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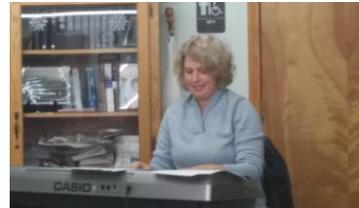


Wilmington Township Mercer County Civic League

January 2017

Annual Christmas Party

Many residents enjoyed the Christmas party on Tuesday, December 20, which consisted of dinner and Christmas cookies. Entertainment was provided by Theresa Ross, who led the singing of Christmas carols with Karin Hendrickson accompanying on the keyboard. Theresa also attends the Veteran's Day senior luncheon and is a part of the singing that day as well. What an enjoyable evening and a big thank you to everyone who helped!



2017 Civic League Officers

The Civic League Officers for 2017 are as follows:

- Eileen Hendrickson - President
- Wendy Campbell - Vice President
- Sandra Black - Secretary
- Fred Deramo - Treasurer

Thank you for all the time you put into making our Civic League successful!



L to R: Fred Deramo, Sandra Black, Ginny Richardson (Mercer County Treasurer), Eileen Hendrickson, Wendy Campbell

Scholarship Applications

Wilmington Township Mercer County residents planning to attend an accredited educational facility can apply for the Patrick W. Campbell Memorial Scholarship. In June, 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 as well as the municipal building after the 1st week in February. All applications are due May 1, 2016 and can be mailed or dropped off at the township office.

FirstEnergy Reminds Customers to Remain Vigilant Against Scams and Fraud

Akron, Ohio – Across the country, con artists continue using scare tactics in an effort to steal money and personal information from utility customers.

Scam artists impersonating utility company employees have targeted victims through door-to-door visits, phone calls, and electronic communications. The criminals often try to instill fear that power will be disconnected if the victim does not comply with the demands. Customers have reported the theft of money, personal data and valuables.

FirstEnergy's award-winning Scam and Fraud Information website describes some of the most widespread schemes targeting utility customers, and offers facts and safety reminders that can help customers avoid becoming a victim of these crimes. Scams listed on the site include:

- **Power shut-off scam:** In this nationwide scam, customers have reported receiving phone calls from someone who claims to be associated with their utility. The caller threatens to shut off the customer's power unless an immediate payment is made, and the customer is often instructed to use a pre-paid debit card or a money transfer service.
- **Door-to-door solicitation:** In this scam, individuals go door-to-door, claiming to be affiliated with the utility company. The scam artists often work in pairs, and have been characterized as very persistent. These individuals may inquire about the resident's electric service or rate, and ask to review a copy of the current electric bill or other documents. Police and media reports indicate that in some cases, after distracting the resident, these individuals have stolen property and personal information.
- **Bogus fees for equipment:** Customers have reported receiving phone calls demanding a separate payment to replace an electric meter or other equipment. In many cases, the caller threatens customers with disconnection unless an immediate payment is made.

"Customers who have questions about their account status or the identity of someone who claims to be one of our employees should immediately call our customer contact centers," Grant said. "We also urge customers to report any suspicious activity to the police, and to let us know if they believe they have been targeted by a scam." Customers are encouraged to share this information with friends and family to continue raising awareness of these crimes, and to revisit the Scam and Fraud Information page on FirstEnergy's website periodically to check for updates on emerging scam activity. In addition to understanding how criminals target their victims, the website offers reminders to help ensure customer safety and security, including:

- FirstEnergy employees will not contact customers to request sensitive information such as social security numbers or bank account information, and they will not demand immediate payment over the phone. Customers who are behind on their accounts receive written notice of their account status, along with instructions on how to avoid a disconnection of service.
- Do not allow anyone claiming to be a utility employee into your home unless an appointment has been scheduled and the employee has provided proper identification.
- FirstEnergy's utilities offer a wide array of billing and payment options, and will never insist on a particular method of payment. Only send your payments to your FirstEnergy utility company.
- If you have any doubts about the status of your electric account or the identity of a company representative, call your utility company: Penn Power 1-800-720-3600.

**2017 CIVIC LEAGUE,
WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MARCH	Quilt Show - to be announced
APRIL	Rabies Clinic - to be announced
APRIL 18	Monthly Meeting /Dinner– 6:00 p.m.
MAY 13	Garage Sale and Quilt Raffle
MAY 16	Election Luncheon and Bake Sale
JUNE 20	Scholarship Picnic – 6 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 9	Annual Corn Roast and Auction 5 p.m.
NOVEMBER 7	Election Luncheon and Bake Sale
DECEMBER 19	Christmas Party and Installation of Officers 6 p.m.



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.



What's in the Budget?

- Culverts on Ferris Road (1), Means Road (1), Valley View Road (1), Willow Drive (1), Angel Road (2), Borowicz Road (2), Orchard Road (3) are being considered. Six will be replaced in 2016 and six in 2017.
- Tree service will take place on Ferris and Cowden Roads.
- Paving/sealcoating portions of Garrett and Indian Run Roads, sealcoating on Ferris Road, sealcoating the road groove, then an addition layer of sealcoating over the entire road is planned on Auction Road and Anderson Road.

Snow Removal

Please remember not to remove snow or ice from any driveway or private road and deposit the snow onto, across, or within 5 feet of any Township road.

Please help the mail delivery by cleaning around your mailbox. This is your responsibility to make sure the mail can be delivered to your home.

Yes!! I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Telephone: _____

I would like to help with the following:

Bake sale _____
 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 Faqs

WHO IS THE CIVIC LEAGUE?

An organization of residents working for the betterment of Wilmington Township, Mercer County.

WHAT ARE THE CIVIC LEAGUES' OBJECTIVES?

Welcome new residents.

Provide donations to individuals in need and to charitable organizations.

Help people in the Township get to know each other through activities.

Help the Township fund mutually beneficial projects.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN?

Anyone living in the Township, or doing business in the Township, or owning property here.

IS THE CIVIC LEAGUE CONNECTED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY?

No, the Civic League is non-partisan. The league does sponsor a bake sale and luncheon at each election.

IF I JOIN WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

That's up to you. We hope you will attend our meetings. Watch your newsletter for dates and events!

HOW ARE THE ACTIVITIES FUNDED?

By fundraising projects which happen throughout the year. Check the calendar of events.

WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

\$1.00 per member or \$2.50 per family. Dues are collected all year long, but only good for the year in which they are paid.

SOUNDS GREAT! WHERE DO I PAY MY DUES?

Pay at the meeting, or bring your dues to the township secretary.

Thank you!

Thank you to Sandy Black and the staff and residents from the Jameson Place Retirement Center for participating in our Veteran's Day Senior Luncheon. A very special thank you to Bob Taylor for singing again at this event and Karen Latta for playing the keyboard! Bob is well known in our community for teaching history at Wilmington Area High School for many years. Thank you Bob!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make all of the Civic League events a success. There are many who work behind the scenes that are not always seen or acknowledged but please know that our events would not be possible without you!

Thank you to Jill Hennon, Dot Neely, Leona Boyles, Jackie Williams, Sandy Black, Olivia Hendrickson, Charlie and Makenna Black for taking time to decorate the township building for Christmas! It looks great!



Pictured L to R: Makenna Black, Charlie Black, Olivia Hendrickson

Did You Know...

- The Civic League covers the cost of the newsletter and supports the senior luncheons.
- Absentee ballots applications and voter registration applications are available at the township building
- Notary services for documents are available at the township building. No PENNDOT forms can be notarized by the secretary.
- Recycle bins are available at the township building for plastics, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, and glass. **Please do not place plastic bags in the bins.**

Share the Love: Make Sure Your Dog is Licensed

What are PA dog licensing Requirements?

- All dogs, three months or older, must be licensed by January 1 of each year. Licenses go on sale December 1 for the upcoming year.
- Ann annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the dog is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Prior to obtaining a lifetime license, a dog must have a microchip or tattoo. Discount licenses are available to older adults and people with disabilities. Annual licenses are available at the township office for an addition \$0.50 charge.
- All dogs and nonferal cats, three months of age and older, must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs.

Why Get Your Dog Licensed?

- If your dog gets lost, a current license is the best way for your dog to be reunited with you.
- Stray dogs without current licenses can be taken to shelters far from their homes and adopted after 48 hours is no owner is identified.



NACo Prescription Discount Card Program

What It Is: The NACo drug discount program helps consumers save money on their prescription medications any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The free cards are distributed in the sponsoring county and may be used at any participating retail pharmacy.

Who It Is For: The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee, and no restrictions or limits on frequency of use. Cardholders and their families may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance. The average discount is 20 percent.

How Do I Get A Discount Card? Visit on the Distribution sites below or call 1-877-321-2652.

- Shenango Valley Senior Community Center: 220 N. Buhl Farm Dr., Hermitage.
- MC Area Agency on the Agency: 133 N. Pitt St., Mercer.
- Keystone Blind Association: 1230 Stambaugh Ave., Sharon.
- Community Action Partnership: 75 S. Dock Street, Sharon.
- Mercer County Commissioner's Office: 103 Courthouse, Mercer.

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.

**“What is the essence of life? To
serve others and to do good.” —
Aristotle**



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Current Resident or

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