

NEWS AND VIEWS

Wilmington Twp. Mercer County Civic League

March 2020



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE/QUILT RAFFLE

You won't want to miss the Annual Garage Sale/Quilt Raffle that will be held on Saturday, May 16 at the Wilmington Township Mercer County Municipal Building, 35 Auction Road from 8 am to 2 pm.

A lot of work goes in to preparing for this event. Proceeds go towards helping others in our community and throughout Mercer County.

As you begin your spring cleaning, please set aside items that are in good, working condition that could be donated for the sale. All items can be brought to the township building between Election Day, April 28 and May 15. Please do not bring broken or unusable items, TVs, exercise equipment, or clothing.

Quilt raffle tickets can be purchased during the garage sale or ahead of time at the township office. This year the quilters have made a lovely Dresden Plate quilt, pictured above.

Bring a friend and come early while the deals are best. While you are shopping, lunch will be available as well as Amish made DONUTS!!



**Raffle tickets
cost \$1 each or
\$5 for 6 tickets**



Patrick W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship Applications

Wilmington Township Mercer County residents planning to attend an accredited educational facility can apply for the Patrick W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship. Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, college students, or adults looking to further their education.

Applications are available at the high school guidance office, at the township building, and on the township's website, www.wilmingtontownship.com under "Forms/Applications." All applications are due May 1, 2020 and can be dropped off at the township building or in the black drop box behind the yellow snow plow near the road if the office is closed.

The recipients of the scholarships will be awarded at the Civic League meeting June 16 at 6 pm. Anyone attending the picnic is asked to bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

Yes, I Will join the civic league today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

I would like to help with the following:

Bake sale _____

Corn Roast _____

Garage sale _____

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

Mail to:

Wilmington Twp, Mercer County Civic League

35 Auction Road

New Wilmington, PA 16142



Rabies Clinic

Does your pet need an initial or booster rabies vaccination? The Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 9 am - 11 am, at the township building. Animals can be immunized for \$10.00. The vaccination will be donated and administered by Dr. Joseph Raught. Thank you Dr. Raught for providing this service! Please help keep this disease under control and protect your pets. **Dog licenses will also be available to Mercer County Residents.**

Township Building Repairs

The township garage will have an additional garage door entrance soon and a vestibule will be added to the township building entrance this spring/summer. During the construction of the vestibule, the office may be closed for a short period of time. A concrete pad will also be poured in front of the salt shed. The Civic League was very gracious in donating \$2000 towards the concrete pad. Thank you!

2020 Calendar of Events

March 28	Quilt Show 10 am - 3 pm
April 24	Spring Clean-Up (Waste Management)
April 25	Rabies Clinic 9 am - 11 am
April 28	Election Day and Luncheon/Bake Sale
May 16	Garage Sale/Quilt Raffle 8 am - 2 pm
June 16	Scholarship Picnic 6 pm
Sept. 12	Corn Roast & Auction 5 pm
Nov. 3	Election Day and Luncheon/Bake Sale
Dec. 15	Christmas Party 6 pm

Senior Luncheon - 2nd Thursday every month at noon

The Quilters meet every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Monthly Planning Commission Mtg. - 2nd Wed. at 7 p.m.

Monthly Supervisors Meeting - 2nd Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Quilt Show

A unique variety of locally crafted quilts will be on display at the Wilmington Twp. Mercer County, Municipal Building, 35 Auction Road, New Wilmington, PA, on Saturday, March 28, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featured this year will be Mrs. Norma Garrett's quilts. Mrs. Garrett has been quilting since she retired 15 years ago from Westminster College. She does her own piecing and has been recently working with wool. Some of her wool quilting projects will be presented during the show. Norma is a member of the "Where the Corners Meet" Guild. Admission is only \$2.00. Refreshments are available. Some quilts for sale will be included in the display. The quilters will have a beautiful "Dresden Plate" quilt displayed that will be raffled at the annual garage sale on May 16, 2020. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.00. This event is sponsored by the Wilmington Township Mercer County Civic League Quilters.

Thank you to Bill Roth

Bill Roth had served 6 years on the Board of Supervisors and finished his term on January 5, 2020. He was a valuable asset to the Board. While in office, he was successful in getting multiple grants for our dirt and gravel roads. He put a lot of hours into serving as our township supervisor and we are very grateful to him! Thank you, Bill!



L to R: Bill Roth, Bryan Cummings, Dick Wilson

Welcome Ray Campbell

Ray Campbell began his position on the Board of Supervisors January 6, 2020. Ray has lived in Wilmington Township most of his life and is very familiar with the happenings within it. He is very knowledgeable with the type of work that takes place with this position and we are confident he will be a great asset to the township. Thank you, Ray, for choosing to serve your community!

Election Day/Luncheon

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, April 28. Don't forget to stop by the garage for the Civic League Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale!

On the ballot is:

President of the United States	State Treasurer
Representative in Congress	Representative in General Assembly
Attorney General	Alternate to the National Convention
Auditor General	Delegate to the National Convention



The last day to register is April 13. The last day to apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot is April 21. Voted mail-in or civilian absentee ballots are due at the County Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on April 28.

NEW THIS YEAR

In Pennsylvania, you now have two options for mail ballots. You may either choose a mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot to complete and return to your county election office. What is the difference?

Absentee ballot – If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness, you should request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.

Mail-in ballot – If you are not an absentee voter, you may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.

How do I apply for a mail-in ballot? You can either go to the Election Office at the Mercer County Courthouse and apply there, or you can apply online or print an application at [VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot](https://www.votespa.com/ApplyMailBallot).

Spring Clean-Up



Waste Management will hold its Spring Clean Up for the township on April 24. Items should be placed at the curb by midnight on April 23. This event is limited to residents who use the tote or sticker/bag service only. **If you do not have an account through Waste Management for garbage service, you cannot participate.**

The following items will not be picked up:

1. Hazardous or toxic materials
2. Construction or demolition materials
3. Sod, stones, and ashes
4. Food waste- put out at weekly pick up
5. Freon – must be certified and removed from appliance
6. Liquids – paint cans must be opened and dried
7. Tires, batteries, car parts
8. Anything over 5 ft., or 75 lbs., except furniture
9. Horticulture over 3' dia. or 4 ft. long
10. Covered electronic devices – for example: computers, TVs

You can put out furniture, appliances, plumbing fixtures, etc. Please consider donating any usable items in good condition to the Civic League Garage Sale.

It doesn't matter how slow
you go, as long as you don't
stop.

Confucius

Do You Know...

Do you know the folks that serve on the Township Boards and Commissions? They are as follows:

Board of Supervisors:

Bryan Cummings
Dick Wilson
Ray Campbell

Planning Commission:

John Richardson
Diana Caiazza
Erik Richardson

Zoning Hearing Board:

Jack Hanes Jeremy Beatty
Jim Caruso Alternate: Ken Harris



Raise your words, not your
voice. It is rain that grows
flowers, not thunder.

Home Improvement and Construction Season

Planning any building projects? You can pick up a *building permit application* and *zoning application* at the township office or you can print these documents from the township website, www.wilmingtontownship.com or at www.richardsoninspectionservices.com.

To apply for an *onlot sewage permit* or have a *percolation test* conducted, please stop in the township office for an application. Payment is required when application is picked up. The townships Sewage Enforcement Officer is Pat Kelley, 724-699-4050.

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence or deck, or digging for a mailbox, patio or other excavation project, it is important to know what is below. Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 before you dig. The best way to learn where underground utility lines are located is to call before you dig. For more information on this process, go to www.paonecall.org

Services Provided at the Township Building:

Dog Licenses: Available to Mercer County Residents Only

The 2020 dog licenses are available at the township building for purchase. The cost is as follows:

- Male or Female - \$9.00
- Spayed or Neutered - \$7.00
- Male or Female (Senior Citizens) - \$7.00
- Spayed or Neutered (Senior Citizens) - \$5.00

If you would like to make out your form prior to coming in to purchase the licenses, you can obtain a copy of the form by clicking on Documents/Applications on the left toolbar. Wilmington Township collects \$0.50 for each dog license sold through the office.

Community Room & Pavilion Rentals

Did you know the township has a community room and pavilion available for rent? The rental rates are as follows:

Community Room - \$35 for residents of Wilmington Township
- \$85 for non residents of Wilmington Twp.
- \$150 - for-profit functions

Pavilion - \$35 for residents of Wilmington Township only
Security Deposit - \$35 - applies to all rentals

This security deposit is fully refundable after inspection of the building and grounds.

A rental policy is also in effect for all rentals. No rentals will be permitted unless the rental agreement is initialed and signed. The rental agreement is available for viewing/printing on the township website at www.wilmingtontownship.com under Documents/Applications.

Flags Available for Purchase

3 X 5	\$20.00
4 X 6	\$25.00
5 X 8	\$30.00

Notary Services:

No longer available after March 28.

Upcoming Events in the Area

New Wilmington Area

The River City Brass Band plays at Brittain Lake at Westminster College on July 3, followed by fireworks.

Volant: Go to www.volantshops.com/events for more information

- March 27-29 Around the World Wine and Beer Trail
- May 17 Victorian Traveling Tea
- June 13 Everything Strawberry Social

New Castle:

July 8-12 Balloon Quest

Fish for Free:

May 24 and July 4 no fishing license required on PA waterways for these days ONLY

Trout Season

April 18 Statewide Opening Day for Trout Fishing

A Year in Review...

Every year, the Civic League puts in numerous hours to hold several fundraising events. Check the calendar in this newsletter for dates of these events.

In the spring and fall each year, we have an election day luncheon and bake sale. You can get soup and a sandwich at a very reasonable price. Homemade baked goods are available to purchase to take with you.

Our quilting group hosts a Quilt show that showcases a local quilter, along with other quilts.

Every May we have a garage sale, which is one of our two biggest events. With this event, and our Corn Roast and Auction in the fall, we are able to raise money to fund the many programs and charitable organizations we support.

We have monthly Senior Luncheons where a delicious meal is provided at minimal cost to attendees.

An annual Rabies Clinic is held to help vaccinate pets against this disease at a low cost for pet owners.

An annual Christmas dinner is held in December each year. It's an opportunity to spend time with friends in your community, enjoy a lovely meal, and do some caroling!

In the past year, we have been able to support the following:

- \$100 to SafetyNet to provide safety information to Wilmington Area students through our local police department
- \$100 to the Humane Society of Lawrence County
- \$100 to the Amish Benefit Auction
- \$100 to the Kiwanis Halloween Parade
- \$100 to the Salvation Army
- \$750 for scholarship winner (up to two scholarships are provided each year)
- \$150 for the scholarship plaque displayed in the township building
- \$1400 to the Mercer Area Library
- \$1100 to the New Willmington Volunteer Fire Department
- \$2000 to Wilmington Township to help with building maintenance/repairs

Hydrant Markers

Thank you to Victory Christian Center for donating money to allow the fire department to place hydromarkers at all fire hydrants in the township. Hydromarkers are long posts attached to hydrants that allow firefighters to spot the hydrants easily.



Upcoming Roadwork

The following work will be completed this year:

Sealcoating: Part of Ferris, Brenneman, and Lusk Roads, all of Means and Number 8 Roads.

Paving: Part of Ferris Road

Culvert Replacements: Mill, Number 8 and Means Roads

Tree Trimming: Part of Orchard, Garrett, and White Chapel Roads

Please use caution when approaching the road crews as they work on the roads.

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
8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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