

CHURCHILL

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BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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"The Easter Bunny will be hoppin' through the Borough on Saturday, March 22, 2008"

THE CHURCHILL RECREATION BOARD AND FIRE COMPANY WILL PASS OUT SPECIAL TREATS TO CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE.

AM TIME	STREET	PM TIME	STREET
10:00	MCCRADY/SAYBROOK	1:15	OLD BEULAH/BEULAH
10:10	FOREST DRIVE	1:20	WOODLAND HILLS
10:20	COLLINS ROAD	1:30	KINGSDALE
10:30	HOLLYWOOD	1:40	HOMER
10:45	BARTON DRIVE	1:50	HAMPSTEAD
10:55	MARBURY DRIVE	2:05	ROSE
11:00	GREENSBURG PIKE	2:10	BRANNING
11:05	MARGATE ROAD	2:15	HOLLAND
11:10	GARDEN TERRACE	2:30	HUNTINGDON
11:30	RURAL COURT	2:40	RIDGEWOOD
11:40	HENLEY DRIVE	2:55	NOTTINGHAM/SCATHELOCKE
12:00	THORNBERRY	3:05	CHURCHILL
12:10	GARRICK DRIVE		
12:30	FENWICK		

2008 REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENTS will be mailed on or about March 1. Council has held the millage rate for the third consecutive year at .00400 mills. The discount date deadline is April 30, and the face amount deadline is June 30, with a 10% penalty thereafter. If you have paid off your mortgage or refinanced, and your taxes are not escrowed, immediately notify the Borough Office.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX, formerly known as the Emergency Medical Services Tax and before that the Occupation Privilege Tax, is due at the rate of \$1.00/week if you earn \$12,000 or more annually. It is payable quarterly to the Borough of Churchill and remit to the Borough Office. For more information and to download forms visit our website at www.churchillborough.com.

THE CHURCHILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY needs volunteers to participate as a firefighter, driver or with a multitude of other functions such as administrative work, equipment maintenance, recruiting, emergency planning, etc. For more information stop by the firehouse (located behind the Borough Building) on any Thursday evening at 7 pm, e-mail the Fire Company President, Brian Papa, at bjp14@verizon.net or call the firehouse at 412-241-3449.



PRIMARY PURPOSE

The Pennsylvania Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. That is when political party members choose their candidates for the November General Election. Since Pennsylvania is a "closed primary state" Voters registered "Independent" or "Not Affiliated" cannot take part, although they can vote on any ballot questions or referendums. Of course, everyone can and should vote in the fall. Any United States citizen who will be 18 years of age by April 22 can register NOW to vote for the April Primary. Registration forms are available at the Churchill Borough Building and must be returned to the Allegheny County Voter Registration Office by mail or in person by March 24, 2008. (NOTE: The same form can be used for a change of name, address or a change of registration (e.g. from Independent to either Democratic or Republican) in order to be able to take part in the Primary Election.) For those away at college or whose health condition or travel plans prevent them from appearing at the polls, absentee ballot request forms are also at the Borough Building. Voting an absentee ballot is a 2-step process, which takes time so it is not too early now to send in the first form requesting the official absentee ballot. The completed, official ballot must be received at the County Election Division by April 18, the Friday before Election Day, April 22.

Contesting candidates will be on the primary ballot this year for the national offices of President of the United States and U.S. Representative from the 18th Congressional District. At the state level, candidates will compete for Treasurer, Auditor General, and Attorney General. There are also uncontested candidates for State Senator (43rd District) and State Representative (34th District). DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE to select the best man, or woman, for each of these important posts.

Polls will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Yagle Room of the Borough Building (for District 1), at the Woodland Hills Administration Building (for Districts 2 and 3), and at the Pace School (for District 4). Call the Borough Office (412-241-7113) if you are uncertain about your voting location.

PLEASE! It's a Churchill tradition to avoid litter and visual pollution. In that spirit, please do not display political Signs until two weeks before the election, April 8 or at the earliest, the weekend before that, April 6.

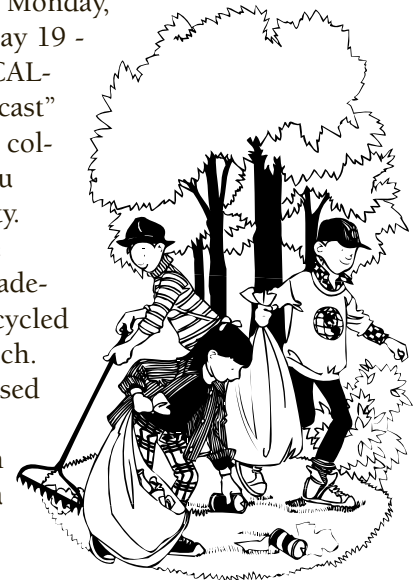
KADS – YE GADS!

If you are annoyed by those tightly rolled advertising fliers that appear from time to time on your driveway, call KADS at 412-881-3001 and ask to have the deliveries STOPPED. Free speech issues prevent the Borough from taking collective action.



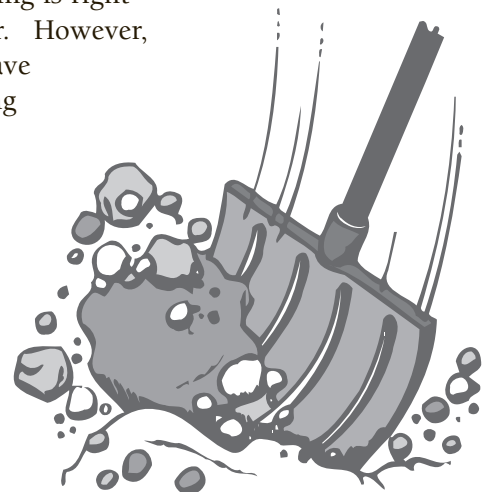
TWO COLLECTION DATES FOR SPRING LEAVES (ONLY)...

have been scheduled for Monday, April 28 and Monday, May 19 - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. We try to "forecast" favorable dates for these collection efforts but, as you know, it's an impossibility. Make sure the leaves are placed in paper, biodegradable bags that will be recycled for the "black gold" mulch. The bags may be purchased at the Borough Building or Tyke's Gulf Station on the Greensburg Pike at a cost of \$3.00/5 bags.



SNOWFALL IS COMING TO AN END...

we hope, and Spring is right around the corner. However, we continue to have residents shoveling snow onto the roadway. This is not only against the law, but a safety hazard. Please be aware that you may be fined up to \$600, plus costs.

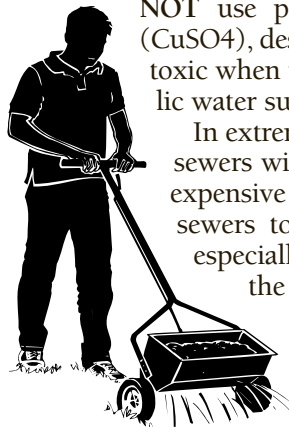


ENVIRONMENTAL ALERTS

*With harbingers of spring appearing daily,
it is time to consider some seasonal items.*

Tree roots in sewer lines. From a tree's "viewpoint" household and storm sewers are great places to get a drink during droughts. Tiny feeder roots enter cracks or joints in sewer lines and their growth enlarges the crack or pushes apart the joint. As remedies for root-clogged sewers: Call a licensed plumber who will be able to diagnose the cause of the blockage and, if is due to tree roots, he will use mechanical clean-out devices and/or chemical products that destroy roots without harming the tree.

Do-it-yourselfers can buy "Roebic's Foaming Root Killer" or "Root X" at garden or plumbing supply stores. These products contain dichlobenil as the active ingredient. Be sure to follow package directions exactly. **DO NOT** use products containing copper sulfate (CuSO₄), despite their availability. The copper is toxic when it ends up in groundwater and public water supplies.



In extreme cases, clogged, severely damaged sewers will need to be replaced. This is very expensive so it is wise to inspect your storm sewers to make sure they are free-flowing, especially in wet weather. Keep an eye on the sanitary sewer lines inside the home as well, remaining alert to any backups, however small or temporary.

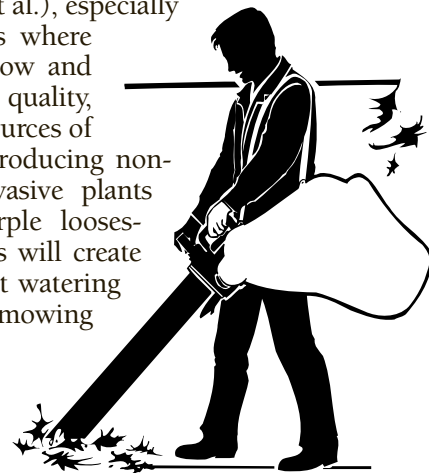
2) Emerald ash borer. A bit less than 1" long, this metallic green insect (a native of Asia) is in our area. It targets all four ash tree species and its burrowing larvae girdle and almost always kill infected specimens. **Do not transport firewood** from out-of-area recreation sites. All wood should be purchased locally and burned entirely. Report possibly infested trees by e-mail to Badbug@state.pa.us or by phone to the PA Dept. of Agriculture: 1-866-253-7189.

The mowing season is about to begin. Gasoline-powered mowers are "little pollution factories on wheels." Along with leaf blowers, weed whackers and similar gas-powered devices, mowers are responsible for nearly 5% of the nation's air pollution during the summer. Consider some remedies:



When it is time to replace your gas mower, a cordless electric mower is a good option. The Neuton Mower, made in Vermont, (ca. \$340) runs on rechargeable batteries. Fully charged, it runs for up to an hour and works well on small to medium-sized lawns. A push mower is the best option for homeowners with small lawn areas. In addition, the physical exercise can be beneficial to users.

Shrink the lawn. Install a rock garden; create an island of small, native trees and/or shrubs; transform a section of your garden into a wildflower meadow; replace grassy areas with ground cover plants (e.g. sedums, coral bells, partridge-berry et al.), especially in shade or on slopes where grass is difficult to grow and mow. Check with a quality, local nursery to find sources of material but avoid introducing non-native, potentially invasive plants (e.g. English ivy, purple loosestrife). These measures will create habitat for wildlife, cut watering expenses and reduce mowing chores.



CURIOUS ABOUT THE CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS IN YOUR AREA?

Then you'll want to come and join your neighborhood Coldwell Banker realtors for an informative question and answer session. There will be four realtors and a mortgage representative on hand to answer any questions. So come and join us on March 27 at the Churchill Borough Building in the Yagle Community Room from 7-8:30 PM.

*You bring the questions and we'll bring refreshments of cookies and coffee.
A \$100 gas card will be raffled.*

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*Thank you from your neighbors and friends
at Coldwell Banker Real Estate.*

RENT THIS SPACE!

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Blackridge Swim Club Welcomes New Members

The Blackridge Swim Club (BSC) is offering new members the opportunity to join the pool for summer 2008. The BSC is an outdoor swimming facility located off Beulah Rd. in Churchill.

Its facilities include a five-lane, 20-yard lap pool, baby pool, grassy areas and sun deck, vending machines, and rest rooms with showers.

Kids of all ages are invited to join the Barracudas, BSC's swim team.

**For more information, email
BlackridgeSwimClub@gmail.com or contact
Dave Bauer at 412-243-0707.**

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