



# News and Views

## Wilmington Township Mercer County Civic League Newsletter



### Annual Corn Roast & Auction

This year will mark the 17<sup>th</sup> year that Wilmington Township residents have gathered for food, friends, and fierce bidding! The Corn Roast is a great time to catch up with old friends and neighbors and make new friends. Come at 5:00 pm on September 14 for a delicious picnic of hot dogs, corn on the cob, drinks, and homemade ice cream.

Please note the change in date. The Civic League needed to change the date to Sept. 14th due to the

New Wilmington Borough's 150th celebration taking place the first weekend in September.

The auction takes place following dinner. Get your bidding number early because there are a lot of new items to bid on! Make sure you stay for the auction of the Dresden Plate quilt made by our own Civic League Quilters and pieced by Emma V. By-

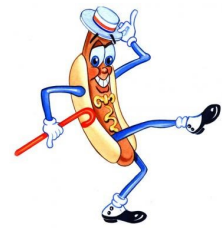
### Corn Roast

### Sept. 14, 5 pm

ler. And of course, you will want to bid on the pies!

If you have NEW items such as handmade crafts, wall hangings, fresh produce, canned goods and baked goods, please bring them along to the auction. Not sure if your item is appropriate, call the township to find out.

Bring your appetite. Bring your wallet. Have a great time with us on September 14<sup>th</sup>!



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### Scholarship Winner

The Civic League is pleased to announce the winner of the Patrick Campbell Scholarship. Heather Campbell is the wife of Rayburn Campbell and the mother of Katelyn and Garrett. Heather is attending Penn State

University studying Occupational Therapy Assistant. Mercer County Common Pleas Court President Judge Thomas R. Dobson presented Heather with the \$750.00 scholarship. Congratulations Heather!



Pictured are Judge Thomas R. Dobson (L) and Heather Campbell (R)

### Did You Know...

- Putting certain items down your toilet or drain can be harmful to your septic system? Never flush:

- Cat litter
- Feminine products
- Bleach
- Oils and greases
- Coffee grounds
- Varnishes, paints or solvents

## Treasurer's Report

Garage Sale - \$1149.00

Garage Sale Lunch - \$60.00

Quilt Raffle - \$475.00

Donuts - \$75.00

Election Day Lunch/Bake Sale - \$260.00

## Executive Committee Nominees

The Civic League needs a few good people! Election time is drawing near. If you would like to be part of our Executive Committee, please contact the township office.

Eileen Hendrickson, President, will be stepping down with Diana Cai-azza, Vice-President, taking over as President. Sally Cummings is willing to stay on as Secretary. Fred Deramo is willing to stay on as Treasurer.

The Civic League is in need of someone willing to take the place of Vice-President. Eileen Hendrickson is willing to take this position, however, if you know of someone you would like to nominate, please contact the township office.

## Ken Seamans Scholarship Banquet

The annual Ken Seamans Bibs and Blue Jeans Scholarship Banquet will take place tentatively on October 30 2013 at the Hickory VFW beginning at 6 pm. Tickets will be available at the township office in mid-September. Anyone wishing to make a donation for the auction is encouraged to drop off their new items prior to the banquet at the township building during regular office hours or at the Hickory VFW the evening of the banquet. Proceeds benefit Mercer County students pursuing a degree in Agriculture.

This year's 5th and 6th \$1000 scholarship recipients are Tiffany Goehring of Mercer High School who is studying to become a Veterinarian Technologist, and Haley Grossman of Lakeview High School who is studying to become a Veterinarian. Congratulations to both!

## Quilt Raffle Winner

The Civic League Garage Sale was a huge success this year. Thanks to all who helped make it a success!

This year the winner of the quilt raffle was Mrs. Nancy B. Byler, wife of John DR Byler. This year's quilt was a Log Cabin pattern in various shades of purple, quilted by the Civic League Quilters.



Pictured left to right: Nancy B. Byler, Gwen Witkowski, Eleanor Ferver, Kay Seamans

## A Big Thanks To:

- Joe Raught for hosting the Rabies Clinic and for all the time you have put into the township flower garden!
- Everyone who volunteered at the Rabies Clinic!
- Everyone who helped with the garage sale!
- Nancy, Ada, and Amanda Byler for making the donuts during the garage sale!
- The Civic League Executive Committee for all the time and preparation they have put into all the events throughout this year!
- Dee Williams for all the work he had put into the Patrick Campbell Scholarship. We couldn't have done it without you!

**Thank You!**

## Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 14 - Corn Roast 5 p.m.

October 22 - 7:30 p.m. AED training by NWVFD

November 19 - 7:30 p.m. One Book Mission speaker (tentative speaker)

December 17 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas party.

## New Lane Update

Some residents that have been assigned names for their lanes have been having issues with receiving packages shipped to their new address. The township secretary has been in contact with Mercer County Regional Planning Commission regarding this matter. MCRPC is going to do their best to get this issue resolved but in the meantime, they recommended telling the company you are ordering from your new address, along with your old address, to assure your delivery. BUT ALWAYS use your new address if calling 911 for an emergency.

If you have been assigned a new address, you might consider changing your address with the election office at the courthouse. You can do this by filling out a new voter registration form that is available at the courthouse and the township office.

## 2013 Municipal Election

**Candidates on the ballot include the following**

### Township held offices:

Township Auditor

Judge of Elections

Tax Collector

Twp. Supervisor (6 year and 2 year terms)

Inspector of Elections

### County held offices:

County Controller

County Treasurer

**Below are some dates to save:**

**Oct. 7** - Last day to register to vote

**Oct. 29** - Last day to apply for an absentee ballot

**Nov. 1** - Last day to submit an absentee ballot

**Nov. 5** - Election Day

Don't forget to stop in the garage after voting to have lunch and get some homemade baked goods!



## Senior Luncheon

A special Veteran's Day Senior Luncheon will take place on November 14, Noon. All veterans are invited to attend and eat for free. Senior Luncheons take place the second Thursday each month with the cost being \$2.00. Ruth Woods always presents useful information regarding health, gardening, and other tidbits. Come join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship!

## Fireman's Auction

The Fireman's Auction will take place on September 22 with the flea market in the morning from 9 am until 3 pm and the auction beginning around 5 pm.

Please plan to attend and support our volunteer firemen!

## First Day of School



The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September 3. Please watch for children walking and boarding buses.



## Kiwanis Halloween Parade

The Kiwanis Halloween Parade will take place on Oct. 26th.

## Public Notices

Township Code states that only newspapers that are printed for the general public may be used for publishing notices for the township. Since the Globe Leader no longer prints their newspaper, please refer to the Sharon Herald for any notices from the township, including meeting notices. As always, anytime a meeting is scheduled, a notice is placed on the window of the door to the township building for residents' reference.

## New Equipment

This year, the Township was able to purchase a used grader as well as a road broom attachment for the tractor. This will enable the supervisors and employees to grade the gravel roads and ditch along township roads.



## Sewer Update

The Board of Supervisors, secretary, and the township's sewer planning engineer are working together to complete the Act 537 Plan to be resubmitted to PA Dept. of Environmental Protection for their review before any designs can begin. Once the Plan is reviewed and accepted by DEP, designs and costs can be established. This has been a lengthy and slow process. The start date of this project is still planned for the spring of 2015 with the completion at the end of 2015. Thank you to each of you within the sewer project for your patience! Please remember, this project does not extend to the entire township. It is limited to all of Valley View Road, Willow Drive, and Auction Road; Bethel Road from the Borough to Willow Drive; Cowden Road from Bethel Road for about 1 mile length; and Mercer-New Wilmington Road from the Borough to Dollar General.

## Landlord Registration Forms

Recently, a letter had been sent to all residents in Wilmington Township regarding landlords registering their tenants with the township. If you are not a landlord, whether at your primary residence or another property within Wilmington Township, you need do nothing. However, if you are a landlord, you should have sent in the required form to the township already. If you have not done so, please take the time to do this right away.

The requirements of registering your tenants are as follows:

An updated registration form must be made out at the beginning of each year, and again within 30 days of new tenants moving in. Forms will be mailed out to landlords at the beginning of each new year. If you need additional forms or have any questions, please contact the township office.

## Road Report

So far this year part of Bend Road, Garrett Road and Anderson Road have been ditched. East Branch Road has been graded and is holding up nicely.

**Bend Road** and **Orchard Road** will receive a superpave leveling course and seal coat. A portion of **Indian Run Road** will be seal coated.

## Electronics Recycling

Two electronics recycling events are scheduled as follows:

September 28, 2013

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lawrence County Fairgrounds

October 5, 2013

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Jefferson Township Fairgrounds



Board of Supervisors meeting—2nd Wednesday each month 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting—2nd Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m.

## USDA Home Repair Loan and Grant Program

The 504 Loan and Grant Program allows eligible income rural homeowners with very low income to repair or improve a home through water/sewer hookups, removing health or safety hazards, installing energy efficient windows/doors and heating/cooling systems.

USDA Rural Development recognizes the home repair needs of eligible rural homeowners. With a 1% interest rate, the 504 loan (up to \$20,000), the 504 Grant (up to \$7500) or a loan and grant combination assist very-low income and other income eligible rural homeowners to make vital repairs. Applicants must have adjusted household incomes below the very low-income limits listed on the web site and be able to show repayment ability for the loan requested. The 504 Grant Program is available exclusively to very-low-income rural seniors aged 62 or older.

The deadline to file for this fiscal year is September 30, 2013; however, you may apply anytime after this date as well and be placed on a waiting list.

Visit their website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa) for additional information. Once on the site, if you are looking for a grant, click Grants on the left side of the page. Then, under Housing and Community Facilities Grant Assistance, click Rural Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Grants. If you are looking for a loan, click Loans on the left side of the page. Then, under Housing and Community Facilities Loan Assistance, click Rural Housing Repair and Rehabilitation Loans. You may also call 717-237-2186 for more information.

## Safety Update for Natural Gas or Propane Supply Lines

Lt. Governor Jim Cawley and State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann recently announced an effort to raise awareness regarding a safety upgrade for grounding existing (and new) yellow corrugated stainless steel tubing used to supply natural gas or propane to appliances in homes and offices. There has been an upgrade to the grounding installation requirements due to the risk of fires resulting from pinhole leaks in the tubing that can occur as a result of a lightning strike.

As a state prone to lightning strikes, TEMA and PSATS encourages its member townships to share this information with their residents as a means to further provide for the protection of the health, welfare, and safety of your residents.

Property owners who have yellow CSST installed in their homes after 1989 should contact a licensed electrical contractor to determine proper bonding of the system. As always, consumers should consider qualifications of the contractor before selecting them to perform a safety check.

Here is a link to a video describing the proper bonding and grounding requirements: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SvS40oYMiE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SvS40oYMiE).

Here is a link to the technical bulletin outlining the new grounding requirements: [www.csstsafety.com/Images/CSST-Direct-Bonding-Tech-Bulletin.pdf](http://www.csstsafety.com/Images/CSST-Direct-Bonding-Tech-Bulletin.pdf).

Although yellow CSST installations may have met code requirements at the time of installation, safety building codes have changed and it is now recommended that these systems be promptly checked and updated to the new installation standards.

**DOG LICENSES**

Dogs 3 months and older are required to be licensed. Licenses are issued on the calendar year. Mercer County residents can obtain a license at the township office.



**TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Office Hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:30 am to 12:00 noon / 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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US Postage Prepaid  
New Castle PA 16101  
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