



BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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THE BUNNY PARADE

On Saturday, April 11th, The Churchill Fire Company and the CRB will co-sponsor the annual Bunny Parade, which tours our community delivering special treats to children ages 12 and under. Every effort will be made to adhere to the following schedule:

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE.

<u>AM TIME</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>PM TIME</u>	<u>STREET</u>
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		

CONSENT ORDER UPDATE

We will continue to work on our sewers this spring and summer. This is year 5 of the Consent Order and the Borough is on schedule in all phases. The areas we will be working this year include Fenwick Drive, Lancewood Drive, Lewin Lane, Marbury Road, Barton Drive, Graham Blvd., McCrea Road and Greensburg Pike. Affected residents will be notified before work begins and all restoration work will be done to the satisfaction of the homeowner. Just a reminder, this year's Sewer Surcharge is \$2.50 per thousand gallons of water used. Borough Council works very hard to keep this surcharge as low as possible and we continue to have one of the lowest surcharges in our area.

EDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB ANNOUNCES OFFER TO CHURCHILL BOROUGH RESIDENTS

Edgewood Country Club has been known for years as a local community club with fantastic dining and excellent service. In celebration of Churchill Borough's 75th Anniversary, Edgewood Country Club is offering a special Dining Membership to Borough residents. Residents will now have the opportunity to enjoy casual dining in a family friendly atmosphere right here in their backyard. This limited time offer is a great way for residents to "get a taste of Edgewood" while avoiding traffic and saving gas. Kick back with fellow neighbors in the Donald Ross Grille & Bar or enjoy a glass of wine on the patio during a warm summer night while watching the sunset.

Other Edgewood Country Club membership options are also available. Edgewood members enjoy the full recreational facilities at the club; including a Donald Ross designed golf course, swimming pool, tennis and paddle tennis courts, and a fitness center. Please contact Sara at Edgewood Country Club at 412.823.7300, or e-mail admin@eccgolf.com, for more information.

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real estate tax statements have been mailed. The discount amount is due by April 30 and the face amount due by June 30. Checks are made payable to Daniel R. Duerring, Tax Collector. If you have paid off your mortgage since last June, please call the borough office for a duplicate bill.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHURCHILL

(Mark your calendar now. Plan to attend.)

The Churchill Recreation Board (CRB) has planned upcoming events for Churchill residents of all ages to promote community involvement, interaction, awareness and unity within our Borough. The CRB hopes that you will take part in some or all of them to enjoy your hometown and to meet your neighbors. If you do plan on attending, please RSVP to the Borough Office (412) 241-7113 by three days before an event so we can more accurately prepare the right quantity of food or supplies.

STAR GAZING PARTY: On Friday, April 24th, Churchill residents are invited to celebrate 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy and the 400th Anniversary of Galileo's first use of the telescope. Volunteers with the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, one the nation's largest such organizations, will bring their telescopes to the Edgewood Country Club's golf course to provide viewing opportunities of the night time sky. Beginning at 7 pm a brief lecture on Astronomy will be presented to our residents in the ECC Clubhouse, followed by a walk out to the golf course for star gazing. Obviously this activity is weather dependent. If the sky is cloud covered, only the lecture will take place. Light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP by 4/22.



BULLOCK PENS PARK FIX-UP DAY: Churchill does have a park but it's hidden away and many residents don't know that it's there. Over the years it fell into disrepair but recently there have been some major efforts to improve the park. On Saturday, May 16th [with Sunday, the 17th as a rain date], we are asking Churchill residents to come to the park and help to make it better. (Maybe we can't fix the world but we can improve our corner of it.) Work will begin at 9 am. If you can't get there that early, come when you can. to remove invasive weeds, plant native trees/shrubs, paint equipment, and other general tasks. At noon, we'll have a roasted hot dog lunch for the volunteers. There will be a guided walk on the one mile park trail for interested participants. This is a perfect opportunity for a garden club or family project, for dog walkers to give back to the park, or for students and scouts who need to complete a community service project. Bring work gloves, basic gardening tools, a small shovel, and a gallon or two of water. If you have any violets, wild geranium, bloodroot, jack-in-the-pulpit, ferns, or other native perennials to donate, they would add color and diversity to the park's flora. Please RSVP by 5/13.



CHURCHILL BOOK CLUB: In January a Book Club formed in Churchill, which meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Yagle Room of the Borough Building. If enough readers want to join, a day time group could also form. The schedule and books selected for spring are:



March 18 *Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
April 15 *Snow Flower & the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
May 20 *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
If you are interested in joining, RSVP by three days before the meeting.

CHURCHILL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY: On Saturday, August 29th Churchill will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation with a picnic and community day. It will be held at the Plaza area of the Westinghouse R & D property. Details of the event are now being planned but the CRB welcomes the input of all of our residents to make it the kind of occasion that you will enjoy. We are looking for long time residents of Churchill who have been here for 25 years (Silver Level), 50 years (Gold Level), and even 75 years (the Diamond Level) so they can be acknowledged. If you have lived in Churchill that long or know of someone who has, please let us know. We are also trying to collect the history of Churchill so if you have any memories or photos to share, please send them to the Borough Office marked "Churchill 75th Memories." Please identify items you want returned.

We don't have a lot of money to spend on this event, so it has to be mainly people-powered, rather than driven by many purchased niceties. Please consider being a representative for your street in organizing activities. If someone or a group from each street would get together to say, "Holland, Greensburg Pike, Marbury, Henley, Barton, Williamsburg, Thornberry, Kings Dale, Ridgewood, etc. is going to offer a certain activity or game, food, or entertainment" think what an interesting "Churchill Day" it could be. Churchill musicians and entertainers are invited to take part in the event. This is an opportunity for Churchill business owners or representatives to promote their companies by co-sponsoring the event. All donations are gladly accepted. [Call Lynn at (412) 244-9125 to discuss donor options.] The CRB will meet in the Yagle Room at 7 pm on March 30th, April 27th, and May 18th (Mondays). We welcome -- no, we need -- your participation to make this a special celebration for a special community. Please join us to get involved in celebrating this milestone.



CHURCHILL GARDEN CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 21 – PRESENTATION ABOUT ORCHIDS – Phipps Garden Center, 1059 Shady Ave. Leave Churchill Municipal Building at 9:30AM

April 15 – BOTANICAL SOAPS – Cyndi Fink, presenter. Churchill Municipal Building in the Yagle Room at 10AM. Guests welcomed

2009 IS CHURCHILL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

Road Report by Rick Kline

Through the collaborative efforts of Craig Robinson, Borough Manager, and Penn Dot, three traffic signals in the borough have been significantly updated and improved with little cost to the borough. The signals have been upgraded to energy efficient LED lights, extended green for left turns and new lane markers. The intersections at Churchill / Beulah and Penn / Graham now have a left turn with caution in addition to the green arrow. This improvement will save residents vast amounts of time and money, a truly "green" environmental program.

Many thanks go to Penn Dot for improving the Churchill entrance ramp going towards Pittsburgh. The merge lane now extends all the way to the Wilkesburg exit, allowing motorists plenty of time to merge into traffic without coming to a stop at the end of the ramp. Hopefully the Mayor will issue a proclamation to Penn Dot for completing the Best and #1 Improvement to the Interstate System.

No paving projects are scheduled for the summer of 2009. Spot repairs and lane markings will be done on an as-needed basis. Unfortunately, the federal funds for local "shovel ready" projects that were in the original stimulus package have been deleted. All money from the package has now been redirected to the state governments for distribution. The Borough has been aggressively pursuing federal funds and will continue to follow up.

C. C. Mellor Memorial Library
1 Pennwood Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15218
412-731-0909

DISCOVERY CLUB

The C. C. Mellor Memorial Library will offer a six week Discovery Club on Thursdays at 10:30am from March 26 to May 14 at the Churchill Borough Building. Liz Kostandinu will use the theme Ponds to delivery a program on water and the animals and plants that inhabit ponds. The program is part story hour and part hands-on discovery activities. It is geared to children ages three and up, and younger brothers and sisters are welcome. Please call the library with questions and to register.

EVENING PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

During the school year the C. C. Mellor Library will be offering evening programs for parents and their children at the Churchill Borough Building. We'll kick the series off on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30pm with We Two Read. Families are asked to read a book in advance, come for a book discussion and related activities. Copies of the book will be available for pick up at the Borough Building. This month's selection is the book chosen as The One Book Every Young Child for Pennsylvania, *If You Were a Penguin* by Wendell and Florence Minor.

On Thursday, May 7 at 6:30pm we are offering **FAMILY JAMMIE STORY HOUR**. Come in your pajamas is you like for bedtime stories, fingerplays, and a craft. The program is geared towards preschoolers and early school age children.

No registration is required for either program.

PRIMARY ELECTION PREVIEW

May 19 is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. Make sure all members of your household who are over 18 years old (including students away at college) are registered by April 20. If you qualify for an absentee ballot, apply by early May and make sure it is received at the County Election Office by Friday, May 15. Registration and absentee ballot request forms are available at the Churchill Municipal Building. Borough staff can also direct you to your correct voting district location. Call the County Election Office at 412-350-4500 with other questions or concerns you may have.

There are important local and statewide elective positions to be filled this year. On May 19, we will select candidates who will run for those positions in the November general election. The ballot will have contests for:

- Churchill Borough Council (4 members)
- Churchill Borough Treasurer
- Constable, Judge of Elections, and Inspectors on the Election Board
- District Justice (Magistrate)
- School Board
- County Council
- Sheriff
- Common Pleas Court (5 judicial seats)
- Commonwealth Court (2 judicial seats)
- Pa. Superior Court (3 judicial seats)
- Pa. Supreme Court (1 judicial seat)



All elections are important and local officials affect our lives most directly. Be well informed, registered, and ready to vote on Tuesday, May 19 between 7 AM and 8 PM.

CHURCHILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE will be held on Sunday, May 17 between the hours of Noon-3PM. Demonstrations and the Fire Safety Trailer will be here. Bring your children for important facts about fire safety and meet your local volunteers.

IMPORTANT

The last Churchill Directory was published in 2000 by the Churchill Women's Club. We are hoping that a current Directory can be published by the year 2010. By completing the form below and returning it to the Borough office for inclusion in the directory, you will save a lot of work for the Directory Committee. If you have email, including the address could enable Churchill to communicate with you more frequently electronically. Postage rates are going up again in May!

Name/s of Residents: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

_____ I wish to opt out of being included in the new Churchill Directory.

(THE ABOVE INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO OFFICE@CHURCHILLBOROUGH.COM)

TRY A RAIN BARREL

You have only to look at your quarterly Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority bill to realize that clean water is costly and getting more so all the time. In addition to a base plus excess use rate for the water itself, there is a sewage levy that includes an Alcosan charge, a billing fee, and a municipal surcharge of \$2.50 per thousand gallons (KGAL) to pay for infrastructure monitoring, repairs and upgrades as required by the area Consent Order with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The bottom line: it makes good pocket-book sense to conserve water wherever possible.

One possible water saving measure is to collect rainwater from house downspouts connected to gravity-fed rain barrels. Installing one or more rain barrels is good for the wallet, but it is also good for the environment. Storing some of the water that flows from rooftops makes it available as needed for use on ornamental plantings or lawns. (To be completely safe, do not use this water on edible plants if your home has old roofing material). All plants prefer rain water to chlorinated tap water. In addition, capturing this runoff reduces soil erosion, prevents straining the capacity of storm water drains, and cuts down on overflows from sanitary sewers.

Any rain barrel you purchase should have a child-safe, mosquito-screened lid with an overflow port that directs excess water away from the house foundation, or better yet, into a second barrel. Look for models made of recycled HDPE plastic. A brass spigot that fits standard garden hoses or can be directed into watering cans can be useful, although you can always dip your cans into the barrel to fill them as needed. <amazon.com> sells the 54-gallon Achla RB-01 barrel for \$128, but suitable plastic rain barrels or containers are often available on <pittsburgh.craigslist.org> for \$10 - \$20 from local sellers. Do not use ordinary trash cans (they will not withstand the water pressure), but heavy duty (e.g. Rubbermaid) cans may serve well. Disconnect and store barrels upside down for the winter. More information is available at <cleanairgardening.com> or <rainbarrelguide.com>. The Pennsylvania Resources Council conducts periodic rain barrel workshops; check <prc.org>. Remember – your rain barrel(s) will be connected to your home downspout(s) so select inconspicuous, dark colors that blend in with the landscape. For about \$250 a representative of the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association delivers and installs a 133-gallon rain barrel in a shaded spot hard to see from the street. Its Web site <ninemilerun.org> explains the program. Or, call 412-371-8779, ext. 17.

It is extremely important that your rain barrel has a small-mesh screen or a fitted, solid lid to prevent disease-carrying mosquitoes from entering and breeding. For many other water conserving tips pick up a FREE copy of the 2008 CAEC Advisory, "Water: Use Less, Pay Less" at the Churchill Municipal Building.



TIPS FOR SPRING CLEANUP/MAINTENANCE

- Help maintain Churchill as a safe, attractive, desirable place to live. Think outside the house when you begin your spring cleaning. Remove old campaign signs. By mutual agreement, signs are put up two weeks prior to an election and removed right after the election. This avoids litter and visual annoyance.
- Pick up litter that was carelessly cast or wind blown onto your property. If possible, remove litter from the street or common areas near you. Carry a litter bag as well as a pooper scooper when walking the dog(s). 
- Store your garbage/trash cans indoors or at a side or rear yard location screened from your neighbors. Place cans at the curb Thursday evening and remove them as soon after collection as possible. Garbage (organic waste) should be in tied plastic bags inside a container (30 gallon max.) with a tight lid. Consult your 2008-2012 Garbage and Rubbish card for additional information.
- It may be time to use a prophylactic dose of "Root X" (dichlobenil) in your storm drains to prevent clogging by newly emerging, invasive tree roots. Follow package directions carefully and do not use alternate products that contain copper sulfate. Copper is toxic when it gets into groundwater and public water supplies.

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