

December 2013

News and Views

Wilmington Township Mercer County Civic League



Installation of Officers and Covered Dish Dinner

Come to the annual covered dish dinner at the Civic League meeting taking place on January 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. The Civic League will provide the meat and drinks. Anyone joining in the event is asked to provide a casserole or dessert to share and their own place service (forks, spoons, plates).

The 2014 Civic League officers will be installed this evening by Virginia Richardson, Mercer County Treasurer.

All 2013 Civic League officers are willing to serve again in 2014. Unless other names are brought before the nominating committee, the following officers will remain in office in 2014:

Diana Caiazza, President
Eileen Hendrickson, Vice-President
Sally Cummings, Secretary
Fred Deramo, Treasurer

Kay Seamans, Ways and Means
Chad Taylor, Supervisor Representative
Dee Williams, Scholarship
Cindy Black, Public Relations
Pearl Zehr, Chaplin
Leona Boyle, Hospitality



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Ginny Richardson, Mercer County
Treasurer

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Yes, I will join the Civic League today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to help with the following:

- Road Clean-up _____
- Bake sale _____
- Landscaping pavilion _____
- Corn Roast _____
- Garage sale _____

Mail To:

Wilmington Twp., Mercer County Civic League
35 Auction Road
New Wilmington, PA 16142

** Dues are \$1.00/person or \$2.50 per family

Civic League Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was held on December 17 with Cynthia Magyary providing the special music again this year. During this gathering, residents were asked to donate non perishable food items or paper products in order to help a local family in need. Thank you to everyone who made this evening so special!



Corn Roast and Auction Recap

The Corn Roast and Auction was another big success again this year! This was a great time to catch up with friends and neighbors. Harry Sadler was the buyer of the quilt. Way to go Harry! If you did not get the chance to attend, mark your calendar for next year (September 6). This is one event you don't want to miss!

2014 Civic League Event Calendar

JANUARY 21	Annual Covered Dish & Installation of Officers
FRBRUARY 18	Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
MARCH 15	Quilt Show
MARCH	Road Clean-Up – to be announced
MARCH 18	Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
APRIL	Rabies Clinic - to be announced
APRIL 15	Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
MAY 17	Garage Sale and Quilt Raffle
MAY 20	Election Luncheon and Bake Sale
JUNE 17	Scholarship Picnic – 6 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 6	Annual Corn Roast and Auction
OCTOBER 21	Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
NOVEMBER 4	Election Luncheon and Bake Sale
NOVEMBER 18	Monthly Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 16	Christmas Party and Election of Officers

The Senior Luncheon is the second Thursday of the month at noon.

The Quilters meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Monthly Planning Commission Meeting – 2nd Wed. at 7 p.m.

Monthly Supervisors Meeting – 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

A BIG THANKS TO:

- * EVERYONE who worked so hard to make all of the Civic League events this past year a success. We couldn't have done it without each one of you!
- * Leona Boyle, Dot Neely, Jackie Williams, Jill Hennon, Twila Armstrong and her daughter for helping decorate the township building for the holidays!
- * Lyle Johnston from the Apple Castle for speaking at the November Civic League meeting.
- * Again to Chris Engelsiepen and Anthony Vitril for the work that was put into the pavilion while in office. Every time the pavilion gets used, we are reminded of all your hard work!

Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast

The Paws for a Cause Relay Team will again be holding a Pancake Breakfast on January 11 from 9 am – 1 pm in memory of former supervisor, Ken Seamans. The breakfast will be held in the Wilmington Township Mercer County Municipal Building, and will not only feature a great breakfast, but also a Chinese Auction. All proceeds from the breakfast and auction will go to the American Cancer Society.

Please help us honor the memory of a man that gave so much to our township, and help us raise money for the fight to cure cancer, so that great men like Ken can live longer.

How the Civic League Helps the Community

Have you ever wondered what the Civic League does all year? The Civic League has been busy all year hosting several fundraisers such as the Garage Sale/Quilt Raffle, Corn Roast/Auction, Election Day Luncheons and other events to raise money to help individuals within our community and charitable organizations in our County and beyond. This hard work pays off when contributions can be made that helps make a difference in these lives.

This year, the Civic League has been able to donate a grill to the township for the annual corn roast, as well as a power washer. In addition to helping the township serve the community better, it has been able to donate to the Salvation Army, First Book Westminster, Prince of Peace, Westminster July Fourth Celebration, Kiwanis, the New Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department, and local families in need. The Civic League also gave out a \$750 scholarship to a student within our community. Every second Wednesday of the month, the Civic League also sponsors a luncheon for the seniors in the area for a small \$2.00 fee.

It is great to be a part of such an organization that can help so many. If you would like to also be a part, please fill out the form on the front of the newsletter, marking in what areas you would like to help. You won't regret your decision!

First Book Westminster



The Civic League had the opportunity to hear from Eileen Morelli speak about First Book Westminster at a recent Civic League meeting. First Book is a national nonprofit, founded in 1992, with local impact that provides new books to children in need, addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy - access to books.

First Book uses unique delivery systems to bring free and low cost, high quality books into the lives of children who need them the most through existing community programs and classrooms.

First Book Westminster, through the help of many in our Civic League and community, has been able to receive a truckload of books, which totals 40,000 books! And they are working on their second truckload! Kudos on a job well done and still in progress!

For more information on First Book or how you can become involved, go to www.firstbook.org.



Senior Luncheon

Every second Thursday, a senior luncheon is held at the township building at noon. All seniors are invited to join us for a great meal and wonderful fellowship. The cost is only \$2.00 per person.

At our Veterans Day senior luncheon, we not only had the chance to spend time with our local veterans, we had the opportunity to have some special guests from Jameson Place Retirement Center who blessed everyone with their stories and singing! Thank you to all of our Veterans for your service! Thank you also to Sandy Black, Nikki Hendrickson and the workers from Jameson Place for organizing such a wonderful program.



Help Needed

The Board of Supervisors is looking for anyone interested in either becoming a Planning Commission member or a Zoning Hearing Board alternate. If you are interested in either position or would like more information, please contact the township office.

Farewell to One Supervisor and Welcome to Another

Thank you to **John Richardson** for serving as supervisor for the past 2 years. John was appointed as supervisor in April of 2012 and has served his term well. The Board of Supervisors and secretary extend their heartfelt gratitude for his service and friendship.

Welcome to **William Roth**. Bill was elected into office at the November election and will begin his six-year term on January 6, 2014. Bill is married to Candace Roth and have lived in Wilmington Township for 17 years. His daughter Jennifer and husband Ryan Harvey also live in the township with their three sons. Bill looks forward to beginning his term and serving our community.

Equipment Purchases

This year, the township was able to purchase equipment such as a grader, belt loader, and broom attachment for the tractor. This equipment will enable the workers to berm and ditch along township roads as well as grade gravel roads. This work had already begun and will continue into 2014.



Low Income Heating Assistance Program Now Open

Pennsylvania's Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) grant program is now accepting applications. LIHEAP provides grants of up to \$1,000 to help low-income families pay heating bills during the winter months. LIHEAP also offers crisis grants of up to \$500 for families that experience heating emergencies, such as a broken furnace, fuel shortage or utility termination.

The program is targeted to individuals and families earning less than 150 percent of the federal poverty level, or about \$17,235 for a single individual or \$35,325 for a family of four. Grant amounts are based on income, family size, type of heating fuel and region.

Local residents can also apply for LIHEAP grants online at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services (COMPASS) website, www.compass.state.pa.us. More information on the program is also available by calling the LIHEAP hotline at 1 (866) 857-7095.

Dog Licenses

2014 Dog Licenses are now available at the township building. All dogs 3 months or older are required by law to be licensed. If you are a senior citizen, age 65 or older, or a disabled resident, a discount is available. Dogs that are spayed or neutered also receive a discount.

What's in the Budget?

The 2014 Budget had been approved at the December Board of Supervisors meeting. The 2014 budget will include replacing another culvert on Means Road and the purchase of a tractor/mower or other equipment out of the General Fund. Also out of the General Fund is a plan to install an I-beam in the pavilion attached to the garage in order to make this area more accessible to store equipment. Seal coating on Angel Road, Vance Road, Lusk Road, Rodgers Road, and a portion of Indian Run Road, as well as grinding, grading, and rolling Brenneman Road are to be considered for 2014 out of the State Liquid Fuels Fund.

Electronics Recycling Guide

Best Buy: Retail stores will take three items per day per customer. Accepts nearly anything electronic (no matter where purchased) including TVs, computers, cell phones, DVD players, sweepers, and more. Note: Some stores do not accept larger electronics.

Goodwill: Accepts any brand of used computer equipment in any condition with accessories. Printers, scanners, and fax machines are also accepted.

Staples: Accepts computers, laptops, printers, copiers, scanners, shredders, cameras, and phones any brand, any condition, even if purchased elsewhere. Also accepts batteries and printer cartridges.

Lark Enterprises: Accepts laptop computers, I-pods, cell phones, and printer cartridges.

This information is subject to change. Call stores/businesses directly for the most current information.



Key and Glasses Found

A pair of glasses and a key had been found at the recycle bins and were turned into the township office. If you lost either of these items while at the recycle bins, please contact the township office to determine if they belong to you.

Landlord Rental Notices

On June 12, 2013 the Wilmington Township Mercer County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance 2013-2, The Tenant Registration Ordinance. The Supervisors found this necessary due to the new Earned Income Tax reform (local taxes), collection of per capita tax, and for the health and safety of all individuals that reside within the township. This will not only ensure proper collections and disbursement of the per capita taxes and EIT, which is withheld by the employer and eventually paid to the Township, but also helps identify the residents within our Township if and when an emergency should occur.

In summary, the Ordinance sets forth the Landlords responsibility to submit a form provided by the township, including each tenant's name and address. This must be completed and returned to the Township by January 30, 2014 and again within 30 days after a change in occupancy. If not done, a fine of \$25.00 per day could be enacted if a violation occurs. A copy of the complete Ordinance is on file at the Township Office for your review.

This is not meant to be a violation of your privacy. In this rising economy, it is intended to first and foremost aid us in keeping your local tax rate from increasing, by reassuring the EIT tax is correctly distributed to us, and second to help identify who is living within the Township.

If you are a landlord, you should have received a letter and form to return to the township building by January 30, 2014; if you did not receive one and need one, please contact the township office as soon as possible.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 per year for homeowners, \$15,000 annually for renters and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate application forms and assistance are available at NO COST from Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices.

The department is aware that a company is contacting older Pennsylvanians by mail, offering to prepare Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications for a fee. While it is unfortunate that a company is charging for a service that the government and other agencies provide for free, there appears to be nothing illegal about the offer.

To learn more about this rebate, go to: <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/>

Care of Onlot Septic Systems

Proper septic system care and maintenance is vital to protecting public health, preserving valuable water resources, and preventing unnecessary and expensive repairs to onlot sewage systems.

Failure to properly maintain your onlot septic system can lead to system back-ups and overflows, which can result in costly repairs, polluted local waterways, and risks to public health and the environment

Homeowners with onlot sewage systems should do the following:

- Do pump your septic tank as needed.
- Don't pour fats, grease, and solids down drains or toilets, which can clog your system's pipes and drainfield.
- Don't allow family members or visiting guests to put coffee grounds, dental floss, disposable diapers, flushable wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarette butts, or cat litter down sinks or toilets.
- Do repair faucet leaks, and install faucet aerators and other water conservation measures, and spread out laundry and dishwasher loads throughout the day. Too much water at once can push solids out of the septic tank if it hasn't been pumped recently, which can clog the drainfield, requiring an expensive repair.
- Don't park on or drive over your drainfield and any other buried pipes to your onlot sewage system.

For more information on how to care for your onlot sewage system, go to <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/septic/septicmart.cfm>



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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New Supervisor

First Book Westminster

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Installation of Officers

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