

# BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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## CHURCHILL RECREATION BOARD SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2008

Churchill has many fine and interesting residents. Unfortunately, in many instances, they just don't have the opportunity to meet each other. The mission of the Churchill Recreation Board is to:

*“To promote community involvement, interaction, awareness, and unity within the Borough through planned activities for all ages.”*

The Churchill Recreation Board (CRB) is working to plan activities that will appeal to a wide spectrum of Churchill residents, — old, young, and in-betweens, retired and working people, nature lovers and book lovers. If we have overlooked your group, let us know what kind of activities might appeal to you and get involved to make them happen. All of the activities need Churchill residents to volunteer and to participate to make the events successful. Thus far, the following activities have been planned:

### FOR THE CHILDREN OF CHURCHILL:

Oct. 25 (Saturday) from 2 to 4 pm – A *Halloween Party* will be held in the Yagle Room at the Churchill Borough Building (2300 Wm. Penn Hwy). Games, crafts, prizes, and refreshments will be enjoyed by children ages 3 to 12. Volunteers will be needed at 7 pm the evening before (10/24) to help decorate and set up activities and treats. Additional help will be needed to assist during the party. (P.S. Teen helpers are welcome!) To volunteer or to ask for further information, call Bob at (412) 247- 1173.



Nov. 16 (Sunday) from 1 to 3 pm - A *Movie Matinee* will be shown at Pace School (off from Greensburg Pike, behind the Woodland Hills Administration Building), which will feature a Family film for children and accompanying parents. Popcorn will be served. (This is a good way to meet other families with youngsters!)



### FOR NATURE LOVERS & FAMILIES:

Oct. 11 [with a rain date of Oct. 18] (Saturday) – A *Walk in the Woods* from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm – Spend a Saturday morning walking in the woods of Bullock Pens Park to enjoy the changing season as autumn approaches. The park, which had fallen into disrepair over the years, has had some recent renovation work done. So don your hiking boots or comfortable walking shoes to see the improvements that have been made and to appreciate the work that still needs to be done in the spring (See below). Hot dogs will be roasted for an outdoor lunch.



An experienced leader will introduce residents to the history, the plant and animal life, and the recreational opportunities of our only municipal park. There will be a guided walk on the 1-mile trail and an optional shorter hike along the park valley.

To reach the park, take McCrady Road (in front of Beulah Presbyterian Church) to its end. Turn left (carefully as cars are exiting on the highway ramp ahead of you) onto the park entry road. Meet at the Biber Shelter visible below the end of the park road.

Come see the park for yourself and bring your neighbors since parking is limited. The leaves should be at or near peak color as Bullock Pens has a notable assortment of mature, native trees. If you have questions, call Sheila at (412) 731-6297.

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## FOR THE SOCIABLE ADULTS OF CHURCHILL:

Nov. 12 (Wednesday) – A *Wine Tasting Party* has been scheduled at the Bacchus Bistro & Wine Bar, 2104 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills from 6:30 to 9 pm. Sample the tastes of three types of wines, enjoy munching a variety of appetizers, and learn from a wine expert with Capital Wine & Spirits about the fine points of enjoying wines. Tickets, which cost \$20 per person, can be purchased at the borough office. Please RSVP by November 5. If you need additional information, call Lynn at (412) 244 - 9125.

## FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO LECTURES:

For the many residents of Churchill who subscribe to either the Drue Heinz Lecture Series or the Pittsburgh Speakers' Lecture Series, if you would like to arrange sharing the trip with other Churchill subscribers, join the "*Lecture Carpool Club*" by calling Sheila (412) 731-6297 or emailing [smozer@churchillborough.com](mailto:smozer@churchillborough.com). Names will be collected and people will be put in contact with each other to share the trip. Subscribers can then either take turns driving or the riders who don't

drive can pay for parking or gas. That way instead of 20 cars driving from Churchill to downtown or Oakland, perhaps only 10 will make that trip. Plus, you will meet residents with similar interests as yourself. Think of the interesting discussions on the Parkway East en route home.



## COMING IN 2009:

For the Book Lovers of Churchill: **Jan. 14 (Wednesday)** - A new Book Discussion Group will debut in Churchill. A librarian from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Leigh Ann Vrabel, who has extensive experience organizing and launching successful Book Groups, will meet with Churchill residents who might be interested in becoming part of a Churchill Book Discussion Group. Depending on who shows up at that initial meeting and their needs and interests, a regular time [day and/or evening] would be agreed upon for the group or two groups, if warranted. Meetings will be held in the Yagle Room with participants taking turns providing the refreshments. Why drive to Oakland or Squirrel Hill for literary discussions?



**Feb. 7 (Saturday)** - A Winter Blahs Party is scheduled for the "grown-ups" of Churchill, who could use some socialization during that dreary period after the holidays and before spring arrives. It will be held at D'Imperio's at Penn Center from 7 until 9 pm. Pre-purchase of tickets for food (\$16 per person) will be available at the borough building. D'Imperio's will offer a cash bar. Please make your reservations by February 4.

**In January and March**, (Sundays afternoons from 1 to 3 pm), the Movie Matinees will resume in the new year at Pace School featuring Family type films for children and accompanying parents. Popcorn will again be served. Dates will be announced.

Churchill residents interested in understanding and viewing the wonders of the nighttime sky are invited to attend a Star Gazing Evening. Volunteers with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh (one of the largest such groups in the United States) will discuss astronomy, followed by a "star party" (weather permitting), at which time residents will be provided the opportunity to view the heavens through telescopes provided by club members. The date and site will be announced in a later Churchill newsletter.

**April 11 (Saturday)** – The annual Bunny Parade will travel throughout Churchill to dispense candy and treats to the children lining our streets. A timetable will be published in the Spring Churchill newsletter announcing the arrival times of the Bunny at each street.



**May 23 (Saturday)** - A "Community Park Fix-up Day" has been scheduled to bring our residents together to help make our Bullock Pens Park a place Churchill can be proud of. Garden Clubs, high school students needing community service hours, Boy & Girl Scouts, dog-walkers, residents who love the outdoors, nature, and anyone else who wants to make our environment a better, greener place. Refreshments will be served to volunteer workers.

**Volunteers will be needed** to help make all of the plans become reality. You can meet some of those really nice people of Churchill as you work together on a committee and then attend the resulting event. Helping with an activity would also be an excellent way for Churchill teens to get acquainted. If you would like to get involved and volunteer for a CRB event committee, or if you have a question, email [smozer@churchillborough.com](mailto:smozer@churchillborough.com). If you don't have email, call the Borough Building at (412) 241 - 7113 to leave a message about your interest or your question.

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Keep your eyes open for final details and updates for the 2009 CRB events on the Churchill website ([www.churchillborough.com](http://www.churchillborough.com))\* and in future Churchill newsletters, which will be mailed to your home.

\* Make the Churchill website one of your "favorite places" on your computer and check it out from time to time.

## HERE ARE SOME ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAYS TO COPE WITH YOUR LEAVES

Rake leaves off paved areas to avoid slipping accidents and off lawn areas to prevent matting and suffocation of the grass. Heap these leaves into a compost pile in an inconspicuous place on your property, preferably behind a 3-sided enclosure. Add a little lime and all-purpose fertilizer and let nature do the rest, converting the leaves into high quality compost for your spring garden. A "How to Compost" flier is available at the Borough Building. Leaves that fall around trees, shrub, groundcovers, and perennial beds can stay there, forming a 6-8" winter blanket. Leave an uncovered moat around tree bases to keep rodents from nesting and feasting against the bark.



Chip or shred leaves and small branches (several types of small, electric-powered tools are available for this purpose) and spread the resulting mulch at the bases of all garden plants and exposed soil areas.

Bag excess leaves in special, biodegradable, PAPER sacks. Oak leaves may need to be dealt with in this way if they are not chipped because they are rich in tannins and take many years to break down. Bagged leaves are taken to the joint municipal compost site at the corner of Rodi Rd. and Wm. Penn Highway where they are chopped, mounded, turned, moistened, and readied for residents to pick up as "black gold" compost every spring (watch for dates in the Spring Newsletter).

It is worth remembering that the use of gasoline or electric leaf blowers creates noise, particulates, and gaseous pollutants (including greenhouse gases) that are real health threats. Try hand raking and composting once or twice a week as a seasonal break from your exercise machine or gym regimen. Enjoy your leaves spring, summer, and fall. Show children their varied shapes and vein patterns. Collect some for a fall collage or door wreath. When adding or replacing shrubs and trees consider species with narrow or thin leaves that degrade quickly (avoid oaks!). Remember that the wind blows both ways. Leaves you allow to blow toward a neighbor may return to you with a lot of ill will.

**LOTS OF LEAVES** – The Fall season for collection of leaves will be every Monday morning on November 3, 10, 17 and 24. Only leaves must be placed in biodegradable, paper bags and placed at the curb Sunday evening. Bags may be purchased at the Borough Building or Tyke's Shell Station on the Greensburg Pike at a cost of 5 bags/\$3.00.



*It is time, once again, to deal with the annual "turning of the leaves." Here in the temperate growth zone we get to enjoy the fall leaf "peeping" season with its showy canopy of orange, crimson, lemon, and all shades in between. Then, as the dying leaves fall to the ground property owners begin to consider them a nuisance, instead of the valuable, mineral-rich resource they are.*

## C.C. MELLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Looking for a fun activity for your preschool children? Join us for story time! Story time consists of thematic stories, finger plays & rhymes, felt stories and a craft project. Children 2-5 with a caregiver are invited to participate.

**10 AM Friday Morning**  
**Churchill Borough Building – Yagle Room**



**THE VALLEY MIRROR NEWSPAPER** will be used as the official newspaper of the Borough due to the cancellation of the Woodland Progress. They will cover all future news items and legal notices. If you wish to subscribe please call 412-462-0626. The paper can also be purchased at various newsstands in the area, including Kuhn's supermarket.

If you have any **OLD PICTURES OF THE BOROUGH**, the Borough would like to borrow them and determine if they could be enlarged and framed to help decorate the walls of the Yagle Community Room. All pictures will be returned to the owner. If interested, please drop them off at the Municipal Building.

**THE REAL ESTATE TAX PAYMENT** for Woodland Hills School District is due at face by October 31. If you chose the installment plan the second payment is due November 30 and final payment will be due February 28, 2009.

**SANTA PARADE** is scheduled for Saturday, December 20. The Volunteer Fire Department will be posting flyers with designated times for the streets as we get closer to the date.

**Churchill AARP Chapter #1411** meets at St. John Fisher Church Beauford Hall the third Tuesday of every month starting in September to May. We have no meetings in June, July and August. In June we have our End-of-the Year Luncheon. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Bring your lunch and coffee, tea and dessert are provided by the Chapter. A donation of \$1.00 is requested at the sign-in table to defray the cost of refreshments. Entertainment at 1:00 PM following the business meeting.

We also have a card club that meets on Wednesday in Beauford hall at 11:45 AM. Coffee and tea are provided. Our bowling league meets



on Friday at 10:00 AM at the New Great Valley Bowling Center. We are a fun league and averages don't count. Free coffee and doughnuts are provided by the bowling alley.

Throughout the year our tour director has one-day and multi-day trips.

We are handicap accessible and ample parking is available in the church's lower parking lot. Members receive a newsletter every month but not during the summer. All you Seniors in Churchill become a member as we do offer a lot of activities.

Dues are \$12.00 a year. For further information, call Teresa on 412-824-0757 and leave your name, phone number and a short message.

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 4

Help elect the next President and Vice President as well as our Congressional Representative (18th District), and both our Senator and Representative in Harrisburg. These national and state offices are on the November 4 ballot, along with a referendum on establishing a fund for a wastewater management facility in Pennsylvania. There may also be a question on the county drink tax.

**Polls will be open from 7AM to 8PM.** If you are uncertain about your polling location call the Borough Office at 412-241-7113. The registration deadline was October 6, but there is still time to get an absentee ballot if you will be out of town on Election Day or if you are disabled. Applications are available at the Borough Building. It is a two-step process so do not delay. Call the Allegheny County Election Division (6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Bldg.) at 412-350-4500 if you have questions about voting. Completed absentee ballots must be received at the Election Division by Oct. 31.



## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Any Woodland Hills High School senior who has completed an environmental project is eligible for a monetary award given by the Churchill Area Environmental Council and its member municipalities. The deadline for applications is March 30, 2009. The website [www.CPEG-Inc.com/CAEC](http://www.CPEG-Inc.com/CAEC) has the application form and details, or call 412-241-7113.

### *Message from Mayor McKenna...*

The community gardens once again enjoyed a spectacular year! The fantastic volunteers, abundant rainfall in the early summer and a great foundation of perennials certainly enhanced the beauty of the borough. Special thanks to the following people for their Saturday morning dedication: Maryann James, Beverly Dodson, Bill & Pat Hauser, Kelly Koss, Audrey & Clarence Baldwin, Joan & Milton Gottlieb, Sally Adkins, Inge Farrell, Rose Crisanti, Judy Levick, Joyce Bolanovich and Penny McKenna! Enjoy your winter break...see you in the spring!

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