

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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OCTOBER 2019

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come in costume and join us for crafts, games, prizes, treats and refreshments on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Yagle room, Churchill Borough Building.



DOOR-TO-DOOR TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will take place between the hours of 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019. Please light the entrance to your home if you plan to participate by distributing goodies.

Try to have your child wear something reflective. The Police and Fire Departments will be patrolling the streets.



LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf pick up dates are on the following Tuesdays: 10/15 & 29, 11/12 & 26 and 12/10. Please place leaves only in paper, biodegradable bags at curb on Monday evening. Leaves in plastic bags will not be picked up. The leaves are composted

and next June the “Black Gold” will be available as a rich fertilizer for your trees and shrubs. If you gather more leaves after the last date of pick up, you will need to make special arrangements with a landscaper or other contractor to have them removed.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

I would like to take some time to let residents know what has been going on in the Borough over the past few months. One of the big things we hear a lot about is street paving. Hopefully by the time this goes to print the paving will be done. A complete list of roads that were paved was posted on our website. Our maintenance department has been working throughout the summer trying to keep up with the pothole damage caused by the past winter and the continuous rain that we are experiencing this summer. Along with the above normal rains we are experiencing subsequent flooding. Council had a Town Hall meeting to address the concerns of residents. Through this meeting we hope to gain insight as to how to alleviate future problems. Thanks to the hard work from the Recreation Board and the many volunteers, we had a very successful second annual Churchill Community Day. We had a beautiful day and the turnout was more than expected. We are already looking forward to next year's event. Thanks to everyone who participated. Our new Chief of Police, Ronald Akerley along with the rest of the



department is doing a fantastic job of serving our residents. Thanks to their efforts, our community is very safe. Officer David Killian retired on August 31, 2019 after 26 years of dedicated service. We wish him well. There have been several ordinances passed during the summer, notably, the tree ordinance which effectively protects our canopy throughout the Borough. A list of ordinances that were adopted or updated can be found on the Borough website by selecting meetings and then clicking on agendas and minutes of the meeting for details. We continue to work with the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments to share a Code Enforcement Officer. You may see him riding around the Borough. He is only with us two days a week so his time is stretched. He is responsible for occupancy inspections and ordinance compliance. Feel free to call him if you have any concerns. The Allegheny Land Trust is planning to develop the former Churchill Valley Country Club as a green space for not just our community but neighboring communities as well. More details will be coming forth in the future as to exactly how it will look and operate. You can get more information by visiting their website at alleghenylandtrust.org. You may have seen a different look for the Common Gardens on the corner of Beulah and Churchill Road. The Churchill Garden club has taken on the responsibility for many years for the upkeep of the property and the gardens. We were able to reduce the size and eliminate a lot of overgrowth to make it more manageable. Thanks to contributions from the Churchill Garden Club and the Churchill Wilkins Rotary along with the Borough we were able to make the improvements. We are far from completion with the project and still have at least two more phases that we would like to have done. One would be to include a sign introducing us as the Borough of Churchill. We were successful in establishing a group of volunteers who meet once a month to pick up litter along our roadways. The group meets the third



Thursday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Borough Building. If you would like to be part of our group and help with any other volunteering projects we have, please contact Paul Gamrat at the Borough building. We have a lot of ideas but are lacking funds and volunteers to do the work. As always, residents are urged to attend Council meetings to keep informed of what is going on in the Borough. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month. You can also visit our website at www.churchillborough.com. for news and information.



Paul Gamrat



WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL TAX

As a reminder, your tax payment is due at the face amount by October 31, 2019 or a 10% penalty will be assessed. If you choose the installment plan the dates are as follows: First installment is due October 31, 2019. The second is due January 31, 2020 and the last one is March 31, 2020. All checks are to be made payable to Daniel R. Duerring, Real Estate Tax Collector. As a reminder if you pay off your mortgage please call the Borough office or email the Tax Collector at dan.duerring@gmail.com.



CODE ENFORCEMENT



We have a new officer, Chris House. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to address, please call him at (412)225-8125 or email him at chouse@tcvcog.com. He recently sent all residents a letter reminding everyone about the current Churchill Borough codebook chapters 252-13B which states that all bins of solid waste, recycles, leaf waste and yard waste, including Christmas trees, must be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection. At all other times, bins must be kept inside or, if kept outside, must be kept in an enclosure which effectively screens the bins from the view of the street and neighbors. Failure to comply will result in a notice.

After that time, a citation, fines and/or liens may be placed on the property. After the recent heavy rain and flooding in the Borough he received several complaints regarding stormwater drainage from several property owners. You are not permitted to direct or divert stormwater from its natural course onto property of another and you could be liable for any resulting property damage. Please make any and all efforts to address this potentially damaging issue and ensure that your property conforms to the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Get to Know Your Woodland Hills School Board President: Ms. Jamie L. Glasser



Ms. Jamie Glasser, has lived in her current home in Forest Hills for 12 years, although she has called the borough home her entire life. "It's home and it feels like it,".

"I'm a 1997 grad, and both of my siblings graduated from Woodland Hills as well. My

parents and all of my aunts and uncles graduated from Churchill Area before Woodland Hills was formed. One of my grandmothers graduated from Scott High," Glasser adds.

Glasser was appointed to the board in November 2014, and elected as board president by her colleagues in August 2017. She says she applied to fill a vacancy and because there were big issues facing the district and our communities.

Glasser says the district's strength is its students. "They are eager, committed and incredibly bright,".

The top three things she'd want people to know about Woodland Hills School District are: 1) We have amazing, committed, caring teachers, administrators and staff; 2) Our curriculum is second to none; and 3) We're working hard to improve facilities so that students have the very

best environments for learning.

And, the one thing that she thinks people may be surprised to know about the district, Glasser says, is that, "For our kids, diversity really is our strength. It is really beautiful to watch them interact, and we should follow their model."

Glasser says she's seen a lot of changes in the district in the past year. She says, "I think the district, as a whole, is more forward-thinking, and that's important."

She says one of the district's greatest potential for change is its openness to the community, adding, "We can and should always do more to invite people in, welcome them and have a conversation."

Glasser wants everyone in the district to know that they can come to her with any questions or concerns about district policy or any issue that might arise. "If I can't answer, I can certainly put them in touch with someone who can,".

"As elected officials, it's our role to represent the interests of the people and the community. That usually means working with administration to ensure that the district is on the right path, but we have an obligation to ensure that tax dollars are spent wisely, that decisions are made prudently, and that policies are appropriate and lawful. Those are our obligations," Glasser adds.

One of the priorities Glasser has been focused on is construction. "The district is engaged in two significant construction projects, at Dickson and at the high school, and I am focused on ensuring that those investments result in buildings in which our students want to learn, and in which our community can take pride in for years to come,".

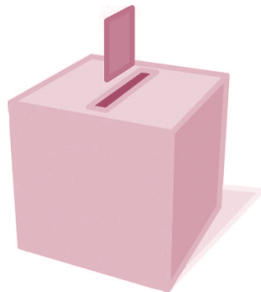
Glasser says her favorite thing about being a board member is graduation. "It's such an honor to join the students and their families that night and to see their excitement. There is such a sense of accomplishment and

hope in the air.”.

She is also a Rotarian with the Forest Hills Rotary Club, and the stage manager at Woodland Hills for the Spring Musical and the Jr. High Musical. “I also coach Mock Trial at the High School, which is my very favorite thing,”.

Glasser can be contacted with questions or comments by email at glasja@whsd.net or phone at 412-727-6069.

Submitted by: Maria Miller



VOTE in the Pennsylvania Municipal General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

As the leaves are falling and residents are town hall-ing, please remember to mark your calendar for the upcoming Municipal General Election. Candidates you elect this November will be making decisions about important policies which will impact your daily life such as taxes, trash and recycling pickup, snow removal, and policing in your neighborhood. If you would like to register or change your registration so that your voice will be heard, you can do so by mail, online, or in person at numerous locations. Detailed directions can be seen at <https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx>

On your ballot will be candidates running for the following offices:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Judge of the Superior Court (2 positions)
Allegheny County
County Chief Executive
County Controller

County Treasurer
District Attorney
County Council At-Large
County Council, District 7
Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
(1 position)

Borough of Churchill

Member of Council (4-year term, 3 positions)

Woodland Hills School Board

School Director, Region 1 (2 positions)

Please note that the ballot will also contain the following initiatives: a proposed statewide constitutional amendment and judicial retention questions as outlined below.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment - Ballot Question (Statewide/Countywide)

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to grant certain rights to crime victims, including to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity; considering their safety in bail proceedings; timely notice and opportunity to take part in public proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused; right to refuse discovery requests made by the accused; restitution and return of property; proceedings free from delay; and to be informed of these rights, so they can enforce them?

Judicial retention questions will appear on the ballot for the following judges for the courts indicated:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Superior Court

Anne E. Lazarus
Judy Olson

Commonwealth Court

Kevin Brobson
Patricia A. McCullough

Allegheny County

Court of Common Pleas

Kim Berkeley Clark
Robert J. Colville
Susan Evashavik Dilucente
Kim Diane Eaton

Philip A. Ignelzi
Arnie Klein
Jeffrey A. Manning
Kevin G. Sasinoski
Don Walko
Joseph K. Williams

For more information regarding the proposed constitutional amendment and judicial retentions: Go to <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/primary-military-and-overseas-voters.aspx> scroll to the bottom of the page and click on--2019 Municipal Election - Ballot Measures and Retention Questions.

Important Dates:

Last day to register or change your registration before the General Election: October 7

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot: October 29

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted absentee ballots: November 1

Municipal General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 7:00am-8:00pm.

Helpful web resources for Churchill residents:

Churchill polling locations: <http://www.churchillborough.com/downloads/Churchill-Polling-Districts>

PA voting information: www.votespa.com

League of Women Voters voting information: www.vote411.org

Allegheny County sample ballots: <http://apps.alleghenycounty.us/website/ElectPollPlace.aspx>

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Churchill Borough Office:
412-241-7113

Allegheny County Elections Division:
412-350-4500

Churchill has a longstanding tradition of installing candidate yard signs no earlier than two weeks prior to an election. For this General Election that would be October 22, 2019. Also, please remove these signs promptly after the election is over. Thank you!

Submitted by: Bonnie Pantlik

**The Churchill Garden Club:
Gardening With a Large Dose of Fun!**

The Churchill Garden Club was founded in 1949 with “the objective to promote an interest in horticulture, an appreciation of artistic design, and an awareness of ecology and the environment.” Those goals remain at the heart of the club as we embark on another year of activities and events designed to inform, educate and inspire our members.

The activities planned for the coming year include:

A Mushroom Walk and tour of Beechwood Farms; Making Arrangements with Dried Plants and Flowers; a Williamsburg-style table centerpiece workshop; a trip to Hartwood Acres/ Holiday Gift Exchange; a Hypertufa workshop; All About Dahlias; a Westmoreland Museum and Gardens tour; CGC member garden tours; and our annual CGC Soirée.

Prior to each activity, CGC members receive a superbly informative monthly horticultural report, get updates on various gardening events happening locally and/or within easy reach, and learn about the volunteering opportunities and club perks available that month - all while indulging in a spectacular array of delicious refreshments.

We want to offer a very warm welcome to our new members! And we would also like to invite all who share our interest in plants, flowers and the environment to consider joining CGC! Please contact Carolyn Kott-Hankinson at ckhcapemay@verizon.net for membership information.



Photo: CGC members show off their creations at last April's Terrarium Workshop.

Submitted by: Wende Mate

BOROUGH TREE ORDINANCE ENACTED

Churchill Borough is well known for its abundance of trees that inspire a sense of beauty and a welcoming atmosphere for both borough residents and visitors alike. It is important to preserve this strong tie between people and trees in our community to enhance our own quality of life and to continue promoting Churchill as being a desirable place to live. Our abundance of trees, however, is being reduced.

As part of a larger Allegheny County study, Tree Pittsburgh, a non-profit organization with the Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission, used satellite images to show that Churchill Borough's tree canopy was reduced by 48 acres in just 5 years from 2010 to 2015. This loss is 6.5% of our total tree canopy of just under 700 acres. Allegheny County's tree canopy was reduced by 11,000 acres. While the county's loss can be attributed to the PA Turnpike expansion and major housing developments in the North Hills, Churchill's tree canopy loss is attributed to both large property owners and individual home owners removing mature trees throughout the borough. While some trees are lost from severe storms, most trees are removed for a variety of other reasons. A detailed map showing the borough tree loss is available at the borough office. Coincidentally, Churchill Borough is experiencing widespread serious storm water runoff issues, primarily as a result of a dramatic

increase in the number of severe thunderstorms over the last five decades. Large trees can absorb as much as 100 gallons of water, and removal of these trees throughout the borough is exacerbating a costly, difficult situation for home owners who live below properties where loss of trees is occurring.

As a result of these issues, Churchill Borough Council adopted an ordinance to establish a Tree Committee at its regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019. The goal of the Tree Committee shall be to advise the Borough in the maintenance and enhancement of the tree population of the Borough's public spaces, rights-of-way, streets, public playgrounds, highways and parks located within the Borough and to establish an educational program regarding the value of trees to the community's environment and property values as well as addressing the prevention of diseases such as oak wilt. A copy of the tree committee ordinance can be found at - <http://www.churchillborough.com/uploads/ordinances/751-tree%20ordinance.pdf>

A couple of key elements of the ordinance are:

- 1) a permit from the Borough Manager is now required before removing a tree or planting a tree within the public right-of-way and
- 2) all removal and corrective activities, including trimming, pruning or otherwise altering trees within public rights-of-way, shall be performed by a duly licensed and bonded tree service in accordance with the cited public liability and property damage insurance values. There is also a provision for addressing trees overhanging streets that may obstruct sight lines or create a hazardous condition.

Compliance with the ordinance ultimately rests with the property owner. Violation of any of the provisions is subject to penalties. An application for a permit can be obtained by calling the Borough office. More information will be forthcoming as the work of the Churchill Borough Tree Committee evolves.

Submitted by: Ken Balkey





LOCAL PROCESSING FOR RECYCLING GLASS

If you would like more information on recycling glass click on the following link:
www.nextpittsburgh.com

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

ADULT FEATURED PROGRAMS

Discover Medicare

CCM Edgewood,
October 19, 10 a.m. • CCM Edgewood,
October 23, 6 p.m.

Discover Medicare makes it easy for everyone to understand how Medicare works and how to get the most out of it. This program will discuss how and when to enroll, your supplemental coverage options, Rx drug costs, and more.

Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Call 1-800-800-1999 to register.

CHILDREN'S FEATURED PROGRAMS

Hydroponics

Ages 8-12 • CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in
November, 10:30 a.m.

Gain your green thumb in November by growing a variety of plants in the children's room at CCM Edgewood! Hydroponics is a system that allows plants to grow in water rather than soil. Join us all month as we experiment with the lights, nutrients, and water systems that help our plants grow!

This program is sponsored by Penn State Extension 4-H.

Registration opens October 1. Please register online for this program.

I Made It Myself

Ages 5+ • CCM Edgewood, Saturdays in
December, 10:30 a.m.

Every Saturday we'll have a new art or craft project to work on at the library! Whether you give them as gifts or keep them for yourself, nothing makes us prouder than hearing you say "I made it myself!"

Registration opens November 1. Please register online for this program.





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