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OUR  
COMMUNITY  
NEWSLETTER  
WINTER ISSUE 2014

# WILKINS RECYCLING 2014-2018

Beginning January 2, 2014 Waste Management 1-800-451-3060 brings single-stream (no sorting) RECYCLING to Wilkins.

RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE BI-WEEKLY. REFER TO THE RECYCLING CALENDAR FOR YOUR PICK UP DATES.



## WILKINS TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

### ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF PART-TIME, FILL IN CROSSING GUARDS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF PERMANENT POSTS BECOMING AVAILABLE.

A CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND A CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CHECK ARE REQUIRED AND WILL BE AT THE APPLICANT'S EXPENSE.

AVERAGE SHIFT IS TWO (2) HOURS LONG.

PAY RATE IS \$12.73 PER HOUR.

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN PICK UP AN APPLICATION AT THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE POLICE SECRETARY'S OFFICE. ■

### RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Residents may continue to use their green recycling containers and/or purchase up to a 32-gallon container of their choice. The Township will be mailing residents a recycling sticker to be placed on any purchased containers.

Between collections store your recycling container inside your garage or in a side/rear location not visible to neighbors or from the street. Move your recycling container back to its storage place after collection on the same day.

SINGLE-STREAM TECHNOLOGY- NO NEED TO SORT, SEPARATE, OR BAG RECYCLABLES.

Simply empty all your recyclables into your recycling container. Place the container at the curb the evening before collection day.

### YOUR COOPERATION IS IMPORTANT

Help reduce the cost of future waste contracts. Your recyclables will have new life as future products.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

\*Beginning January 2, 2014 Garbage/Waste Collection (not recycling)

will be provided by

Republic Services (not Waste Management).

Pick-up days will remain the same.

724-887-9400 or 1-877-788-9400



## PUBLIC WORKS NOTES WINTER 2014

Winter is here and what a winter it's been so far! Please remember there are things residents can do to help during snow storms:

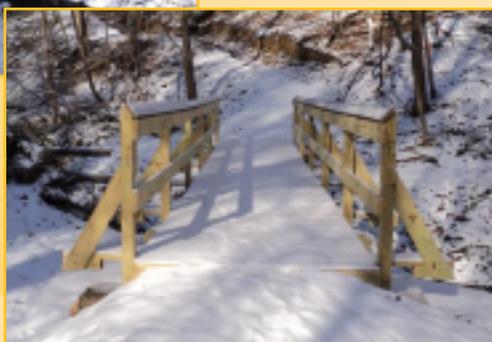
Yield to salt and plow trucks especially on hills. If you come upon a truck starting up or down a steep hill, wait and let it pass. Remember they are there to make your streets safe.

Parking is not permitted in cul-de-sacs and turnarounds. Most Township streets are regulated by Ordinances and posted by sign as to which side of the street parking is permitted; also 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.

In the fall of 2013 Public Works crews constructed a walking trail and foot bridge in Lions Park. The trail runs from the Fran Colonello walking trail near the end of Cline Street through the valley across the creek and connects with the Rita Drive trail which leads back to the main Park. Funding for this project was provided by the Wilkins Area Industrial Development Authority.



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/wastewater/strangled-by-disposables.aspx>



### YES! Items Acceptable

- Plastics #s 1-7 (on item bottom)
- Cans (aluminum, steel, bi-metal)  
(rinsed of excess food residue)
- Paper – most types as follows:
  - Newspapers; inserts
  - Junk Mail
  - Magazines, catalogs
- Books – phone, paper, and hardback
- Books (remove hardback covers)
- Office paper; shredded paper  
(tied inside a clear plastic bag)
- Paperboard (chipboard),  
e.g., pasta, cereal, tissue, baking mix boxes
- Toilet paper rolls; paper towel rolls
- Corrugated cardboard (must be flat and cut to fit [not wedged]  
into container)
- Pizza box tops (no residual food)
- Juice and soy milk boxes (aseptic)
- Dairy and juice cartons with gable tops (only types with a recycling  
number; MOST DO NOT; put out as trash)
- Egg cartons – paper types only

### NO! Not Acceptable

- Styrofoam; bubble wrap
- Metal scrap; clothes hangers
- Chemicals; oil; paint
- Mirrors; windows; sheet glass
- Light bulbs (all types)
- Garbage; food waste; paper plates
- Plastic wrap and film
- Plastic bags and utensils
- Freezer and other food wrappings
- Batteries (all types)
- Tires (all types)
- Garden hoses
- Gift wrapping paper
- Plastic children's toys; other large plastic items
- Dishes and ceramics
- Pots and Pans
- Diapers (new and used)
- Electronics – all types
- Aluminum Foil; baking pans
- Paper towels; tissues, napkins



## The Churchill Area Environmental Council



New Advisory: The Churchill Area Environmental Council (CAEC) will have a new community advisory titled INVASIVE ALIEN WEEDS: "RIGHT HERE IN RIVER CITY"-2014 available by May, 2014 from the Wilkins Municipal Office. It will be down-loadable from the new CAEC website embedded in the Churchill Borough site <Churchillborough.com> along with previous environmental advisories. This latest release covers a baker's dozen of the most common and/or troublesome of the alien weeds in our immediate area. Carry an illustrated copy with you as you walk in our area municipal parks and get to know this "dirty dozen" of the plant world and what you can do about them.

Environmental Scholarship Deadline: An environmental scholarship is awarded to a graduating Woodland Hills High School senior each year. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2014. If you know a senior who has completed an environmental project within the schools or in the communities they serve, advise him/her to get an application in by that date. Application forms are available from the guidance office or department chairmen at the high school. A copy can be downloaded from <Churchillborough.com>; click on Churchill Area Environmental Council.

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## 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 check-ups. 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**





# 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 April 12th 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 27 2014 to: Recreation Advisory Board 110 Peffer Road Turtle Creek, Pa 15145

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

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

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

Childs Name / Age / M or F: \_\_\_\_\_

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Childs Name / Age / M or F: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults over 10: Please circle 1 or 2

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FORMS ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE. PLEASE INCLUDE PHONE NUMBER FOR CANCELLATION. Only 2 adults per family may attend due to capacity of building. 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.



## Local Government Day and Clean-up Wilkins



Mark your calendar for April 26, 2014.

In conjunction with Local Government Day we will once again clean up the by-ways and highways of our wonderful township.

Join us at 9 AM in the Community Center for the breakfast kickoff, sponsored by the Wilkins Seniors. Then head out to your favorite littered mess to make it shine.

Lunch will be provided by the Century Club at noon in the Community Center.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual finds. ■



Township Manager Rebecca Bradley and Commissioner Michelle Criner

## Bicentennial Committee Volunteers Needed



In 2021, the Township of Wilkins will celebrate its 200th birthday! The Board of Commissioners is seeking volunteers who would like to serve on a newly created committee assigned the task of planning our birthday party! If you are interested in serving on this committee, please give us a call:

412-824-6650 or

Rbradley@wilkinstownship.com. ■





## FIRE CO. No.3

Our company responded to 147 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.



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

### Mark your calendars!

Lenten Fish fry starts on Friday March 7th and every Friday thru April 18th

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

### Contribution statistics

294 out of 1,037 of our residents sent in donations this is Only 28.4%

2013	294 homes
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 in 2013 and look for your continued support in 2014.  
New members, especially Firefighters, are ALWAYS welcome!

Our Banquet Hall is currently unavailable for rentals.  
We hope this is only temporary (workers needed to run hall) ■



## Wilkins Baseball and TBall Registration

Saturday, February 22nd and Sunday, February 23rd  
10:00am to 1:00pm  
Wilkins Municipal Building

For more information on Wilkins softball or mail in registration, please contact Anne at

412.824.1242

or

[wilkinsbbsb@gmail.com](mailto:wilkinsbbsb@gmail.com).



## 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.

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.* ■





## Century Club Century Club

### Time for Our Spaghetti Dinner

The Century Club of Wilkins Township will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 3:00-6:00pm. Dinner is served at the Wilkins Township Community Center, located at 110 Peffer Rd, Wilkins Township.

Eat-in or take-out. Each dinner includes pasta, homemade sauce and meatballs, salad, Italian bread and butter and your choice of coffee or lemon-blend. Soda is available for purchase. We are also having our famous bake sale and selling raffle tickets for an Italian Basket, for which the winner will be drawn that night.

Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 years of age, and will be available at the door. All proceeds benefit the charities supported by the Century Club of Wilkins Township. We hope to see you there! ■



## WILKINS TRIPS

Our trips have been very successful and loads of fun. If you missed the Atlantic City trip, I am sorry. It was WONDERFUL!

The upcoming trips are as follows.....

**The Way to The Cross** - March 12 - Cost \$80\*  
St. Emma's Monastery, Easter Buffet at Ligonier Ramada, Presentation of the drama "Magdalene", stop at a local candy store for a treat.

**Washington D.C.** - April 15- Cost \$334\*  
2 days and 1 night - monument tour at Cherry Blossom Time - 1 breakfast, 1 luncheon cruise, 1 dinner, 1 show ticket for Ford's Theater (Hello Dolly)

**Doo-Wopping Through Spring** - May 29- Cleveland, Ohio  
Cleveland Botanical Gardens - Dinner and Doo-Whop Show - Taggart's for ice cream

**Luck Be a Lady -Pittsburgh** - June 22 - Cost \$110\*  
Three Rivers Casino - Dinner at Church Brew Works - Heinz Hall for Luck Be a Lady starring Megan Hilty

**Erie's Casino and Nature's Glory** - October 5 - Cost \$65\*  
Presque Isle Downs(slot play and food coupon) - Presque Isle State Park - Cookout - Mason Farms Country Market

If you are interested in joining the travelers, please contact Sylvia Martinelli at 412-823-8696 as soon as possible. ■

\* signifies cost may vary slightly.



## MICROCHIP SCANNER and FACEBOOK PAGE

The Wilkins Township Police Department has been working together with the Facebook page "WOODLAND HILLS AREA LOST AND FOUND DOGS" in an attempt to find a fast way to reunite lost dogs with their owners. In December 2013, Officer Brokaw contacted AKC REUNITE and they donated a microchip scanner to the Wilkins Township Police Department. Dogs that are found without a registration tag can be scanned for a microchip that contains owner information. The information from the microchip will not be given out to the public, but the police will contact the owner to reunite them with their dog. We have made the microchip scanner available to any police department in the Woodland Hills area that wants to scan a found dog for a microchip. If a found dog does not have a microchip, a picture and description can be posted on the Woodland Hills area lost and found dogs Facebook page. Facebook users that "like" the page will see the picture and description of dogs that have been found or they can post about dogs that have been lost in the Woodland Hills area. Recently a dog that did not have a license tag on or a microchip was returned to the owner within a half hour after a friend of the owner saw a picture of the dog on the Facebook page and one of the Facebook posts was seen by over 2,100 people. Residents are reminded that although microchips are optional, a dog license is NOT.

Dog license applications can be picked up at the municipal building or online at  
[www.allegHENYcounty.us/treasurer/dog.aspx](http://www.allegHENYcounty.us/treasurer/dog.aspx).

Residents are encouraged to "like" and "share" the Facebook page "Woodland Hills area lost and found dogs" and continue to contact the police at 911 or 412-473-3056 when they find a lost dog. ■



## Consumer Message from the Wilkins Township Police Department



### What You Should Know About the National Do Not Call Registry

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at the Do Not Call Website. You can register your home or mobile phone for free. Scammers have been making phone calls claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry. The calls claim to provide an opportunity to sign up for the Registry. These calls are not coming from the Registry or the Federal Trade Commission, and you should not respond to these calls.

The Do Not Call Website:  
<https://donotcall.gov>

See this website for details and frequently asked questions or call the registry's toll free number (1-888-382-1222).

Phone Solicitation: If you are uncomfortable donating money through a phone solicitor, but would like to make a donation and see the money go to our community, then the Wilkins Township Volunteer Fire Companies and the Woodland Hills EMS are great options.

Solicitors at your Door: Anyone that knocks on your door soliciting must have already been issued a permit through the Wilkins Township Police Department. **ASK TO SEE THEIR PERMIT.** If a permit is not produced, ask them to leave and call the non-emergency police dispatch for your officers to check this out. (412) 473-3056.

Home Security Alarm Users: If you have not paid your 2014 user fee, please do so as soon as possible. Payment is due by January 14, 2014. Contact the Wilkins Township Police Department if you have any questions or to register your alarm if you have not already done so. (412) 824-0032 ■



Look for information on our **Annual 5 K Race** on June 21, 2014



## What goes into our rivers impacts what goes into your glass.

Ever wonder where the water in your glass comes from? For most of us, it comes from our rivers. But when rain falls and snow melts, the resulting storm water can run down hills, flow through creeks and streets, and overwhelm our aging sewer systems.

Everything this water touches—from the chemicals in our yards, to the motor oils in our streets, and even raw sewage—is washed into our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.



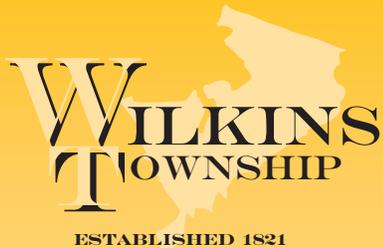
But there is a solution. A lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it. And you can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Never pour oil or paint in a storm drain.

Check with your local community about disposing of or recycling paint, oil and other chemicals. Because when it comes to clean water, we all drink from the same faucet.



Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to [3riverswetweather.org](http://3riverswetweather.org) for a free guide on how you can help.



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

# WILKINS *Shining* SENIOR CITIZENS



"Use It or Lose It" will be our guiding theme this year as we challenge our brains and our bodies.

If you are over the age of 60 and you would like to make some new friends, take some interesting low-cost bus trips, challenge yourself mentally and physically (within your own limitations) then, you've found the right club for you to consider joining! Minimum Annual Dues. Why not give us a try? We would welcome you. Plan to join us at the Wilkins Township Community Room, behind the Municipal Building at 110 Peffer Road in Wilkins Township every 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Try it! You'll like it! ■

