

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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MAY 2013

BLACK GOLD

OUR FAMOUS "BLACK GOLD" will be ready for distribution on Saturday, June 8 and 15. You can pick up a supply from the Joint Compost site located at the corner of Business Route 22 and Rodi Road between the hours of 8am-1pm. Bring your own containers and there is a suggested donation of \$2/vehicle. Delivery is available at a cost of \$10/bucket of mulch (2 buckets equal 4 cubic yards), plus \$30 for delivery. Call the Borough office for delivery arrangements.

Use it liberally as a mulch around all plants, including vegetables, flower beds, shrubs, and trees, leaving a 6-8" mulch-free "moat" around tree bases to discourage rodents from nesting and feeding at the bark. Your black gold will continue to age, retaining moisture, releasing plant nutrients (minerals) and improving the texture of your soil. After several years of applying it, there will be a garden for you to enjoy and others to envy!

LEAF PICK-UPS

Two LEAF PICK-UPS are scheduled for Monday, May 13 and Monday, June 3. Leaves must be placed in paper, biodegradable bags. If there is other lawn debris in the bag, it will not be picked up.

REMINDER.....

The Borough real estate tax is due at face by June 30. A 10% penalty will be added after this date. If you have recently paid off your mortgage, please contact the Borough Office.

Your Police Department is on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days per year. Please call immediately when an incident occurs that requires the police. Any delay in time makes it extremely difficult for your officers to serve and protect. If you have an actual emergency dial 911. If the call is not a true emergency, call the Allegheny County non-emergency number 412.473.3056.

Remember, also, to keep your house and car doors locked at all times.

STREET SWEEPING

Will be conducted on Friday, September 20 and 27. Please refrain from parking on the street.

2013 SEWER WORK

Will be starting soon. Sewer repair work will be conducted on Garrick Drive, Elmhill Road, Rural Court, Garden Terrace,

Holland Road, Greensburg Pike and parts of Blackridge. Sewer line televising will be conducted on Ridgewood Drive, McCrady Road, Saybrook Drive, Chapel Hill Drive, William Penn Highway and Lower Rodi Road.

Award-Winning Newsletter

The Borough of Churchill has been awarded First Place in the Pennsylvania Borough News newsletter contest for our January 2013 issue.

The *Borough News* is the official magazine of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. This award is presented yearly, and newsletters are judged on content, clarity and effectiveness.

Churchill Council congratulates the Borough Office Staff, and especially Donna Perry, who coordinates the newsletter. Also, our appreciation to all who contributed articles for this issue.

The Churchill Garden Club

Presents

FLOWERS And FINE ART

An exhibition of fresh flower arrangements paired with the art that inspired them. See how flower arranging and art come together. Floral bouquets designed by our members will be shown with the artwork that provided the inspiration.

Wednesday May 22, 2013

6:30-8:30 pm

Yagle Room, Churchill Borough Building

Refreshments will be served.

In addition there will be a fantastic plant sale.

If you plan to attend this free event, please email sally.adkins@live.com with your reservation.

The Churchill Garden Club

Presents

DOUG OSTER

Premier videographer, local radio host and writer of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette feature articles and gardening blog.

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

11:30 a.m.

Edgewood Country Club

Guests welcome • lunch fee \$22

Reservations call Paul McKenna at 412-371-8552

There will be a Hosta sale (unique varieties) with proceeds to benefit our annual donation to worthy causes.

Calling All Volunteer Gardeners!

The Churchill Garden Brigade will meet on May 18th, June 1st, 15th & 29th, July 13th & 27th. We work on Borough beautification sites. Please join us for 1 hour on those dates. We meet at the Churchill Commons at 9 am those Saturdays. Please email Mayor McKenna at 222mayor@comcast.net for additional questions or information. Please join us...everyone should have one hour a month to contribute to our borough. I GUARANTEE you'll have fun!

HELP KEEP CHURCHILL A SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY

Skunks and bird feeding: If we want to eliminate skunks and other critters, it is important to remove their food source. The hobby of bird feeding is part of the problem. Supplying birds with seed also may disturb natural migratory patterns and contribute to disease (conjunctivitis) from the communal trough.

Compost piles: If you compost yard waste, please do not include any food waste. Even the smallest amount can attract rats, rodents, and other pests.

Mosquitoes and standing water: Mosquitoes need standing water to lay their eggs, so by getting rid of standing water around your house you can greatly reduce the number of mosquitoes.

Dogs: We love your dog, but please keep it under control. Please use a leash when walking your dog, clean up after it, and also please consider that your neighbors may not appreciate unreasonable barking.

Yard Maintenance: The upkeep of your home is a reflection of your commitment and respect for your neighbors and community. Please keep your grass mowed and yard free of debris. When mowing make sure the mower's discharge is not aimed toward the street. Garbage/recycling containers should not be stored in plain view of the street. They are an eyesore and ordinance violation.



Speeding and Stop Signs:

Churchill is a residential community. Please respect the traffic laws.



Recycling Update

Congratulations Churchill Residents!

Our recycling effort has been extremely successful. After the first two weeks of recycling, the "blue streets" are ahead of the "red streets"-7.28 tons of material vs. 6.5 tons of recovered material. Our refuse hauler relates that both weeks set records, and complimented us on our efforts.

Historically, the average Churchill home sends over 1 ton of refuse to the landfill every year. With a little bit of conscientious effort, that statistic can be reduced significantly. Future waste management costs will be affected by reducing landfill tonnage though reducing, re-using, and recycling.

Please remember that the single-stream recycling program is an automated process. There is a new garbage truck in town! The recycling truck utilizes a robotic arm and claw hand that collects and empties your blue bin. This requires some thought when you place your bin at the curb. It should be placed within three feet of the curb, and with two feet of space around the bin to allow the robotic arm some room to maneuver. Also, having the steel bar closest to the street with wheels toward the house allows for the lid to open correctly. "Pull it out, and then spin it around."

Other blue bin and waste reminders:

- Residents over the age of 60 may switch from a 35-gallon container to a 65-gallon container after May 1st and any time in 2013 with no delivery charge or exchange fee. The 65-gallon container is recommended for several reasons.
 - o Flow during the emptying process is better. Cardboard is less likely to get wedged and block other material.
 - o Its wider base makes it easier to roll and manipulate.
 - o It holds more material. Perhaps you will not need to drag it to the curb as often.
- Please do not take your garbage containers to the curb prior to 6 PM on the night prior to collection day. Please remove the bin from the curb promptly.
- Cardboard boxes may not be used as refuse containers.
- Garbage/recycling containers maintained during the week in plain view are an aesthetic eyesore and an ordinance violation.
- Electronic waste cannot be sent to the landfill, and is not blue-bin friendly. Refer to www.churchillrecycles.org for removal suggestions.
- The cost of trash removal is now a fee paid to Republic Services (Allied Waste) on a quarterly basis. We recommend signing up for convenient auto pay at www.disposal.com.



ALLIED WASTE/REPUBLIC SERVICES is the billing agent for quarterly garbage/recycling services. Failure to pay this bill will result in termination of service. Any questions regarding your bill, please call 724-887-9400.

FROM THE CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

“Energy Efficient Lighting Update - 2013” - the newest advisory from the CAEC is now available at the Churchill Borough Building. It is a guide to the latest light bulb options, including halogens, compact fluorescents [CFLs] and light-emitting diodes [LEDs]. These new bulbs are replacing the familiar incandescent types now being phased out in the move toward energy efficiency. The advisory compares their advantages (including costs, lifespan [up to 25 years for LEDs], light quality) and disadvantages, offering suggestions on where to use them in your home and how to dispose of them properly when that becomes necessary. Pick up your FREE copy today.

Graduation Scholarship. Regina Sakas of Rankin Borough will be the recipient of this year’s environmental scholarship award. Her winning application included leadership roles in several food gardening, distribution, sales, and education projects carried out in conjunction with the Braddock Youth Program. In addition she worked with GASP (the Group Against Smog and Pollution) and the Pitt School of Public Health, using plant leaves as indicators of air quality. **The deadline for applications is March 31** each year. If you know someone in Churchill who will be a senior at Woodland Hills High School next year, encourage him/her to select and carry out a project for submission in 2014. The summer is an ideal time to start. The simple application form for this award can be downloaded from the CAEC link on the Churchill Borough web site. It contains suggestions for projects, but innovative ideas are strongly encouraged. Our borough contributes funds for this award and it would be a source of pride to have a Churchill winner. Call the borough office (412-241-7113) for additional information or help.

VOTE on Tuesday, May 21, 2013

The Pennsylvania Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 21st. This is when we select candidates to run for elective office in the November general election. All registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible and urged to vote. Pennsylvania is not an “open” primary state, so, if you are registered as in Independent you will not be able to vote for party candidates, but you may vote for (or against) any referenda that may be on the ballot this year. Consider re-registering within a party of your choice to restore your full voting voice. This is a “local” election year, so there are state, county, and municipal positions to be filled. The officials elected to these offices often have the greatest immediate impact on our lives, our taxes, and the quality of our services. Since turnout is usually low for primary elections, candidates of questionable merit and motivation, but with small numbers of dedicated supporters, can sometimes win unexpected positions on school boards and municipal councils. Voting is a privilege and a responsibility. Let’s see everyone at the polls!

On May 21, 2013 Churchill residents will be choosing candidates for:

- **Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge (1)**
- **Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge (4)**
- **County Sheriff**
- **Churchill Borough Council Member (4)**
- **Churchill Mayor**
- **Churchill Tax Collector**
- **Churchill Election Board Members in several districts.**

Call the Borough Office (412-241-7113) or the County Election Division (412-350-4500) if you have any questions about voting. Please observe Churchill’s long tradition of installing political yard signs no earlier than two weeks prior to election (May 7 for this primary on May 21).

Churchillborough.com

Communication is the key to any relationship. Please check out our new and improved website! A new feature of the site is that it can be read in any language. Churchillborough.com is a work in progress, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please call or send an email.

Churchill Community Calendar

All events are free & held at the Borough Building unless otherwise noted.



May 5: Sunday, 9am-2pm Churchill Cheer Station at the Pittsburgh Marathon

May 11: Saturday 10am-2pm Bullock Pens Nature Park Appreciation Day

May 15: Wednesday 7pm Churchill Book Club The Gravedigger's Daughter

June 8: Saturday 2pm Frick Art Outreach "Land of Abundance: Pittsburgh Gardens"

June 19: Wednesday 7pm Churchill Book's Train Dreams

July 17: Wednesday 7pm Churchill Book's Behind the Beautiful Forevers

Plus: watch our Facebook page* for notice of a 90-minute lecture on "Protecting Your Assets" coming in June or July.

Welcome to Our Family Gatherings!

Not sure you'll know where your newsletter is a month from now? No worries.

*Check the www.facebook.com/churchillrec page or the www.facebook.com/fonsabpp page for the latest information on events past or upcoming. (Facebook may also be reached through the www.Churchillborough.com recreation page links). Email Recreation through churchill-chargers@gmail.com or call the office 412-241-7113 9:00-4:30 weekdays. Here are more details on the calendar events:

May 5: Sunday, 10am-2pm Churchill Cheer Station at the Pittsburgh Marathon!

Come out and support being fit! We are planning to rally at 9am 2300 William Penn parking lot and carpool down to the race. We plan to meet up where the runners come closest to Churchill, in vicinity of Braddock and Penn Avenue. Alternatively, come down on your own and look for us under the red Churchill Chargers sign. Go marathoners!

Meet You May 11 for the Community Day at the Nature Sanctuary

Get your Nature On—Bullock Pens Park style!

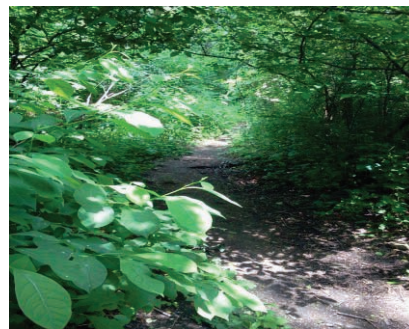
10:30 Dedication of New Kiosk (thank you Churchill/Wilkins Rotary and Jacob Burke, Eagle Scout Candidate)

11:00 Annual native gardening weed and plant (bring a spade) and Native Flora Tour

11:00-1:00 Children's Activities and Fairy House Construction

12:00 Picnic (bring covered side dish to share, and a blanket or lawn chairs)

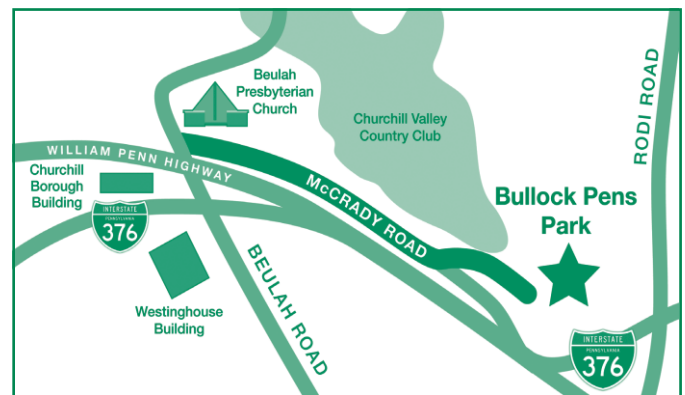
1:30 Trail Hike and Fairy House Tour.



Top of the trail



Fairy spotting?



-Please make Lunch reservations at 412-241-7113 by May 9 4:30pm.

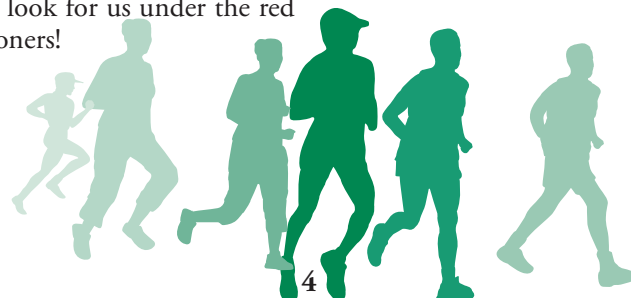
-Pets on leash.

-Short descent to picnic area via graveled path.

-Nature trail requires 200 ft elevation, two short bridges without handrails and several fallen log: walkers only (no wheeled vehicles)

-Rain date: May 18

-More details Facebook.com/Fonsabpp





SMALL DONATIONS NEEDED Miniature, actually.

We are collecting items for the Wee Folk, Elves, Sprites, & Faeries of Bullock Pens Park May 11th 10am -1pm.

Suggestions:

ACORN CAPS, DRIED SEED PODS, SMALL CLAM & SCALLOP SHELLS, SMALL FLAT ROCKS BARK, AND OTHER SMALL NATURAL ARTIFACTS, CLEAN, AND DRIED (REMOVE SEEDS)



“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 and determine future Frick talks in Churchill.

What is Churchill Reading this Summer?

The Churchill Book Club continues to meet third Wednesdays over the summer months at 7pm in the Yagle room. Join us! Bring a mug of your favorite beverage, we provide snacks and fellowship as we explore our selections.

May 15: In The Gravedigger’s Daughter, prolific writer and Princeton professor Joyce Carol Oates “explores the impact of childhood abuse on the development of a woman’s identity. Her intricately designed and compelling novel details the brutal early life of Rebecca Schwart and follows her into adulthood, one in which the grown woman casts off previous sufferings but never escapes their cruel shadow.” --Bruce Wasser Amazon

June 19: In Train Dreams Denis Johnson, “ever the literary shape-shifter, looks back to America’s expansionist fever dream in a haunting frontier ballad about a loner named Robert Granier.... Johnson draws on history and tall tales to adroitly in-

fuse one contemplative man’s solitary life with the boundless mysteries of nature and the havoc of humankind’s breakneck technological insurgency, creating a concentrated, reverberating tale of ravishing solemnity and molten lyricism.” —Donna Seaman Booklist

July 17: We will read Katherine Boo’s Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity. “In this brilliantly written, fast-paced book, based on three years of uncompromising reporting, a bewildering age of global change and inequality is made human.” --www.litlovers.com

HISTORY INITIATIVE: TALES OF CHURCHILL

Check out the latest in the NOTES SECTION of FACEBOOK.COM/CHURCHILLREC. We’ve got some local artists listed. Add your own favorite local artist to the Notes! Or submit via mail to Churchillchargers@gmail.com

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:



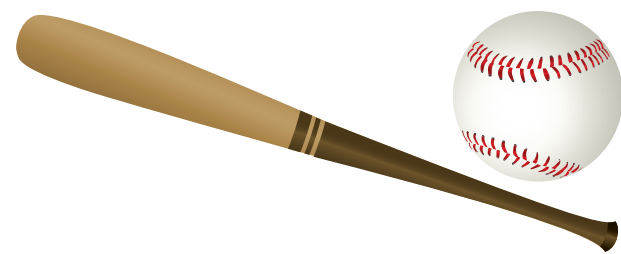
[HTTP://WWW.FORESTHILLSPA.ORG/FHPA-TCT.HTML](http://www.foresthillspa.org/fhpa-tct.html) (Cindy Simm, Events Director 412.351.7330, x220)

[HTTP://WWW.WILKINSTOWNSHIP.COM/DEPTPARK-SRECREATION.HTM](http://www.wilkinstownship.com/deptpark-srecreation.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)



Churchill residents are also invited to join the pool and swim teams at the Blackridge Civic Association located in Churchill on Beulah Road. <http://www.blackridgeswimclub.org/membership>. 412- 241-3500





Residents' Photographs Capture the Natural Beauty of the Borough

On March 23, 2013, local residents gathered at the Borough Building to learn which of the 50 photos entered in the Churchill Impressions contest were selected for exceptional creativity, composition, and conveying the beauty of Churchill.

After reviewing an exhibition of entry prints, attendees took seats as Councilwoman Bonnie Pantlik and Judge Richard Seman awarded certificates and prizes. First place went to Kathy Yearick for her "Original Church on the Hill," a misty morning image of old Beulah Church under autumn foliage. Michael Barsevich placed second for "Early Snow", an artistic slow-shutter shot of wet snow falling on a young bare branch against fall colors lingering in the background. Third prize, for foliage reflected in Chalfant Run-- "Bullock Pens Park in Fall"-- went to Michael Hills. His ten-year-old son Mitchell Hills won the Youth Category prize for "Tree in Creek."

The contest provided an opportunity for residents to share their talents as well as add to the Borough's historic collection of photos. Organizer Bonnie Pantlik was moved by a comment from Police Chief Allen Park " He stopped in and walked through the exhibit and told me that over the course of many years of service here he has always appreciated the beauty of the place. But to see it all in one room, captured and reaffirmed by so many residents—and not just in their own backyards but throughout the borough—we were both just awed."

The photos may still be viewed online at the contest website churchillimpressions.wordpress.com. Future artistic contests will be announced on the Churchill borough website, the Churchill Recreation Department's facebook page, and this newsletter.

Credits:

Concept: Mike Connors, resident

Executive Producer and Event Coordinator:

Bonnie Pantlik, Churchill Council

Art Director and Web Designer: Amanda Swadlo, resident

Tech Support: Ralph Zatin, Churchill Volunteer Fire Company

Art Production: Premier Imaging, Monroeville Mall

Event Gallery Designer: Richard Seman, resident

Event Assistants: Diana Yankes, Bob Ferry,

Melanie Henninger, residents

Judges: Richard Seman, Jim Trusilo, David Gates, and Tim Tassone

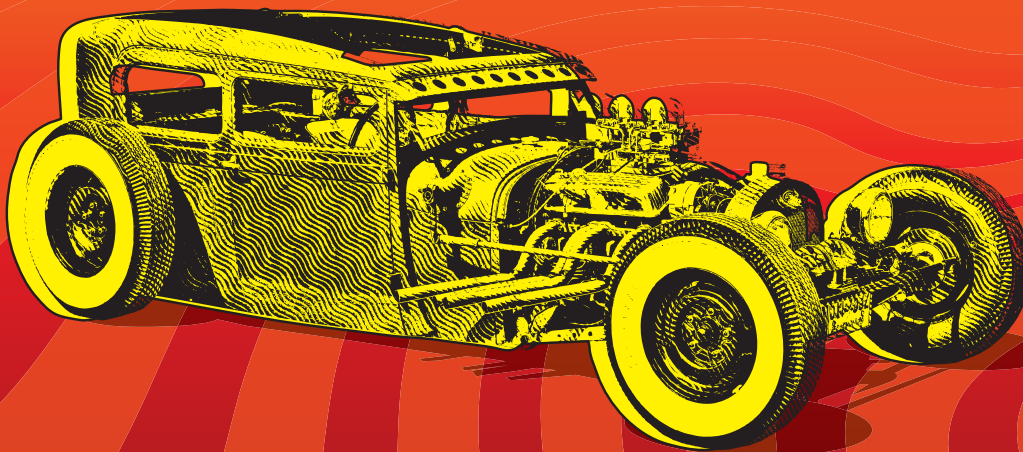
Sponsors: Ilona Tassone (Howard Hanna), Diana Yankes (piano lessons), and Tyke's Auto Service, all of Churchill; Frame Outlet of Forest Hills and D'Imperio's of Wilkins Township.

CHURCHILL BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL CAR CRUISE

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013 • 5PM-9PM

WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL



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!).

A - WEEK (SHADED RED) B - WEEK (SHADED BLUE)

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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))

Notice of Special Recycling Pick-Up

All residents who live on Carlton Street, McCrear Road, Merrie Woode Drive and Cliffwood Trail: Your Recycling Pick-Up Day will be on THURSDAY of the B-week schedule.

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Hope you Caught us Hopping Around the Borough with the Bunny!

