

WILKINS TOWNSHIP

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Balint Lane Bridge Ribbon Cutting ~



The Wilkins Township Public Works Department,

President of the Board of Commissioners, Sylvia Martinelli; Chairman of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Joseph Costa and Engineer Amber Yon attended a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 14, 2011 celebrating the opening of the Balint Lane Bridge. This bridge, which was completely washed away in the flood of June 16, 2009, was rebuilt by the Public Works Department.

Thanks to our crew for doing an outstanding job! ■



Century Club

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Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 29, 2012 for the Century Women's Club of Wilkins Township's Annual Spaghetti Dinner that will be held at the Wilkins' Community Center, 120 Peffer Road. There will also be baked goods for your eating pleasure. As you are most likely aware, all of our proceeds are donated to many local organizations, such as our 3 fire departments, Meals on Wheels, Community Food Bank and many others. We are always interested in getting new members.

Please contact Karen at 412-824-6650 ext. 10.

If you have any questions let me know. Thanks, Cheryl ■



Scrapbooking Class

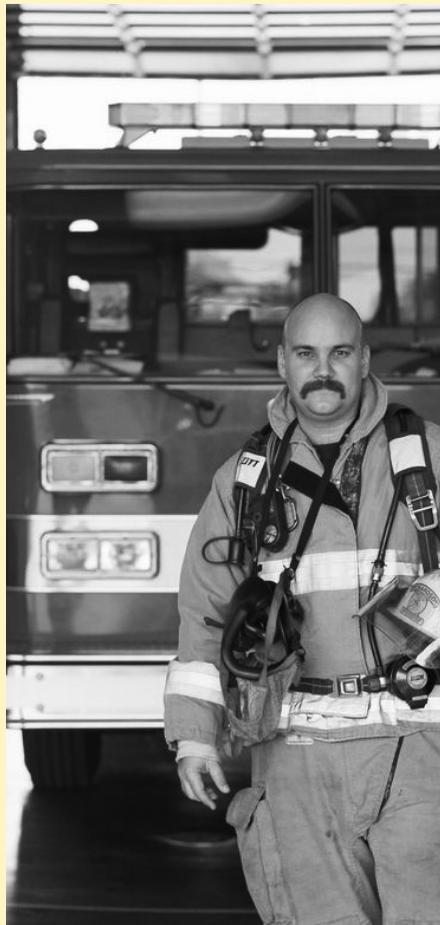
The Recreation Advisory Board would like to host a Creative Memory Making Scrapbooking class. We would like it to start in February 2012 once a month on a Saturday at the Community Center. If this is something you would be interested in, please email me at [HYPERLINK "mailto:joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com"](mailto:joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com) joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com or call the municipal building at 412-824-6650 and leave a message. We would like to host events for our residents, so we need your input.

Thank you very much
The Recreation Advisory Board



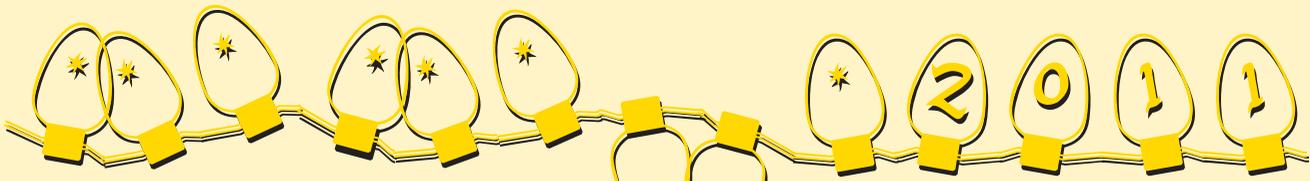
Wilkins VFC #1

The Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 will begin to mail out our 2012 annual fund drive. Last year we saw only 10% returns on our fund drive. It is this fund drive that allows us to operate, to keep up on training, and to maintain our equipment. The tough economic times are making life more difficult for all of us and we understand that. We are asking that you consider making a donation regardless of the amount. Every little bit helps to provide and maintain the fire service that our department has been giving since 1915. The men and women of Wilkins 1 were once again happy to assist Santa on his visit December 17th as they toured our fire district with the big guy himself. ■



Learn About Fire Safety

Fire Fighter Rich will come and teach the importance of fire safety to schools, organizations, senior citizens, boy and girl scouts etc. If you are interested, please call Wilkins Township VFC #3 at 412-271-4000 and leave a message for Rich.



LIGHT

UP WILKINS

On behalf of Wilkins Township Recreational Advisory Board, we would like to thank everyone that came out and helped celebrate the season by singing carols with the Sunshine Kids, taking a ride on the sleigh and having hot coca while waiting to see Santa! We would like to also thank Lauren Miller from CC Mellor for the Christmas stories she

read to the children. Last but not least, thanks to Santa for lighting up the Christmas tree. It was just beautiful and without him, the party wouldn't have been the success that it was! We had a great time. See you next year. ■



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**

Name of Resident(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Name of Designated Key holder: _____

Home Phone Number of Designated Key holder: _____

Cell Phone Number of Designated Key holder: _____

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



C.C. Mellor Memorial Library

Catch the Reading Bug!



Check Out some of the activities going on at the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library this winter. Detailed information is on our website [HYPERLINK](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

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Weekly Story Hours No registration required

Tuesday, 10:30 @ CC Mellor (Toddlers)

Wednesday, 10:30 & 1:30 @ CC Mellor (Preschool)

Thursday, 10:30 @ Churchill Borough Building (Ages 2-5)

Friday, 10:30 @ Wilkins Recreation Center (Ages 2-5)

Friday, 11:30 - Baby Lapsit (birth to 18 months) @ CC Mellor

Saturday, 10:30 @ CC Mellor (Ages 2-5)

Register for the following programs to be held in the Fred Rogers Children's Room in Edgewood at 412-731-0909

Help your Child in School Representatives from Sylvan Learning Center will speak about different learning styles and how to use this knowledge to help your child succeed in school on Wednesday January 11 at 6:30pm.

Children's Valentine's Day Party Children ages 5 to 11 are invited to join Miss Lauren for a special party and craft session on Saturday, February 11th from 1-2:30pm.

Teen Reading Group All teens are welcome at the next book discussion on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00pm to discuss *The Scorch Trials* by James Dasher. Pick up your copy at the library today.

The Board of Trustees of the C C Mellor memorial Library and Edgewood Community House has openings for two residents to serve as trustees. Applicants must be knowledgeable about library trends, act as a library advocate, and able to serve for two years. Check the library website for details on how to apply.

Annual Book Sale Mark your calendars for this gigantic event which kicks off with a Preview Party on Friday, March 24, 7-9pm (\$25) in the Ballroom of the Edgewood Community House. Other hours are Saturday March 25 and Sunday March 26 9am-4pm. Bag Sale Monday, March 27 9am-8pm and Tuesday, March 28 9am-noon. Donations of items and volunteer help are needed.

Please visit us at one of our two locations:

C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

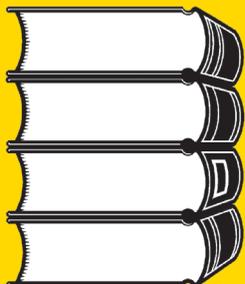
Main Library
1 Pennwood Avenue
Edgewood, PA 15218
412-731-0909

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



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.

You can book your Hall reservations for 2012 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 February 24th and every Friday thru April 6th

Dance the winter away!

Date will be announced soon look for flyers!

Back by popular demand! "Mid-life Crisis" a Classics/Rock band

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 may be on or near your property.

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

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for your support in 2011 and look for your continued support in 2012.

New members are ALWAYS welcome!

We are in the EXTREME need of Fire fighters.

Can you help?

Volunteer Today!

Check out our Web site
<http://wilkinstwp303.com/>

The Pumpkin Patch Party



The Pumpkin Patch Party was held at the Community Center on Saturday October 22nd and was an enjoyable event. The weather was chilly but very sunny. Our Thanks to Eric Keller from the Pittsburgh Zoo who brought out some small animals for everyone to see, the kids just loved it and had a great time and some of the costumes were just 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! ■



Wilkins Clean-up



April 21st will be our 5th annual CLEAN-UP WILKINS DAY. Rain date will be April 22, 2012

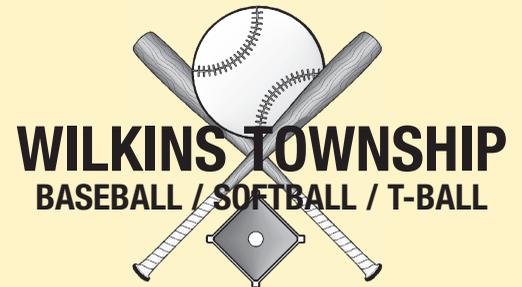
Please join us to clean the highways and byways of our beautiful township.

We will begin at 9 AM in the Community Center and will conclude back at the center for a pizza lunch.

Please save the date and come join in the fun. ■



The Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Board has a week full of fun planned for the entire family for its annual Summer Festival 2012. So look for details in the upcoming newsletter. See you there! ■



WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / T-BALL

It's that time of year again and we look forward to another fun exciting year on the ball fields. Sign up dates / time are as follows:

Dates: Saturday, February 11
Sunday February 12
Saturday, February 18
Sunday February 19

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Wilkins Township Municipal Building, 110 Peffer Road, Wilkins Twp. (Auditorium)

Fees: For Wilkins Residents, playing is free (volunteer duties are required **)

For non-Wilkins Residents, the fee will be the same as last season

** a nominal deposit will be required and refunded after the season once the volunteer requirements are met

Flyers will be sent home through the local schools and e-mail reminders from coaches will also be sent as a reminder.

If you have any questions, please contact John Aiello at 412-607-9985 or [HYPERLINK](#)

"mailto:aiello402@comcast.net"
"t "_blank" iello402@comcast.net

Thanks, John





Breakfast 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 March 24th at 10 a.m. at the Community Center behind the Municipal Building. You can have breakfast 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! The event is free to all residents' children 10 and under. Anyone over 10 years of age will be a charge of \$ 3.00 per person. See you there!

Please mail this form to make reservation for your family by March 16th, 2012, to the Attn: Recreation Advisory Board 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ | _____

Childs Name/Age/M or F: _____

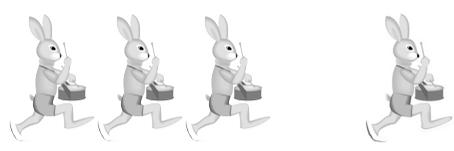
Child's Name/Age/M or F: _____

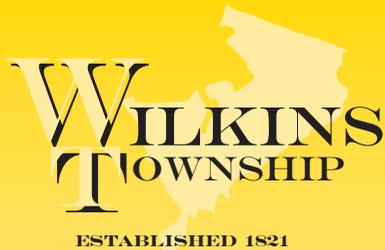
Child's Name/Age/M or F: _____

Adults 10 and over attending: _____

Email address: _____

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 of the Recreation Advisory Board at 412-824-4523 or via email at joyvoeltzel@yahoo.com. ■





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

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Beth Humberston, Secretary
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Check out our web site at:
www.wilkinstownship.com

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Shining Seniors



Where are you ...

wish you were here!

The Wilkins Township Seniors are looking for new members.

These members must be age 55 or over and must possess a vibrant personality and be willing and able to make new friends, laugh, and have fun.

If you fit this description, join us on the third Thursday of each month, 1 PM at the Community Center. Entertainment or games make up the meeting fares along with dessert. Trips are planned that you will want to be part of and you will meet lots of people from your neighborhood. Please join us, for a day of relaxation and lively conversation.

For more information call Sylvia at 412 823-8696. Come join the fun ■