

# BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL

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## SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING CHURCHILL RECREATION BOARD EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2011

- SEPT. 26 (Mon.) ALZHEIMER'S WALK KICK-OFF AND T-SHIRT DISTRIBUTION**  
**OCT. 1 (Sat.) CHURCHILL CHARGERS TEAM PARTICIPATES IN THE 2011 ALZHEIMER'S WALK**  
**OCT. 29 (Sat.) CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**DEC. 10 (Sat.) TOUR OF THE FRICK'S FABERGE EXHIBIT AND CLAYTON**

**OCT. 1 (Saturday) – CHURCHILL TEAM WALKS TO FUND ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH** Churchill residents are invited to take part - as a community - in the Alzheimer's Walk at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. The Recreation Board thought that in addition to planning fun and informative events for our residents, we should also try planning an activity that would support a worthy cause. If this is successful, we will recruit a Churchill team to represent our community by participating in some charitable event each year. This year's Churchill Chargers team will help to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research by either walking October 1 at the Zoo or by sponsoring our walkers financially.

### *Alzheimer's Walkathon Questions & Answers:*

Q: How do I join the walk or contribute?

A: To walk and/or sponsor a walker, visit <http://www.alz.org/walk> to register to walk with the Churchill Chargers' team, and/or to donate via credit card specifying our team or your favorite walker. Alternatively checks, made payable to the Alzheimer's Association, can be given to the walkers or dropped off at the Borough Office.

Q: How far do I have to walk?

A: Essentially you will be strolling around the zoo looking at the animals while wearing team colors and supporting this worthy cause. It could be a family effort. It could be a morning of exercise. It could serve as a student community service requirement.

Q: How much should I donate?

A: As much as you are comfortable donating. Walkers--it is suggested that you cover the cost of your zoo admission and parking, since those will be free if you arrive before 8:30am. (More is great, too!) By asking your friends and relatives to support your efforts by contributing to your walk, it will bring additional funds to a very worthy cause. Group Pictures (8:45).

*For additional information, ask your questions at [ChurchillChargers@gmail.com](mailto:ChurchillChargers@gmail.com) for the answers or call the Borough Office at (412) 241-7113 for more information or to have your name added to the team. Each walker will receive a red Churchill T-shirt as part of the team.*

Please note: Group Pictures, Parking, and Free Day passes to the Zoo & Aquarium will be available only for Alzheimer's Walkathon participants arriving in the 7:30 to 9:00 am time frame.

### **SEPTEMBER 26 (MONDAY) – KICK-OFF RALLY FOR ALZHEIMER'S WALKERS**

A Kick-off for Walkers and the distribution of T-shirts will be held at the next meeting of the Recreation Board on Monday, September 26th at 7:30 pm in the Yagle Room. Come to mingle with other team walkers and to discuss your walking route, zoo visiting strategy, and carpooling options for Saturday. Although the zoo route won't be as strenuous as a marathon requiring you to "carb up", light refreshments will be available.

### **OCT. 29 (Saturday) CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Churchill children, ages 3 to 12, look forward each year to the arrival of ghosts and goblins at the Yagle Room of the Borough Building for the annual Halloween party. This year the party will take place from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, October 29th. The party will feature games, crafts, prizes, stories by the Mellor Children's Librarian, Lauren Miller, and refreshments. Volunteers will be needed the evening before (Friday at 7 pm) to assemble the decorations, treats and activities, as well as on Saturday to assist during the party. Please consider helping a couple hours to make this party the success it has traditionally been. Call the Borough Office if you can help.

*(The children's official Trick or Treat time in Churchill will be Monday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 pm. Turn on your porch light to indicate to the children that you have goodies for them at your door. If you run out of treats, just turn off your porch light.)*

## SAVE THESE DATES cont.

### DEC. 10 (SATURDAY) – TOUR OF THE FRICK'S FABERGE EXHIBIT & CLAYTON

A reservation has been made for a group of 20 people for the Frick tour of the Faberge Exhibit & Clayton. A major exhibition of over 100 objects made by the renowned House of Faberge will be shown for the first time in Pittsburgh. Part of the tour will also include Clayton, which has a special installation to connect with the Faberge exhibit, All That Glitters: Luxury in the Gilded Age, which will focus on decorative luxury objects in the collection highlighting materials, designs, decorative trends, and elements of the international style that was popular at the turn of the 20th century, plus select items from Frick's collection of 17th to 19th century Russian decorative arts. A group rate of \$14 covers the combined Faberge/Clayton tour. If you were to visit them separately on your own, the cost would total \$20 (Faberge exhibit (\$10) plus Clayton (\$10)). The group rate of \$14 is a big savings for our residents. The Faberge tour is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am at the Frick Art & History Center, 7227 Reynolds Street in the Point Breeze area of Pittsburgh

An additional option for a few of our residents is a 1:00 pm lunch at the Frick Café. Since the Frick Café is small, they can accept only a maximum of 12 people for lunch (This will be on a first paid, first placed on the lunch list basis.) The lunch is a "Prix Fixe" cost of \$26 per person, which will include soup or salad, sandwich, dessert, beverage, and gratuity. Checks for the tour (\$14) and for the lunch (additional \$26) if you want to include that option also, should be made payable to the Borough of Churchill.



### PROGRAMMING FOR CHURCHILL BY THE C.C. MELLOR LIBRARY

**PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S STORY HOURS:** Join C. C. Mellor Children's and Young Adult Librarian Lauren Miller for weekly preschool story hours in the Yagle Room of the Churchill Borough Building. The program is held every Thursday at 10:30am. There are lots of stories, finger plays, songs and games. The program ends with a take home craft. No sign up is necessary and the program is free. It is also a good opportunity for young mom's to get acquainted.

If this isn't convenient, join a Story Hour session at a different location: Forest Hills Library [444 Avenue D] on Mondays at 10:30am

CC Mellor Library Edgewood [1 Pennwood] Tues. (10:30 am), Wed. (10:30am and 1:30pm), & Sat. (10:30am) Wilkins Recreation Center [111 Pepper Road] on Fridays at 10:30am

**BABY LAPSIT IS BACK!** Our Baby Lapsit program begins on Friday, September 16th at 11:30am at the library in Edgewood. Join our Librarians for an interactive experience for baby and caregiver through nursery rhymes, action rhymes, traditional and current songs and stories. Baby Lapsit is ideal for babies 6 weeks to 18 months. It's never too early to start developing a love for learning in our children.

### INTERGENERATIONAL YOGA

**Yoga Together:** An Intergenerational Experience is a free six week program beginning September 24 at noon at the Koenig Field House in Edgewood. The one hour program offers yoga poses and movement, breathing exercises, and related activities to children in grades 3 through 6 and older adults. Space is limited so call the library at 412-731-0909. The program is made possible by the library in cooperation with the Allegheny County Library Association, Yoga in Schools and Yoga on the Square.



**ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR** This annual event will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 10am to 4pm in the Ballroom of the Edgewood Club, 1 Pennwood Avenue, Edgewood. This is a great opportunity to buy unique gifts from local artisans. The sale includes watercolors, pottery, jewelry, clothing and much more. If you are interested in being a vendor, call Sally Bogie at

412-731-0909. Visit the C.C. Mellor Library on the web at [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

**LEAF PICK-UP** will begin Monday, October 31 and continue every Monday through November 21. Leaves must be placed in paper, biodegradable bags and placed at the curb Sunday evening. These leaves are taken to the compost site to produce the "black gold" which will be distributed next June. Leaves will not be taken if they are in plastic bags. ONLY leaves will be collected and if other yard debris is discovered in the bags, they will not be picked up. Bags may be purchased at the Borough Building or Tyke's Shell Station on Greensburg Pike at a cost of five bags/\$3. They can also be purchased at stores such as Home Depot or Lowe's.



### CHURCHILL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

The Churchill Democratic Committee is sponsoring a Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday evening, October 16th, which will begin at 6 pm (well after the Steeler game) in the Yagle Room of the Churchill Borough Building. The event will give the voters of Churchill an opportunity to meet our Democratic candidates: Rich Fitzgerald, for Allegheny County Executive, Chelsa Wagner, for County Controller, as well as our candidates for Churchill Council: Cheryl McAbee, Bonnie Pantlik, Jay Dworin, and Ray Jurewicz. Since the dinner is both a Fund Raiser and a Friend Raiser, attendees are asked to bring a dish of food to share and then donate the equivalent of what they might spend if they went out to dinner. Churchill voters are invited to attend this social and informational event. If you plan to attend the dinner or have questions, please call Sheila Mozer at (412) 731-6297.



## OTHER UPCOMING 2011 EVENTS OF INTEREST TO CHURCHILL RESIDENTS

ELECTION DAY ON NOVEMBER 8

*(Please note, this is the second Tuesday in November, not the first.)*

2012 EVENTS BEING PLANNED BY THE CHURCHILL RECREATION BOARD

JAN. 28 WINTER BLAHS PARTY  
*(Weekend before the Super Bowl)*

APR. 7 BUNNY PARADE

SPRING TALK ON THE HISTORY OF KENNYWOOD  
*(Date to be determined)*

MAY BULLOCK PENS PARK EVENT  
*(Date to be determined.)*

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Once again all registered voters have the privilege and opportunity to vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 (7AM to 8PM). Many hard-working candidates are vying to represent you in the following positions:

State: Judge of Superior Court (1)  
Judge of Commonwealth Court (1)  
County: Judge of Common Pleas Court (2)  
Chief Executive  
Comptroller  
District Attorney  
Treasurer  
County Council Member at Large (2)  
Local: Magisterial District Judge  
School Board Director, Woodland Hills (2)  
Churchill Borough Council Member (4)

Registration and absentee ballot forms are available at the Borough Office. New voter registrations must be received at the Allegheny County Elections Bureau by October 11, 2011. The deadline for absentee ballots is November 1, 2011.

Churchill has four voting districts. If you are uncertain about your district or poll location, call the Borough Office (412-241-7113). The Borough has a tradition of limiting candidate signs to a two-week period prior to each election – that would be from October 18 through November 1 this year. All signs should be on private property with the owner's permission. Plastic signs and their metal frames can be recycled at Construction Junction (Penn Avenue at Lexington St. in Homewood). Let us continue Churchill's record of high percentage voting!

### From the desk of Mayor Paul H. McKenna:

A great big thanks to all of our garden volunteers! The parkway exit garden, the Churchill Commons and the Holland Road planter all looked fantastic this spring, summer and fall. We try and have something blooming at all times resulting in colorful displays. Mother Nature was particularly generous with almost weekly rain showers eliminating the need to water these public sites. It has been years since I've seen so many green lawns in Churchill during the month of August. Our group of volunteers meets every other Saturday at 9 am and we weed like crazy for 1-1/2 hours! Our biggest success this year was attracting two new volunteers: Ray Jurewicz and Eileen Gelet. Our returning champions in no particular order: Bill Henninger, Pat Hauser, Pam Culbertson, Mary Ann James, Penny McKenna, Sally Adkins, Linda Cunningham, Audrey Baldwin, Rose Crisanti, Judy Levick, Inge Farrell and Illona Tassone. Special acclamation to Bill Hauser who picks up the trash at the parkway exit and along Churchill Road every Friday. If you see any of these individuals in your travels please thank them for their dedication toward keeping Churchill a great place to live. Finally I would invite any interested person to consider joining the Churchill Garden Club. We meet 9 times during the year, visiting interesting places, making new friends and sharing our talents with the community. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28th and we will be visiting the Penn State demonstration garden at North Park. If you would like additional information please call me at 412-371-8552.

## FROM THE CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

The new "Marcellus Shale Primer" is available on the literature rack in the lobby of the municipal building. It has an introductory background section, including pertinent laws and regulations, followed by an explanation of the areas of interest and concern that surround the economically and environmentally important Marcellus gas drilling industry now expanding in Pennsylvania. Pick up your free copy.



A cash graduation scholarship is available each spring from the C.A.E.C. and its sponsoring municipalities. Any Woodland Hills High School senior is eligible to apply by the March 31 deadline for this award. The application form is short and simple. Applicants must complete an original environmental project during one of their high school years. If you know a Churchill senior at W.H.H.S. encourage him/her to select and carry out an active project and apply for this scholarship. Suggestions for projects are on the application form, but original ideas are welcome and encouraged. Application forms are available at the Borough Office, from the school guidance office, or on the CAEC web site [www.cpeg-inc.com/caec](http://www.cpeg-inc.com/caec).

## AUTUMN ITEMS

Oak wilt appears to be under control in the Royal Oak and other areas of Churchill where oak trees are common. Efforts to diagnose diseased trees early and remove dead and dying ones promptly appear to have halted or slowed the spread of this lethal fungus. Well-spaced rains this season have kept trees hydrated and less prone to stress and infection. Continued vigilance will be needed to stem future outbreaks. Kudos to all who worked hard on this issue in 2010-2011.

Bullock-pens Park has been upgraded and has a pleasant one-mile nature trail for your nature enjoyment, exercise regimen, or dog-walking needs. There is a covered picnic shelter, a water spigot (seasonal), and a grill for residents to use. Community picnics and guided walks have been sponsored by the Recreation Board each spring. Just obey common sense rules, including cleanups after your pet(s) and picnics (a waste receptacle is mounted at the shelter), and enjoy, but do not disturb the wildflowers, shrubs, and trees.

Household garbage (food and other organic waste) should be put into a secure bag inside a covered can before being placed at the curb for pick-up on Fridays. Loose items in cans often end up as a scattered mess. Garbage bags outside of cans can be pecked or torn open by wildlife, another unwholesome, unattractive situation. Take cans in promptly after collection. Only trash (non-edibles) can be placed at the curb in boxes or open containers. Corrugated boxes must be broken down and tied together. Rugs and branches may not exceed three-foot lengths and also tied in bundles. Call the Borough Office if you have special items, such as large appliances and furniture, to discard. Consider recycling newspapers, magazines, and junk mail at the Abitibi recycling bin on the lower parking lot of the municipal building. Most other trash items can be recycled anytime at Construction Junction. At the Borough Building you can pick up a copy of "The State of Recycling", a recent advisory from the CAEC for more ideas and places for recycling.

Litter is an ongoing problem everywhere. There are parkway entrances and exits as well as several state and county roads that traverse Churchill. Help keep our streets litter-free by picking up items discarded in front of or across from your property. Carry and use a litterbag as well as a pet waste container when you walk your dog. Everyone's efforts add up to an attractive, healthy area.

## PENNSYLVANIA SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSIT IDENTIFICATION CARD

Applications for Pennsylvania Senior Citizen Identification Cards are now available at the Churchill Borough Office. Applications must be completed at the Borough Office (no take home applications), and must be made in person. When applying, the senior whose name will be on the card must present one of the following as proof of age: photo driver's license, birth certificate, armed forces discharge/separation papers, baptismal certificate, PACE ID card, passport/naturalization papers, Pennsylvania ID card, a statement of age from the US Social Security Administration.

Applicants should receive their senior citizen transit ID cards at their home address in 1-3 weeks, and cards can be used on most public transit systems in the state of Pennsylvania (check with the transit system if in doubt).

Senior citizens (age 65 or over) presenting a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Senior Citizen Identification card (blue for men and yellow for women) or a Medicare card at the time of fare payment, can ride Port Authority service for free at all times.

*Please note: bus schedules for routes servicing Churchill area, the East Busway and the Airport are available at the Churchill Borough Office.*

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE NEWS

Maxine Niehoff has retired as Chairman because of illness. The Committee wishes her well and thanks her for many years of outstanding service to the Churchill community. Consequently, a reorganization election vote was held at the August 10th Committee Meeting, and Jim DiPerna was elected as the new Chairman. Pete Barron, Cathy Youngo, and Gene Connelly were re-elected as Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Committee Meeting is regularly held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Yagle Room in the Borough Building. Please contact Jim DiPerna (412-731-2927) or attend the monthly meeting to get additional information regarding the Committee's activities and agenda.



## CHURCHILL BOOK CLUB

The Churchill Book Club invites all residents who love to read to join them the third Wednesday of most months at 7 pm in the Yagle Room of the Borough Building. The CBC members enjoy discussing the books and sharing interpretations of the content. You don't have to make a forever commitment to join. Just read the book selected for that month and then attend. If you enjoy the group, you are welcome to come back as your schedule allows. The books selected for the rest of 2011 are:

**SEPT. 21 *The Devil and the White City* by Erik Larson**

**OCT. 19 *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See**

**NOV. 16 *Emily Alone* by Stewart O'Nan (This will be a "Meet the Author, Stewart O'Nan" meeting to be held at the Edgwood C.C. Mellor Library)**

**DEC. ? (TBA) *Collected Short Stories* by Flannerty O'Connor**

The mission of the Churchill Recreation Board is "To promote community involvement, interaction, awareness and unity within the Borough through planned activities for all ages". That's why these events and programs exist. You are invited to volunteer to become a

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member of the Board or a volunteer to help with some of the programs. It is that willingness for residents to work together for the betterment of our community that will keep Churchill a special place to live.