

CHURCHILL

MAY 2009

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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ANNUAL BLACK GOLD COMPOST DISTRIBUTION SATURDAY, JUNE 13 & 20

The infamous mulch will be available on these dates between 8AM-1PM at the Joint Municipal Compost Area (corner of Business Rte. 22 and Rodi Road). There is a suggested donation of \$2/vehicle (bring your own containers) or \$10 per hi-lift bucket full dumped into your truck. Arrangements can be made at the site to have a small dump truck load delivered to your home. Cost for delivery is \$30, plus \$10/bucket of mulch.



LEAF COLLECTION – MONDAY, MAY 18 & JUNE 1



These are the ONLY dates that the borough will pick up leaves. Leaves that are in paper, biodegradable bags will be picked up at the curb. Place your bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Do not place other yard debris in the bags because they will not be removed. Bags are available at the Municipal Building and at Tyke's Shell Station on the Greensburg Pike at a cost of \$3.00/five

bags. After these two pick-up dates borough residents will have to make arrangements with a landscaping company to remove leaves.

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL REAL ESTATE TAXES

Tax statements were mailed at the beginning of March. Discount amount was due April 30 and the face amount is due by June 30. A 10% penalty will be assessed thereafter. If you have paid off your mortgage, please contact the Borough office to ensure you receive the tax bills in a timely manner. School district tax statements will be mailed on or about July 1.

BUILDING PERMITS

SWIMMING POOL, DECK, SHED, ROOM ADDITIONS, ETC.

Permits are required for these items. Please visit the Borough Office to obtain the necessary paperwork and to ascertain that you are in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance for side and rear yard variances. Any inside alterations changing the structure also require a permit. Citations will be issued for persons violating the ordinance.

From The Mayor's Desk

Have Fun & Help Beautify the Borough! Join the Garden Brigade! We meet at the Churchill Commons every other Saturday morning at 8:30. We plant, weed & water our garden sites...this is not an exclusive group...all volunteers are welcome! We've had several cool & wet weeks so the daffodils have been great this year. It's a rare tulip you'll see in the borough due to our ever expanding deer herd. We will meet May 9 & 23, June 6 & 20, July 4 & 18, August 1, 15 & 29 and finally September 12 & 26. Mark your calendars...bring your favorite tools...we'll be expecting you!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHURCHILL

(Mark your calendar now. Plan to attend.)

The mission of the Churchill Recreation Board (CRB) is to plan events for Churchill residents of all ages to promote community involvement, interaction, awareness and unity within our Borough. The CRB hopes that you will take part in some or all of the activities to enjoy your hometown and to meet your neighbors. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Borough Office (412) 231-7113 by three days before an event so we can more accurately prepare the right quantity of food or supplies.

BULLOCK PENS PARK FIX-UP DAY: On Saturday, May 16th [with Sunday, the 17th as a rain date], residents of Churchill are invited to volunteer at Bullock Pens Park to plant, to pull weeds, to clear trails, and to help make the park a nicer setting in which to enjoy nature, walk dogs, or hold family picnics in the shelter. Work will begin at 9 am but if you can't get there that early, your help will still be welcome later. Please bring work gloves, basic gardening tools, a small shovel, etc. The borough has now installed running water at the park so you do not have to bring any. If you have any native perennials (e.g. violets, wild geraniums, bloodroot, jack-in-the-pulpit, ferns, etc.) to donate, that would help add color and diversity to the park's flora. To make sure the day isn't all work and no play, there will be a guided walk along the park's nature trail for those interested in hiking. Hot dogs will be cooked on the new grill that was recently installed. RSVP to the Churchill Office [(412) 241-7113] by May 13th.



CHURCHILL BOOK CLUB: Consider joining the Churchill Book Club for the enjoyment of sharing insights on good books. The group meets once a month in the Yagle Room at 7 pm. The schedule and books for early summer are:



May 20 (Wed.) - *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

June 10 (Wed.) - *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

(This book was selected as the 2009 "One Book/One Community" book for Allegheny County) If you are interested in joining the discussions, please RSVP by the Monday before the meeting date.

CHURCHILL "BLOCK PARTIES":

As the weather improves, the Churchill Recreation Board hopes that our residents will make an effort to get to know their neighbors. We are encouraging you to organize a "Block or Street Party" to which everyone on the street or block is invited. [Some won't be able to make it but at least they'll know they were invited.] It might be an outdoor Pot Luck Dinner, Hot Dog Roast, or just a gathering for dessert. When neighbors know each other, they look out for each other. That makes your street safer for everyone. Of course, during your gathering, you might discuss how your street could get involved in the borough's 75th anniversary celebration.



CHURCHILL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY: This year Churchill celebrates the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. A picnic and community day will be held on Saturday, August 29th at the Plaza area of the Westinghouse R & D property, accessible through the gated entrance off Beulah Road. [In case of rain, we will move the event indoors to the cafeteria area.] The celebration will begin at 11 am and end at 5 pm. This is a perfect occasion to invite your children who grew up in Churchill to come back and see all of their old friends and neighbors. The Churchill Recreation Board is meeting to work out the details of the event but we really need the help of all of Churchill's residents to make it a success. We are still looking for long term residents of Churchill who have been here for 25+ years (Silver Level), 50+ years (Gold Level), and even 75 years (the Diamond Level) so they can be acknowledged. (So far, we have found no 75 year residents so if you are out there, please let us know.) **We have a committee working on assembling the history of Churchill so if you have any memories or photos to share, please send them to the Borough Office marked "Churchill 75th Memories."** (Please identify items you want returned.)



We are hoping that at the Churchill Block Parties being held this summer, people living on a particular street will volunteer to plan/sponsor/host a particular activity at the event. So far one group has volunteered to have a "Face Painting" table but we need lots of other activities. Churchill organizations (Garden Clubs, Scout troops, Environmental groups, Political Parties, AARP groups, Fire Company, etc.), businesses, and folks from a street or neighborhood are invited to host a table with an educational display, or a game, freebee, or activity. Some entertainment and children's games from the past, such as a three-legged race, egg toss, etc. will help focus on the past 75 years. Since music and entertainment must be part of the day, we invite residents willing to share their talents to make the day special. We are still looking for Churchill business owners or representatives to promote their companies by co-sponsoring the event. Prizes for a Chinese auction are needed. All donations are gladly accepted. Call Lynn at (412) 244-9125 to discuss donor options.



The next scheduled Monday meetings of the CRB will be at 7 pm on: May 25, June 22, July 27, and Aug. 24.

CONSENT ORDER

Sewer work will continue this spring and summer. We are on schedule with all phases in year 5 of the Consent Order. Areas to be worked on this year include Fenwick, Lancewood, Lewin Lane, Marbury, Barton, Graham, McCrea and Greensburg Pike. Affected residents will be notified before work begins and all restoration work will be done to the satisfaction of the homeowner.

2009 IS CHURCHILL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER IN CHURCHILL

(Mark your calendar now.)

CHURCHILL GARDEN CLUB ACTIVITIES:

MAY 13, 2009 • 10 AM

THREE DIVERSE COMMUNITY GARDENS TOUR LUNCHEON/BRUNCH

Guests welcomed - \$7.50

to be held at the Churchill Borough Building

JUNE 9, 2009

Longue Vue Country Club

LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

guests welcomed - \$25.00

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MAY 16 (Sat.) or 17 rain date

BULLOCK PENS PARK COMMUNITY FIX-UP DAY

(Please note this is a change of date from the web site,
which listed Memorial Day Weekend.)

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MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

HOLD A "BLOCK PARTY" FOR YOUR STREET

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MAY 17, 2009 (Sun.)

CHURCHILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE - 12-3 PM

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JUNE 11, 2009 (Thurs.)

LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOLERS

(Nine week series begins at 10:30 am each week until Aug. 6.)

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JUNE 13 & 20, 2009 (Sat.)

"BLACK GOLD" PICK-UP DAYS

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AUGUST 29, 2009 (Sat.)

CHURCHILL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

1 Pennwood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Summer Activities in Churchill

The C. C. Mellor Memorial Library will be offering a nine-week story hour and summer reading club at the Churchill Borough Building on Thursdays from June 18 to August 13 at 10:30 am. This year's theme is *Get Creative @ Your Library*. Liz Kostandinu has lots of great things planned for preschool and elementary school children. Join her for great stories, fun group activities, lots of finger plays, and fun crafts. No registration is needed for this free program.

In addition children may participate in the Summer Reading Clubs which encourage independent reading during the week between programs. There's a club for preschoolers who are read to and students who do their own reading. Children who complete ten books will receive prizes and their names will be sent to their school. Children can report back at story time or record their readings on the library's website.

All children may join us for the kick-off for the summer programs at the C. C. Mellor Library, 1 Pennwood Avenue, Edgewood, on Monday, June 15 at noon. We'll have snacks and a sing along with folk singer Sandy Putorek. Children may also sign up for the reading clubs.

More activities for children and teens are planned at the library buildings in Edgewood and Forest Hills. Please visit the library's website at www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

SENIOR RESOURCE GUIDE

The annual 2009 Allegheny County Senior Resource Guide is available at the Municipal Building. It contains a listing or resources and services offered by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services Area Agency on Aging. Topics covered include Healthcare Resources, Safety and Support for Seniors, Health Insurance and Prescription Drug Coverage, Legal, Tax and Other Matters, Consumer Advocacy and Other Resources, Housing Options, and Life Enrichment. Please visit the Borough Office to obtain a copy.

IMPORTANT

The last Churchill Directory was published in 2000 by the Churchill Women's Club. We are hoping that a current Directory can be published by the year 2010. By completing the form below and returning it to the Borough office for inclusion in the directory, you will save a lot of work for the Directory Committee. If you have email, including the address could enable Churchill to communicate with you more frequently electronically. Postage rates are going up again in May!

Name/s of Residents: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

_____ I wish to opt out of being included in the new Churchill Directory.

(The above information can also be sent electronically to office@churchillborough.com.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May is the start of Community Garden work. Churchill has three such gardens – the largest at the corner of Beulah and Churchill Roads. Green thumb or not, you are encouraged to volunteer for an hour or so every other Saturday for the planting, pruning, and weeding activities that make these gardens show pieces of our community. Call the borough office (412-241-7113) to sign on.

MAY 2 Allegheny County **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** at the North Park Swimming Pool from 9 AM to 1 PM.
If you miss this event, go to www.swpahhw.org for details and information about the next scheduled date.

MAY 3 (and the **first Sunday of every month**) – **Recycle your glass and cans** at the volunteer center on the parking lot of the Woodland Hills Administration Building (Greensburg Pike) from 10 AM – 1 PM.

MAY 7, 14 Final programs in the C.C. Mellor Library “Discovery Club” for young Children at 10:30 AM in the Yagle Room of the borough building. Call the library (412-731-0909) to register.

MAY 19 **Primary Election Day.** Yard signs may be displayed on your property two weeks prior to that date and should be removed promptly after the election. This is your opportunity to help select the candidates of each party who will Run in the November General Election. **Here in Churchill we will be selecting candidates for Churchill Council, Treasurer, Mayor and Constable.** We'll be choosing county and state judicial candidates as well. Don't miss it!

Currently Refrigerant-containing appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers, etc.). Call the Appliance Warehouse at 1-888-463-7366 for a **FREE curbside pickup.** This program is funded by a grant from the County Clean Air Fund and is limited to the money available.

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