

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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2013 Tax Millage Rate 4.23

The 2013 Churchill Borough property tax rate is 4.23 mills. The Woodland School district rate is 26.21 mills, effective from July 1, 2012 to June 31, 2013. To calculate your tax responsibility, multiply .00423 times your home's assessed value for the Borough tax, .02621 for the school tax. A home assessed at \$100,000 would pay \$423 to the Borough, \$2,621 to Woodland Hills School District.

The Borough of Churchill tax bills will be mailed on or about March 1, 2013. The 2% discount period will be due by April 30 and the face amount will be due by June 30. Please make checks payable to Daniel R. Duerring, Tax Collector.



Recycling Comes to Churchill

Republic Services, formerly known as Allied Waste Services, was awarded a new five-year contract when their old contract expired December 31, 2012. They will perform both regular garbage collection and recycling services. Our collection day for both will still be on Friday.

Bi-weekly (every other week) recycling will begin on Friday, April 5, 2013. Please refer to the calendar to determine your recycling week. The recycling carts will be delivered to your home beginning the week of March 17. You may visit the Churchill Municipal Building, during regular business hours, at 2300 William Penn Highway to view the carts. A letter with a detailed explanation of the program will be delivered in the very near future.

Message from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to sign an ordinance that brings curbside recycling services to Churchill Borough residents. We will be joining thousands of municipalities around the country in an effort to give new life to household waste that otherwise would end up buried in a landfill. Please join me as we use the blue recycling container to recover our recyclable material, and also remember the first two steps. Reduce, Reuse, and then Recycle.

See you in the Garden!

Mayor Paul McKenna

A HISTORICAL NOTE ON RECYCLING.

In 1988 Pennsylvania enacted Act 101 – “The Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling, and Waste Reduction Act,” which mandated curbside recycling in municipalities with 5,000 or more residents. Churchill, and other small communities, were exempt in order to allow time for processors of recyclables to build capacity and markets. Now, we are voluntarily joining our neighbors in regular, curbside, recycling service.

Churchill has been recycling since 1970 at volunteer-run, school-based centers. Volunteers over the decades have included high school students, teachers, community members, the Churchill Area Environmental Council, G.R.I.P (the Group for Recycling in Pennsylvania), Churchill Kiwanis, and the Woodland Hills Key Club. In recent years recycling has been provided by the Woodland Hills Volunteer Center run monthly by local volunteers on the parking lot of the Woodland Hills Administration Building. The Borough recognizes and appreciates the dedicated efforts of all participants, past and present.

Recycling 101

If you have an interest in the current state of recycling and our automated program, please consider checking out our website churchillrecycles.org and attending a “Trash Talk” seminar.

Trash Talk Seminars- Churchill Borough Yagle Room; 2300 William Penn Highway

Saturday, March 9, 2013 2:00-3:30 PM

Sunday, March 17, 2013 3:00-4:30 PM





2013



Churchill Borough RECYCLING SCHEDULE

RECYCLING IS EVERY-OTHER-WEEK. PLACE ALL ITEMS IN YOUR WHEELED CART. RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: PLASTICS NOS. 1-7, ALUMINUM/STEEL/BI-METAL CANS, CLEAR/AMBER/GREEN GLASS, CHIPBOARD, JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, PAPERBACK BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS AND NEWSPAPER INSERTS, OFFICE PAPER, PHONE BOOKS, MILK OR JUICE CARTONS WITH GABLE TOPS, JUICE/SOY MILK BOXES(ASEPTIC CONTAINERS) AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD(MUST BE FLATTENED AND PLACED INSIDE THE CART!).

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RECYCLING BEGINS APRIL 5TH

Call Republic Services at 1(877)788-9400 about trash/recycle/leaf collection.

To comply with the Covered Device Act of 2010, Republic Services will no longer pick up Computers, Computer Monitors, Televisions and other Electronic devices.

ONLY HOLIDAYS OUTLINED IN BOX WILL DELAY YOUR PICKUP 1 DAY IF IT IS ON OR BEFORE YOUR PICKUP DAY: (New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day (for this year))

STREETS OF CHURCHILL

STREET NAME	WEEK
BARTON DR	A
BAYER LANE	A
BEULAH RD	A
BLACK FOREST RD	B
BOWSTONE RD	B
BRANNING RD	B
BRUSHCLIFF RD	A
BURNABY DR	A
CAMELOT CT	A
CARLTON ST	B
CHAPEL HILL DR	B
CHURCHILL RD	B
CLIFFWOOD TRAIL	B
COLLINS RD	B
CREEKEDGE DR	B
CROFT CT	A
EDGEWOOD DR	B
ELMHILL RD	A
FENWICK DR	A
FOREST DR	B
GARDEN TERRACE	A
GARRICK DR	A
GEORGETOWN PLACE	B
GILCHREST DR	B
GRAHAM BLVD	A
GREENSBURG PIKE	A
HAMPSTEAD DR	B
HARMAIN RD	A
HENLEY DR	A
HOLLAND RD	B
HOLLYWOOD DR	B
HOMER DR	B
HUNTINGDON DR	A
JAMESTOWN PLACE	B
KINGS DALE RD	A
LANCEWOOD DR	A
LEAR DR	A
LEWIN LN	A
LOCKSLEY DR	B
LONGBOW DR	B
MARBURY RD	A
MARGARETTA ST	B
MARGATE RD	A
MCCRADY RD	B
MCCREA RD	A
MCNARY BLVD	B
MERRIE WOODE DR	B
NOTTINGHAM DR	B
OLD BEULAH RD	A
RIDGEWOOD DR	B
ROYAL OAK AVE	B
RURAL COURT EAST	A
RURAL COURT WEST	A
SAYBROOK DR	B
SCATHELOCKE RD	B
STEVENDALE DR	A
STEVENS LN	A
SURREY PLACE	A
SUZANNE DR	B
THORNBERRY DR	A
THORNYCROFT RD	A
VALIANT DR	A
WILLIAM PENN HWY	A
WILLIAMSBURG PLACE	B
WOODLAND HILLS DR	A
YORKTOWN PLACE	B
ROSE DR	B
NORTHERN PIKE	A

Why recycle?

Land Conservation: Recycling minimizes the materials going to the landfill, thereby extending the life of our landfills. The average home produces a little over one ton of trash a year. 30-50% of this material is recyclable. The recycling collection and processing methods will continue to improve, with continued up-use of household trash.

Resource Conservation: Recycling conserves the world's scarce natural resources by using recycled materials instead of trees, metal ores, minerals, oil and other raw materials harvested from the earth. Recycled materials are recovered for feedstock of future products.

Energy Conservation: Recycling saves energy by reducing the need to process new material, which usually requires more energy than the recycling process. Recycling aluminum saves 92% of the energy required to make the material from scratch.

Pollution Reduction: Products made using recycled rather than raw materials use significantly less energy, which translates into less burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas. When burned, these fuels release pollutants, such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and carbon monoxide, into the air.

Economic Benefits: Recycling programs typically translate into reduced waste costs for businesses. It is cheaper to recover 65 gallons of recyclable material than to send it to the landfill. Nationally, recycling is responsible for 850,000 U.S. jobs and \$86 billion in gross annual sales.

Fewer Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Recycling reduces emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change by using less energy to make new products, reducing incinerator and landfill emissions and slowing the harvest of trees.

Source: www.grownyc.org, www.republicservices.com

Recycling Facts

- The cost to manage waste is a function of how much garbage and trash is sent to the landfill.
- Each Churchill household averages a little over one ton of landfill trash per year. With a conscientious effort, 30-50% of that material can be diverted.
- Each person creates about 4.7 pounds of waste every single day.
- Each ton of mixed paper that is recycled can save the energy equivalent to 185 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling 1 ton of aluminum cans conserves the equivalent of 1,665 gallons of gasoline.
- Recycling 1 ton of plastic can save over 7 cubic yards of land fill space.
- Over 25 billion Styrofoam cups are thrown away in the United States each year.
- Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour and most and not recycled.
- Only around 27% of plastic bottles are recycled.
- Around 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S.
- Recycled paper produces 73% less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials.
- Recycling half the world's paper would save 20 million acres of forest land.
- Paper plus cardboard combined make up 73% of the materials in the landfill.

RECYCLING BEYOND THE CURB

Items that should **NOT** be placed into the landfill or the blue bin

- **Appliances** – Gulf Trading and Transport - 8th Ave., Braddock, 412-271-2575. The Appliance Warehouse – 888-463-7366. Goodwill may accept small appliances.
- **Batteries** – Batteries Plus–Monroeville. Rechargeable types ONLY - Forest Hills Borough Office or at Best Buy, Home Depot. Car batteries - Tyke's Auto Service, Inc. on Greensburg Pike.
- **Books** - Half Price Book- Monroeville; C.C. Mellor Library - paperback books for free exchanges. Churchill Borough office book drop.
- **Clothing** – Goodwill stores or deposit box at Tyke's Auto Service, Inc. on Greensburg Pike.
- **E-Waste** – electronic devices: TV sets, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, cell phones may no longer be placed in the landfill. Manufacturers must collect and recycle their market share of items sold in the state.
- **Garden Waste** – Consider using a mulching mower or starting a compost pile. Pick up a free copy of the advisory "How to Compost" from the Borough Office.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** – Paint, cleaners, pesticides, or anything labeled "Toxic, Flammable, Corrosive, Irritant, or Carcinogenic". Periodic collection events: Southwestern PA HHW Task Force; Allegheny Co. Recycling-412-578-8047.
- **Ink and Toner cartridges** – Return to stores - Office Depot, Best Buy, etc.
- **Leaves** – Utilize Borough leaf collection in the Spring and Fall. A separate newsletter will provide details.
- **Light bulbs** – CFLs (compact fluorescents) - hardware stores, including Home Depot. LEDs should be treated as e-waste. Traditional tube fluorescents contain mercury and should be double bagged with a dusting of "sulfur flour" (available at hardware/home stores) and put into the trash. Incandescent bulbs should also be bagged and discarded, no sulfur needed.
- **Metal Scrap** – Gulf Trading and Transport, One 8th Avenue, Braddock, 412-271-2575.
- **Metal clothes hangers** can be returned to most dry cleaners for re-use.
- **Plastic bags and clean wrapping film.** Newspaper and grocery bags, plastic wrapping film-Giant Eagle, Shop and Save market or Target. Help reduce adding these to the landfill by reusing or minimize use of plastics above No. 7, which otherwise go to the landfill.
- **Plastic peanuts and bubble wrap** can be re-used or taken to a UPS Store.
- **Styrofoam** is NOT recyclable. Take your own "doggie bag" container to restaurants.

Electronic Waste

Beginning Jan. 24, 2013, desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, cell phones and any components of such devices may no longer be disposed in Pennsylvania with municipal waste. These items are toxic and will not be picked up by the trash hauler at the curb. Under the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act, manu-

facturers of covered devices must establish, conduct, and manage a plan to collect, transport and recycle a quantity of covered devices equal to the manufacturer's market share. Garbage hauling companies are prohibited by law from picking up electronic waste from the curb.

Resources for getting rid of E-waste: Construction Junction, Best Buy, Staples, www.zerowastepgh.org or www.elloopllc.com

Recycling and Landfill Waste Frequently Asked Questions

When does the service begin? Are we required to recycle?

- The curbside service will be provided every other week beginning Friday, April 5, 2013.
- Blue containers used for automated recycling will be dropped at each home in mid to late March 2013.
- Churchill Borough is not mandated to recycle, and does not have a mandatory ordinance. We are requiring that every household keep a blue automated recycling container on premise and encourage its use.

How big is the blue recycling container?

- 65 gallons. Residents older than 60 years of age may request a 35-gallon container. However, the 65-gallon container is easier to manipulate because of its larger base, and holds more material. Cardboard can get stuck in the smaller bin during the automated emptying process.

What happens to our recyclable material placed in the blue bin?

- The recyclable material is taken to a processing center where it is sorted. Various materials are then sold as commodities. Cardboard is a valuable commodity that many municipalities lose when using small recycling bins.

What materials are recyclable?

- Please refer to the **single-stream** complete list provided. Briefly-all paper products including cardboard; metal cans, glass and plastic containers.

Do I need to sort recycling material?

- Sorting items is a thing of the past. Recycling is now "single stream". Everything goes into the blue bin.

How do I put the recycling material into the bin?

- Items should be placed in the container loosely. Plastic bags are not recyclable.

Do I need to rinse containers?

- Trace amounts of food on recyclable containers is OK and will be removed in the processing system. Some people do not feel comfortable unless everything is cleaned before it goes into the bin.

Do I need to remove labels from items? • No.

Who owns the blue recycling container?

- The container is owned by Republic Services Inc., the waste and recycling hauling company. They are responsible for any minor issues with the cart, but obvious major damage or abuse is the homeowner's responsibility.

Our curbside service is automated?

- Yes. A special truck with robotic arms is used to empty the container contents. This requires at least 2 feet of space

between the bin and another object. Otherwise the robotic arm may damage a mailbox, fence post, or retaining wall.

I am new to recycling. How is the best way to start?

- Store your cart in an area that is accessible and out of your neighbor's view.
- Start with placing paper products in the bin. Newspaper, journals, cut up cardboard, junk mail with plastic film removed. Collect containers made of metal, glass and plastic in a paper bag. Some stores offer kitchen cans that enable separation of these items from your regular trash. Check out our resource tab at churchillrecycles.org.
- Check out our website churchillrecycles.org for items to recycle, and other items that cannot be recycled.
- Remember to reduce and reuse before recycling.

Can I bag my recyclables before putting them in the cart?

Bagged in paper is OK. Bagged in plastic kitchen bags is not acceptable. The bags can be manually torn apart at the processing center, but it is an inefficient task.

Is Styrofoam recyclable?

Not through use of the blue bin. It is not a commodity that can be packaged and sold.

Is wood recyclable?

It is not recyclable at the processing center. It can be taken to Construction Junction in Point Breeze.

Should I replace plastic caps on bottles before putting them in the blue bin?

The processing center prefers caps from bottles removed and discarded with your regular trash. Otherwise, the bottle can be flattened and cap reinstalled. This will provide a flat bottle and make recovery more efficient.

Can I put garbage bags, grocery bags, or newspaper bags in my recycling cart?

At this point in time, they should not be placed in the recycling cart. They may be taken back to most grocery stores or Target.

How much is the fee for waste collection?

The fee for recycling service is \$1.05 per month, which includes the recycling container cost. Landfill trash removal cost is \$10.95 per month. Total cost for refuse removal is \$12.00 per month.

How does this compare to the 2012 per household cost?

The 2012 per household cost was \$12.23 per month. This represents an average, as it was a tax rather than a fee.

How often will I be billed?

You will be billed quarterly by Republic Services, Inc. (Allied Waste). We suggest that you go to www.disposal.com to sign up for convenient auto-pay.

Why are we paying through a fee rather than through the tax budget?

Paying for waste management was taken off the budget in order to deal with anticipated revenue loss related to (former) Westinghouse Research property assessment uncertainty.

How common is waste management a fee rather than handled through taxes?

It is extremely common. A short list includes Edgewood, Forest Hills, Aspinwall, Turtle Creek, Plum, Shaler, Cranberry, McCandless, and Ohio Township.

I have no plans to recycle. Do I still have to pay the extra \$1.05 per month for this service?

Yes. We hope that you will consider recycling. Reducing landfill tonnage will help to reduce future waste management costs.

I am new to recycling. How can I learn more?

Additional education material will be mailed to you. Please take the time to check out our churchillrecycles.org website, and attend a "Trash Talk" seminar.

Gratitude

Many thanks to Tyke's Auto Service, Inc. and Kuhn's Market for their support of the Churchill recycling initiative.

Churchill Community Calendar

All events free and at Borough Building unless otherwise noted

Feb 20 7 pm Churchill Book Club

Mar 1 **Deadline for "Churchill Impressions" Photo Contest**

Mar 20 7 pm Churchill Book Club

Mar 23 **2 pm NEW! Saturday Photo Award Reception**

Mar 30 **10 am start of Annual Bunny Street Parade and Reception**

Apr 17 7 pm Churchill Book Club

May 05 **7:15 am NEW! Pittsburgh Marathon Cheer Station Muster**

May 11 **10 am EXPANDED EVENT! Bullock Pens Nature Park Appreciation Day**

May 15 7 pm Churchill Book Club

Jun 08 **2 pm NEW! Frick Outreach "Land of Abundance—Pittsburgh and the American Garden"**

Jun 19 7pm Churchill Book Club

How to participate in Borough events

Check www.FACEBOOK.COM/CHURCHILLREC for the latest news, updates, links, photos and videos of current and recent events. Contact us at CHURCHILLCHARGERS@GMAIL.COM or 412-241-7113 (9-4:30 weekdays) to inquire about participating or volunteering for events.

Registration fees can be delivered to the Borough Building--Churchill Recreation Board, 2300 William Penn Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15235—payable to "THE BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL" unless otherwise noted. Most events are open to all residents free of charge and require no pre-registration unless specified.

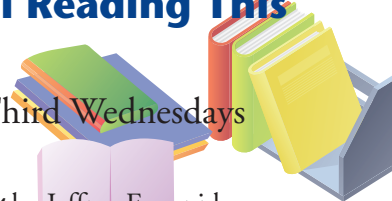
What is Churchill Reading This Spring?

Churchill Book Club Third Wednesdays
7:00-8:45 pm

Feb. 20 *The Marriage Plot* by Jeffrey Eugenides

Mar. 20 *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See

More selections to come: watch for the latest selections to be posted on FACEBOOK.COM/CHURCHILLREC under UPCOMING



EVENTS. Or call the Borough Office during business hours. We are grateful to the CC Mellor Library staff for free loan, pick up and delivery of books. Won't you join us and help us select future books to read? Bring your own mug of coffee or tea--we provide light refreshment. Newcomers and Returnees always welcome!

Churchill Impressions Photo Contest 2013

"Churchill Impressions," the Borough's first annual photo contest ends at 2 pm on March 1st (note: mailed-in entries must be postmarked by Monday, Feb 25th). Share the beauty of the borough that you have captured at anytime, any season, any year. Prizes will be awarded in amateur adult and youth categories; you must be a resident to win. Winning photographs will be displayed at the Borough Building. Procedures, judging criteria, and contest rules are available at the Borough office or at <http://churchillimpressions.wordpress.com/rules>.

You are invited to the awarding of prizes and official unveiling of winning photos on Saturday March 23rd at 2 pm at the Borough building.

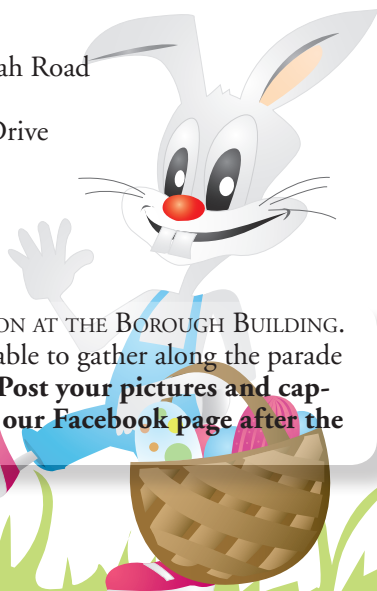
ANNUAL BUNNY PARADE: MARCH 30

The Bunny is back! Don't miss Bullock Park's resident Bunny who comes with treats for the little ones and welcomes the arrival of springtime! Please come to the closest intersection on the route as specified below, otherwise, watch for the parade of cars (times approximate):

10:00 AM PARADE LEAVES BOROUGH LOT
AND BEGINS PARADE ROUTE.

10:05 Collins Road
10:10 Forest Drive
10:20 Hollywood Drive
10:35 Marbury Road
10:45 Greensburg Pike
10:55 Garden Terrace
11:10 Henley Drive
11:20 Thornberry Drive
11:25 Garrick Drive
11:40 Fenwick Drive
11:50 Beulah/ Old Beulah Road
12:10 Kings Dale Road
12:15 Woodland Hills Drive
12:30 Homer Drive
12:40 Hampstead Drive
12:45 Holland Road
01:00 Churchill Road

1:20-1:45 BUNNY RECEPTION AT THE BOROUGH BUILDING. Join residents who were not able to gather along the parade route for treats and photos. **Post your pictures and captions (please, no names) at our Facebook page after the event!**



Pittsburgh Marathon Cheer Station: MAY 5

Always wanted to take part in a marathon, but didn't want anything to do with the running? Come help fuel the energy of the Pittsburgh Marathon by supporting the runners attempting to become "Runners of Steel" along the 26-mile course on May 5, 2013! We'll be mustering a Churchill group along the eastern-most part of the route. Meet us either at 7:15 am at the Borough building to make signs and carpool to our spot along Penn Avenue; or just find us at our spot along the Point Breeze route closer to 8 am. Wear your Churchill Chargers shirt or just dress in red and white. For more details, watch our Facebook events or drop us a line at churchillchargers@gmail.com requesting to be added to the Marathon Cheer Station emailing list.

START A JOGGING GROUP? GROUP DISCOUNT SKI TRIP?

A vibrant, involved community begins with social and cultural gatherings throughout the seasons. Is there an outdoor, cultural, social, or educational event that you feel would work in our borough? Would you like to become an event contributor or volunteer? Let's see what we can do together. Drop us an email at churchillchargers@gmail.com, or call the Borough Building during business hours.

Exercise & Fitness Walking Program in Churchill

The Churchill Recreation Board is promoting a new program for fitness walking aimed at healthy living, especially for seniors, but highly beneficial for any age group. Regular walking is one of the most effective forms of physical activity, delivering substantial health benefits and improving heart health, according to the American Heart Association. Walking for as little as 30 minutes a day improves circulation, lowers cholesterol and blood pressure, and promotes proper weight. Also, for every hour of regular, vigorous physical activity, like brisk walking, life expectancy may increase by two hours for many adults.

As a highlight of the fitness walking program, the Recreation Board is initiating weekly, guided trail hikes in newly upgraded Bullock Pens Park. This "walk in the woods" program features a one-mile loop which takes about 45 minutes at a brisk pace to complete. Elevation changes, and a short, steep section at one end, require some hiking ability and footwear with good traction. Here you can be isolated from traffic noise and odors, surrounded only by peaceful vistas and interesting forest features. In the morning and afternoon you will hear a chorus of bird calls; if you carry binoculars and a bird guide you can spot many resident and migratory species. From early spring through autumn, the best time to go is in the morning.

To get this Bullock Pens walk going as a regular event, we are planning to meet as a group at the upper park shelter on **Thursday, April 18 at 9 AM**. Our volunteer "Park Naturalist" will point out early wildflowers and other harbingers of spring. A welcome kiosk is being installed at the park entrance; it will have more news, trail maps, and seasonal items.

For more information by e-mail: milton.gottlieb@verizon.net

Bullock Pens Park: Preserving Nature for Generations

Open dawn to dusk 365 days a year. Free to all.

Bullock Pens Park is the home of Churchill's own Nature Sanctuary. The borough, along with a dedicated group of individuals, have maintained this wooded hillside retreat with a tranquil natural setting for you to enjoy. Grab your sneakers-or hiking boots or snowshoes—and rediscover this hidden gem. Explore the invigorating one-mile loop trail (200 foot ascent, steep and/or gradual trail) through the woods in any season. Leashed dogs are welcome. Join us in working to improve and preserve this hidden sanctuary. Find out what's happening at FACEBOOK.COM/FONSABPP.

Bullock Pens Appreciation Day: MAY 11

Park Appreciation Day is still in planning stages so there is plenty of time to volunteer! We need help in food preparation, and children's activities, especially the fairy house project. Please let us know of your interest by calling the borough office or dropping us a line at churchillchargers@gmail.com.

Tentative schedule 10am-3pm (Rain date, May 18)

10:30 am Dedication of Welcome Kiosk (Eagle Scout project)

11:00 Annual Native Gardening Event and Nature Walk

11:00-1:00 Children's Crafts and Activities

12:00 Picnic Potluck and Cook Out

1:30 Fairy House Event and Afternoon Trail Walk

The Fairy House Mission: "Engage Children of All Ages with Nature"—Tracy Kane, author. For more information about the children's event see: <http://www.fairyhouses.com/about-fairy-houses/how-to-build>.

Art in Bloom

The Churchill Garden Club presents ART IN BLOOM at the Yagle Room on May 22, 2013 at 6:30 pm. The reception features floral arrangements designed by our members, refreshments & a spectacular plant sale. The event is free & open to all residents! Have a question...please call Paul McKenna at 412 371 8552.

"Land of Abundance: Pittsburgh and the American Garden"

Join us for our Frick Outreach Slideshow at the Borough Building on Saturday June 8 at 2:00 pm to explore a chapter of the history of gardening in America. Discover how, during the Steel Industry's Gilded Age, Pittsburghers literally cultivated the American Dream here. Our local AARP members have been invited to join us at the Borough Building and a short reception will follow this event. Do come and help us make this first-ever event with Frick's Outreach program a success!

History Initiative: Tales of Churchill

Do you have old documents, photos, newspaper articles, or scrapbooks about living in our community over the years, especially before 2000? Maybe you have old Women's Club papers,

memories of Churchill Schools, or record of famous visitors? Please consider donating them for our historical perspective. We'd love to add to our online history of the borough, which is available in the NOTES SECTION of FACEBOOK.COM/CHURCHILL-REC. We will be happy to return the originals back to you. Thank you so much for preserving memories for all to enjoy! To contribute: contact the Borough Office and tell us you'd like to contribute for Diana's History Project. Or use churchillchargers@gmail.com. Or post it yourself (items so submitted will be subject to editing for clarity and promotional content).

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL NEWS

An all new, up-to-date **advisory** on "Energy Efficient Lighting" will be available (free) at the Churchill Borough Building this spring. It has information on all the new light bulbs we have been seeing at the stores, with useful comparisons of their purchase and operating costs relative to each other and to the inefficient incandescent lamps now being phased out. Suggested uses for each type of new bulb are also included.

Once again, the Churchill Area Environmental Council (CAEC) will be offering a **monetary graduation award** to a qualified Woodland Hills High School senior who has completed a project that contributes to environmental conservation, education, legislation, or research within the school district or the communities it serves. If you know such a student, please be aware that applications must be received on or before **March 31, 2013**. Forms are available at the Borough Building, at the high school guidance office, or from many high school department chairmen.

Primary Election Day - May 21, 2013

On Tuesday, **May 21, 2013** the Pennsylvania primary election will be held to select candidates from each party to run for elective office in the November general election.

In Churchill we will be choosing candidates for:

PA Superior Court Judge (1)

Allegheny Court Common Pleas Judge (4)

County Sheriff

Churchill Borough Council Member (4)

Churchill Mayor

Churchill Tax Collector

Election Board Members in several Borough voting districts

The Borough Office has **voter registration forms** for anyone 18 years of age by Election Day and **absentee ballot applications** for the incapacitated or for those who will out of town or away at school on Election Day. The deadline for new registrations is April 22, and absentee ballots must be received at the County Election Division by May 17. Call the Borough Office (412-241-7113) or the County (412-350-4500) if you have questions.

This may be "only" an "off" (local) election year, as it is sometimes described, but these local positions have the greatest immediate effects on our everyday lives. Vote on May 21st for the best candidates. Churchill has a long-standing tradition of **installing candidate yard signs no sooner than two weeks prior to an election (May 7)**. Please remove signs promptly following the primary election. **VOTE!** If you are a registered Independent you will not be able to vote for party candidates in the Primary. You may, however, vote for referenda (if there are any) on the ballot.

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SIGNING UP FOR 2013 TEAM SPORTS?

Most sports programs for children in our neighboring municipalities of Wilkins, Edgewood and Forest Hills welcome participation by Churchill residents. Many other activities and events for all ages are also open to the public (nominal “non-resident” fees may apply). For current listings and fees, contact their borough offices or check out their websites:

[HTTP://WWW.FORESTHILLSPA.ORG/FHPA-TCT.HTML](http://www.foresthillspa.org/fhpa-tct.html) (Cindy Simm, Events Director 412.351.7330, x220)

[HTTP://WWW.WILKINSTOWNSHIP.COM/DEPTPARKSRECREATION.HTM](http://www.wilkinstownship.com/deptparksrecreation.htm) (Wilkins Township Office 412-824-6650)

[HTTP://WWW.EDGEWOOD.PGH.PA.US/EDGEWOOD-RECREATION.HTM](http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-recreation.htm) (Recreation Director 412-242-4824)

River City Brass

Churchill welcomes the River City Brass to their new concert location—Beulah Presbyterian Church. River City Brass is the country’s only professional brass band, and consists of 25 horns and 3 percussionists under the direction of Maestro James Gourlay, an internationally renowned conductor and tuba soloist. ‘Celtic Connections’ will be presented on Thursday, March 7th, 2013, ‘Big Band & Doo Wop Brass’ featuring Johnny Angel & the Halos will be Thursday, April 4th, 2013 and ‘Beach Blanket Brass’ will be Thursday, May 2nd, 2013. All concerts start at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 for open seating, and can be purchased by visiting www.rivercitybrass.org , by calling 1-800-292-7222, or at the door on the night of the concert.