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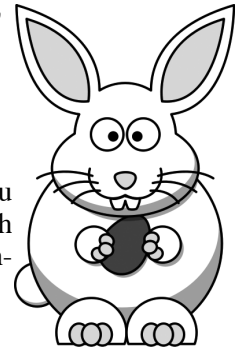
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THE BUNNY IS COMING! THE BUNNY IS COMING!



The annual Churchill Bunny Parade is coming to a street near you on Saturday April 7th between 10am and 12pm. Our Borough Bunny will distribute treats for children up to age 12 who have gathered along this route (times approximate):

10:00	Forest Drive	●	11:10	Fenwick Drive
10:10	Collins Road	●	11:15	Beulah/Old Beulah
10:20	Hollywood Drive	●	11:20	Kingsdale Road
10:25	Greensburg Pike	●	11:25	Homer Drive
10:35	Garden Terrace	●	11:30	Hampstead Drive
10:45	Henley Drive	●	11:50	Holland Road
10:55	Thornberry Drive	●	12:00	Churchill Road
11:00	Garrick Drive	●		

The Bunny will be in the Yagle Room at the Borough Building from 12-1pm if anyone misses him and want to come up for treats.

The Churchill Recreation Board is now on Facebook. Post your pictures and captions (please, no names) after the event! We share pictures and stories of our community events there. If you have attended an event, please feel free to add your own pictures and reports. Please do not tag photos of children on our Facebook Page.

Facebook users can simply search Churchill Recreation Board to link in.

All others can enter the following IP (Internet Protocol) address in their search engines (Google, Bing, Yahoo!, etc.): www.facebook.com/pages/Churchill-Recreation-Board/144363162326976

Once you are on our Facebook page, don't forget to click the "Like" button.

We will continue to promote upcoming community events in the Churchill newsletter and on the Churchill Borough website www.churchillborough.com/events

SUMMARY: SPRING CALENDAR OF BOROUGH RECREATIONAL EVENTS

- March 21:** Churchill Book Club
- April 7:** Annual Bunny Parade
- April 18:** Churchill Book Club
- April 29:** Special Kennywood Presentation by Bill Henninger
- May 16:** Churchill Book Club
- May 19:** Annual Volunteer Day: Spring Clean Up and Park Appreciation



KENNYWOOD: A CENTURY OF CHANGE IN OUR BACKYARD



Kennywood is world renowned for its working wooden roller coasters, beautiful gardens, and tempting treats; but how well do you really remember it? Bill Henninger, 3rd generation owner/operator, will entertain with stories and slides about the park and its personalities at the Borough Building on Sunday, April 29, 2012. Come and see how fashion, rides, and architecture have evolved over the last century!

We'll be collecting your nonperishable donation of food or household products for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (pittsburghfoodbank.org/donate). The talk starts at 2:30, light refreshments will be served.

SEWAGE CHARGE SURGE

Your quarterly combined water and sewage (due in your mailbox this month) will reflect a 7% ALCOSAN raise in the basic sewage service fee. The increase of 28 cents, from \$4.04 to \$4.32 per thousand gallons of water used, is not a staggering sum; but, add on the charge for the water itself and couple it with a \$3.50 borough surcharge on each thousand gallons for EPA mandated sewer upgrades under Clean Air Act requirements, and water/sewage bills are not inconsequential for homeowners.

Now that ALCOSAN is gearing up for its own compliance within the EPA consent decree, we can probably expect additional increases on a regular basis. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be needed for the infrastructure upgrades that will guarantee safe water through proper sewage treatment into the future.

Conserving water will be increasingly important for our environment and good for our budgets. Flush toilets only when necessary and never use the toilet to dispose of anything other than excreted wastes. Collect rainwater in mosquito-proof barrels for your garden needs. Use dishwashers and washing machines only for full loads. Take short showers and turn off the water while shaving, brushing teeth, or scrubbing dishes and cookware. For many more tips on reducing water use, pick up a FREE copy of the 2008 CAEC advisory: "Water: Use Less, Pay Less" at the Churchill Borough Building.

CHANGE THE LIGHT BULB

Starting in January, 2012 all 100 watt incandescent light bulbs for sale at stores will have to use 30% less energy than ones previously available. In 2013 the law will extend to 75-watt bulbs, and in 2014 it will include 60- and 40-watt bulbs as well. These are provisions of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and are designed to reduce energy consumption. They will not, however, decrease choices at the store. Halogens, compact fluorescents (CLF's), and light-emitting diodes (LED's) will all compete for your lighting needs. Unfortunately, they will also increase your purchase costs, although consumers will recover the higher up-front outlay



over the longer lifetimes and lower energy costs of the new lamps. The new bulbs are labeled in "watt equivalents." A 60-watt equivalent bulb will emit as much light as an old 60-watt incandescent while using one third less energy. The quality of the light emitted by the new bulbs is improving and getting closer to that of the old ones, but personal preferences vary, so new labels will also cite a "correlated color temperature" index. The warmer (more yellow) the light quality, the lower the color temperature. The cooler (more blue) the light, the higher the temperature. As with everything else it will take some "getting used to" and experimenting before finding the best bulb for a given room or purpose. Being flexible always helps. Energy conservation is important in our nation's energy independence plans. See additional information in Bob Tedeschi's report, New York Times, August 11, 2011. Note that CFL's can be recycled at most hardware outlets, such as Home Depot.

From the Mayor's Desk

Spring will be with us before we know it & it certainly looks like winter will by-pass Western Pennsylvania this year! In what has become a rite of spring I'm putting out a call for volunteers to join The Churchill Garden Brigade. In a community of almost 4000 people I'm sure we can get more than 10 volunteers to help with the beautification of our borough. Our core group is fantastic & a lot of fun but believe it or not they're all getting a little older & we'd really welcome new recruits. Show this plea to your high school students & encourage them to contribute to the improvement of their community! As a reminder the Garden Brigade plants & maintains Churchill Commons at the corner of Beulah & Churchill Roads & the gardens at the Churchill parkway exit.



We meet at 9am on Saturday mornings at the Commons and usually complete our work by 10:30am. The dates for 2012 are as follows: March 31st, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18 & finally September 1, 15 & 29. We celebrate our achievements with a fall party. So please consider joining us, we're not an exclusive group...all are welcome! I'll guarantee light exercise, the opportunity to meet interesting people and the satisfaction of knowing you're giving back to the great community of Churchill. Hope to see you on March 31st!

KEEP CHURCHILL BEAUTIFUL AND SAFE

Control litter build-up around your neighborhood. Pick up any cast-away items that land on your property and on open spaces bordering your lot. Always carry a litter bag when you walk your dog.

Spring is a good time to check your smoke alarm for a fresh battery. Replace your carbon monoxide detector if it has passed its printed expiration date.



SPRING INTO CLEANUP



Are you “de-cluttering” your home while spring cleaning? Recycle or donate items at Construction Junction (N. Lexington St. off Penn Ave. in Pt. Breeze/Homewood), or Goodwill stores in the area. Junk mail, newspapers, and magazines can be dropped into the Abitibi bin on the lower parking lot of the Borough. Glass containers and metal cans can be taken to the volunteer center on the Woodland Hills Administrative Building parking lot on the first Sunday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM. Remaining items can be set out for pick-up at the curb on Fridays. Carpets must be cut to 3’ lengths, rolled, and secured with twine. Call the borough office for advice on special handling of large items. For a complete list of recycling opportunities in our area pick up a FREE copy of the 2009 CAEC advisory “The State of Recycling” at the borough office

For health and safety all garbage (organic waste, e.g. food, food containers, wrappings, used paper towels) should be bagged and placed at the curb in cans with fitted lids. Loose items will inevitably be spilled during collection, creating an unsanitary and unsightly condition in your neighborhood. Improper handling of garbage attracts rodents and other scavenging animals. Take your can(s) back inside as soon as possible after collection. If you have vacation plans be sure a neighbor is asked to retrieve your outdoor items (cans, newspapers, packages, and mail) so the house does not look empty.

PRIMARY TIME

Pennsylvania will hold its spring primary on April 24, 2012. This is your chance to help select your party’s candidates for the November election. The last day to register is March 26. Forms are available at the Borough Building. Pick up an absentee ballot request if you will be out of time on Election Day or if you are incapacitated. If you register as an “Independent” you will not be able to vote for candidates in the primary.

By borough tradition, candidate signs are not displayed until two weeks prior to the election (April 10, 2012) and are taken down ASAP after the election. Call the Allegheny County Election Bureau (412-350-4500) or the Churchill Borough Office (412-241-7113) if you have questions about the election.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Churchill Area Environmental Council (CAEC) offers a graduation scholarship each year to a Woodland Hills High School senior who has completed a qualified environmental project. The deadline for applications is fast approaching on March 31. If you know a student who may be eligible for this monetary award urge him/her to pick up the simple application form (from the borough building, the high school guidance office, high school department chairmen, or the CAEC web site www.CPEG-Inc.com/caec in time to meet the deadline.



SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNUAL RED-UP! NATURE WALK & COOKOUT AT BULLOCK PENS PARK

Join us Saturday, May 19, 10:30 am, at Churchill’s only public wild nature preserve, located at the east end of McCrady Road. (Take jug handle at end of the eastbound lane of McCrady onto park access road.)



We will begin our morning by sprucing up the park with light gardening tasks such as weeding, debris removal, and planting. You’ll want to have your favorite gardening tools from home, and any native perennials you’d like to donate. After all of our hard work, we will be rewarded: a guided mile long nature walk along the woodland circle trail! Churchill residents Joan and Milton Gottlieb have graciously volunteered to educate us about our native Western Pennsylvania habitat.

Lunch will be provided by the Borough—please reserve your meal via Sandy or Donna (412) 241-7113 or office@churchill-borough.com by Thursday, May 17 with the number of people in your party.

In case of inclement weather on Saturday morning, we’ll meet Sunday, May 20 starting at 12:00. Check our Facebook/Churchill Recreation Board page Saturday morning for the latest updates.

A LIBRARY FOR CHURCHILL: AN HISTORIC TREASURE FOR SUBURBS JUST EAST OF POINT BREEZE

Did you know that the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library is Churchill’s official library? Located at One Pennwood Avenue in Edgewood, the beautiful Mediterranean-style site affords our residents convenient access to the Carnegie Library system’s countless benefits. Access to valuable community information, local events, books, subscription databases, and DVD entertainment are just a neighborhood away! The wonderful staff also coordinate the traveling Children’s Program; the Children’s librarian brings story telling and activities to our pre-schoolers in the Churchill Borough Community Room at 10:30 on Thursday mornings. Don’t have a computer? Visit the library and use one of theirs at no charge with your library card. Check out the Patch Neighborhood Network, right from its homepage, next time you are there! More information is available at ccmellorlibrary.org and clpgh.org or at 412-731-0909.

“IT IS SO MUCH MORE ENRICHING TO READ WITH A GROUP”

Share your experience or literary insights about our selected books with our borough’s well-read residents. The Churchill Book Club meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday 7 to 9 pm in the Yagle Community Center at the Borough Building for discussion and dessert. Discussions aim to be friendly, insightful and rewarding, and newcomers are always welcome.

These are the books for upcoming meetings:

- Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand on March 21
- Little Bee by Christopher Cleave on April 18
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot on May 16

For more information or to reserve a copy from the library, you may contact Sheila Mozer (smozer@aol.com) in advance, or just drop in to a meeting.

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ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Mark your calendar for C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's Annual Book Sale held at the Edgewood Club 1, Pennwood Avenue, Edgewood. It promises to be bigger and better than ever!

Preview Party: Friday, March 23 from 6:30-9:30 pm. The cost per person is \$20. Call for reservations.

Sale Dates: Saturday, March 24 from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, March 25 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Bag Sale is Monday, March 26 from 9 am to 8 pm and Tuesday, March 27 from 9 am to noon.

Donations of books and other items accepted through the sale.

Volunteers needed to help with the sale. Call to volunteer.

Check Out these Programs for Adults offered at the Library in Edgewood

Financial Planning Workshops

Join Deborah Hughes from Edward Jones for these free programs at 6:30pm. Call to register.

Traditional vs Roth IRA & 401K	March 21
Living in Retirement	March 28

AARP REFRESHER DRIVING CLASSES

If you are 55 and over this is a great chance to brush up on your driving skills while earning an insurance discount. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Call to register

Basic Refresher Class: Wednesday April 18 and Thursday, April 19 from 9 am-1 pm.

Advanced Refresher Class: Thursday, April 26 from 9am to 1pm

PENNSYLVANIA'S ONE BOOK EVERY YOUNG CHILD

During April preschoolers attending CCMellor library story hour programs will receive a copy of Stop Snoring, Bernard! written and illustrated by Zachariah OHora. For further information, please visit www.paonebook.org. Sign up for a special Stop Snoring, Bernard! program to be held Saturday, April 21st at 1:00pm.

ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY

Join us as we celebrate the tenth year of Allegheny County's One Book, One Community with this year's featured book This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. Book discussions will be held:

Wednesday, April 18, 7pm in the

Board Room at the Library in Edgewood

Wednesday, May 2, 7pm at the Branch in Forest Hills.

Copies of the book will be available for check out. Book clubs that want to discuss the book can reserve kits of 10 books by calling the library.

Check out these Programs offered for Children. Unless otherwise noted programs are at the Library in Edgewood. Weekly Storytimes:

Tuesday, 10:30am Toddler Storytime @ CC Mellor

Wednesday, 10:30 & 1:30 Preschool Storytime @ CC Mellor

Thursday, 10:30 Storytime @ Churchill Borough Building

Friday, 10:30 Storytime @ Wilkins Community Center

Friday, 11:30 Baby Lapsit @ CC Mellor

Saturday, 10:30 Storytime @ CC Mellor

ALLEGHENY COUNTY'S CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARDS

Hey Kids, it's your turn to pick the best book of the year! Students throughout the County will be reading as many of the contenders as they can and voting online during April For a complete list of books go to www.rsclubhouse.org, visit the library, or talk with your teacher.

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