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BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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The Bunny Parade

EASTER BUNNY PARADE will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2010. The Churchill Recreation Board and Volunteer Fire Department will co-sponsor this event and will deliver treats to children 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		

REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENTS were mailed by March 1. The discount due date is April 30, face amount is due June 30 and a 10% penalty will be added after June 30. If you paid off your mortgage and did not receive a bill, please call the Borough office for a duplicate bill. The millage rate for 2010 increased from 4.75 to 5.75. As a point of information listed below is a ten-year historical review of our millage rates:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MILLAGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MILLAGE</u>
2001	4.25	2006	4.00
2002	4.75	2007	4.00
2003	5.25	2008	4.00
2004	5.25	2009	4.75
2005	5.00	2010	5.75

CHURCHILL GARDEN CLUB EVENTS: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – 9:00-9:30 a.m. meeting at Churchill Municipal Building. Field trip to Bedner Greenhouse Tour. Tour the family-owned and run Greenhouse. We will carpool from the Municipal Building. Guests Welcome



Wednesday, May 12, 2010 – 9:00-10:00 a.m. meeting. Field trip to Plumline Nursery – Program/Tour – Bring lunch – Desserts/Beverages provided by Plumline. We will carpool from Municipal Building.

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 – 10:30 a.m. installation of new officers at Hartwood Acres. Luncheon and tour of mansion. Fee to be determined.

SPRING 2010 UPCOMING EVENTS IN CHURCHILL

(Mark your calendar now. Plan to attend.)

APRIL 3 (Sat.)BUNNY PARADE TO CHURCHILL NEIGHBORHOODS

APRIL 24 (Sat.)BULLOCK PENS PARK COMMUNITY FIX-UP DAY

MAY 6CURB APPEAL – MAINTAINING CHURCHILL’S IMAGE

MAY 22 (Sat.)FAMILY SWIM & GYM DAY AT WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 27 (Sun.)CHURCHILL’S GROUP OUTING TO THE CIVIC LIGHT OPERA

Last summer Churchill held its 75th anniversary celebration, which was attended by over 500 of our residents. The Churchill Recreation Board (CRB) is grateful for all of the volunteer support and active participation given by our community to make it such a huge success. Although there are no plans on that scale for this spring or summer, the CRB has come up with a schedule of varied programs which should offer something to interest just about everyone. These events are planned 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 to attend please RSVP to the Borough Office (412) 241-7113 at least three days before an event so we can accurately prepare the right quantity of food or supplies. Check the Borough’s website for any changes or updates to all of the programs. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with all of the programs.

BULLOCK PENS PARK FIX-UP DAY: In celebration of Earth Day (April 22), Churchill residents are invited to come to Bullock Pens Park on Saturday, April 24th [with Sunday, the 25th as a rain date], around 10:00 am to volunteer a few hours removing invasive weeds, planting native trees/shrubs, cleaning, marking trails, and helping to fix up the park for another season of enjoyment. The park is located at the far, far end of McCrady Road. It won’t be all work and no play. After the community “fix-up” effort, Milt and Joan Gottlieb will lead a guided walk on the one mile trail through the park 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, and a small shovel. If you have any violets, wild geranium, bloodroot, jack-in-the-pulpit, ferns, or other native perennials to donate, they

would be most welcome adding color and diversity to the park’s flora.

At noon, we’ll roast hot dogs for lunch for the volunteers. At that time we will also honor the memory of Bill Keane, who was a dedicated advocate for maintaining Bullock Pens Park as Churchill’s only natural green space for the use of our community. Please RSVP by April 21. Since April weather can be iffy, check with the Borough office on Friday (4/23) to see if we will proceed on Saturday or Sunday.

CURB APPEAL - MAINTAINING CHURCHILL’S IMAGE: On May 6 at 7pm, Churchill residents are invited to attend a talk and demonstration on home improvements for the façade of your home. A panel of contractors/builders, real estate agents, and master gardeners will offer suggestions and techniques to improve the appearance of the front of your home. Traditionally Churchill has had the reputation as being the premier place to live in the East Suburbs. This year’s extreme weather conditions have taken a toll on all of our homes and yards. If everyone in the borough would stand at the curb facing his/her home and look to see how they can improve the overall appearance of their home, it would greatly enhance the beauty and value of everyone’s home in Churchill. This session will give you some ideas on possible home and landscaping improvements. Please RSVP by May 3.



family fun swimming party will be held between 1 and 4 pm. From 1:30 to 2:30 pm a free special Water Safety Awareness lesson for youngsters will also be conducted by certified lifeguards. Since the pool’s depth

varies from 3’ to 12’ [there’s no baby pool], parents are advised to bring some form of flotation device for their tiny tots. The locker rooms will be available for changing into swimsuits.

Additionally, the WHHS gym is reserved for Churchill residents (adults and older children) that afternoon for basketball and volleyball. Balls and equipment will be furnished but bring your gym shoes to play on the gym floor. Please RSVP to the Borough office by May 19.

DO IT YOURSELF BLOCK PARTY: Plan a “get together” on your street this summer. It would be a good time to discuss the trials of snow shoveling in February and to celebrate surviving the winter of 2010. Extreme conditions like that remind us how important it is to know your neighbors.

CLO PERFORMANCE OF CURTAINS:

A block of 20 tickets have been reserved at a group rate for the Sunday, June 27 evening performance (7:30 pm) of *Curtains* – The Musical Comedy Whodunit by the creators of “Cabaret” and “Chicago.” The Section B seats (Rows H & J of the Right Center of the Main Floor) cost \$45.50 each at this discounted group rate instead of the regular rate of \$54 plus a handling fee. Because the seats are limited, paid reservations must be made by May 12 [yes, really by May 12] with cash or a check for \$45.50 per ticket made payable to the Borough of Churchill. After that date any unpurchased seats will be released back to the CLO for general sales. Plan now to join your neighbors for an evening at the Benedum Theatre for the Civic Light Opera. Carpools can be arranged for those interested.



THE ENVIRONMENT IN CHURCHILL

The Churchill Area Environmental Council is offering a cash award at graduation to a Woodland Hills High School senior who has completed a worthy environmental project at school or in the community. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31st. An application form is available at the Borough Building or can be downloaded at [HYPERLINK "http://www.cpeg-inc.com/caec"](http://www.cpeg-inc.com/caec) www.cpeg-inc.com/caec.

Recycling is more important and popular than ever. Pick up your free copy of "The State of Recycling," the latest advisory from the Churchill Area Environmental Council. It lists local options for recycling nearly everything from plastics and paper to batteries, electronics, and much more. The advisory is at the Borough Building now. Churchill is always evaluating possibilities for bringing recycling closer to home, although curbside collection service remains economically impractical in a small community like ours.

Don't forget the volunteer-run collection center for glass and metal containers on the Woodland Hills Administration Building parking lot (2430 Greensburg Pike) on the first Sunday of each month from 10 AM to 1 PM. There is an ABITIBI bin on the lower parking lot of the Borough Building (and other locations nearby) for

anytime recycling of newspaper, junk mail, and most other ordinary paper (but not paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes), corrugated cardboard, or telephone directories. Construction Junction (just off Penn Ave. at N. Lexington St. in Homewood) is open during daytime hours with collection bins for just about everything!

For health's sake plastic containers and wraps should not be used when heating food in a microwave oven. The combination of heat, plastic, and fat releases toxic dioxins. Freezing water in plastic bottles also releases dioxin. Tempered glass (e.g. Corning Ware, Pyrex) or non-leaded ceramics are better choices.

If you plan to spruce up your driveway with a fresh coating of sealant be aware that many of the products for this purpose are coal tars, a source of PAH (polyaromatic hydrocarbons) in the form of fine, black dust. The U.S. Geological Survey in Austin has found "surprisingly large doses" of this carcinogen in households near black top parking areas or lots. There are no credible studies to show that coal tar sealants increase asphalt longevity, so their use appears to be mainly cosmetic. It is always a good idea to use doormats and to remove outdoor shoes before entering a home. Vacuuming does not eliminate fine particulate dust once it is inside a building.

TOP TEN REASONS NOT TO FEED NUISANCE ANIMALS

Churchill Borough is asking for your cooperation in helping us control our deer and other problem-causing animals. Your voluntary help will avoid the need for a "No Feeding Ordinance" with significant penalties.

Wild animals (especially in large, concentrated numbers) carry and transmit diseases and parasites – Lyme disease from deer ticks, rabies from raccoons, West Nile virus from mosquitoes and certain birds.

Feeding unnatural foods (bread, seeds, corn) to browsers like deer may lead to severe digestive distress, malnutrition, and unnecessary suffering.

Extra food can increase fertility, multiple births, overpopulation, habitat destruction, and starvation in unchecked populations.

Overpopulated animals, like suburban deer, roam in search of food and shelter. This often results in deer/vehicle collisions, injuries, deaths, and higher costs for insurance, medical care, and governmental services. In 2006, Pennsylvania had 1.5 million deer-auto collisions, more than any other state. Do NOT invite these new deer into Churchill with a backyard feeding station. Food handouts dilute the natural adaptations animals have developed to their changing environments. These foods help weaker, poorly adapted individuals to survive, reproduce, and pass on less desirable genes. Wild animals need the best traits from their gene pools in order to survive long term.

Animal control and removal is expensive and strains local resources. DO NOT put pet food outside where deer, raccoons, ground hogs, rats, and other wild animals can reach it.

The Allegheny County Health Department will cite homeowners who harbor rats on their property. If you feed native songbirds (approved by the Audubon Society as helpful to non-migratory native species), clean regularly under your feeder(s) to keep the area free of fallen seed that attracts rats, deer, and others.



Deer populations that exceed the natural browse in an area do costly damage to farms (\$74 million per year in PA), parks, forests, and recreational areas. The Pennsylvania Game Commission recommends 1 to 3 deer per square mile. Churchill has 50+ deer per square mile (population survey by Wildlife Services in fall, 2008).

Unseen and expensive damage to the carefully tended home gardens of your Churchill neighbors is the direct result of browsing by burgeoning deer numbers. We all share the responsibility of keeping those numbers at sustainable levels. Feeding deer will NOT prevent them from browsing your garden plants.

The Bottom Line: Help the Borough manage its deer and other native animals now that their natural predator controls (wolves, cougars) are gone. Use "smart landscaping" (deer and drought resistant plants), natural repellent sprays, and proper fencing for your own property. But, for everyone's benefit, including the animals, DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE, especially the deer. More information is at the Borough Building.

CHURCHILL BOOK CLUB

The Churchill Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Yagle Room of the Borough Building. All residents of Churchill are invited to become members.



The schedule and books selected for spring are:

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| March 17 | Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout |
| April 21 | The Reader by Bernhard Schlink |
| May 19 | Mr. Jefferson's Women by Jon Kukla |
| June 16 | The Help by Kathryn Stockett |

If you are interested in joining, please RSVP to the Borough office (412) 241-7113 at least three days before the meeting date



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LEAF PICK-UP will occur on Monday, May 10 and Monday, May 24. If you have leaf bags to be collected after these dates you will have to make arrangements with a landscaping company for removal.

SNOW REMOVAL – It has been a stressful winter season with the heavy accumulation of snow. However, there is an ordinance regarding the removal of snow from sidewalks. Ordinance No. 443 states that “where there is a sidewalk paved with brick, concrete, stone or other material, shall WITHIN 24 HOURS after the ceasing to fall of any snow or sleet or the accumulation of ice caused by freezing after rainfall the same must be removed”. Fines of not more than \$600, together with costs of the District Magistrate, can be imposed. Furthermore, throwing the snow into the street is strictly prohibited and fines can also be imposed.



Please move your vehicle(s) off borough streets during snow events so that plowing and salting can proceed effectively. Also, please check up on elderly or infirm neighbors and notify the borough office of any situation that may require medical or safety attention.



REMINDERS ABOUT GARBAGE REMOVAL:

Weekly collection is on Friday. Place garbage at the curb Thursday evening. Garbage must be in plastic bags and placed in a container (30 gallon maximum capaci-

ty) with a lid. Hauler will remove one room of carpet and padding, cut up and tied in bundles no longer than 3’. Tree limbs and shrubs, not to exceed 3’ in diameter, must also be tied and bundled not to exceed 3’ in length. If you have an excessive amount of garbage due to moving or from a general clean up, please call the hauler at 724-887-9400 to notify them and to make special arrangements.

Noncollectible items include automobile parts, tires and rims, building materials, bathroom fixtures, construction materials, concrete laundry trays, dirt or earth and stones, and tree limbs exceeding either 3” in diameter or 3’ in length.

You may place one large item out such as a mattress, box spring, or furniture item. Appliances may be placed at the curb after purchasing a \$30 tag at the Borough Office and you must apply said tag on the item.

The following six holidays are observed by garbage hauler: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If any of these holidays fall on Monday through Friday, garbage will be collected on Saturday.

MANDATED CONSENT ORDER SEWER WORK under Phase VI will continue this spring/summer. Areas affected include Marbury Road, Elmhill Road, Barton Drive and Royal Oak.



STREET PAVING PROJECTS will be performed this year on Thornberry Drive, Lewin Lane and lower Nottingham Drive.

IMPORTANT

The last Churchill Directory was published in 2000 by the Churchill Women’s Club. The Churchill Recreation Board is still hoping that a current Directory can be published some time this year. 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, include the address to enable Churchill to communicate with you more frequently electronically, should the need arise.

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 [HYPERLINK "mailto:office@churchillborough.com"](mailto:office@churchillborough.com) office@churchillborough.com .