

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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October 2014

Most Churchill residents seem to have embraced single-stream recycling through use of the blue-bin. With a conscious effort to reduce, re-use and recycle, very little material needs to be sent to the landfill. Our efforts toward the goal of zero waste will reap future benefits in waste-hauling contracts and grant money.

The sorting of items at the recycling facility is automated. Plastic bags, including the blue compostable ones, can jam machinery. Lids and caps should be discarded separately from their container. Rinsing of items is not necessary, but may make a difference in the odor of your bin.

Recyclable material will have new life as future products. Please remember that cardboard has significant commodity value and should be cut or torn to a size that allows it to be placed in the blue-bin.

Blue-bin friendly

- Cardboard!
 - ♦ Look for recycling symbol
- Plastic containers
 - ♦ Look for recycling symbol
- Metal cans
- Glass containers
 - ♦ Look for recycling symbol
- Newspaper
- Magazines, journals, catalogs
- Junk mail
- Paper
- Paperback books
- Hardback books with cover removed
- Telephone books
- Office paper
- Paperboard boxes
 - ♦ Pasta, cereal, baking, etc
- Shredded office paper-placed in clear plastic bag
- Pizza box lids (not bottoms)
- Cartons - except Styrofoam egg cartons

NOT Blue-bin friendly

- Styrofoam-even if it has the Mobius recycling symbol
- Paper plates, napkins, towels, tissue
- Pizza box bottoms
- Gift wrapping paper
- Plastic bags, wrap, film
- Plastic utensils and straws
- Plastic toys, other large plastic items
- Drinking glasses
- Mirrors, windows, sheet glass
- Light bulbs-all types
- Aluminum foil, pie and baking pans
- Freezer wrap
- Diapers
- Metal pots or pans
- Metal scrap, clothes hangers
- Dishes and ceramics
- Electronic waste
- Hazardous waste
 - ♦ Paint, oil, chemicals etc
- Garden hoses
- Tires

Electronic waste is toxic, and by law may not be placed at the curb to be taken to the landfill or recycled via the blue-bin. That includes computers and computer accessories, office equipment, televisions, and monitors.

Recovery of electronic waste is possible through numerous methods.

- The store the item that it was purchased may accept it.
 - ♦ Best Buy, HH Gregg, etc
- High-Tech Recycling
 - ♦ 400 N. Lexington St, Pgh PA 15208
(Point Breeze beside Construction Junction)
- Local Goodwill Centers may accept the item
- Frequent e-waste events
 - ♦ prc.org
 - ♦ eloopllc.org
 - ♦ zerowastepgh.org
- 1-800-recycling; 1-800/recycling.com



2015

CHURCHILL BOROUGH
RECYCLING SCHEDULE



RECYCLING IS EVERY OTHER WEEK. PLACE ALL ITEMS IN YOUR WHEELED CART. RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: PLASTICS 1-7, ALUMINUM/STEEL/BI-METAL CANS, CLEAR/AMBER/GREENGLASS, CHIPBOARD, JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, PAPERBACK BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS AND NEWSPAPER INSERTS, OFFICEPAPER, PHONE BOOKS, MILK OR JUICE CARONS WITH GABLE TOPS, JUICE/SOY MILK BOXES(ASEPTIC CONTAINERS) AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD(MUST NE CUT OR FLATTENED TO FIT IN THE CART!)

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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 BOLD BOX WILL DELAY YOUR PICKUP 1 DAY IF IT IS ON OR BEFORE YOUR PICKUP DAY: (New Years Day, Memorial Day, 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.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Maintenance of our property is a reflection of our commitment and respect for our neighbors and our community.

A drive through our community is overall a pleasant experience. However, Churchill Borough Council and administrative staff are aware of several properties that are a significant eye-sore, and we are aggressively seeking to rectify the problems through the legal system. Borough Council updated its Property Maintenance Ordinance at the September meeting with the adoption of the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

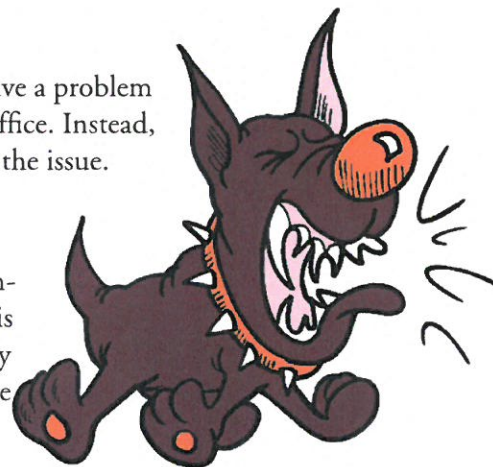
Please consider your role in the aesthetic “curb-appeal” of our Borough. Garbage cans that are in view from the street need to be screened. They should not be placed at the curb prior to 6 pm on the evening prior to pick-up day, and then removed promptly. Yards

should have mown grass and be free of rampant weeds. Driveways should be free from clutter and debris. Broken windows need to be repaired promptly.

With a conscientious effort from its residents, Churchill Borough can continue to be a premier and desirable Pittsburgh suburban community.

Barking Dogs

It is not a yoga pose, but it is a neighborhood nuisance. Unfortunately, if you have a problem with a neighbor’s dog that is barking incessantly, please do not call the Borough office. Instead, please use the 911 system and the dispatcher will notify the police department of the issue.



LEAF PICK-UP

Will begin Monday, October 13 and continue every Monday through November 17. Leaves must be placed in paper, biodegradable bags. Any other yard debris placed in the leaf bags will not be picked up. Put the bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Bags are available at the Borough Building or Tyke’s Exxon Station on the Greensburg Pike at a cost of \$3.00/5 bags.

Please do not rake your leaves into the street. Leaf vacuuming is performed on streets, but is not meant to clean up leaves that are raked into the street from resident’s properties.

CHURCHILL GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Churchill Garden Club....and So Much More invites interested persons to attend a meeting. The Garden Club is a strong, committed and active organization that welcomes new members. The meetings are held at the Churchill Borough Building in the Yagle Community Center. Programs for 2014 are as follows:

Date	Time	Topic
September 17	9am	Historical Presentation of Beulah Chapel & Tour of the Beulah Church Garden
October 8	9am	Tour of Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens
November 6	7pm	Corks & Canvas
December 2	9am	Holiday Brunch

If you are interested in any of the meetings or want to join the Churchill Garden Club, please contact Penny McKenna 412.371.8552, 412.606.1966 or mckppl@comcast.net.

Composting 101

You are invited to attend a workshop that thoroughly covers the importance and benefits of composting. This seminar will include instructions regarding the process, setting up a compost pile, proper maintenance, and ways of using finished compost. Participants will receive an Earth Machine Compost Bin with attendance. This bin, approved across the state as an ideal bin for urban and suburban areas, has an eighty-gallon capacity.

Cost: \$50 single/ \$55 couple-includes one compost bin

Thursday, October 23 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Churchill Borough Building-Yagle room. 2300 William Penn Highway 15235

For more workshop information or to register go to: www.prc.org

or call Nancy at 412-488-7490 X 247

Vermicomposting Workshop

While they require more care than bin composting, worms produce a product (castings) that is considered an especially good soil amendment and nutrient source, and if sheltered from the cold can maintain production year-round. Learn about the benefits of worm composting. You will be provided with a bin, clear instructions, and worms. You will go home with a complete, ready-to-use vermiculture system, knowing how to house, feed, harvest and care for your own worms!

Cost: \$50 single/ \$55 couple- includes one compost bin and worms

Tuesday, October 28 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Churchill Borough Building-Yagle room. 2300 William Penn Highway 15235

For more workshop information or to register go to: www.prc.org

or call Nancy at 412-488-7490 X 247

Halloween

It's time for the annual Children's Halloween Party! This year we have added a Puppet Show by Pittsburgh Puppet Works. Please join us at the Borough Building on Saturday, October 18 between 2pm and 4pm for games and light refreshments. The Puppet Show begins at 2:30 followed by a Halloween craft; make your own puppets, at 3pm. Please visit our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/churchillrec](https://www.facebook.com/churchillrec) for more information or send an email to churchillrecboard@gmail.com.

Trick-or-Treat

Door-to-door, trick-or-treat will be held on Friday, October 31 between the hours of 6-8pm. The Police and Fire Departments will be traversing the streets for the safety of our children.

Taming of the Tomato

Heinz 57 is a long-standing part of Pittsburgh history. Join us on Sunday, November 16 to learn more about the founding of HJ Heinz Company, from Sandra Baker of the Heinz History Center. We will convene in the Yagle Room of the Borough Building from 2-4pm, with a light reception to follow.

Westinghouse

The Westinghouse Company and Property are an integral part of the Churchill history. We are honored to host Mr. Ed Reis for a costumed autobiographical presentation about Mr. George Westinghouse. Please join us in the Yagle Room on Sunday, November 30 from 2-4pm to learn more about this fascinating part of the borough's history. Light refreshments to follow. Please email us at churchillrecboard@gmail.com with questions.



Table and Vine

Keep your calendars open for our next Table and Vine dinner on Sunday, January 25, 2015. We are still working on the location and details. Have a suggestion or if you would like to receive an email reminder, please send your info to churchillrecboard@gmail.com.

Arts and Craft Fair

Calling all Churchill crafters and artists! Would you be interested in an event to showcase your work? We are gathering input and ideas for an upcoming event. Please call the borough building or send an email to churchillrecboard@gmail.com.

FROM THE CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL (CAEC)

2015 Environmental Scholarship.

Each year the CAEC and its member municipalities (Chalfant, Churchill, Forest Hills, and Wilkins) award an environmental scholarship to a Woodland Hills High School senior. If you know a senior who is planning to do a project or has completed one within our schools or the communities they serve, please advise him/her to submit an application to the CAEC by the March 31, 2015 deadline.

Application forms are available from the high school Guidance Office and from department chairmen. They can also be downloaded from Churchillborough.com. Go to "Around Town" on the tool bar and click on "Churchill Area Environmental Council". The top of the simple application form has more information on the types of projects that are acceptable, as well as specific examples of such projects. Call 412-241-7113 with any questions.

Last year's winner of the CAEC Environmental Scholarship was Jacob Burke, a resident of Wilkins Township. Jacob earned his scholarship and his Eagle Scout award by designing, constructing, and installing an environmental information kiosk in Churchill Borough's Bullock-Pens Park.

Environmental Advisories Available.

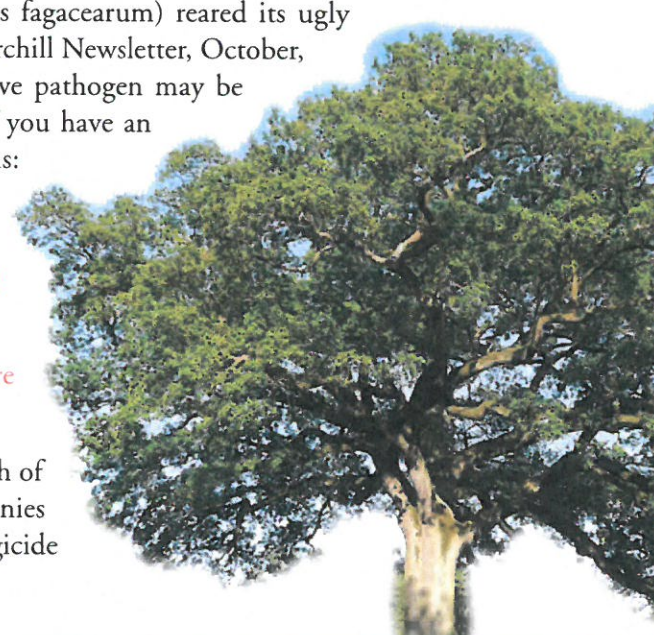
The CAEC issues periodic advisories on topics of local environmental importance or interest to our residents. The two latest advisories "Energy Efficient Lighting Update-2013" and "Invasive Alien Weeds: Right Here in River City - 2014" are available free of charge from the Municipal Office during regular business hours. A complete list of other advisories issued during past years is available from the CAEC website at Churchillborough.com. For more workshop information or to register go to: www.prc.org or call Nancy at 412-488-7490 X 247.

OAK WILT, AGAIN?

The last time oak wilt (caused by a native fungus - *Ceratocystis fagacearum*) reared its ugly symptoms and killed trees in Churchill was four years ago (see Churchill Newsletter, October, 2010). There is some evidence that another surge of this aggressive pathogen may be building, particularly in the Royal Oak section of the Borough. If you have an oak tree on your property keep an eye out for the following symptoms:

- severe wilting of the tree crown.
- leaf color change from green to pallid yellow or bronze, especially in early summer.
- premature leaf drop, the top of the tree looking bare well before autumn.

There is no cure for the infection once it has taken hold, and death of the tree can be expected in one or two growing seasons. A few companies with experience and expertise (e.g. Bartlett Tree) can inject the fungicide



propiconazol into healthy, non-symptomatic oaks as a prophylactic measure, something worth considering to save trees that add so much to the value of a property and the character of a neighborhood.

It is also wise to take actions that boost the health and natural resistance of trees to infection.

- Drip irrigate your tree(s) during long droughts. A tree needs at least an inch of water per week. Water in the morning to allow time for surface drying before the evening cool in which fungi thrive. Sprinkling the topsoil lightly with a hand-held hose is useless and may even be harmful.
- Feed your tree(s) in early spring and early summer with an all-purpose garden fertilizer (10-10-10) with NO added herbicides or insecticides. Follow package directions.
- Do not import or use “found wood” at your home. It may harbor the eggs of alien, invasive insects or the spores of pathogens, including those of oak wilt.
- Never prune an oak tree between April and November. Late fall through winter is best for trimming trees, while they are dormant and diseases are less likely to spread.
- Avoid injuring healthy trees with mowers and other equipment. If injury occurs during the growing season treat the wound with a wound sealant (tree “paint”). Sealants are not advised for general pruning (they seal in microbes and water) or during dormancy, but they may protect against oak wilt infection if applied to spring and summer cuts.

November General Election – Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Let us continue Churchill’s record of high percentage voting!

All registered voters have the privilege and opportunity to vote on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 (7:00 am to 8:00 pm). Hard-working candidates are vying to represent you in the following positions:

Executive: Governor, State of Pennsylvania

Lieutenant Governor, State of Pennsylvania

US Legislature: US Representative, Pennsylvania Congressional District, District 14

State Legislature: Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, District 34

Registration and absentee ballot forms are available at the Borough Office. New voter registrations must be received at the Allegheny County Elections Bureau by October 6, 2014. Pick up an absentee ballot application at the Borough Office as soon as you know you will be out of town on Election Day or unable to vote for health or age-related incapacities. When you mail that application form to the County Elections Division, you will receive your actual ballot by return mail. The deadline for receipt of completed absentee ballots at the Division of Elections is 5:00 pm on October 31, 2014. It is best to start this two-step process early to meet that deadline comfortably.

Churchill has 4 voting districts. If you are uncertain about your district or poll location, call the Borough Office (412)241-7113 or go to apps.county.allegheny.pa.us/VoteDistricts/Lookup.aspx

Also, please feel free to contact the County Elections Division with any voting questions:

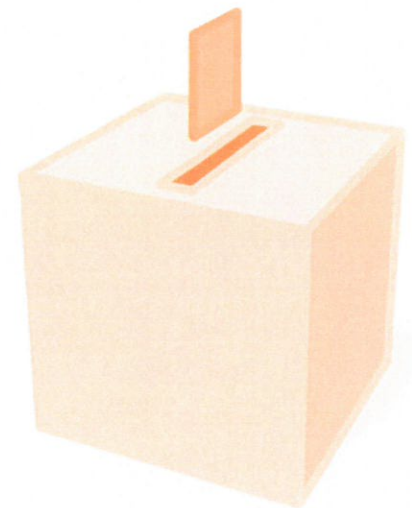
Allegheny County Elections Division

County Office Building, Suite 601

542 Forbes Avenue

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The Borough has a tradition of limiting candidate signs to a two-week period prior to each election--that would be October 21 through November 4 this year. All signs should be on private property with the owner's permission. Plastic signs and their metal frames can be recycled at Construction Junction (Penn Avenue at Lexington St. in Homewood).

On Thursday, May 8, 2014, the Governor of Pennsylvania announced that he would not appeal a judge's ruling that struck down Pennsylvania's Voter ID Law, enacted in 2012. Therefore, voters in Pennsylvania will not have to present photo identification at the polls in November, unless they are voting in the district for the first time. Pennsylvania will continue with its current voter identification process, by which a voter's signature is compared to a signature on file.

If you do not have a Pennsylvania Driver's License, you can obtain a Pennsylvania Photo ID by visiting a PennDOT Photo License Center. The nearest one is in the Penn Hills Shopping Center off Rodi Road, uphill from the Giant Eagle Market. It is open from 8:30 am until 4:15 pm Tuesday through Saturday. The application fee is \$27.50.

MEAL ON WHEELS



Churchill Meals on Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers meals to homebound seniors five (5) days a week and operates out of Beulah Church. Providing an important service to residents of Churchill, this volunteer organization is always in need of additional manpower. The staff includes cooks, those who assemble the bag lunch, those who donate desserts, and the delivery drivers. Two to three times a month (about 2 hours) or any amount of time you can give, are needed. The smiles and gratitude of the thankful recipients are very rewarding. Bonus: Not only does volunteering bring out one's best qualities and make an important difference in the lives of others, it has been proven that those who volunteer are happier people, experiencing a sense of achievement and personal fulfillment.

Although there is a nominal charge for the meals, the actual preparation of the meals and the delivering is done by volunteers. Each day's delivery includes a "brown bag" lunch, soup, and a hot meal. Special diets can be accommodated to a limited degree, such as low salt or diabetic. The cost is \$4 per day, and you can ask to receive a meal any number of days each week. Meals are delivered between 9:30-11:00am, Monday through Friday.

If you would like more information, are interested in volunteering or if you have a friend, neighbor or relative in need of this service, please call Judy Shepherd at 412-243-3413

Edgewood Country Club



With fantastic social & family events, platform tennis, heated pool, fitness center and the Donald Ross Grille, we have everything and more to make this your home away from home. Contact us today to find out more about our current special on our Social Membership for Churchill Residents and to set up a time to take a tour!

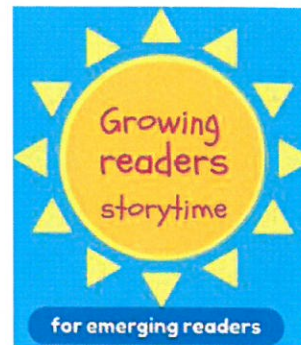
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We're Changing Times!

Starting in October...Friday mornings are the morning to be at the Churchill Borough Building! Join us weekly for our Family Story Time. Songs, rhymes, crafts and stories all geared toward kids ages 5 and under. No registration is required....just stop down at the borough building. Family Story Time runs from 10:30 – 11:15, all year round.

Looking for a story time specifically geared to the emerging reading skills of your pre-K student? CC Mellor Library is starting a new program, Growing Readers. We will host a story time for kids ages 3 - 5, followed by a chance to put those early literacy skills to work with hands on activities that foster letter recognition and creation, phonemic awareness and more. Growing Readers, sponsored in part by Target, will be held at CC Mellor Library in Edgewood weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:30, and the second Monday of each month, 6:30 PM, at Wilkins Township Recreation Building. Please register at 412.731.0909 if you are interested in attending!