



Churchill Borough Local Government Newsletter

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Learn more . . .

For about a year, Hillwood Development has been publicly proposing to re-develop the George Westinghouse Research and Technology Park as a warehouse/distribution center. Just as the Westinghouse office park impacted the Borough for over 50 years, this proposal will have enormous impacts for years to come. Borough elected officials desire that every voice be heard. Every public Council and Planning Commission meeting related to the project to date can be viewed online (to join the live Zoom meetings, visit www.churchillborough.com). In addition, numerous project-related files can be found on the Borough's website.

Updated Dates/Times for Upcoming Potential Westinghouse Redevelopment/ Hillwood Related Meetings

July Planning Commission Meeting: *Previously* Wednesday, July 7, 2021

**NOW Wednesday, July 14, 2021
@ 7PM EST via ZOOM**

**Borough Council Public Hearing
on the Conditional Use Application:** *Previously* Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 7PM EST

**NOW Monday, July 19, 2021
@ 6PM EST via ZOOM**

**Instructions for attending the
meeting by video and/or phone
are available at the Borough's
official website**

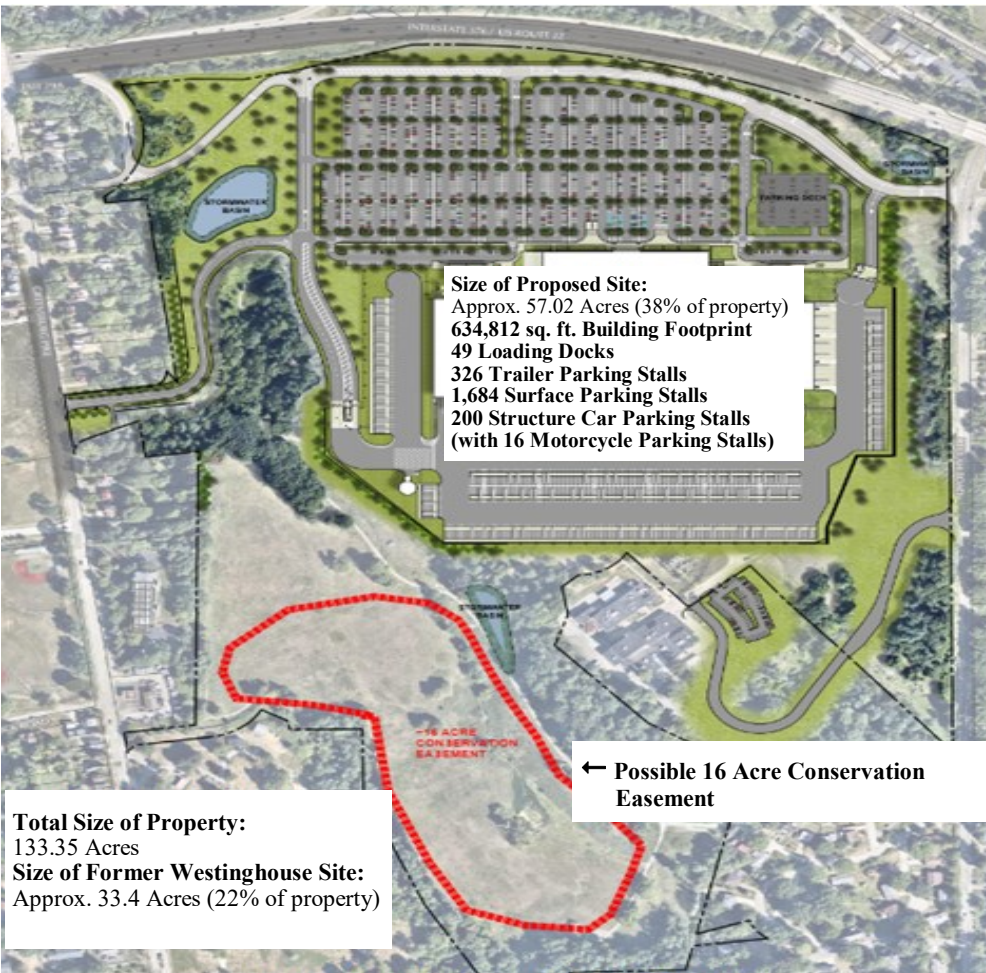
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Residents and taxpayers who do not have the technical capability to participate in the hearing by video (for example, due to a lack of internet access and/or lack of access to a device capable of transmitting or receiving video), may contact the Borough Manager to request an accommodation to attend the hearing in person at the Borough Building to the extent space permits. It is anticipated that the hearing will require multiple days to complete. Future hearing dates and times will be announced publicly prior to the adjournment of each hearing.

Looking for more information regarding the announcements above? Visit

www.churchillborough.com

or reach out to the Borough Administrative Offices at 412-241-7113.



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Where is Churchill in the Decision Making Process for Proposed Hillwood Plan?

State law authorizes a municipality such as the Borough of Churchill to regulate land use within its borders by the enactment of ordinances by Borough Council, including a Zoning Ordinance and a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (“SALDO”). The Zoning and the Subdivision and Land Development chapters are part of the Borough Code.

Chapter 304 (Zoning) of the Churchill Borough Code authorizes “Distribution Centers” as a “Conditional Use” in the C-1 Zoning District. Conditional uses are generally reserved for those land uses that may have a significant impact on the zoning district or the whole community, or for those uses that need or require additional safeguards.

The Planning Commission is required to review conditional use applications and to recommend approval or disapproval of the application to the Borough Council. Council conducts a public hearing prior to any action on the conditional use application.

The developer has submitted the following studies and associated mitigation plans, which are required to ensure that negative impacts on the Borough and its residents are addressed:

- **traffic study** · **parking study** · **lighting study** · **noise study**
- **air quality study** · **stormwater management plan** · **environmentally positive design plan**

When reviewing a conditional use application, Borough Council members sit in what is referred to as a “quasi-judicial” capacity. In other words, Council has a role similar to judges in that they are required by law to review the evidence and testimony submitted by the applicant and other Borough residents and taxpayers at a public hearing and make an objective determination as to whether or not the applicant has complied with the applicable Borough Ordinances.

Council members must remain unbiased in their review and therefore cannot take a public position either “for” or “against” a pending application until after the public hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates satisfactory compliance with the applicable Borough ordinances, then the applicant will be granted approval, which may contain additional “reasonable” conditions imposed by Council. The applicant will be required to execute agreements with the Borough to ensure compliance with the approval and to address any conditions including, but not limited to, third party regulatory agency approvals and permits that may be required from agencies such as PennDOT, the Allegheny County Conservation District and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Dates and times of upcoming meetings are listed on Page 1 of this newsletter.

Quick facts about the Hillwood Project

- ✦ Formal consideration of the Churchill Creek Project Application for Conditional Use Approval and Application for Land Development Approval of the former Westinghouse property began on Jan. 6, 2021.
- ✦ The 134-acre property is located in a Commercial-1 (C-1) district of the Borough at 1310 Beulah Road.
- ✦ The applicant plans to demolish the existing blighted buildings to construct a new e-commerce distribution and logistics facility (“Fulfillment Center”) and related improvements.
- ✦ The Fulfillment Center includes one 4.5 story building (height of 100 feet) with a 634,812-square-foot footprint and total building area of approximately 2,919,700 square feet.
- ✦ The building will serve as a temporary storage facility for goods and products prior to delivery to the “last mile” distribution facility, from which they will be delivered to their final destination.
- ✦ The Fulfillment Center will include truck terminal facilities for delivery and distribution of the goods and products stored at the facility, as well as ancillary offices and other accessory uses.

A letter from Mayor Paul Gamrat

What a difference a year has made in our lives. We have been through a pandemic and are now on the upswing of regaining some sense of normalcy in our lives. Throughout this, the Borough continued its day-to-day operations with an abundance of caution and strict adherence to CDC guidelines.

During the year, we welcomed two new police officers to our force; Elizabethann (Libbi) Sage, and Justin Hott. Under the leadership of Chief Ron Akerley, the department's goal is to maintain the level of services the residents are accustomed to. We also maintain a fleet of five cars and recently added a hybrid vehicle, which has proven to be a cost-effective purchase.

Our Chief continues to advise residents to remember to keep the doors locked on their vehicles and mindful of the traffic signs and speed limits. We have quite a few walkers and we need to be on the lookout when driving our roads. Make sure your house numbers are easily visible from the road. This is very important, especially during emergencies.

Also, a reminder to be courteous to your neighbors during the summer months. Keep the noise level down, especially when it gets late. Make sure your pets are on a leash when walking and do not permit them to bark for lengths of time while outside.

We have several residents who have stepped up and given their time and expertise in helping to beautify the borough. We all want to thank April Kline for her planning and planting of the bioswale at the borough building. Ken Balkey has done a tremendous job of ensuring that our borough protects our tree canopy. Ken and several other residents worked for over a year to put together an ordinance that protects the trees.

I recently talked with Tom Dougherty from the Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) about the next steps at the Churchill Valley Greenway. The former Churchill Valley Country Club property has been acquired and will become our public green space with walking trails and open meadows. Community stakeholder and municipal input will definitely be part of the planning process. Thank you to all residents who joined in the fundraising campaign which ultimately led to the green space.



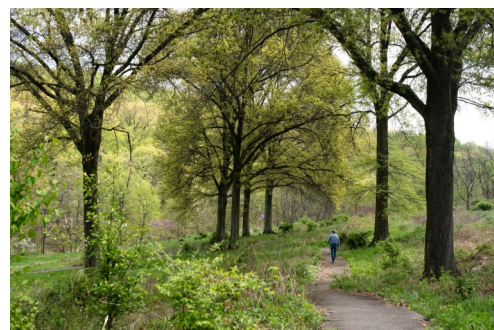
(l-r) Libbi Sage, Mayor Gamrat, Justin Hott

Allegheny Land Trust Acquires Churchill Valley Greenway Property

After more than two years of advocacy and fundraising, Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) has acquired the land of the former Churchill Valley Country Club, creating a 151-acre conservation site as the Churchill Valley Greenway. With 111 acres in Churchill and 40 acres in Penn Hills, the permanent protection of the Churchill Valley Greenway will preserve natural scenic beauty, provide a place for close-to-home outdoor recreation and environmental education, mitigate downstream flooding, prevent further traffic congestion and enhance the attractiveness of the area to prospective homeowners.

Over a two-year period, ALT raised the \$3 million purchase price with local support from 800 individuals in the community who donated more than \$273,000 and support from the state, county, foundations, organizations and businesses.

The community can expect to see property enhancements to improve safety, accessibility and aesthetics, including trail improvements, stream crossing reinforcements, temporary parking lot improvements, signage installation, and inspection of and planning for future repair of the Beulah Road bridges.



We've Got the Rain Garden Blues

The spring stars of the Churchill Borough Rain Garden are two native plants: *Amsonia tabermontana* (Willow Blue Star) and *Baptisia australis* (False Indigo). Both plants sport early spring blossoms that are bright blue in color. Honeybees and other pollinators are attracted to the color blue. The main function of a rain garden is to filter stormwater runoff before it enters local waterways. An important secondary benefit is to provide food and habitat for local wildlife.



Willow Blue Star



False Indigo

The Churchill Borough Rain Garden receives storm water runoff from an inlet drain installed in the parking lot along the west side of the borough building. The water is collected inside a steeply sloped bioswale that contains native plants. Its function is to slow the rate of rainwater entering the borough's storm sewer. The rain garden plants were selected for their ability to survive in adverse environmental conditions and to provide food and shelter for a wide variety of birds and beneficial insects.

Amsonia "Storm Cloud" is a dwarf cultivar that has navy-blue colored flowers in spring. Its milky sap makes it unpalatable to deer. The foliage turns golden yellow in autumn and the plant's long tap roots help to prevent erosion along the sidewalls of the bioswale. The blossoms of Willow Blue Star are visited by hummingbirds and native bees.

Baptisia australis is a shrub-like perennial with brilliant cobalt blue-colored blossoms. It has glaucous foliage that is attractive all summer and is the host plant for the larvae of several *Lepidoptera* species. This plant forms attractive black seed pods in early autumn. It's an excellent deer-proof perennial for the home garden as well as the rain garden.

-Compiled by April Kline, Rain Garden Committee

Churchill Garden Club: Planting, litter pickup... "and so much more"

Churchill Garden Club promotes an interest in horticulture, an appreciation of artistic design, and awareness of ecology and the environment. This club has been active since 1949 with continued effort to inspire our members of our goals through civic activities to beautify our borough.

We continue to work on the Churchill Common Gardens at the intersection of Beulah and Churchill roads. New trees have been planted and a pollinating garden is planned for the site. We welcome any volunteers who wish to join us. We recently added the maintenance of the bioswale located on the Borough Building property.

Our litter pickup committee meets at 9 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month in the borough building parking lot. We pick up litter on the entrance and exit ramps of the Parkway at Greensburg Pike, Churchill Road and William Penn Highway. We also clean other area roadways. We would appreciate any volunteers to pitch in and help. We provide vests and bags. Contact Paul Gamrat, president, at gamratpaul@gmail.com for more information.

Our schedule for Churchill Garden Club activities for 2021-2022 are as follows:

September -Tour Biblical Gardens at Rodef Shalom
October - Bike and Hike at BY Park
November - Glass blowing at Pittsburgh Glass Ctr.
December - Annual holiday and gift exchange
January and February - Hiatus

March - An Evening with Doug Oster
April - Tour of Raccoon State Park
May - Floral center piece workshop
June - Narcisi Winery tour
July and August - Hiatus

Before the scheduled activity, we have a membership meeting that includes a horticultural report, gardening tips and information on nearby events. We also have social time with member-provided refreshments. Please contact Eileen Kisloff for membership information at emtkisloff@gmail.com.

-Submitted by Pattie Gamrat



Wilkins Bicentennial: Connect with Churchill's past

Wilkins Township will celebrate its 200th anniversary with a Bicentennial Parade along Greensburg Pike at **10 a.m. September 18**. The Churchill VFD will participate. Churchill Borough was originally a part of Wilkins Township until seceding in 1934. A 5k race is scheduled for October 30. Other activities are set for November 13, culminating with fireworks at Penn Center.

C.C. Mellor Library Events: Summer 2021

For a complete listing of upcoming programs and events, visit www.ccmellorlibrary.org. Online program registration is at ccmellorlibrary.eventbrite.com. For adult programming, contact Erin Pierce at piercee@einetnetwork.net. For children's programming, contact Erin Tobiasz at tobiasze2@einetnetwork.net.

Library services continue to expand as state and local health guidelines allow. Please check out our website for the latest information on library services available at each location. www.ccmellorlibrary.org

- Adult Featured Programs -

- **Adult Summer Reading - June 14-August 14**

Summer reading is not just for kids! Track your reading and earn raffle tickets. Details online at www.ccmellorlibrary.org

- **Book Clubs and Community Groups**

CCM hosts a whole slew of book clubs for readers of all tastes and is home to several community groups. Please check our website for latest meeting information.

- Youth Programs -

All C.C. Mellor Memorial Library summer programs for children and teens will be held either virtually or outdoors. Outdoor programs will follow current masking and social distancing guidelines as outlined by the CDC and local health departments. Please check our website for more details.

- Outdoor Programs - through August 14 -

- **Storytime in the Park:** 10:30 a.m.

Just grab a picnic blanket and your face masks and join us for books, songs, and rhymes! Check our website or social media for weather cancellations.

Tuesdays: Koenig Field - Wednesdays: Lions Park - Thursdays: Westinghouse Lodge

- **Summer STEAM in the Park:** A weekly drop-in program geared for elementary-aged children with multiple stations for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math activities. Tuesdays 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Koenig Field in Edgewood - Wednesdays 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Lions Park in Wilkins Township

- **Cryptoclub**

Middle schoolers will use teamwork and math skills to make and break secret codes. Tuesday: July 6 at 2 p. m. at Koenig Field.

- **Outdoor Teen Hangs**

Ages 12-18, join us for a socially-distant hang and a new activity every time! July 8 and 22—6:30 p.m. at Westinghouse Lodge in Forest Hills.

- Virtual Programs -

- **Teen Group on Zoom**

Teen group is the time to hang over Zoom, play games, make projects, and just chill out. Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Email Allison Sennott at sennotta@einetnetwork.net for the link and password.

- **Teen Book Club on Zoom**

Third Monday of each month at 5 p.m. Please email Allison for a link to our virtual book discussion.

- **Virtual GSK Science in the Summer** with the Carnegie Science Center

GSK Science in the Summer™ keeps the learning going for students entering second through sixth grade. Students will pick up a kit of engineering projects and join library and Carnegie Science Center staff on a video call. Two separate sessions: Thursday, July 15, 12 p.m.- 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.

Infrastructure Corner

Streets to be Paved 2021

The Borough of Churchill 2021 road paving program consists of: **Woodland Hills Drive, Jamestown Place, and McCrady Road, from Beulah Road to Chapel Hill Road**

The work will be done by A. Liberoni, Inc. for an estimated total price of \$295,022.19, which includes a 10% contingency for any potential overages. The 2021 adopted budget amount for 2021 Road Program: \$283,050. Work will commence in late July and be completed by the end of August 2021. Residents and businesses directly affected will be notified by the contractor.

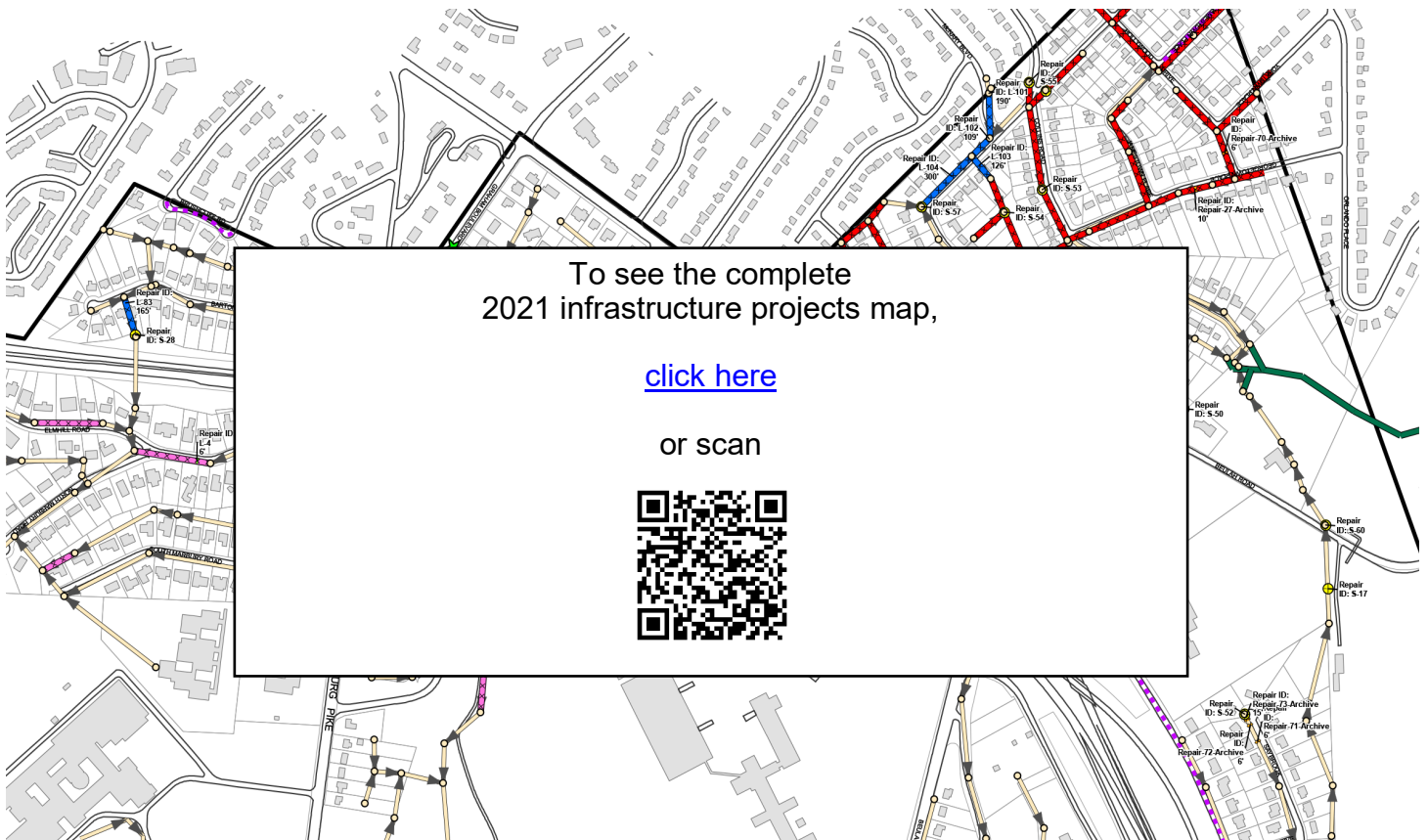
Sanitary Sewer Projects

The adopted budget amount for 2021 Sanitary Sewer Operation & Maintenance is \$250,000 as per the required work mandated by the PA Department of Environmental Protection's current consent order. There are three components to sanitary sewer operation and maintenance:

2021 SEWER CCTV INSPECTIONS AND CLEANING CONTRACT: Awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, State Pipe Services, Inc., for a unit price of \$89,487.50. This project includes sanitary and storm sewer closed circuit televising (CCTV), sewer cleaning, protruding tap cutting/removal, lateral launch camera investigations of sanitary sewer laterals, bypass pumping and blocking, associated traffic control, resident notification, mobilization, and cleanup.

2021 MANHOLE-TO-MANHOLE LINING CONTRACT: Awarded to Jet Jack, Inc. for the unit price of \$83,580. This project includes: Lining sanitary sewer lines from manhole to manhole to restore pipe integrity without full replacement in areas designated by the 2020 CCTV inspections. Jet Jack, Inc. performed similar work last year within the Borough and was the lowest bidder again this year as a part of their three-year bid.

2021 EXCAVATION CONTRACT: Awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Soli Construction, Inc. for the unit price of \$156,321.83. This project includes: Open cut pipe repair and installation of new manholes to ensure greater access to the Borough owned sewer lines per the consent order. Soli Construction, Inc. performed similar work last year within the Borough and was the lowest bidder again this year as a part of their three-year bid.



Collins Road Pump Station Project

In June 2021, Borough Council awarded the Collins Road Pump Station Demolition and Sewer Installation project to W.A. Petrakis Contracting, LLC for \$365,245. Project costs also include an additional \$650,000 tap-in fee to be paid to Penn Hills, for a complete project total of \$1,015,245.

This project includes the removal of an existing sanitary sewer pump station located at the eastern end of Collins Road next to the Blackridge Civic Center Park. Existing sewage flowing from 1,800 feet of existing lines will be redirected via gravity to existing lines in the Municipality of Penn Hills. To fund the project, the Borough has successfully applied for and received a grant commitment from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant program from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority for \$400,000.



Collins Road pump station

In addition, the Borough applied for and received a commitment from the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN) for a reimbursement grant funding under the Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) program for \$803,471.54. These funds should cover both the cost of the project and any required financial match by the Borough.

Construction is to begin in Fall 2021 and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.



Stormwater Sewer Projects

Kings Dale Road

In April, Borough Council awarded the storm sewer repair project to the lowest qualified bidder, Jet Jack, Inc. for a unit price of \$79,700. This project involves storm sewer repairs and partial replacement of the existing storm sewer near Kings Dale Road and includes the following items: Remove existing 36-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm sewer and install new 36-inch smooth-lined, corrugated plastic pipe (SLCPP) storm sewer; install new inlet.

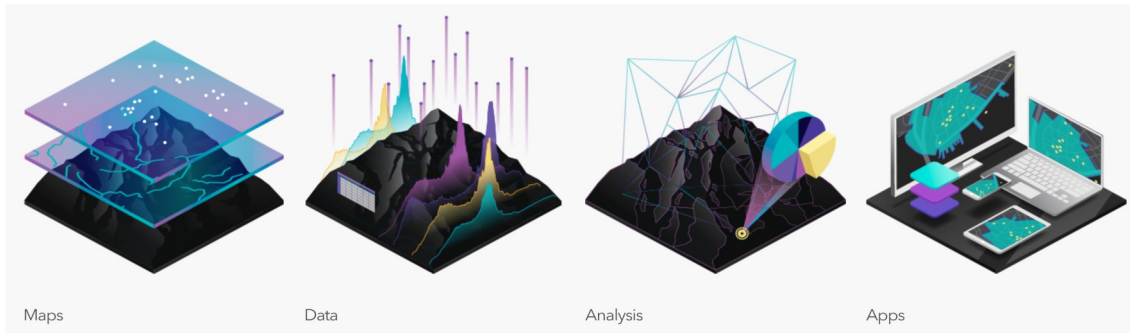
Traffic control and restoration of additional disturbed areas are also included within the project. The project started at the end of June and should be completed by mid-July. This project was made a priority due to the imminent risks it posed to public safety.

Graham Boulevard

A storm sewer repair project was awarded by Borough Council in 2020 to the lowest qualified bidder, Soli Construction, for a unit price of \$111,130.13. This project involves storm sewer repairs and relocation of the existing storm sewer between Graham Boulevard and Harmain Road, and includes the following items: Capping and filling existing 18-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) storm sewer and installing new 18-inch, smooth-lined corrugated plastic pipe (SLCPP) storm sewer; installing new inlet.

Traffic control and restoration of additional disturbed areas are also included within the project. The project is slated to start mid-July and should be completed within two to three weeks. Due to budgetary concerns, this project was initially delayed in 2020, but because of the imminent risks the state of the current storm sewer pipes posed to public safety, Borough Council made it a priority to complete in 2021.

GIS - What is it and why does it matter to Churchill?



GIS stands for Geographical Information Systems. GIS is a computer system that links location-based information and mapping to form a powerful tool for infrastructure management and much more. Most of the information in our world has a location which is easy to show and understand on a map. GIS takes things a step further and adds information about each unique feature of the map which then allows more complex analysis to identify trends or solve problems.

For example, knowing the location of the fire hydrants in the Churchill is important for our volunteer fire company. Having only this information is helpful but limiting. Using GIS can combine the location of each hydrant with additional information like the manufacturer, type, size, date installed, etc. Having more detailed information can help decision makers facilitate both long term planning and emergency situations. Imagine a call from the fire hydrant manufacturer saying there is a problem with a valve in a specific model of hydrants, the GIS system can be used to quickly search and identify all hydrants in the borough that need to be repaired. Further, government officials can quickly determine which hydrants are aging out and need to be replaced.

Churchill has been working diligently with our engineering consultant to add the borough infrastructure and information into GIS. This allows the infrastructure committee to plan for future needs and supports our public works employees in the field who have all the information at their fingertips while in the field dealing with our roads, sewers, and buildings. We are working to add public access GIS information to our website so for example, a resident could see the last time their street was paved and when it's next planned for replacement.

Profile: Ralph Zatlin, Fire Chief and Public Service Director



Ralph Zatlin wears many hats in his various roles with Churchill Borough. Not only does he serve as chief of Churchill Borough Volunteer Fire Department and as fire marshal, but he is also the Borough's public service director. He is also more involved in code enforcement, supplementing our efforts and those of BIU, the contracted code enforcement officers. He brings years of experience to these roles.

Zatlin has been a firefighter for 42 years and joined Churchill VFD 35 years ago. He became fire chief nine years ago. Prior to joining the Borough as road supervisor in August 2004, he worked for 10 years as maintenance supervisor for Robroy Industries. Over the last two decades, he has learned to be prepared for whatever the day brings.

"There is no normal day here," Zatlin explains. "You prioritize everything in a fashion so that the most important thing is done first. If it's snowing today, you don't fix the potholes."

Snow removal is one of the biggest challenges during the year because when residents park their vehicles in the street, it's hard for the plow to maneuver around them in a timely and safe fashion.

The fire department maintains up-to-date equipment and stands ready to serve residents in emergencies, but like many volunteer fire organizations, recruiting new members is a challenge.

Although Churchill VFD has 55 members, only 18 are active and only three are Churchill residents. The rest come from Penn Hills and Wilkesburg. Zatlin encourages young people to consider becoming a firefighter, noting that volunteer service looks good on a job resume.

In his spare time, Zatlin is an avid collector of scale-model fire trucks. Over the last 25 years, he acquired more than 150 of them, including some that are valuable to other collectors.

Profile: Ronald Akerley, Chief of Police



Police Chief Ronald Akerley has dealt confidently with criminal offenses to a plethora of traffic-related incidents—crashes, road rage, speeding and reckless driving—during his 20 years as a police officer, the last 14 with Churchill Borough. But when he played a security guard in the 2014 TV series “Those Who Kill,” he got rattled a bit. “I was in only one episode and only one scene, and I had just one speaking line,” he says, “and yet I was more nervous about that very brief scene than anything else I can ever remember!”

Promoted to chief in 2019 when then-Chief Roch Kujava retired, Akerley considers himself an involved, proactive and progressive chief. “I have high expectations of my officers,” he says. “I firmly believe in leading by example, and I would never ask of my officers something I would not or could not do myself.”

Akerley says training is of the utmost importance, and he plans to increase manpower and create rank and specialized positions where officers can progress in the area of law enforcement they gravitate toward. He sees maximizing each officer’s strengths and talents as helping to develop and maintain strong departmental morale. The department trains with the 13 other police agencies within the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments (TCVCOG), most recently focusing on active shooter incidents.

To standardize police training with neighboring departments, the officers are participating in multi-agency firearms stress and qualification courses. “All those factors combined would undoubtedly make for the best, most efficient and professional department to serve the residents and businesses of Churchill for years to come,” he says.

Two crimes particularly plague Churchill Borough—vehicle thefts and thefts from unlocked vehicles. In nearly every instance, the vehicles are left unlocked and with the keys inside at the time of the incident, the chief says.

In his free time, Akerley enjoys boating, fishing, and outdoor activities. An avid gym goer, he focuses on heavy weight training. A self-confessed “gearhead,” the chief loves “anything with a big engine that’s loud and fast! I do most of my own mechanical work on my personal vehicles and always enjoy those projects.”

Fast Facts About Open Burning in the Borough



Do you have a fire pit, chiminea or tabletop fireplace? Whether you know it or not, the smoke from your outdoor fire is spreading and can aggravate symptoms of asthma or other health concerns for your neighbors. Wood smoke contains air toxics and contributes to high levels of fine particulate pollution. Because they impact our health, outdoor fires are regulated in Allegheny County. This applies to burning of any kind.

Open burning is prohibited except by permit or when it is done in a manner which contributes a negligible amount of air contaminants meaning:

- No material other than clean wood, propane, or natural gas may be burned EXCEPT for commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs, or wood pellets.
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters for the purposes of starting a fire
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only
- Fires may be no larger than 3-feet wide by 3-feet long by 2-feet high.
- Fires must be at least 15 feet from the nearest neighbor's dwelling or inhabited area including the property line, roadway, sidewalk, or other public access area.

All wood burning activities are prohibited on Air Quality Action days, with the exception of burning for the commercial preparation of food. If you notice a smokey fire or nuisance burning, call Allegheny County Health Department’s 24-Hour Complaint Line at 412-687-2243 or submit a complaint at <https://alleghenycounty.mycusthelp.com>.

Remember to Move Over, Slow Down

Pennsylvania's Move Over Law requires drivers approaching an emergency response area who are unable to safely merge into a lane further away from the response area to slow to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit. An emergency response area is where an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing, or where road crews or emergency responders have lighted flares, posted signs or try to warn travelers.

The law, which went into effect this April: imposes two points for failure to move into the lane not next to the emergency response area; sets fines at \$500 for first-time offenders, \$1,000 for a second offense and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent offense; and requires a 90-day license suspension for a third or subsequent offense. Additional fines of up to \$10,000 can be imposed for injuries or deaths and fines are doubled for several traffic violations that occur where first responders are present.



Drivers approaching an emergency response area must safely merge into a lane further away from the response area.

Can't merge safely?
Slow to at least 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.

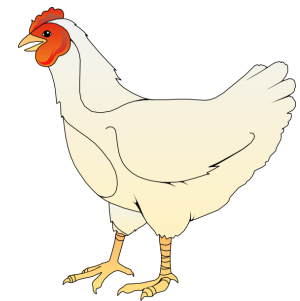


Highlights of the New Backyard Chicken Ordinance

In April, Churchill Borough Council adopted an ordinance to regulate the keeping of backyard chickens. Before making a decision to own chickens, be sure to consult with the Borough Office for a permit and read the ordinance in detail.

Highlights of the new ordinance are:

- ◆ No more than four chickens can be kept in the rear yards of single-family residential dwellings in R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4 residential zoning districts.
- ◆ Renters or non-owner occupants must first obtain permission from the property owner/landlord.
- ◆ Chicken coops and runs must be located at least 25 feet from any property lines.
- ◆ An annual backyard chicken permit will be required and any permit fees paid by the anniversary date of the first permit issued.
- ◆ No one shall slaughter or butcher any chicken or sell any chicken products, including eggs.
- ◆ Chickens must be kept in humane and sanitary conditions.



Summer Code Enforcement Reminders



Garbage Can Storage

Borough Ordinance 236-3 states that garbage cans should not be stored within the front of the property and should be returned to their storage areas no later than 24 hours after garbage pickup. Please return your cans to their storage areas promptly after pickup to avoid notice of violation.

High Grass

Borough Ordinance 302.4 states no grass and weeds surrounding a property should be more than six-inches in height. Please cut or schedule to have your grass cut and weeds trimmed on a regular basis to avoid notice of violation.

If you are found in violation of these ordinances, you will be notified either by mail or door hanger. If you do not comply within the allotted time, you will receive a formal citation.

The Churchill-Wilkins Rotary Does Good Community Work!



Our Churchill-Wilkins Rotary brings together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Our primary motto is “**Service Above Self.**”

To reach our goal, we do hands-on work and sponsor fundraisers, such as our Annual Golf Outing at Edgewood CC and a Wine Tasting and Dinner at Green Oaks CC. ALL the funds we raise are for local and international projects.

This year, the Churchill-Wilkins Rotary gave out 10 college scholarships, fed the hungry, purchased and delivered 350 dinners to the Rainbow Kitchen, worked on projects with Wilmerding Community Center, donated to Allegheny Land Trust for purchasing the Churchill Green Space, and more. Churchill-Wilkins Rotary Club has funded:

International Projects: Masai School in Kenya, school in the Dominican Republic, Rotary International project to eliminate polio worldwide and potable water projects in Africa and India.

Educational Support: Pace School, Woodland Hills Foundation scholarships, Community College of Allegheny County Founders Endowed Scholarships, Masai project to educate 10 African women, dictionaries for Woodland Hills students, and donating food, scholarships and housing.

Fighting Hunger: Thanksgiving turkey dinners for 350 people, Rainbow Kitchen WAR on Hunger, Boyce Campus Food Bank, Pittsburgh Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.

Community Projects: Family Links Angel Tree, Monroeville Arts Council, Wilmerding Community Center, Churchill Community Days, Churchill Garden Club, Lincoln-Lemington Community Walk and Health Fair, Autism Summer Camp at Beulah Presbyterian Church and Boy Scout Eagle projects.

Churchill-Wilkins Rotary is a non-political and non-religious international organization open to all, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or age. Membership is open to people in management and business ownership positions, as well as retirees and people from all walks of life. Rotary meets the first Wednesday each month for lunch and to hear from speakers. We would be honored to have you join us at one of our lunches as our guest. Please email Paul Gamrat at gamratpaul@mail.com or call 412-731-9095.

Don't Risk Lyme Disease, Beware of Ticks

Many ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, and less commonly carry other disease-causing organisms, which can be severe and infect the joints, heart and nervous system. The risk of getting Lyme disease is high in this area, according to the Allegheny County Health Department. Generally, a tick must be attached for 24 to 36 hours or more before the bacteria that causes Lyme disease is transmitted.



Be proactive:

- Use a repellent that contains at least 20% DEET.
- Wear light-colored clothing.
- Walk in the center of trails and avoid wooded areas or areas with brush, high grass and leaves.
- Conduct full-body tick checks on yourself, children and your pets after spending time outside.
- Take a bath or shower within two hours of coming inside.

If you detect a red bulls-eye shape rash or develop a fever, chills, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches or swollen lymph nodes, notify your primary care provider. Residents should watch for symptoms and notify their primary care provider immediately.

Contact the Borough, Keep Informed

Any resident who has questions or concerns about Churchill Borough matters is encouraged to contact Borough Manager Alex Graziani at 412-758-8818 or alex@churchillborough.com.

The Borough website is a one-stop source of information about Churchill, such as the Borough Code online, meeting agendas and minutes, past newsletters, community calendar and recreation programs. Visit www.churchillborough.com.

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