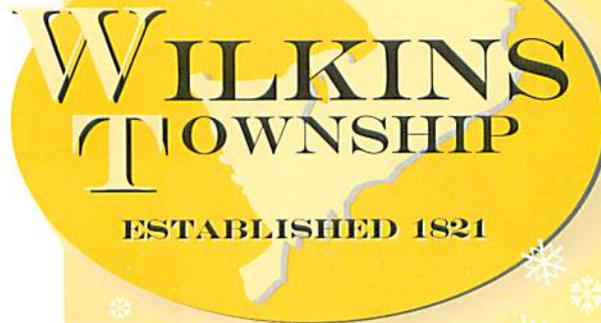


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OUR  
COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
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# PUBLIC WORKS NOTES WINTER 2013

## Clean-up Wilkins



Once again the Century Club and Senior Citizens will be sponsoring Clean-up Wilkins.

Our date this year is Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9 AM.

We will meet in the Community Room for coffee then on to the streets.

We will conclude our day with a pizza lunch at noon.

Our rain date is April 21st.

Please come and have fun cleaning-up the streets of Wilkins.

We always enjoy the friendship of our neighbors.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unique finds. ■



Watch for  
details on our  
Summer Festival 2013  
starting June 18th thru June 22nd.

The snow season is here! Please remember there are things residents can do to help during snow storms:

- Yield to salt and plow trucks especially on hills. If you come upon a truck starting up or down a steep hill, wait and let it pass. Remember they are there to make your streets safe.
- Parking is not permitted in cul-de-sacs and turnarounds. If you park on a narrow street make sure you leave enough room for the plow truck to pass.
- If you have free standing basketball hoops that are either on or hanging over the street please move them back off the street.
- Please remember that Township Ordinances prohibit shoveling or blowing snow onto streets that have been cleared.

Although the bulk of our sanitary sewer cleaning and video inspecting is complete township workers will still be around doing follow up inspections and maintenance. They do carry identification and are required to show it if asked. During the course of the sewer work we are still finding 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.*

We are finding a number of sanitary sewer problems due to the use of sanitary wipes. These products do not break down in the sewer system and they can and do cause blockages and backups in your sewer lines, the township main lines as well as the wastewater treatment plant.

*Please dispose of these items in a waste can and do not flush them in the toilet.*

For more information on this please visit:

<http://www.pwmag.com/waslewater/strangled-by-disposables.aspx> ■



# Eastmont-Wilkins



## FIRE Co. No. 4

In September and October, our company responded to 17 emergency calls, including calls for structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and a vegetation (brush) fire. As always, we participated regularly in training and drills to maintain and improve our skills in firefighting and rescue work.



On October 6, we held a very successful safety day at the Home Depot store on Route 22. On November 3, we provided safety measures for trick-or-treaters.

Our all-volunteer company has two pressing needs: funds and members. Of these, OUR GREATEST NEED IS FOR NEW MEMBERS. Without a sufficient number of firefighters, our mission to preserve the lives and property of Wilkins residents will be compromised. In addition to firefighters, we need more associate members to help clean and maintain vehicles, equipment and our fire hall and grounds, help plan and staff events, and raise funds. To join our company, go to our website at:

[www.wilkins304firerescue.com](http://www.wilkins304firerescue.com)

and click on "Online Membership Application" near the top of the page.

Of course, we need funds as well as members to support our critical firefighting and rescue missions.

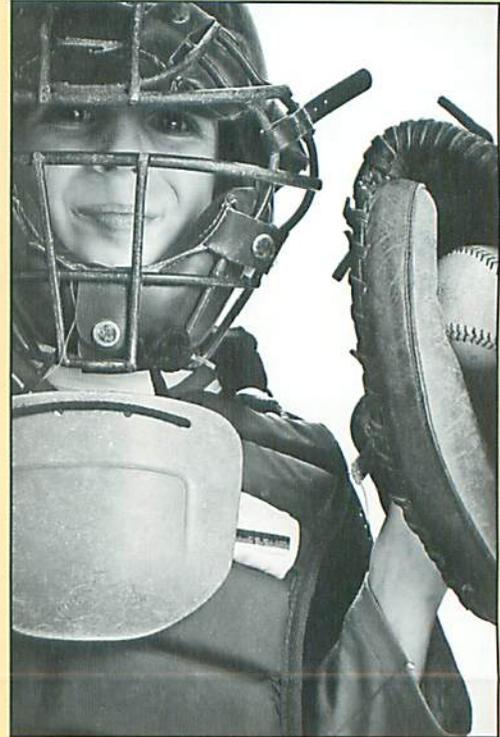
[FYI – Our United Way code is 880323.]

Note that if you want to call our fire hall, our non-emergency number is 412-823-2322.

For emergencies dial 911. ■



## WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2013 SEASON** WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING (AUDITORIUM) AT 110 PEPPER ROAD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 17, 23, & 24  
FROM 10 AM - 1 PM.

WE OFFER GIRLS SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL, CO-ED TEE BALL, AND BOYS BASEBALL, AGES 4 - 16

ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL HAS CHANGED FOR NON-WILKINS RESIDENTS. IF YOU RESIDE IN THE WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DID NOT PLAY FOR A CURRENT ESBL ASSOCIATION LAST SEASON, YOU ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO PLAY FOR A WILKINS TOWNSHIP BASEBALL TEAM.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE ONE OF THE ABOVE DATES, PLEASE CONTACT ANNE HUSSMAN at 412-824-1242 OR VIA E-MAIL, [annenfrank@verizon.net](mailto:annenfrank@verizon.net) ■

## ZUMBA WITH SUE

Join your neighbors for Zumba fun and fitness at the Wilkins Township Community Center. Monday evenings at 7 PM our own certified instructor, Sue Delanko DiFuccia, will guide us for a full hour of instruction. Classes begin February 25th and will continue every Monday until April 1st. Enjoy all six classes for only \$36. To register, call Wilkins Township at 412 824-6650. This event is sponsored by the Wilkins Township Recreation Advisory Committee. ■



Watch for details on  
**Wilkins 5-K Race**  
**June 22nd 2013**



## 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



**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 [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)



**Weekly Story Hours No registration required**

- Monday, 10:30 am @ Forest Hills
- 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)

This year's One Book, One Community is People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. Inspired by a true story, this novel introduces characters from different times, cultures and religions. Set in war-torn Sarajevo readers learn about the priceless and beautiful Sarajevo Haggadah as they follow the book's journey from its salvation back to its creation.

Local book discussions are:  
Tuesday, March 26 at 1pm at the Forest Hills Library

Wednesday, April 24 at 7pm in the Edgewood Board Room..  
The Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child selection for 2013 is This Bus is for Us by Suzanne Bloom. Tess is excited. Today is her first day of school, and her first school bus. As she waits with her older friend Gus, she asks, "Is this the bus for us, Gus?" as a variety of vehicles pass.

Each child who attends story hour on Friday April 12 at 10:30am at the Recreation Center will receive a copy of the book. A craft and story session is also scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 1 - 2:30pm at the Library in Edgewood. Please register.

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. Application deadline April 1.

Annual Book Sale Mark your calendars for this gigantic event which kicks off with a Preview Party on Friday, March 22, 7-9pm (\$25) in the Ballroom of the Edgewood Community House, 1 Pennwood Avenue. Other hours are Saturday March 23 and Sunday March 24 9am-4pm. Bag Sale Monday, March 25 9am-8pm and Tuesday, March 26 9am-noon. Donations of items and volunteer help are needed. ■

**C. C. Mellor Memorial Library**

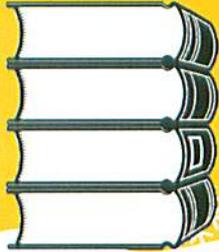
Main Library  
1 Pennwood Avenue  
Edgewood, PA 15218  
412-731-0909

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



**Story Time**  
with *Santa*



**On behalf of Wilkins Township Recreational Advisory Board,**

we would like to thank everyone that came out and helped celebrate the season. The puppet show was awesome as we patiently waited to see Santa! All of the laughter, presents and treats were wonderful! 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. ●



# FIRE CO. No. 3

In 2012 our company responded to 192 calls in our Township and the surrounding communities. The calls included structure fires, flooding, carbon monoxide, auto accidents and building evacuations among other emergencies.

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

### Mark your calendars!



Lenten Fish fry starts on Friday February 15th and every Friday thru March 29th

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 to 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 to <http://www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org/>  
Our agency code is 2613

### Contribution statistics

220 out of 1,037 of our residents sent in donations; this is only 21.2%

2012	220 homes
2011	320 homes
2010	278 homes
2009	329 homes
2008	346 homes

We desperately need your help!

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors who supported us in 2012 and look forward to your continued support in 2013.

New members are ALWAYS welcome!

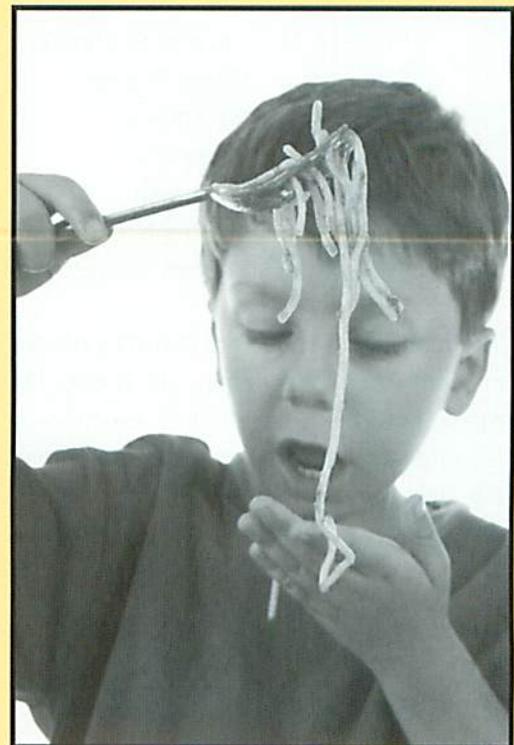
Our Banquet Hall is currently un-available for rentals.

We hope this is only temporary (workers needed to run hall)



## Century Club

The Century Club of Wilkins Township will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 14, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Wilkins Community Center located at 120 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, PA 15145. (Adults \$6.50 children 12 years and under \$3.00) Take outs are available. Please join your friends and neighbors as we help raise money that is returned to your community.



We are always looking for new members if you would like more information about our organization, please contact Cheryl Stanton at 412-823-7997. ■

# Device Recycling Act



In November 2010, PA Governor Ed Rendell signed into law the Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010. The law was designed to responsibly recycle Electronic Equipment Waste (eWaste), and divert eWaste from entering Pennsylvania landfills; beginning January 1, 2013 Waste Management will no longer pick up electronics, so residents will be required to recycle covered devices and will no longer be able to dispose of these items in their municipal waste. The following is a list of commonly accepted items:

Desktops, Laptops and Servers  
Printers, Copiers and Scanners  
Cell Phones, Office Phones  
Networking Equipments  
Monitors and Televisions  
Audio Visual Equipment  
Peripheral components such as mouse, keyboards, speakers, cables and CD/DVD drives

The municipality does not currently have a recycling program in place for these items, but hopes to have one up and running in the near future. Electronics can be returned to retailer/dealer when you purchase new electronics, (i.e. television/computer). In the mean time residents can drop off any of the above items at the following locations: ■

Construction Junction  
214 N. Lexington St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
(412)243-5025

Guardian Storage  
350 Old Haymaker Rd.  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412)380-7368

eLoop Recycling Center  
625 Plum Industrial Court  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239  
(724)519-7646

# Valentines Day Jewelry and Gift Show

Saturday Feb. 2, 2013  
10 am till 4 pm

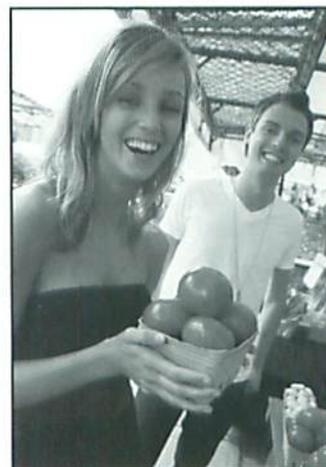


VFW POST 6681  
429 Cline Street  
Wilkins Twp., PA



## Gifts • Collectables • Jewelry

Vendors Welcome by Reservation  
Call 412-704-7846 for Details  
judge15235@yahoo.com



Watch for  
**Farmers  
Market**  
every Wednesday  
starting  
**June 12th 2013.**



# Brunch *with the* Bunny!

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 23rd at 11 a.m. at the Community Center behind the Municipal Building. You can eat brunch, get your picture taken with Peter Cottontail, plus have fun with other planned activities. Please mark your calendars and be ready to have a good time! The event is free to all residents' children 10 and under. There is a cost of \$3.00 per person for anyone over the age of 10. See you there!

Please return this reservation form by Saturday, March 16th, 2013 to: Recreation Advisory Board 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Doors open at 11 am, Sorry no early entry ■



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# Shining Seniors



**Our very own Wilkins Township Senior Citizens are looking for seniors** who want to be involved with their neighbors and the community.

If that is you, then please join us the third Thursday of each month for fun, information and good times.

Our meetings are held in the community center and they begin at 1 PM.

The February meeting will feature the song styling's of Jerry DiMaria.

There is no charge to visit and a very minimal charge to join.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!** ■

