



# FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

*A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills*



## And now . . . a new look for the Tree City Times

We hope you like the new look for the Tree City Times.

We are also printing the newsletter in black and white in order to cut down on printing costs, but we are in no way cutting down on the important news our readers have relied on for the many years we have provided you with this newsletter.

If you have any questions or would like to submit information for a future issue, either call me at 412-351-7330 x220, or send me an e-mail, csimm901@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support.

*Cindy Simm, Editor*

## Forest Hills Real Estate Tax Update

**The 2012 Forest Hills Borough Real Estate Tax Bills will be delayed this year and are scheduled to be mailed to property owners by April 1. The discount amount will be collected from April 1 through May 31. The face amount will be collected from June 1 through July 31. These dates will apply to the 2012 Forest Hills Borough Real Estate Taxes only.**

**If you are expecting a borough real estate tax bill and do not receive it in April, or if you have refinanced or paid off your mortgage, please call the tax collector as soon as possible.**

**If you have any questions regarding real estate taxes, please call Tax Collector Janet Sullivan, at (412) 351-7348.**

## Forest Hills 2012 Budget by Steve Morus, Borough Manager

Budget preparation for 2012 began earnestly last August with staff reviewing spending for 2011 and preparing requests for the 2012 Budget and 2012 Capital Improvements Plan. Council approved a final 2012 budget on Dec. 21, 2011 after much consideration and deliberation.

As usual, deliberations on the budget take place in committee, with most work done in the finance committee. Committee meetings are open to the public and council always seeks input from borough taxpayers.

The 2012 budget presented its own unique challenges. The biggest question facing council was the status of the property assessments. As most taxpayers know, the county is required to re-assess the entire county under the order of Judge Stanton Wettick. Timing of the assessment process was crucial to council deliberations as the uncertainty created a number of problems, among them:

- Would the assessment process finish in time for council to establish a tax rate for the borough?
- If not, would council then have to re-consider the final millage rate?
- Would the process create a number of appeals?

Council determined to maintain the millage rate at 8.35 mills including 1 mill of taxes set aside for road improvements. If the assessment process caused an overall increase in the value of taxable properties, council would be constrained by the anti-windfall statute and required to lower the millage rate to essentially allow revenues to remain the same.

As most know, the court held that while the reassessment process must go on, the new values would not come into effect until 2013, thus allowing council to use 2011 values to establish the millage rate.

This is typical of the challenges council faces each year in attempting to establish a new budget. Council does its best to estimate revenues that meet the level of expenditures it believes the borough can afford. It plans expenditures based on the level of service it hopes to provide. That combination creates the spending plan known now as the 2012 budget and capital improvements plan.

As noted in last year's Tree City Times article, council considered many things as part of its budget deliberations. Among others they include:

- How do we fund a capital improvements program that will provide needed equipment upgrades?
- Will incomes continue to rise in the borough thereby allowing collection of additional earned income taxes?
- What expenditures are fixed if we are to maintain the same level of service?
- Is the current sewer fee sufficient to meet our requirements under the sanitary sewer consent decree?

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# 2012 Budget

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While taxes remain the same, certain fees changed or were added. The sewer fee increased from \$3 per thousand gallons of water used to \$3.60. Sanitary sewer repairs continue to be a challenge for ALCOSAN communities and will remain so in the future under the consent order. The trash fee has been reduced slightly and trash collection now includes weekly recycling and the opportunity to dispose of certain electronic wastes by contacting Waste Management. In order to pay for the new fire truck, council instituted the fire services fee. A portion of that fee will be used to compensate the department for lost revenues due to the cancelled subscription drive. Some fees for using parks and other borough properties will increase while others remain the same. The full budget and fee resolution can be found on the borough's website ([www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)) or by viewing a copy of the budget at the borough building.

## What is your obligation as a citizen and taxpayer?

I asked this question last year and the answer remains the same. Stay informed. Check out the budget on the website or view it at the borough building. Come to a council meeting or a committee meet-

### Borough of Forest Hills 2012 Budget Summary by Category

Acct. No.	Revenues	2011 Budget	2011 Actual to Date	% of Total Revenues 2011 Budget	2012 Budget	% of Total Revenues 2012 Budget
<b>TAXES</b>						
301	Real Property	2,558,688	2,513,892	<b>43.57%</b>	2,540,600	<b>43.09%</b>
310	Act 511	945,000	852,736	<b>16.09%</b>	925,000	<b>15.69%</b>
	<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>3,503,688</b>	<b>3,366,629</b>	<b>59.67%</b>	<b>3,465,600</b>	<b>58.78%</b>
320	Licenses & Permits	33,750	26,583	<b>0.57%</b>	31,650	<b>0.54%</b>
321	Cable TV Franchise	91,500	138,165	<b>1.56%</b>	100,000	<b>1.70%</b>
330	Fees & Fines	57,800	46,632	<b>0.98%</b>	61,100	<b>1.04%</b>
340	Interest, Rents & Royalties	92,131	80,256	<b>1.57%</b>	93,600	<b>1.59%</b>
<b>State</b>						
354	Grants	38,000	34,111	<b>0.65%</b>	38,500	<b>0.65%</b>
355	Shared Revenue	106,200	183,937	<b>1.81%</b>	106,200	<b>1.80%</b>
	<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>144,200</b>	<b>218,047</b>	<b>2.46%</b>	<b>144,700</b>	<b>2.45%</b>
357	Local Government Grants (RAD)	165,000	180,091	<b>2.81%</b>	175,000	<b>2.97%</b>
360	Charges for Services	187,373	249,880	<b>3.19%</b>	196,477	<b>3.33%</b>
<b>Reimbursements</b>						
362	Public Safety	80,251	100,569	<b>1.37%</b>	85,817	<b>1.46%</b>
363	Public Works	48,486	45,642	<b>0.83%</b>	54,749	<b>0.93%</b>
	<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>128,737</b>	<b>146,210</b>	<b>2.19%</b>	<b>140,566</b>	<b>2.38%</b>
364	Sanitation	598,650	515,047	<b>10.19%</b>	580,982	<b>9.85%</b>
367	Recreation					
	Pool	111,900	102,748	<b>1.91%</b>	105,600	<b>1.79%</b>
	Programs	16,500	13,956	<b>0.28%</b>	15,500	<b>0.26%</b>
	Tennis & Misc.	10,200	6,997	<b>0.17%</b>	7,200	<b>0.12%</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>138,600</b>	<b>123,702</b>	<b>2.36%</b>	<b>128,300</b>	<b>2.18%</b>
380	Miscellaneous	<u>730,596</u>	<u>580,048</u>	<b>12.44%</b>	<u>778,137</u>	<b>13.20%</b>
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>5,872,025</b>	<b>5,671,291</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,896,112</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Acct. No.	Expenditures	2011 Budget	2011 Actual to Date	% of Total Expenditures 2011 Budget	2012 Budget	% of Total Expenditures 2012 Budget
<b>BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION</b>						
400	Legislative	19,318	16,932	<b>0.33%</b>	20,818	<b>0.35%</b>
401	Administration	638,075	677,497	<b>10.87%</b>	643,940	<b>10.92%</b>
403	Tax Collection	30,265	31,419	<b>0.52%</b>	31,315	<b>0.53%</b>
404	Legal Services	<u>77,000</u>	<u>147,088</u>	<b>1.31%</b>	<u>89,000</u>	<b>1.51%</b>
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>764,658</b>	<b>872,935</b>	<b>13.02%</b>	<b>785,073</b>	<b>13.32%</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
410	Police	1,599,991	1,464,930	<b>27.25%</b>	1,570,696	<b>26.64%</b>
411	Fire	119,400	133,251	<b>2.03%</b>	120,250	<b>2.04%</b>
412	Ambulance	9,789	10,346	<b>0.17%</b>	9,789	<b>0.17%</b>
415	Neighborhood Crime Resistance	2,150	4,908	<b>0.04%</b>	2,150	<b>0.04%</b>
416	Auxiliary Police	3,500	2,500	<b>0.06%</b>	5,000	<b>0.08%</b>
419	School Crossing Guards	<u>41,916</u>	<u>38,745</u>	<b>0.71%</b>	<u>36,634</u>	<b>0.62%</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>1,776,746</b>	<b>1,654,680</b>	<b>30.26%</b>	<b>1,744,519</b>	<b>29.59%</b>
414	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	42,826	65,637	<b>0.73%</b>	43,906	<b>0.74%</b>
<b>Sewage/Sanitation</b>						
427	Refuse Collection	464,088	411,118	<b>7.90%</b>	533,262	<b>9.04%</b>
426	Recycling Collection	<u>109,604</u>	<u>147,513</u>	<b>1.87%</b>	<u>2,000</u>	<b>0.03%</b>
	<b>TOTAL SEWAGE/SANITATION</b>	<b>573,692</b>	<b>558,632</b>	<b>9.77%</b>	<b>535,262</b>	<b>9.08%</b>
<b>Public Works/Maintenance</b>						
406	Magistrate's Office Building	8,000	4,479	<b>0%</b>	9,100	<b>0.15%</b>
409	Building Maintenance	99,017	90,689	<b>1.69%</b>	101,158	<b>1.72%</b>
430	Public Works	716,892	660,667	<b>12.21%</b>	608,678	<b>10.32%</b>
431	Street Maintenance	92,080	66,660	<b>1.57%</b>	94,600	<b>1.60%</b>
436	Sewer Maintenance	<u>69,296</u>	<u>66,882</u>	<b>1.18%</b>	<u>68,340</u>	<b>1.16%</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS/MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>985,285</b>	<b>889,378</b>	<b>16.78%</b>	<b>881,875</b>	<b>14.96%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>						
451	Programming	10,579	8,143	<b>0.18%</b>	7,723	<b>0.13%</b>
452	Swimming Pool	131,218	150,417	<b>2.23%</b>	138,806	<b>2.35%</b>
453	Tennis	11,245	7,577	<b>0.19%</b>	11,441	<b>0.19%</b>
454	Parks	100,723	95,417	<b>1.72%</b>	100,357	<b>1.70%</b>
459	Recreation Center (Westinghouse)	74,046	67,207	<b>1.26%</b>	71,330	<b>1.21%</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>327,811</b>	<b>328,762</b>	<b>5.58%</b>	<b>329,656</b>	<b>5.59%</b>
455	Tree Service	82,685	71,437	<b>1.41%</b>	81,724	<b>1.39%</b>
458	Senior Citizen Center	8,550	11,461	<b>0.15%</b>	8,550	<b>0.15%</b>
471-475	Debt Service-Capital Projects	905,153	897,152	<b>15.41%</b>	1,006,691	<b>17.07%</b>
492	Reserve for Capital Funds	359,850	352,750	<b>6.13%</b>	324,000	<b>5.50%</b>
480/490	Miscellaneous	<u>44,769</u>	<u>43,418</u>	<b>0.76%</b>	<u>154,856</u>	<b>2.63%</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,872,025</b>	<b>5,746,241</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,896,112</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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ing to listen and voice your opinion. Representative government only reflects the will of the people if the people care enough to make it known.

Realize that your priority for services may be different from that of your neighbor's or from another resident across town. Council must balance the various needs and wants when creating a new budget.

Know that the budget is a plan and not a guarantee. The borough may budget thousands of dollars for tree removal, recreation programs and snow removal but that money is only there if revenues forecast in the budget come true. It is not an exact science. And an emergency or other problem can mean that dollars originally directed toward, for example, tree pruning must go to another area.

The budget summarized here and shown on the website or in print in the annual budget booklets provide a guide to the policies, tasks and services that council feels are important in 2012. The budget also shows a projection for 2013. Council will begin considering that spending plan in August with the same kinds of questions and concerns to be answered. Plus there are always new questions and new concerns that must be addressed.

The budget comes in two printed formats—the general fund budget and the capital improvements plan. It is broken down further into components on the borough's website.

Understanding the process is part of the solution. Sharing your insights and opinions help guide council in forming a plan. The greater voice given by the public to its government the more likely they are to truly reflect the will of the citizens of Forest Hills.

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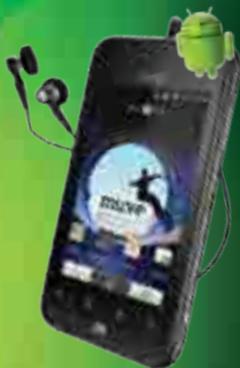
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**DID YOU KNOW** the borough continues its green tradition by initiating single-stream recycling?

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- Glass bottles and jars (clear and colored)
- Plastics #1 to #5
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Newsprint (tied with string or put into paper bags—please place on top of or next to your recycling bin)
- Corrugated cardboard (collected at the borough building as long as demand is high)



# Arborist Corner by Ted Gilbert, Borough Arborist

This year on April 27 will mark the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Arbor Day, which was established in Nebraska in 1872. The borough has just completed 26 continuous years as “Tree City USA.” This is a program developed and promoted by the National Arbor Day Foundation of Nebraska City, Nebraska.

To earn the honor as a “Tree City,” this community must meet four basic standards (Forest Hills’ commitments are shown in parenthesis). They are: 1. A Tree Board (Tree & Shrub Committee); 2. A Community Tree Ordinance (Ordinance #925); 3. A Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita (\$13.00), and; 4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation (the last Friday in April at the Forest Hills Park).

Actually the program of planting and maintaining trees in the borough dates back to the early years of the borough. Many existing trees were planted from 1925 to 1950. Originally, the hillsides of Forest Hills were devoid of trees. Our founding fathers questioned how a community without trees could be named Forest Hills and thus the tree program was started. It has been successful over the years because of dedicated community support.

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## Trees planted in Forest Hills Park

This upcoming season, residents and visitors to Forest Hills Park will have a chance to witness a major environmentally-friendly project. There will be approximately 25 trees planted in Forest Hills Park, and those trees will be planted throughout the park to further enhance the beauty of one of the borough’s most popular parks.

This project started last year with an idea that resident, Margaret Shaughnessy had and who then approached Councilman Steve Karas about. Her idea was to get enough people interested in buying their live Christmas trees from Lowe’s so that after the holidays, those trees would then be planted in the park. Karas presented this idea to borough council who then approved the project. The word got out to other residents and it took off from there.

Karas says, “Resident ideas are always welcome, especially when they improve our community, and even more importantly, mirroring around the green aspect for the borough because that aspect is in the borough’s strategic plan, making it much more meaningful.”



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# Rotary News



The new Forest Hills Directory is in the planning stages. The Forest Hills Rotary will be collecting names and addresses to bring an updated telephone directory to the residents of Forest Hills. Rotary members are asking anyone who is new to the community and would like to be included in the directory, or if you are currently listed in the old directory and want to change your listing to call 412-242-5360.

The directory gives listings of not only residents, but information about the borough, a list of businesses, doctors, attorneys and so much more. By popular demand, the reverse directory will again be in the back, along with an enlarged street map of the borough.

## Chili Cook-off

The Forest Hills Rotary Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off Contest will be held Sunday, April 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge off of Greensburg Pike. By supporting this local fund-raiser, you will be supporting the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department and the Forest Hills Police Department, as well as scholarships, dictionaries for students and local charities supported by the rotary.



Winners from the 2011 Chili Cook-off pictured with WQED Chef Chris Fennimore

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults for unlimited chili tasting and voting, \$5 for children five to twelve and children under five are admitted free. There will be entertainment, a Chinese auction, a bake sale and so much more.

Have a fantastic recipe you would like to have judged by WQED Chef Chris Fennimore and others? Then send an e-mail to [nstahlberg@comcast.net](mailto:nstahlberg@comcast.net), or call 412-242-5360. Cash prizes and "bragging rights" will be awarded.

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Forest Hills Borough will be celebrating its **2019 Centennial**, and even though that's still seven years away, there is a lot of planning and work to be done beforehand. If you would like to participate as a committee member, please submit your interest by way of a letter to the Borough Manager, 2071 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. We welcome all ideas and event themes submitted, so please include that in your letter. If you do not have the time to join this committee, the borough will be accepting donations in order to assist with the overall cost of the event. For more information on the centennial, check out the borough's website: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org).

It's a gardener's time of year! Spring is finally here! **The Late Bloomers Garden Club** is getting excited for another season of preparing and planting in their personal yards as well as the Forest Hills median gardens. The summer of 2011, when the medians were a burst of color along Ardmore Boulevard, was a great success. You can see photographs of the medians on their Facebook Page. Don't forget to 'like' them! The members will again lend a hand and plenty of muscle to beautify the borough.

The Late Bloomers take community involvement very seriously. The membership is committed to doing their part to make Forest Hills the best place to live in the Pittsburgh area. After all, the borough has to live up to its reputation of "Tree City USA." The Late Bloomers believe some added color along the roadways supports that honor. When you see them working on the Ardmore, give them a beep and wave!

The Late Bloomers, who also created and organize the Farmers' Market, will open the tenth year of that event on Friday, June 1. The Market Task Group has been working hard on contacting returning vendors as well as seeking new participants to keep the market fresh and exciting. It's truly the place to be on Friday evenings from June through October.

If you decide that 2012 is the year to involve yourself in a local organization, please consider joining the club. You can email them at [latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com), for the location of the next meeting. Each second Thursday of the month, you'll find the group at one of the members homes enjoying friendships and sharing ideas. Everyone is welcome!

**Forest Hills Presbyterian Church** and the Forest Hills Nursery School will hold their annual May Market Car Cruise on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are asking for a \$5 donation, and all proceeds will benefit FHPC local missions. Dash Plaques and Goodie Bags will be given to the first 50 registered. For more information, contact Rick Wolf at 724-744-1061.

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 1840 Ardmore Boulevard. The Rev. Benjamin Black welcomes all to their faith community. For more information, call 412-241-1647 or check out their website: [www.fhpcpa.org](http://www.fhpcpa.org). They invite you to join them for:

- Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.
- Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Youth group on Wednesdays
- Choir and Hand Bell Groups
- Small Groups

Members of **Hope Lutheran Church** remember the Last Supper in an *Agape Meal* on Holy Thursday, April 5. The celebration is a joint event with Hope and St. John Lutheran Church of Swissvale. Please call the church office at 412-242-4476 for more information about the traditional Agape Meal. Hope continues the observance of Holy Week with the remembrance of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday, April 6, with a special Taize Prayer service at 7 p.m. followed by a Tenebrae service at 8 p.m. The Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection takes place at 9:30 a.m. on April 8.

An ecumenical Taize Prayer service is offered by Hope on the first Friday of

each month at 7 p.m. Taize is a meditative and spiritual worship experience which includes chant-like music, times of silence and intercessory prayer.

The people of Hope Worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Hope is a welcoming congregation and they invite their Forest Hills neighbors to visit on Sunday mornings or at any of their events. The Reverend. Susan C. Schwartz is pastor of Hope Church, located at 353 Ridge Avenue at the corner of Braddock Road. Pastor Schwartz also serves St. John Lutheran Church in Swissvale.

The Forest Hills Community Service operates a free bus service within the Borough of Forest Hills for senior citizens. The **Flivver** service was started over 30 years ago by the Forest Hills Lions Club and Forest Hills Rotary. It is free because of donations made by the citizens, the donations in the box on the Flivver and the volunteer drivers.

The bus is a 10-passenger vehicle (but does not have handicapped lifts) and takes eligible senior citizens (55 and older) who live in the borough to the senior citizens center, doctors' appointments, the hairdresser, banks, drug stores, etc. The Flivver makes daily trips to Giant Eagle; and on Sundays, the Flivver takes seniors to church.

The Flivver operates Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and on Sunday mornings.

Riders can call the Flivver number—412-519-3955 and be picked up usually within 5-10 minutes after the call. This is a great and well needed service for our seniors.

The Flivver is in urgent need of new drivers to replace those who move away or who can no longer drive. You can be trained in a matter of a few hours. There are so many of our seniors who would be grateful for any help offered to them. Those interested in volunteering for three hours a day, twice each month, can call Don Newcomer at 412-708-0511.

For over 50 years, the **Forest Hills Lions Club** has served the communities less fortunate. They supply glasses to the needy, and collect your used glasses for distribution to third-world countries. The collection boxes are found in Bob's Barber Shop in Chalfant, Churchill Vision Center, Beulah Church, Cost Building-Optical Shop (second floor), Jodi-B's Restaurant, Lanigan Funeral Homes, Peter Paul's Hair Salon, Forest Hills Senior Center and Toby's Pub in Chalfant. Their fund-raisers include White Cane Days, Sight Seal Mailing and Holiday Nut Sale. Over the years, the club has provided seeing-eye dogs; a Braille writer and an eye implant operation for a child. They help to support Beacon Lodge, a summer camp for the blind. They also constructed a War Memorial and assisted some needy war veterans.

Men and women interested in becoming a member should call 412-829-7888.

In October 2011, a long-time resident and former Forest Hills Recreation Board Member passed away. **Don Paull**, was instrumental with the Forest Hills Tennis Program, and for a number of years, Mr. Paull personally took care of the tennis courts so that the Forest Hills Tennis Team were able to play safely on them. Every spring, he would make it his mission to repair every crack that appeared on the surface and was even pulling weeds

around the courts. By doing these two important jobs, it helped the Public Works Department a great deal, and his appearance every year was always a welcome sight. His son, Mark, has been the Forest Hills tennis coach for many years and has done an outstanding job catapulting the tennis team to successful heights every year.

Back in October, the Paull Family requested in lieu of flowers to have a Forest Hills Tennis Maintenance Fund set up in Mr. Paull's name. To date, a total of \$885 has been collected in his honor.

**Boy Scout Troop 90** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church (FHPC). It is open to all boys ages 11-18. Cub Scout Pack 90 meets Thursdays at 7 pm at FHCP. It is open to all boys ages 6-11. For more information contact Beth Brucker at bruckerfamily@verizon.net. For more information, visit the scout website: [www.foresthillspack90.us](http://www.foresthillspack90.us).

The **Forest Hill Manor Bowling League** celebrates its 50th Season. Since the fall of 1962, hundreds of borough residents have enjoyed friendly competition as members of the Forest Hills Manor Bowling League. The league extends an invitation to all Forest Hills residents (individuals and couples) to join the fun on Tuesday evenings at the New Great Valley Lanes in North Versailles. For more information, call Larry or Sandy, evenings at 412-271-6319

**Municipal Directory Map Coming to Forest Hills.** The borough has been working on a project for its residents and visitors and we're happy to announce that it's almost complete.

This project is a map of the borough which will not only highlight all the streets in the borough but also all the great businesses, churches and just about everything else that makes Forest Hills a great place to live and visit.

When the project is completed, the borough will be mailing each household a map. There will also be copies of the map available at the borough office.

The great thing about this map is because of all the advertisers that will be featured on the map, they have made it possible to offer this to everyone free of charge.

So look for this fold-out, full-color map in your mail. If you have any questions about the map, please call Cindy Simm, marketing and recreation director at 412-351-7330 x220.



*Shown: Members of the 1975 Forest Hills Manor Bowling League who attended the awards banquet that year.*

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# Municipal News...

## It was another busy year for the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Company by Rick Colella

The final numbers are in and we responded to 411 calls for assistance, while this is slightly lower than last year, this could be attributed to lower severe weather incidents. The calls we responded to consisted of the following;

40% Good Intent Calls

22% Hazardous Conditions (no Fire)

14% Service Calls

10% Structure Fires

10% False Alarms

The remaining ranged in the categories of weather, rescues and miscellaneous calls.

We do not just answer fire calls; we are more of an all-hazards company that answers any call for assistance. Some of these calls are assisting the Forest Hills Police and the Woodland Hills EMS, as well as the Public Works Department; all of the borough's department's work together to better assist the public.

The total recorded time committed by our members was approximately 3,712 hours. This consists of about two thirds for emergency responses, the rest was dedicated to training to keep our skills sharp and learning new techniques. There was also time not recorded to account for administrative work and equipment maintenance to keep everything running as smooth as possible. We also attended many borough events and functions as well as school visits and tours of the station.

For more information on the operations of the Fire Department, feel free to stop by anytime or phone 412-351-7335.



*Forest Hills Firefighters were honored at last December's council meeting for their rescue of a victim trapped in a April 2011 apartment fire on Ogden Avenue.*

*L to R – Ron Bair, Tom Cvetkovich, Adam McDermott and Tom Theilacker*

# Focus on Fire Safety: Fire Escape Plans

## LEARN ABOUT FIRE ESCAPE PLANS

In the event of a fire, remember that **every second counts**, so you and your family must always be prepared. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

**Prepare and practice your fire escape plan twice a year with everyone in your household, including children and people with disabilities.** It's also a good idea to practice your plan with overnight guests. Some tips to consider when preparing your escape plan include:

- Draw a map of each level of your home and show all doors and windows. Find two ways to get out of each room. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Only purchase collapsible escape ladders evaluated by a recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL). Use the ladder only in a real emergency.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Have a plan for everyone in your home who has a disability.
- Practice your fire escape plan at night and during the daytime.

## SECURITY BARS REQUIRE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Security bars may help to keep your family safe from intruders, but they can also trap you inside in the event of a deadly fire. Windows and doors with **security bars must have quick release devices** to allow them to be opened immediately in an emergency. Make sure everyone in the family understands and practices how to properly operate and open locked or barred doors and windows.

## IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE HOME

**When a fire occurs, get out fast: you may only have seconds to escape safely.** Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases, which can disorient you or, at worst, overcome you.

## NEVER OPEN DOORS THAT ARE HOT TO THE TOUCH

When you come to a closed door, feel the doorknob and door to make sure that fire is not on the other side. If either is hot, leave the door closed and use your secondary escape route. If the door feels cool, open it slowly. Be ready to shut it quickly if heavy smoke or fire is present.

If you can't get out, close the door and cover vents and cracks around doors to keep the smoke out. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number. Say where you are and signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or a flashlight.

## DESIGNATE A MEETING PLACE OUTSIDE AND TAKE ATTENDANCE

Designate a meeting location a safe distance in front of your home. For example, meet under a specific tree or at the end of the driveway or front sidewalk to make sure everyone has gotten out safely and no one will be hurt looking for someone who is already safe. **Make sure everyone in your home knows how to call 9-1-1** or your local emergency number and that your house number can be seen day or night from the street.

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## Focus on Fire Safety

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### ONCE OUT, STAY OUT

Remember to escape first and then notify the fire department using the 9-1-1 system or proper local emergency number in your area. **Never go back into a burning building for any reason.** Teach children not to hide from firefighters. If someone is missing, or pets are trapped inside your home, tell the firefighters right away. They are equipped to perform rescues safely.

### HOW FIRE-SAFE IS YOUR HOME?

You won't know until you do a fire safety walk-through.

Conduct a fire safety walk-through of your home on a regular basis. Use the following tips to help you in your walk-through:

- Keep clothes, blankets, curtains, towels and other items that can easily catch on fire at least three feet from space heaters and away from stove burners.
- Place space heaters where they will not tip over easily.
- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a professional.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces and leave glass doors open while burning a fire.  
Never leave cooking unattended.
- Be sure your stove and small appliances are off before going to bed.
- Check for worn wires and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Never overload electrical sockets.
- Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## 9-1-1...To call or not to call?

by Police Chief Chuck Williams

It has been several years since our changeover to the Allegheny County 911 Dispatch System. As many residents may remember, police departments like ours had their own dispatch centers, calls were received and officers sent by radio to the location they were needed.

Even though we are now part of a larger system, there are some benefits. With current technology used by County 911, dispatchers know who is calling and the location they are calling from.

With the explosion of cell-phone use, new problems have been created for these centers.

They need to be able to locate calls from cell phones and provide the necessary assistance needed by those calling for help.

Residents still seem hesitant to call 911. It may be that you feel your call is not an emergency or you are concerned you will have to give your name and answer too many questions. These concerns are not uncommon, but if a situation occurred and you felt it necessary to notify the police for whatever reason, you should follow through and make the 911 call. The police department often receives reports of suspicious activity after the crime was committed and we miss valuable opportunities to stop a crime as it is occurring.

Another important fact about calling 911 is that they do take calls that are non-emergency. We do not have a separate non-emergency number. For example, overnight parking, dog complaints, requests to speak to an officer are all examples of non-emergency calls that can be taken by dialing 911. Times have changed and this is the best way for residents to communicate information to the police department. As always thank you for your continued help and support.

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## THE BOROUGH BULLETIN BOARD

This is to remind residents of the requirements for storing garbage, particularly with having lids on cans and/or dumpsters. The following is a portion of the borough's ordinance (§20-105).

### ***§20-105 Standards for Storage of Solid Waste***

- B. Reusable containers for individual residents shall have a tight-fitting cover and suitable lifting handles to facilitate collection.
- D. Disposable plastic bags or sacks are acceptable containers for all municipal waste except garbage provided that such bags or sacks are designated for waste disposal. Plastic bags shall have sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted, shall be securely closed and tied for collection, and shall have a capacity of not more than 30 gallons and a loaded weight of not more than 35 pounds.

*The complete ordinance can be found on the borough's website:  
[www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org).*

If residents do not comply with the ordinance, the code enforcement officer is assigned to issue a written warning (door notification). If residents have not complied with that first warning, then a certified letter will be sent.

### ***Fire Protection Services Fee (Chapter 7.601 of the Code of Ordinances—Ordinance #1015)***

As many of you are already aware from letters that were mailed back in January 2012, this fee is now payable by each residential and rental property owner in the borough and by each commercial property owner in the borough. The fee is payable (each year) as follows:

Single-Family Property.....	\$45 per unit
Multi-Family Property.....	\$22.50 per unit
Commercial Property.....	\$90 per property

*For the entire code of ordinance and also the rules and procedures, visit the borough's website: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org).*

## A MESSAGE FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

***Effective January 1, your recycling service collection will be changed from bi-weekly to a weekly collection.***

***Please put your recycling at the curb the night before collection.***

***Thank you.***



***Trash Collection – Holiday Schedule:  
May 28 (Memorial Day) - trash collection will be delayed one day during this week.***

## Forest Hills Wood Chipping Program

The seasonal wood chipping program is provided at no cost as a service to our residents. Materials will not be picked up from any apartment complex, business or institution.

To schedule the chipper, just call 412-351-7330, x207 and speak to the public works foreman. When leaving a message, please be sure to include your name, address and phone number so that the office can get back to you. Please be sure to call before placing the items to be chipped at the curb, and we will schedule you in as quickly as possible.

Wood chips will be collected by appointment only according to the following schedule (weather permitting and except during emergencies and holidays):

**April: First & Second Wednesday**

**May: First & Second Wednesday**

**June: First & Second Wednesday**

**July: First & Second Wednesday**

There will be a limited number of pickups per week. The crew will spend a maximum of 20 minutes at each property with an appointment. The remainder of the pile will be completed the following Wednesday.

Place the items at the curb in a neat, orderly fashion with the larger end facing the street (no alleys). All limbs and brush should be facing the same direction. The chipper can accept brush, branches, and trees up to eight inches in diameter. No root systems or tree parts that have dirt on them will be removed. Piles of brush that are intertwined will not be chipped. We do not accept any type of lumber, building materials or landscaping timbers. The Public Works Employees will have the final say as to whether or not an item or the quantity is acceptable for removal.

Wood chips, if available, are free to all borough residents and can be picked up by appointment only from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the months of May through August. You will be informed of the exact location of pickup when making an appointment.

## Compost Pick-up

The Borough's Public Works Department will help residents obtain compost at the Route 22 site in Churchill Borough on Saturdays, June 9 and June 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents must bring their own containers, and show a valid driver's license. Delivery is available for \$30 per small dump-truck load, and material is \$10 per high-lift scoop.

The site is located at the intersection of Route 22 and Rodi Road/ Nottingham drive. Entry is permitted only from the west-bound lane.

## DATE CHANGE

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**If residents inappropriately pay for pool passes intended for non-residents, those passes will be forfeited. If any pass is misused, lent out or improperly obtained, that pass will be revoked without a refund.**

I certify that the person(s) listed on this application are full-time Forest Hills residents within my household.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following information for the application.

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*(If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper).*

*\*List ages for children; "SC" for senior citizen, or "A" for adult. Relationship must be included. No charge for children under the age of 3.*

*\*\*List on other side which sessions wanted (1, 2 or 3); add what times to be registered (10, 10:35 or 11:10 a.m.).*

### Mail application and payment to:

**Cindy Simm, Recreation Director, Forest Hills Borough, 2071 Ardmore Boulevard., Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

### 2012 FOREST HILLS POOL PASSES

	Paid before or on 4/2/12	Paid on or after 4/3/12
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pass: .....	\$240	\$265
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Pass: .....	\$145	\$155
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Pass: .....	\$65	\$75

### 2012 FOREST HILLS PLUS PACKAGES

(Each of the packages below will receive 10 free daily admission tickets with purchase of the pool passes.)

	Paid before or on 4/2/12	Paid on or after 4/3/12
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Plus: .....	\$285	\$310
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Plus: .....	\$190	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Plus: .....	\$110	\$120

On and after July 15, Plus Package Holders will have the opportunity to purchase an additional 10 daily admission tickets for the price of \$50. For more information, contact the Pool Office at 412-241-2525 once the pool opens on May 26.

### DAILY ADMISSION RATES

	Residents	Non-residents (or guests)
Adult (11 & over)	\$7	\$9
Child (3-10)	\$5	\$7
Senior Citizen	\$4	\$5

### SPECIAL POOL HOURS

The pool will close at 5 p.m. for home-swim meets.

*Dates will be posted at the pool.*

(Community Day)

July 4—Closes at 6 p.m.

Swim Team Championships

July 28—Pool closed all day

Synchronized Swim Show

August 5—Closes at 5 p.m.

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5 from noon to 2 p.m.—pick up your pre-paid pool and tennis passes at the Pool Lodge.
- The pool will open on Saturday, May 26 through August 12 from noon to 8 p.m. every day (weather permitting). Due to staffing limitations from August 13 to September 3 (Labor Day), the pool will be open Monday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. The pool will be open regular hours on Saturdays and Sundays from August 13 through September 3 – noon to 8 p.m.
- The refreshment stand is open noon to 7 p.m. with the grill closing at 6:30 p.m.

## 2012 TENNIS APPLICATION

Residents applying for a pass agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the swimming pool and tennis courts (refer to the section on policies and procedures).

**If residents inappropriately pay for passes intended for non-residents, those passes will be forfeited. If any pass is misused, lent out or improperly obtained, that pass will be revoked without a refund.**

I certify that the person(s) listed on this application are full-time Forest Hills residents within my household.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following information for the application.

Name of participant(s)	Type of program	Type of pass / How many
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Individual / _____
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Individual / _____
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Individual / _____
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Team <input type="checkbox"/> Lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Individual / _____

### Mail application and payment to:

**Cindy Simm, Recreation Director, Forest Hills Borough, 2071 Ardmore Boulevard., Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

#### Discount Rate: If paid before 4/2/12

- \$140 Family Pass
- \$95 Individual Pass
- \$55 Youth Pass (under 18)

#### If paid after 4/3/12

- \$145 Family Pass
- \$100 Individual Pass
- \$60 Youth Pass (under 18)

#### Individual Tennis Programs

Tennis Team: \$50 (**You must purchase a tennis pass in order to join team**)

Tennis Lessons \$25 per hour (group) • \$35 per hour (private)

Tennis Clinic: \$50 per week • \$28 (half session)

The tennis team schedule will be posted at the pool. Ages will be determined by the coach based upon ability.

Tennis Clinics will start mid-June.

Call Coach Mark Paull at 412-737-8898 to schedule tennis lessons (group and/or private),  
or if you have any questions about the tennis programs.



The Forest Hills Tennis Team reached the ultimate heights this past summer, capturing the regular-season championship of the West Penn League featuring the top racquet and country clubs from Western Pennsylvania. The 60-member squad, ages 8 to 17, won the 10-team league by completing the schedule with only one defeat. Long known for developing the majority of starting players for both Woodland Hills squads, Forest Hills also provided multiple starters for WPIAL Playoff squads at Oakland Catholic and Ellis School this fall.

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Fees \$20 per person (per session)

**Swim Team**

Days: Mondays through Fridays  
Times: Mornings  
Ages: Boys and girls – 6 to 17 years old  
Fee: \$50\* (swimmer must have pool pass)

**Synchronized Swim Team**

Days: Mondays and Thursdays (evenings)  
and Saturdays (mornings)  
Ages: Boys and girls – 6 to 18 years old  
Fee: \$40\* (swimmer must have pool pass)

**Learn to Swim and Dive\*\***

Session 1: June 11 to June 21  
Session 2: July 2, 3, 5, 6 to July 12  
Session 3: July 31 to August 9  
Times: 10, 10:35, 11:10 a.m.  
Fee: \$50 (residents); \$80 (non-residents)

**Private Swim and Dive Lessons**

Must be scheduled directly with  
lifeguard/instructor.  
Call 412-241-2525 after pool opens on May 26.  
Fee: \$25 per 30-minute session.

**Adult Swim (ages 18+)**

Days: Mondays and Thursdays  
Times: 8 to 10 p.m.  
Fee: Free (season pass holder's only)

**Evening Swim**

Only for residents who do not have a pool pass.  
Times: 5 to 8 p.m.  
Fee: \$6 per person

**Family Fun Nights**

Dates: Wednesdays – June 20, July 18, August 8  
Times: 8 to 10 p.m.  
Fee: \$2 per person

**Dog Swim**

Date: Monday, September 3  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Fee: \$3 per dog

*\*To register for the Swim Team and  
Synchronized Swim Team, use the applications  
found on pages 17 and 19 of the newsletter; or go  
to the borough's website: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org).*

*\*\*To sign up for Learn to Swim and Dive Lessons,  
please use the pool application on page 14. Fill out  
your name, address and under Swim Lessons put  
participant's name, session and times; use back  
side of application if needed.*

**2012 POOL AND TENNIS  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

An application for a pool and/or tennis pass will be accepted only if completed in full and submitted on the annual pass application form.

- All applicants must be full-time borough residents
- Minors under the age of 11, residing in the borough, whose parents or legal guardian(s) qualify as a borough resident, pays the applicable fee for a family pool pass and,
- Minors, age 11 and over, residing in the borough

Residency is defined as living in the borough full-time throughout the calendar year or living in the borough during the months of June, July and August. In either case, the pool pass may be declined or revoked if satisfactory evidence of residency is not provided. Acceptable proof of residency includes: Current Pennsylvania driver's license or some other form of photo identification, and/or a current utility bill or tax receipt showing the residency address.

All persons seeking permission to enter the pool must present their pool pass attached to their garment or provide evidence needed to satisfy residency requirements. All other persons will be denied access to the pool, unless as a paying guest of a Forest Hills Resident.

Residents bringing guests to swim must accompany those guests at all times. Residents cannot drop off their guests and leave the facility. Residents are responsible for their guests and their guest's activities while at the pool.

# 2012 Forest Hills Swim Team Registration Form

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Work Cell (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer(s) First Name and Middle Initial	Grade Completed as of June 2012	Pool Pass No. (if known)	Swimmer: Return or New?	Swimmer's Birth Date	Shirt Size: Adult/ Youth (S,M,L,XL)	Short/Pant Size: Adult/Youth (S,M,L,XL)

What school does your swimmer(s) attend and when is it finished for the year?

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date finished: \_\_\_\_\_

May we place your family's name and contact information (address, telephone numbers, email, swimmer's name and ages) in the 2012 Forest Hills Swim Team Directory?  YES  NO

Medical problems (Ex. physical, respiratory, eyesight, hearing, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*My child(ren) has/have no known medical condition that would prevent him/her from participating on the swim team. I give my permission for my child(ren) to participate on the Forest Hills Swim Team and in its activities. I release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and save and hold harmless Forest Hills Borough and Forest Hills Swim Team, as well as their board members, employees, officials, agents, coaches and volunteers (the "Releasee") from all liability, claims, demands, and losses, including attorney fees, personal injury or property damage alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasee or otherwise. I agree to abide by the coaches' decisions as set forth for the 2012 swim season, as well as adhere to the Swim Team policies including but not limited to the policy that no parent is permitted on the deck during any practice or meet. If I have any questions or concerns, I agree to contact a Parent Booster Board Member.*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## VACATION AND CAMP ABSENCES DURING THE SEASON

The coaches need to know the dates your swimmer will not be available. If you know this now, please indicate below:

Name of swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates not available: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates not available: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOREST HILLS SWIM TEAM VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**

The Forest Hills Swim Team is a volunteer run organization. Each family is encouraged to volunteer to help with at least one activity during the regular season. **Please indicate how you would like to help.** You may volunteer for more than one activity.

TASK	VOLUNTEER
Meet Set-Up	
Referee	
Stroke Judge	
Turn Judge	
Timers	
Starter	
Announcer	
Scorers	
Ribbons	
50/50 Raffle	
Post-Meet Cookies	
Hoagie/Pop Sales	
Post Meet Clean-Up	<b>EVERYONE!</b>
Pizza Party	
Senior Recognition	
July 4: Hole-in-One	
July 4: Dixie Dunker	
July 4: Biathlon	
Team Banquet	
Team Gifts	
Team Photo	
Trophies	
Historian	
Sandcastle Day	
Champs Coordinator	

**FOREST HILLS SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION FEES**

The borough sets the fee for joining the swim team (**\$50 per swimmer**) which pays for the salaries of the coaches, lifeguards, insurance and pool-use expenses. This year, the Parent Booster Club is assessing an activity fee (**\$25 per family**) to help pay for swim team expenses, such as lodge rental fees, food for parties, team gifts, special meet registration fees, and related equipment needs.

	Registration (\$ x No. of swimmers)	+	Activity Fee (\$25 per family)	+	Total (\$ Total)
Swim Team Registration Fee					
\$50 per swimmer on/before June 10	_____	+	\$25	=	\$ _____
\$65 per swimmer after June 10	_____	+	\$25	=	\$ _____

For official use only, verifying initials \_\_\_\_\_ method of payment:  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash

Make checks payable to: **Forest Hills Swim Team**. If not paid at registration on Saturday, May 5, please mail check and registration form to: Ed Galloway, 208 Braddock Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

# 2012 Forest Hills Synchronized Swim Team Registration Form

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Work Cell (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SWIMMERS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  S  M  L  XL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  S  M  L  XL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size:  S  M  L  XL

Medical problems (Ex. physical, respiratory, eyesight, hearing, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*My child(ren) has/have no known medical conditions that would prevent him/her from participating on the Synchronized Swim Team. I give my permission for my child(ren) to participate on the Forest Hills Synchronized Swim Team and in its activities. I covenant not to sue and agree to hold harmless the Forest Hills Borough and the Forest Hills Synchronized Swim Team, as well as their officials, coaches, employees and volunteers from liability allegedly caused in whole or in part by these individuals. I agree to abide by the coaches' decisions as set forth for the 2012 Synchronized Swim Team, as well as the team policies.*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## VACATION AND CAMP ABSENCES DURING THE SEASON

Please indicate the dates you know your swimmer(s) will not be available to attend practice. If you do not know the dates at this time, the coaches would appreciate you let them know as soon as possible.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday, July 30 to Saturday, August 4: "Synchro" Week (All morning and evening practices are mandatory)
- Thursday, August 2: Dress Rehearsal
- Saturday, August 4: Luncheon and Run Through
- Sunday, August 5: Show

Name of swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates not available: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates not available: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates not available: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Synchronized Swim Team Volunteer Sign up

The Synchronized Swim Team is a volunteer run organization that depends on the assistance of all the families. Each family is encouraged to volunteer to help with at least one activity in preparation for the annual show. Please indicate below how you would like to help. Thank you!

TASK	VOLUNTEER
Donut Sale	
Ad Sale for Program Book	
Pool Pass Raffle	
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Cookie Table in the Park	
Hair / Makeup (8/2 & 8/5)	
Luncheon (8/4)	
Decorations Setup (8/5)	
Flower Sale at the Show (8/5)	
Bake Sale (8/5)	
50/50 Raffle (8/5)	

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Make checks payable to **Borough of Forest Hills.**

Please return registration forms to:

**Annamarie Rodrigues**  
986 Braddock Rd., Pgh. 15221

For official use only, verifying initials \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment:  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash



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**Forest Hills Nursery School** offers three classes: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Tuesdays-Thursdays, and five days a week, meeting from 9 to 11:30 a.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the children may bring a lunch and stay until 1 p.m. There are sixteen children per class with one state licensed pre-kindergarten teacher and at least one other helper. Classes run from September 2012 to the end of May 2013. For more information, contact Sally Sabino at 412-351-5054; or Betsy Wolf at 412-241-9414 or 724-744-1061.

**Christ Lutheran Church and School** started 2012 by recognizing all those students who have been "caught" performing "Acts of Random Kindness" which goes along with their "ARK" theme. At present, they have purchased a fishing boat as well as a pig and nine sheep to help people in third-world countries. Their goal for January was to also purchase a llama. They are waiting to see if they won the "Parade of Trees" contest at Juniper Village so that they can purchase even more animals. The students attended a field trip at the Carnegie Science Center on January 19. On Sunday, February 26, their Chili Cook-Off took place.

They are planning for National Lutheran Schools' Week, which is in the beginning of March, a week of celebrating lutheran schools and enjoying special events and activities. They really are thankful for lutheran education. Registration is now in progress for the 2012-2013 school year. Come and see their school. Tours are available at any time.

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Trinity Christian School, located at 299 Ridge Avenue in Forest Hills, will be sponsoring the following events this spring:

#### **Spring Drama Production**

Productions will be held: Thursday, April 26; Friday, April, 27 and Saturday, April 28. All shows will start at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the school at 412-242-8886.

#### **Work-a-Thon**

On Thursday, May 3, students, faculty, staff and parent volunteers will conduct service projects throughout the community during the school's 15th Annual Work-a-thon Fundraiser, with proceeds going to benefit the school. Work-a-thon activities will include performing spring clean-up at local parks, assisting non-profit organizations with food and clothing distribution and presenting musical programs for seniors at area nursing homes. All labor will be provided completely free of charge for the locations and organizations being served.

Students are seeking sponsors who will donate money to the school based on the number of hours the students serve in the work-a-thon. Individual and corporate sponsorships are accepted and are tax-deductible as allowed by law. For more information about becoming a sponsor, contact the school at 412-242-8886.

#### **Choir and Band Concerts**

The spring choir concert will be held on Tuesday, May 15, and the spring band concert will be on Tuesday, May 22. Both shows will begin at 7 p.m.



#### **Woodland Hills High School**

*An announcement from the Churchill Area Environmental Council (CAEC)*

A monetary environmental scholarship is awarded each year to a qualified Woodland Hills High School senior. The deadline for applications this year is March 31.

If you know of a senior who has completed an environmental project within the school district or in the community,

urge him or her to pick up a copy of the simple, one-page application form available at the high school guidance offices, or download the application from the CAEC website: [www.cpeg-inc.com/caec](http://www.cpeg-inc.com/caec). For more information, call 412-241-7113.

**Elena Mroczkowski**, a junior at Woodland Hills High School and who also serves in a leadership position as a member of St. Maurice Youth Group, last year received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest recognition for achievement in Girl Scouting.

Elena, who is also a member of the WHHS Images and has attended the Rotary Leadership Institute, the Allegheny County Camp Cadet and NCYC (the National Catholic Youth Convention) twice, has been a Girl Scout member for 10 years. In order to receive this prestigious award, Elena raised the funds necessary to build a reading Nook™ and set up a reading program for the St. John Fisher Preschool in Churchill. She recruited volunteers to help assemble and arrange the Nook™ and fill it with new books. She set up a program for the kids to read a book and then exchange it for another, setting up a lending library for the preschoolers. Congratulations to Elena!

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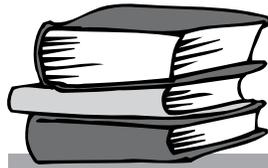
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## Book Clubs for Adults

PALS Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills Library, with lively discussions of contemporary books. The group is open to anyone who wants to join. Copies of each title for discussion may be checked out at the library. Upcoming books are:

- April 24 *Day after Tomorrow* by Allan Folsom
- May 22 *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See
- June 26 *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

Join them as they celebrate the tenth year of One Book, One Community with this year's featured book *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women* edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. People around the region will read, discuss, write and share their impressions of the core values and beliefs that guide their daily lives.

There are plenty of county-wide activities planned which can be followed on the library's website. Locally, they will have two book discussions scheduled. One will be at the library in Edgewood on Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the board room and the other at the Forest Hills Branch on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for check out. Book clubs that want to discuss the book can reserve kits of 10 books by calling the library.

Members of the Squirrel Hill Poetry Forum will hold a poetry reading on Saturday, May 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library in Edgewood. The group who meets bi-weekly in the library will share some of their own poems with the audience.

## For Kids

In 2012, the Pennsylvania One Book for Every Young Child selection is *Stop Snoring Bernard*. Author/illustrator Zachariah O'Hora makes his debut in this tale of an otter who wants nothing more than to curl up and sleep but whose snoring keeps others awake. Each child who attends story hour on Monday April 9 at 10:30 a.m. in Forest Hills will receive a copy of the book to add to their home library. A craft and story session is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the library in Edgewood. Call 412-731-0909 to register.

Story hour is held every Monday at 10:30 a.m. with stories, finger-plays and a craft. Pre-school and early school-age children are welcome to come. There is no registration required and story hour is free.

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## Summer Reading Clubs

The library has summer reading clubs for everyone from toddlers to adults. Preschoolers and school-age children can register for the clubs at a kick-off party on Monday, June 11 at noon in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House. Call 412-731-0909 to register for the party. If you miss the party, register at the library or on-line.

- Dream Big Read Club—for preschoolers and kindergartners who want to be read to. Listen to 10 books to complete.
- RC Quest Club for school-age children, grades k-6. Children journey through challenges to complete tasks and earn points which can be obtained online, at the library or by attending other community activities and events. To get started, visit the library or go to [www.rcsclubhouse.org](http://www.rcsclubhouse.org).
- Own the Night Teen Reading Club kicks off on Wednesday, June 13 at 6 p.m. with a pizza party at the library in Edgewood. By reading, teens earn chances to win weekly prizes.
- Under the Covers Adult Reading Club will be held in July. There will drawings for weekly prizes.

## For Seniors

AARP Safe Driving Classes are back for those 55 and over. Those who successfully complete the program can receive discounts on their auto insurance. The basic driving class will be held on Wednesday April 18 and Thursday April 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the library in Edgewood. A refresher class (must have completed the basic class) will be offered on Thursday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Call 412-731-0909 to register.

The library has access to all books in the Allegheny County System. You can order books to be delivered at the library, and you can drop off any books from the county system at their location. It's a great place to visit and run into your neighbors.

## Downloadable Books

Check out books for your Kindle®, Nook™ or Ipad™ using the *Overdrive® Media Console* link on the C.C. Mellor webpage. A digital library is available. Books are borrowed for three weeks.

## Upcoming Closings

The library will be closed on Friday April 6, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

## Volunteering

The library could always use volunteers to join their great team. Thanks always to Ron, Hank, Eileen, Gwen, Paul, Norm, Ester and Connie. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, call the library to find out when you are needed.

## LIBRARY LOCATION AND HOURS

### C. C. MELLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY: 412-731-0909

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*The spring session is currently underway and will end April 23.*

**Summer Session – 12 weeks**

*Dates: Mondays, April 30 to July 23*

*Time: 6 to 8 p.m.*

*Location: Pool Lodge*

*Fee: \$40*

**Deadline for pre-registration: April 23**  
*(After this date, the fee will be \$45)*

**Scrap-booking**

Organize your photographs with this intuitive program taught by Creative Memories Consultant Fran Vislay. This class is geared towards beginners and intermediate participants who want to learn how to preserve their most cherished photographs. Beginner and advanced croppers are also welcome. To get started on the project, please bring two to three photos to the first class, and learn how to create a Short Story card using simple, quick tools. The completed story card can

be displayed or added to an album. Learn tips on simple card making, specialty pages, traditional and digital organizing and cropping techniques. Vislay will help you to start a memory album with those photos that may have been sitting in a closet or an attic and need some well-deserved attention. Each class includes: free idea sheets and attendance gifts, free use of cropping tools and ideas books. Workshop supplies and variety scrap-booking sets are available for purchase. For more information or if you have any questions about the class, call Fran at 412-824-7197.

**Still time to join!**

**Spring Session/12 weeks**

*Dates: Tuesdays, March 6 to May 22*

*Time: 6 to 10 p.m.*

*Location: Forest Hills Senior Center  
 (Avenue D)*

*Fee: \$55*

**Summer Session – 12 weeks**

*Dates: Tuesdays, June 12 to August 21 (no class on July 3)*

*Time: 6 to 10 p.m.*

*Location: Forest Hills Senior Center  
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*Fee: \$55*

**Deadline for pre-registration: May 31**  
*(After this date, the fee will be \$60)*

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**There's still time to join!**

### Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Thursdays, March 8 to May 24

Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

Class is limited to 10 dogs; if there are more than 10 dogs registered, instructor will add another class.

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

### Summer Session – 8 weeks

Dates: Thursdays, June 23 to August 11

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Class is limited to 10 dogs

Location: Pool Lodge Parking Lot

Fee: \$30

**Deadline for pre-registration: June 1  
(After this date, the fee will be \$35)**

Send registration form with your check or money order made payable to:

**Forest Hills Borough  
2071 Ardmore Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

### Attention: Recreation Department

If registering for more than one class, please submit separate checks or money orders for each registration. Please also identify the class name on your payment.

## ATTENTION ALL INTERESTED BASKETBALL PLAYERS

The Forest Hills Borough is once again calling for all boys and girls, ages 7 to 15, who are interested in joining the basketball league this summer at the Forest Hills Park on Ardmore Boulevard. And even though last summer the league was small, we're expecting it to be much bigger this time around, so don't delay in joining.

Registration is \$40 for residents; \$50 for non-residents. The fee will go towards purchasing uniforms, equipment and hiring of referees. Please fill out registration form, send in with a check or money order and mail by June 30 – try-outs will begin mid-July. For more information, call 412-351-7330 x220.

Please make check or money order payable to the Forest Hills Borough, and mail to the Recreation Department, Forest Hills Borough; 2071 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15221

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Player's age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers (home and cell)

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Resident fee (\$40)

Non-resident fee (\$50)

(Check which payment is enclosed)

**Due date to send registration - June 13**

## SPRING REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant	Name of Class / Session	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
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## SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Relay For Life—Pittsburgh East



American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Pittsburgh East July 14-15, 2012 Location: Penn Hills High School Stadium 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. [www.relayforlife.org/papgheast](http://www.relayforlife.org/papgheast).

Relay for Life is like a carnival to fight all types of cancer.

It is a 24-hour walkathon because cancer never sleeps so neither do we. It has a carnival-type atmosphere with food, fun and games with the proceeds benefiting cancer research, cancer education, advocacy and patient services. Teams of 10-15 friends, family, co-workers or group members split up the time each taking a turn walking. During the event, we celebrate survivors with a survivor reception, remember those who lost their battle with a luminaria ceremony and fight back against the disease by encouraging people to take preventative measures against it.

The Relay for Life of Pittsburgh East includes the following communities: Forest Hills, Pitcairn, Plum, Monroeville, Penn Hills, Churchill, Swissvale, Edgewood, East Pittsburgh, Turtle Creek, Wilkins Township, Wilkinsburg, Braddock, Rankin, Chalfant, North Braddock and Braddock Hills.

The survivor dinner is free for any cancer survivor and one guest to attend. It is at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14. Please register at [www.relayforlife.org/papgheast](http://www.relayforlife.org/papgheast) or contact Jennifer Jones. The luminaria ceremony is scheduled for 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 14.

### Ways to get involved:

- Join the planning committee
- Form a team
- Donate for a luminaria to honor a survivor or to remember a lost loved one
- Invite a survivor to attend the survivor reception or attend as a survivor
- Attend the event and enjoy the food, fun and entertainment

For questions, contact Jennifer Jones at 412-919-1054 or [jenn.jones@cancer.org](mailto:jenn.jones@cancer.org).

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*Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy: April 5 • May 3 • June 7*

*Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole: April 3 • May 1 • June 5*

*Shade Tree & Shrub Committee: April 11 • May 9 • June 13*

*Planning Commission: April 25 • May 30 • June 27*

*Recreation Board Meetings: April 2 • May 7 • June 4*

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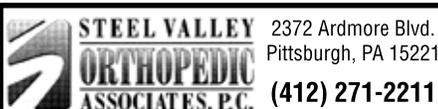
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## For Your Information

### Garden Club of Forest Hills

Spring cleaning will be moving outdoors to yards and parks where members of the **Garden Club of Forest Hills** will be tidying up. Indoors they're learning about promising flora and deciding what to plant where.

Among the perks of their efforts are the thousand+ yellow daffodils blooming along Braddock Road and Ardmore Boulevard and in several of the borough's parks. Members planted them at these locations over the past three years for all who pass by to enjoy. And, as buds open on plants and trees, they're putting finishing touches on the club's new Butterfly Garden and sprucing up the familiar Hillside and Native Plant Gardens in the main park, where visitors may linger and marvel at nature's beauty.

Anyone who enjoys gardening—dirty fingernails and all—is welcome at the Garden Club of Forest Hills' meetings on the first Thursday of each month, March through December, at Hope Lutheran Church on Ridge Avenue. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. followed by a program and refreshments.

Put these dates on your calendar—**May 3, Plant Auction**, open to the public, with specimens from members' gardens to be sold.

Also, don't miss the club's annual **Perennial and Herb Sale, May 5**, at both the Presbyterian Church on Ardmore Boulevard and municipal building parking lot. For more information, call Carolyn Reuter, 412-243-8384.

### Forest Hills Pool Celebrating 40 Years

This season, the Forest Hills Pool will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary, so the borough is planning to give away free daily pool passes to new residents who moved into the borough during the period of September 2011 and April 2012. We want to give new residents an opportunity to see first-hand just how special the pool really is. Those new residents will be contacted by mail, so if that's you - then look for your gift certificate in the mail before the pool opens on May 26. There will be small gifts for each pool-pass holder available on the first day the pool opens (while supplies last), so stop by and get your special gift and meet up with your neighbors and enjoy a leisurely day at the pool!

### Forest Hills AARP

The **Forest Hills AARP #2556** meets at noon in the Forest Hills Pool Lodge on the second Monday of each month. Beginning in 2012, the first meeting was held on February 13, and the group enjoyed a Valentine Party as they were entertained by the 'Magic Touch' of Peletto. During the March meeting, entertainment was provided by Juniper Village, and in April, there was a 'serenade' by the Caribbean Vibes. Guests and visitors are always welcome. Each meeting is called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Frank Carretta. The Tours Committee announces upcoming tour opportunities. On Saturday, March 24, Betty Palermo plans a tour to Wexford and Butler beginning with Soergal's Orchard, dinner at the Texas Roadhouse, then on to Westminster College Theater to hear the Texas Tenors who are famous all over the country—a day of wonderful food and music. For more information, call Betty Palermo, 412-351-0760.

Officers for 2012 are: President Frank Carretta; Second Vice-president Helen Winters; Third Vice-president Marion Hershman; Director (three years) and Assistant Treasurer Gary Skerlec; Director (two years) Betty Palermo; Director (one year) Rosemary Gasior; Secretary Mary Jane DePaulo; Treasurer Mary Carretta, and; Advisor Bill Bruckman. For more information, call Mary Smith at 412-273-1943, or Frank and Mary Carretta at 412-823-0577.

**Editor's Note:** I would like to thank Rick Colella and Chief Chuck Williams for their contribution to the newsletter.