## **BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL**

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## BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL REAL ESTATE TAXES

The Churchill Borough Real Estate Tax Statements were mailed to residents and mortgage companies on March 1, 2017. If you did not receive your Tax Statement, please contact the Borough Office for a copy. The Discount Amount is 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 bill. Every effort is made to mail tax statements to the property owners or mortgage companies, but it is always the responsibility of the property owners to pay their taxes on time. The Tax Collector does not have the authority to waive penalties or interest charges that accrue after the due dates. The Woodland Hills School District tax bills will be mailed on or about July 1.

### LETTER FROM MAYOR PAUL G. GAMRAT

I was recently appointed by Borough Council to fill the unexpired term of former Mayor McKenna due to his resignation/retirement. It is a great honor and will be a privilege to serve as Mayor of the Borough of Churchill. I have been a resident of the Borough for 35 years. My wife and I raised our two children here and are proud grandparents of one grandchild, and we plan to spend our retirement here.

I spent my career as a Public School Teacher in a local district. My wife and I have been actively involved in the Borough. We have volunteered to plant and maintain the attractive Common Gardens on Beulah and Churchill Roads as well as the Stratford sign entrance strip at Lewin Lane and Thornberry Drive. Through our involvement in the Churchill Garden Club, we have volunteered to pick up the litter on the Greensburg Pike exit ramp off I-376.

I have served, along with my wife Patricia, on the Churchill Democratic Committee, most recently as Chairman. During our tenure, my wife and I helped with the transition of the polling place for Districts 2 & 3 from the former WHSD Administration Building on Greensburg Pike to St. John Fisher Church. We coordinated volunteers to help with the traffic flow and also created and positioned signage to help direct voters to the new polling place.

I am running for the office of Mayor in the Primary and General Elections this year. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the Churchill community and work with our Borough Council and Administration.

## 2017 Spring Leaf and Yard Waste Program

#### **Leaves Only**

- Dates: April 10th, 17th, 24th.
- Place leaves in paper biodegradable bags on evening prior to pick-up at the curb
  - o No plastic bags.
  - o No taping or stapling bag shut.
  - o No other yard waste except for leaves.

#### Yard Waste

- Dates: May 22nd, June 19th, August 14th and September 11th
- Leaves and yard waste placed into paper biodegradable bags and place at the curb.

#### o Acceptable items

- Leaves
- Trimmings, cuttings and clippings from trees.
- Small bushes and other plants, garden residue.
- Longer branches-less than 3 feet in length-bundled together.
- Please place in paper biodegradable bags.
- Please do not staple or use tape to close bags

#### o Non-acceptable items

- Dirt, stones, or grass clippings not accepted. No heavy tree trunks, stumps, excessively large items accepted.
- Both the Leaves Only and Yard Waste programs are managed by Churchill Public Works:
- By appointment only- via phone or email.
  - o Call in to Borough Office at 412-241-7113 by Friday afternoon prior to pick-up.
  - Email to Borough Office, office@churchillborough.com, by 8 AM on day of pick-up.
  - Public works crew needs to be able to lift bag into truck and then toss from truck to a dumpster.
  - o Heavy, large, or excessive amount of material will not be accepted.

#### STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping will be conducted throughout the Borough. Spring Dates: April 10th, 11th and 12th. Fall Dates: September 11th, 12th and 13th. Please assist by not parking your vehicle on the street during the hours of



7am – 3:30pm on these dates. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

# 2017 ROAD PAVING PROJECTS & SEWER CCTV/LINING/REPAIR WORK

Street paving will be performed from 2031 Garrick to Thornberry, from 1617 Old Beulah to Beulah, from Beulah to 2059 Hampstead, 56 Holland to 45 Holland, and Suzanne Drive.

Sewer repair work will be conducted on Marbury, Barton, Stevendale, Garden Terrace, Lewin Lane, Garrick Drive, Greensburg Pike and Elmhill. Lining repair work will be performed on Stevendale, Thornberry, Kings Dale, Barton and Marbury. CCTV work will be conducted throughout the Borough.



## "BLACK GOLD" WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JUNE

It's a finished, fibrous compost that the borough makes over the winter and spring from autumn leaves that residents rake into special, biodegradable, paper bags. Use it liberally as a mulch around all plants, including vegetables, flower beds, shrubs, and trees, leaving a 6-8" mulchfree "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.

It will be ready for distribution on Saturday, June 10 and Allegheny County 17. 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 equals 4 cubic yards), plus \$30 for delivery. Please contact the Borough Office for delivery arrangements

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID AT THE **BOROUGH OFFICE BEFORE DELIVERY CAN BE MADE** 

#### PRIMARY ELECTION DAY -**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017**

Yes, we did vote just a few months ago! But that was the fall General Election in which all registered voters (regardless of party affiliation) could cast ballots or writeins. Upcoming on May 16, 2017 there is the spring Primary Election when only political party registrants will select candidates for this year's local November election (county, municipal, and school district for the most part). In Pennsylvania (a closed primary state), if you are registered as "Independent" or "Unaffiliated" you can vote for or against referendum questions that may be on the ballot, but NOT for any party candidates. There is still time to change your voter registration, affiliate with a party of your choice, and become completely enfranchised.

The Churchill Borough Office or <register.votesPa. com> has a simple voter registration form (first-time, change of party, or change of address). There is an additional form for requesting an absentee ballot for voters who are incapacitated or expect to be out of town on election day. Be sure to get absentee ballots for college-age "children" who need them. New or changed registrations must be received back at the Election Division (County Office Building, 6th Floor, 542 Forbes Av. at Ross St., 15219) by 5 PM on April 17. Voted absentee ballots are due at the same place by 5 PM on May 12. Start the application process early enough to meet these deadlines. How about NOW?

#### HERE IS THE LINE-UP FOR THE MAY 16 PRIMARY ELECTION:

#### Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

PA Supreme Court Judge (1 position for election) PA Superior Court Judge (3 or 4 positions for election)

PA Commonwealth Judge (2 positions for election)

Common Pleas Court Judge (2 positions) Magisterial District Judge Sheriff

#### Churchill Borough

Council Member (4 positions)

Mayor

Tax Collector

Election Board: Judge of Election, Inspector of Election (all 4 Churchill voting districts)

#### Woodland Hills School District

School Director, Region 1 (1 position)

2017 is a "local" election year. This is the governmental level that affects our lives on a daily basis. It is where our area budgets and taxes are enacted, streets are maintained, trash is collected, police provide safety, education decisions are made, and judicial rulings begin - all under the control of folks we select in May and then elect in November.

#### **MORE ITEMS TO CONSIDER:**

At the time of the national election last November Churchill had 2,689 registered voters, 2,177 of whom voted, for a commendable 80% turnout. Let's all pledge to vote in every election and encourage good people to run for office and serve in government at all levels.



Questions about voting? Call the Borough Office (412-241-7113) or the County Election Division (412-350-4500). Or go to <churchillborough.com> and scroll down to #5 on the "Frequently Asked Questions" menu. Voting rules and regulations for active members of the military are different. Call 412-350-4500 for information.

Remember, Churchill Districts 2 and 3 now vote at St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, in Beaufort Hall at the rear of the church. Volunteers will be there to help guide you.

Churchill has a long-standing tradition of installing candidate yard signs no sooner than two weeks prior to an election. For the spring Primary that would be May 2nd. Please remove signs promptly. Your voluntary cooperation has minimized visual overload and has kept our borough naturally attractive while displaying your candidate preferences close to the election when voters are paying the most attention.

> O.K. everyone -Let's all VOTE ON MAY 16, 2017 - 7AM TO 8PM

### A WALK IN THE PARK

Join us for a trail walk in Bullock-pens Park as part of Churchill's Earth Day celebration on **Saturday**, **April 22**, **2017**.



The walk will start promptly at 11 AM, followed by a picnic spread provided by the Recreation Board. You can bring something to share if you wish. Walk-in the Park and the picnic will be weather dependent without a raindate.

Volunteer park naturalists Joan and Milton Gottlieb will guide you along a one-hour trail that hugs the southern end of the park (parallel to Chalfant Run) and then dips down to the recently abandoned golf course, crosses the creek, and emerges on the park road near the picnic shelter from which we will start.

Along the way we should see many of the trees for which Churchill's park and nature reserve is noted: redbud trees in full rosey color, flowering dogwood with swelling buds, several magestic species of maple and oak, towering American beech, hickory, and tulip poplar, along with rarities like eastern cottonwood and hop hornbeam.

We'll note the native spice bush plus alien multiflora rose and honeysuckle shrubs among other woody, understory plants, and the forest floor should be a-bloom with native toothwort, trout lily, trilliums, and other "ephemeral" beauties. More perennials should be in various stages of emergence, e.g.cow parsnip, Jack-in-the-pulpit, stone-crop, squawroot, Solomon's seal, etc.

Expect many invasive weeds to be getting a jump start on the season. We'll see Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, and point to habitats where mile-a-minute, Japanese stiltgrass, and Canada thistle will smother some areas later in the season.

The section of our walk in the golf course is slowly "returning to nature" in a slow succession from mowed to "meadowed". Fish have been seen in the stream, an interesting cliff fern is populating an old wall, and species of asters, milkweeds, and other plants are joining the grasses. shrubs, and trees planted on the property when it was developed by the former Churchill Country Club. Birds are abundant and easy to find here, especially in the early morning and evening, so bring binoculars for a good look.

Do not miss this chance to enjoy our "wild" part of Churchill Borough and then return often to see its beauty unfold as the seasons progress. Always wear comfortable,

athletic-type shoes on hikes, and dress appropriately for the weather. There will be two slightly steep, but short, sections along the trail, and no strollers will be permitted.

You can celebrate with us in various ways as part of Earth Day.

- Redd-Up your neighborhood that week by gathering trash. Send your stories and images to: office@churchillborough.com
- Volunteer via email or phone to join a group of us on Earth Day morning to Redd-Up areas that seem to gather trash tossed from cars. Office # is 412.241.7113.

#### Churchill Borough Yard Sale

Saturday May 20, 2017. 9 AM – 12 PM.

Get rid of your stuff and buy other people's stuff! If you are interested in participating, please call or shoot an email to the borough office. We'll have a list of participating streets on our website, and plan to advertise in local periodicals, CNN, and the New York Times. Maybe a tweet or 2.



#### **Churchill Community Day 2017**

Saturday July 15 Blackridge Civic Association Campus 11 AM - 4 PM.

We'll have music, food, kids' activities, a visit from the fire department, an Art event, along with an opportunity to visit with representatives of Churchill clubs and the Woodland Hills School District. We are still in the planning stages, but please save the date. We'll remind you with another newsletter this summer.

#### Communication -The Key to Any Relationship

We are trying, honest, but it is a two-way street. We would like to reach out to residents on a more consistent basis to let you know what's happening around the town, or even simply to let you know that garbage day has been moved to Saturday. We realize that email is pretty retro, but we're hoping you can send us your name, address and email address for our database: office@churchillborough.com. Thanks!!

### Qui gong and Tai chi classes in the Yagle Community Center



This gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance, and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life.

Tai chi is often described as "meditation

in motion," but it might well be called "medication in motion." There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice, which originated in China as a martial art, has value in treating or preventing many health problems. And you can get started even if you aren't in top shape or the best of health.

Qi gong and tai chi are relaxing ways to improve your flexibility and balance. Both are great ways to stay active and vital. The gentle, flowing movements are easy on the joints.

Our instructor, Don Drolet, received training at the Tai Chi for Health Institute. He is Silver Sneaker and Silver and Fit certified.

These classes presently have no fee, and are open to Churchill residents. Residents may bring up to two guests with them. Registration prior to attending class via a phone call or email to the borough office is requested but not necessary. A liability waiver form - available on our churchillborough.com website - must be signed prior to class.

Class dates: May 9, 11, 23, 30th. June 6, 20, 27, 29th The one hour class will begin promptly at 6:45, so please plan to arrive a few minutes early, especially if you need to register and sign a liability waiver form.



### \$32,000 ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE FRESHMAN AVAILABLE

The Bob Williams Rotary Memorial Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the availability of eight, \$4000 scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year. High school seniors are eligible to apply. Also eligible are vocational and G.E.D students, and those attending private and parochial schools.

Students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and must complete an essay which highlights the students' community and school service.

Complete application materials are available on the Rotary District 7300 website at http://rotarydistrict7300. org/ and from local Rotary clubs or school guidance counselors. Last year, 2016, two students from Woodland Hills High School won scholarships, each receiving \$4,000 for their first year of college or vocational school. These awards are in addition to any financial aid the students might receive. You can apply now to be eligible for the scholarship awards.



### CHURCHILL WILKINS ROTARY CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Churchill Wilkins Rotary Club is a service organization. This Thanksgiving the Club will purchase and put together supplies for complete Thanksgiving Dinners to feed 350 people who need our help in the eastern areas of Pittsburgh. The Club has recently donated five microwave ovens to Ward Home for use in boys' apartments and will donate and deliver poinsettias for the shut-ins in Churchill over the Christmas Holidays. Each year In October the Churchill Wilkins Rotary selects three CCAC students, each to receive \$500 scholarships as part of the annual endowed Churchill Wilkins Rotary Founders Scholarship Awards. The Club has donated funds for Oasis Books and Tutoring on the local level, donated funds for Pittsburgh Food Bank, helped campers at the local YMCAs, gifted projects at PACE School, sponsored local Eagle Scout projects in the community, funded international projects such as helping provide clean potable water as well as helping eliminate polio worldwide. The Club is looking to sponsor many other community projects in the future for worthy causes.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Churchill Wilkins Rotary Club, a service organization, please attend one of our weekly luncheon meetings on any Wednesday at Edgewood Country Club at noon or contact any Rotary member to learn more about our club. Rotary' motto is "service above self." We need your help.

Charles Bostaph, Ph.D.
President of Churchill Wilkins Rotary Club

### Is it time to Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory?



The colors in the American Flag signify hardiness and valor with the red; purity and innocence with the white; vigilance, justice, and perseverance in the blue. When those colors become faded or tattered it is time to retire Old Glory.

Our Nation's Flag Code (US Code Title 4 Chapter 1-The Flag) states that all American flags, respectfully known as Old Glory, should be retired in a dignified and respectful manner

when they are no longer a fitting emblem for display and replaced with a new flag.

'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory', will gladly accept your weathered, torn, faded or tattered flags for retirement. 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' collection bins are conveniently located in the community. You may visit the Churchill Borough Administration Office, 2300 William Penn Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15234 during regular business hours to deposit your flag in the 'Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory' bin and it will be properly retired.

For a complete listing of all flag collection bins locations please visit www.retireyouroldglory.com. The 'Retire Your Old Glory' project is dedicated to collecting unserviceable flags for proper retirement.

Contact: Denise Etter, Project Coodinator

412-370-0919

Website: www.retireyouroldeglory.com Email: retireyouroldglory@gmail.com

#### **SELLING YOUR HOME MUST DO'S**

Dye Test - Borough Fee \$25 -Contact a plumber for the actual test and pay him separately. Results must be filed at the Borough Office on our form. Occupancy Inspection -Borough Fee \$45 -Contact Borough Office to schedule an appointment with the Code Enforcement Officer. A checklist of inspection items is listed on the Borough website.

#### **ALCOSAN Clean Water Assistance Fund**

You may be eligible for a \$30 credit to your sewage bill every three months. Please view the guidelines and eligibility requirements on the Borough website or call the office and we can mail details to you.

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BOWSTONE RD	В	LOCKSLEY DR	В
BRANNING RD	В	LONGBOW DR	В
BRUSHCLIFF RD	Α	MARBURY RD	A
BURNABY DR	Α	MARGARETTA ST	В
CAMELOT CT	Α	MARGATE RD	Α
CARLTON ST	В	MCCRADY RD	B
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HARMAIN RD	Α	VALIANT DR	A
HENLEY DR	A	WILLIAM PENN HWY	Α
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HOLLYWOOD DR	В	WOODLAND HILLS DR	A
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# 2017 CHURCHILL BOROUGH RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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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, OFFICE PAPER, PHONE BOOKS, MILK OR JUICE CARTONS WITH GABLE TOPS, JUICE/SOY MILK BOXES(ASEPTIC CONTAINERS) AND CORRUGATED CARDBOARD( MUST BE 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 ITS ON OR BEFORE YOUR PICKUP DAY: (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas for this year).

Notice of Special Recycling Pick-Up - All residents who live on Carlton Street, McCrea 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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#### A note from Paul McKenna...

Your ex-mayor is enjoying retirement! I was thrilled to see that Paul Gamrat was chosen to be my successor & has decided to run for a full 4 year term. Penny & I were sad to miss Chief Allen Park's retirement on January 31st. I really appreciated Al's dedication to the borough for over 35 years! He and I met monthly to review police activities and he was always well prepared and professional. I wish him well in retirement. Although I no longer serve as mayor I will continue to serve as GARDEN BRIGADE leader this spring. As you know the Brigade meets on Saturday mornings at the Churchill Commons. If you would like to participate in this volunteer effort to keep Churchill looking great please call me at 412-606-1650. All the best...The ex



Chief Allen Park receiving a proclamation from our Council President, Jay Dworin, at his last council meeting in January 2017. Chief Park had been an employee of the Police Dept. for 38 years, 11 as Police Chief. He was the longest serving employee in the history of the borough.