in our efforts, please leave a message at the firehouse non-emergency number 412 823-2322. This is truly a community effort. If you would care to direct your United Way contribution to the fire department, our Code Number is 880323 and the address is Wilkins # 4 VFD, Allegheny County Station 304, P.O. Box 17460, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. ■



## Spaghetti Dinner

**The Century Club Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday April 10, 2011. It will be held at the Wilkins Township Community Center from 2P.M. until 6P.M. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. This includes mouth-watering spaghetti, homemade meatballs, salad, bread, butter, and coffee. There will also be a scrumptious bake sale and fantastic raffle.**

**Proceeds will benefit the charities of Wilkins Township.**

**Please join your neighbors for a delicious meal of home-cooking. ■**

## RENTAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The Wilkins Township Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 1010 at their regularly scheduled meeting of November 22, 2010. Ordinance 1010 requires the annual registration and licensing of all rental units in the Township of Wilkins to promote and preserve the health, welfare and general safety of individuals residing in the Township by requiring the upkeep of all residential units.

In considering adoption of this Ordinance, the Board found (1) there is a growing concern in the community with the general decline in the physical condition of residential units; (2) Township records show that there is a greater incidence of problems with maintenance and upkeep of residential properties that are not owner occupied as compared to those that are owner occupied and (3) Violations of various codes are generally less severe at owner-occupied units as compared to residential rental units. An annual fee of \$30.00 per lot and block is assessed against all owners of rental units. The fee covers the cost of administering the ordinance. Information gained from the registration program will not only be used to ensure compliance with the property maintenance code but will also be provided to the Township's earned income tax collector and business privilege tax collector.

For the complete text of the ordinance, please visit the Township's website at **HYPERLINK**

**"<http://www.wilkins township.com>"**

**[www.wilkins township.com](http://www.wilkins township.com)**

and click on the "General Fund and Ordinance" tab located to the left of the screen. ■

# TOWNSHIP OF WILKINS 2011 RECYCLING CALENDAR

**HOLIDAYS OBSERVED ARE:**

MEMORIAL DAY, JULY 4TH, LABOR DAY & THANKSGIVING

PICK-UP WILL BE DELAYED ONE (1) DAY AS A RESULT OF THESE HOLIDAYS.

**January**

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**December**

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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**

PLEASE NOTE: NORMAL PICK UP SCHEDULE WILL BE FOLLOWED NEW YEARS & CHRISTMAS. OBSERVANCE OF THESE TWO HOLIDAYS, ONLY, WILL NOT AFFECT REGULAR PICK UP DAY



# Lunch with Peter Cottontail

It's that time of year again when Peter Cottontail will be visiting the children of Wilkins Township. He plans on hopping in on Saturday April 2nd, at 12 p.m. at the Community Center behind the Municipal Building. You can also have lunch and your picture taken with Peter Cottontail and some other great things to do. Please mark your calendars and be ready to have a good time! Due to our budget cut a small minimal fee for this event is \$2.00 to all residents' children 10 and under. Anyone over 10 years of age will be a charge of \$ 4.00 per person. See you there!

Please mail this form to make reservation for your family by March 26th, 2011, to the Attn: Recreation Advisory Board 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name/Age/M or F: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name/Age/M or F: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name/Age/M or F: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults 10 and over attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

To receive the Township planned events via email, please include your email 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 secretary of the Recreation Advisory Board at 412-824-4523 or via email at joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com.



# Citizen's Assistance Program

As a part of the Wilkins Township Police Department's new approach to community oriented policing, we are offering Township residents an opportunity to provide us with the name and telephone number of an individual with whom we may make contact in the event that we are required to gain access to your home for emergency purposes.

As our population grows older, our police officers are frequently asked by the loved ones or neighbors of our older residents to provide well-being checkups. By providing the department with the name and phone number of a key-holder, the police officers could better serve these types of requests.

Please note that we ARE NOT requesting a key to your home. We are providing you with an opportunity to give us information that we will keep on file in the Police Department. In the event of an emergency, the officer on-duty would contact the individual listed on the card so that access can be granted to the home. If you are interested in this program, please fill out the following form and mail it back to the Wilkins Township Police Department, 110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

Township of Wilkins Police Department Citizen's Assistance Program

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Resident(s)

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Address

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Name of Designated Key holder:

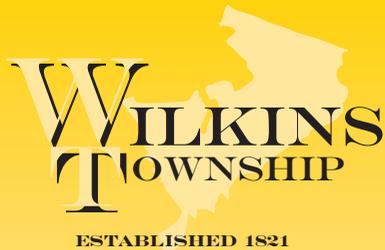
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Home Phone Number of Designated Key holder:

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Cell Phone Number of Designated Key holder:

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Signature of Resident:                      Date:

*Mail Completed Form To:*  
**Wilkins Township Police Department**  
110 Peffer Road, Turtle Creek, PA 15145

Questions? Please call: **412-824-0032**



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Margo Epstein  
Melissa Brinza  
Sandy Albert

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



## Shinning Seniors

**Our beloved Wilkins Seniors meet in the Community Center the third Thursday of every month.**

Activities and entertainment are planned by our trusty group.

This spring we are going on a trip to the Meadows in February, a bowling party in April and a covered dish dinner in May.

These are only a small part of the activities our seniors are experiencing. The best part of belonging is meeting your neighbors and learning about our Township.

*All are welcome and the dues are minimal.* ■



~ Wilkins Township's Summer Festival is Tuesday June 21st 2011 thru Saturday June 25th 2011 ~