



# FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

*A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills*

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## Cleaning up the Borough's Parks and Other Properties

*Come join your neighbors on Saturday, April 25, to clean up the borough's parks and other facilities. This project, championed a few years ago by council member, Steve Karas, has residents coming by and helping to keep our parks and facilities clean, so come by the starting point at Forest Hills Park at 9 a.m. Clean-up Day is held in conjunction with another annual borough event—Arbor Day.*

## The Forest Hills Borough 2015 Budget

by Borough Manager Steve Morus

The 2015 budget is now available on the borough web-site ([www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)), and includes the manager's budget message to council, copies of each of the borough's budgets and a section on financial data and statistics that are useful in understanding the borough's financial picture. Because the budget message is very detailed, a full description of the 2015 budget will not be provided here. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view a copy of the budget booklet at the borough office and at the borough library in the basement of the senior center.

The budget message is a detailed summary of key points in the 2015 budget. It includes information provided to council when the first draft of a balanced budget is provided to them at the October finance committee meeting. Subsequent memos used to create and explain a final budget appear toward the end of the message.

The borough budget process is the same each year. It begins in August with a memo and preparation forms provided to borough staff and council. Each submit information to the manager on things they would like to see in the budget by late September so that a first draft is completed by early October as noted above. Council uses subsequent finance committee meetings or Committee of the Whole meetings to prepare both a preliminary budget for advertising (November of each year) and a final budget (December of each year).

There is too much information associated with the budget to provide a thorough explanation here so a review of the budget message will help. Some key points for the 2015 budget include:

- Taxes remain at 8 mills for 2015 with 1 mill dedicated to a road improvement program
- Council determined that a portion of the funds escrowed in 2013 with the property reassessment should be returned to taxpayers beginning with this budget as a credit on the tax bills. As appeals conclude, hopefully by the end of this year, any remaining dollars in the escrow fund would be distributed as a tax credit possibly with the 2016 bills.
- The sewer and fire fees remain the same. By law, all funds from the sewer fee must go only to sanitary and storm-sewer work, equipment and labor. By law, all funds from the fire fee must go only to fire-related costs including, but not limited to, payment on the truck lease, reimbursement to the department for authorized bills they submit, insurance and administrative costs. Those budgets are shown separately on the web-site
- The trash fee increased to cover increased costs in the contract with the hauler.
- Salt prices increased significantly this year; regardless of how serious a winter, the borough is required to purchase a minimum amount of salt under the contract at these higher prices
- Included with the 2015 budget is a projection for 2016 so that council and staff may take a long range view of borough needs. For capital items, the borough prepares a five-year capital improvements plan to assist with that long range view.

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**Forest Hills Pool, Tennis, Swim Team and Synchronized Swim Team Applications inside this issue.**

# Forest Hills Borough Budget

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The budget is discussed at public meetings beginning each October with the finance committee and Forest Hills residents and taxpayers are welcome to attend. Again, full budget information is provided on the borough web-site ([www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)) and in the borough office or library and includes the following budgets:

- General Fund
- Corrective Action (sewers)
- Fire Protection Services Fee
- Liquid Fuels (road related)
- Capital Improvements Plan (five-year capital plan)
- Road Improvement Fund

## Borough of Forest Hills 2015 Budget Summary by Category

Acct. No.	Revenues	2014 Budget	2014 Actual to Date	% of Total Revenues 2015 Budget	2015 Budget	% of Total Revenues 2015 Budget
<b>TAXES</b>						
301	Real Property	2,674,528	2,983,396	<b>43.80%</b>	2,812,000	49.36%
310	Act 511	<u>976,000</u>	<u>1,176,334</u>	<b>15.98%</b>	<u>1,010,000</u>	<u>17.73%</u>
	<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>3,650,528</b>	<b>4,159,730</b>	<b>59.78%</b>	<b>3,822,000</b>	<b>67.09%</b>
320	Licenses & Permits	41,200	29,789	<b>0.67%</b>	34,350	<b>0.60%</b>
321	Cable TV Franchise	132,000	152,765	<b>2.16%</b>	136,000	<b>2.39%</b>
330	Fees & Fines	65,800	51,522	<b>1.08%</b>	54,000	<b>0.95%</b>
340	Interest, Rents & Royalties	81,150	87,423	<b>1.33%</b>	65,500	<b>1.15%</b>
	State					
354	Grants	38,700	49,537	<b>0.63%</b>	34,000	<b>0.60%</b>
355	Shared Revenue	<u>112,200</u>	<u>113,707</u>	<b>1.84%</b>	<u>111,200</u>	<b>1.95%</b>
	<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>150,900</b>	<b>163,244</b>	<b>2.47%</b>	<b>145,200</b>	<b>2.55%</b>
357	Local Government Grants (RAD)	185,500	203,953	<b>3.04%</b>	190,000	<b>3.34%</b>
360	Charges for Services	216,500	186,364	<b>3.55%</b>	200,185	<b>3.51%</b>
<b>Reimbursements</b>						
362	Public Safety	47,973	52,254	<b>0.79%</b>	49,652	<b>0.87%</b>
363	Public Works	58,340	60,657	<b>0.96%</b>	60,201	<b>1.06%</b>
	<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>106,313</b>	<b>112,911</b>	<b>1.74%</b>	<b>109,853</b>	<b>1.93%</b>
364	Sanitation	604,508	605,908	<b>9.90%</b>	647,050	<b>11.36%</b>
367	Recreation					
	Pool	109,500	97,608	<b>1.79%</b>	102,800	<b>1.80%</b>
	Programs	14,600	13,523	<b>0.24%</b>	14,700	<b>0.26%</b>
	Tennis & Misc.	8,000	6,813	<b>0.13%</b>	8,540	<b>0.15%</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>132,100</b>	<b>117,944</b>	<b>2.16%</b>	<b>126,040</b>	<b>2.21%</b>
380	Miscellaneous	739,700	699,038	<b>12.11%</b>	166,300	<b>2.92%</b>
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,106,199</b>	<b>6,570,590</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,696,478</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Acct. No.	Expenditures	2014 Budget	2014 Actual to Date	% of Total Expenditures 2015 Budget	2015 Budget	% of Total Expenditures 2015 Budget
<b>BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION</b>						
400	Legislative	21,518	18,138	<b>0.35%</b>	21,118	<b>0.37%</b>
401	Administration	679,038	658,255	<b>11.12%</b>	700,621	<b>12.30%</b>
403	Tax Collection	28,215	29,941	<b>0.46%</b>	28,715	<b>0.50%</b>
404	Legal Services	118,000	154,922	<b>1.93%</b>	119,500	<b>2.10%</b>
	<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>846,771</b>	<b>861,255</b>	<b>13.87%</b>	<b>869,954</b>	<b>15.27%</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
410	Police	1,762,034	1,598,182	<b>28.86%</b>	1,765,325	<b>30.99%</b>
411	Fire	0	0	<b>0.00%</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>
412	Ambulance	9,648	9,800	<b>0.16%</b>	9,673	<b>0.17%</b>
415	Neighborhood Crime Resistance	8,650	4,850	<b>0.14%</b>	8,950	<b>0.16%</b>
416	Auxiliary Police	5,000	2,185	<b>0.08%</b>	5,000	<b>0.09%</b>
419	School Crossing Guards	23,818	16,592	<b>0.39%</b>	11,019	<b>0.19%</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>1,809,150</b>	<b>1,631,610</b>	<b>29.63%</b>	<b>1,799,967</b>	<b>31.60%</b>
414	Planning & Zoning	42,894	72,891	<b>0.70%</b>	44,717	<b>0.78%</b>
<b>Sewage/Sanitation</b>						
427	Refuse Collection	559,248	545,171	<b>9.16%</b>	592,188	<b>10.40%</b>
426	Recycling Collection	<u>4,124</u>	<u>3,903</u>	<b>0.07%</b>	<u>4,200</u>	<b>0.07%</b>
	<b>TOTAL SEWAGE/SANITATION</b>	<b>563,372</b>	<b>549,074</b>	<b>9.23%</b>	<b>596,388</b>	<b>10.47%</b>
<b>Public Works/Maintenance</b>						
406	Magistrate's Office Building	6,005	5,695	<b>0%</b>	2,375	<b>0.04%</b>
409	Building Maintenance	101,566	93,182	<b>1.66%</b>	98,210	<b>1.72%</b>
430	Public Works	614,768	698,487	<b>10.07%</b>	615,351	<b>10.80%</b>
431	Street Maintenance	91,500	92,774	<b>1.50%</b>	90,200	<b>1.58%</b>
436	Sewer Maintenance	<u>81,430</u>	<u>81,262</u>	<b>1.33%</b>	<u>80,413</u>	<b>1.41%</b>
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS/MAINT.</b>	<b>895,269</b>	<b>971,401</b>	<b>14.66%</b>	<b>886,549</b>	<b>15.56%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>						
451	Programming	6,488	6,478	<b>0.11%</b>	6,516	<b>0.11%</b>
452	Swimming Pool	154,055	170,073	<b>2.52%</b>	165,508	<b>2.91%</b>
453	Tennis	7,595	5,809	<b>0.12%</b>	7,873	<b>0.14%</b>
454	Parks	106,947	101,215	<b>1.75%</b>	111,144	<b>1.95%</b>
459	Recreation Center (Westinghouse)	<u>65,683</u>	<u>67,758</u>	<b>1.08%</b>	<u>66,652</u>	<b>1.17%</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECREATION</b>	<b>340,768</b>	<b>351,334</b>	<b>5.58%</b>	<b>357,694</b>	<b>6.28%</b>
455	Tree Service	89,173	102,075	<b>1.46%</b>	102,054	<b>1.79%</b>
458	Senior Citizen Center	9,270	13,208	<b>0.15%</b>	12,975	<b>0.23%</b>
471-475	Debt Service - Capital Projects	979,319	930,691	<b>16.04%</b>	368,639	<b>6.47%</b>
492	Reserve for Capital Funds	351,000	450,949	<b>5.75%</b>	491,541	<b>8.63%</b>
480/490	Miscellaneous	179,214	25,169	<b>2.93%</b>	166,000	<b>2.91%</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,106,199</b>	<b>5,959,655</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>5,696,478</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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# Plans to Move the Borough Offices to a New Municipal Center

Last year, borough council agreed to look into selling the existing municipal and magistrate buildings on Ardmore Boulevard, in addition to the Senior Center/Library located on Avenue D. The Forest Hills Police Department, currently housed in the municipal building, would also be part of this move. However, there is no plan to move the Forest Hills Fire Department and Public Works Garages from their current location.

The decision to look into selling these properties was due to the extensive upgrades needed at all the aforementioned locations. The magistrate's office building, originally a gas station, would need general repairs and a new roof. The borough building has ongoing issues with heating and air conditioning, and all the carpeting needs to be replaced. More importantly, the design of the present office space does not allow for smooth functioning of office business, and is too small for all of the needed departments; i.e. borough manager, tax collector, code enforcement, administrative staff, sewage/refuse, borough arborist. All have outgrown their present office space/areas. The police department has also outgrown its current location and most of its office space is in need of updating. In addition, last year the

borough's insurance carrier commented to the borough's safety committee that the entrance/exit doors are not adequate and are considered to be unsafe.

Because the Ardmore buildings are old, in need of costly updates, and no longer have adequate space for efficient borough functioning, council decided that it was time to look into options to sell and re-build.

The building that houses the Forest Hills Senior Center and Library has had many structural problems recently, is not conveniently located, and is not being fully utilized since Eastern Area Adult Services has had to cut back on their services; but the facility continues to have extremely high monthly utility bills. The proposed plan for the new building would be to have the library next to a multi-purpose room that could be used by both the library and the Senior Center as needed when they are open. This room would be able to be partitioned into several smaller areas and would be available for other functions, such as committee and council meetings, making it cost-effective in the long run.

The borough property located on Greensburg Pike adjacent to the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge, and currently being used as a parking lot for patrons who

attend sports events at the Westinghouse Fields, is being considered as a potential site for the new Municipal Center.

The proposed new building would be designed to accommodate the multiple needs and functions of a modern municipal government and center; it would have a "partitionable," multi-purpose room available for borough events; and would utilize "green design" principals to include energy-saving utilities and on-site storm-water management. While nothing is finalized and this is a project that could take a few years to be implemented, council has hired Town Center Associates to obtain the services of an architect and an appraiser to draw up the preliminary plans that need to be in place in order to move forward. Town Center Associates is also in the process of getting proposals from investors to purchase the existing buildings in order to be able to finance the new building. The selling of the existing properties would also offset the cost of the new building. Council is encouraging new businesses to develop this prime real estate here in Forest Hills.

The borough will continue to keep residents updated on the project via information in the *Tree City Times* and on the borough's web-site—[www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org).



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## Wood Chipping Program

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To schedule the chipper, just call 412-351-7330, x207 and speak to Jim Theilacker, 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.

Tree limbs 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: Second & Third Wednesday

There will be a limited number of pick-ups 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 should be facing the same direction. The chipper can accept branches and trees up to eight inches in diameter. No root systems or tree parts that have dirt on them will be accepted. Piles of brush that are intertwined will not be chipped. No vines or thorns will be accepted. 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.

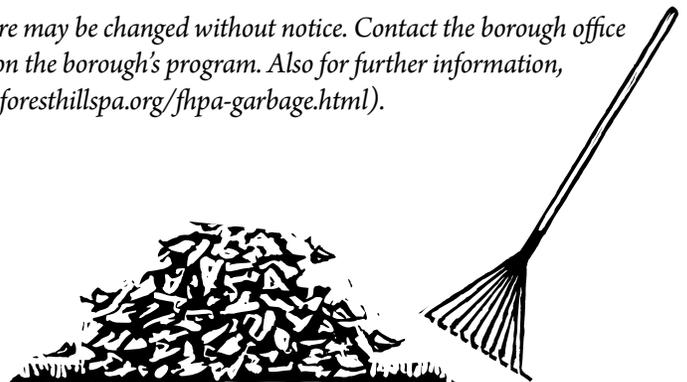
Wood chips, if available, are free to all borough residents and can be picked up by appointment only from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. during the months of May through August. You will be informed of the exact location of pickup when making an appointment.

### Yard Waste

Yard waste is defined by the borough as: Leaves, cuttings, trimmings and clippings from trees, bushes and other plants, garden residues, and chipped shrubbery, but does not include grass clippings.

The borough allows residents to deposit yard waste at a location behind the public works garage. The yard-waste box is available around April 15 to October 15 (approximate). For more or questions, call Public Works at 412-351-7330, x207.

*(Information included here may be changed without notice. Contact the borough office for updated information on the borough's program. Also for further information, visit our web-site at [www.foresthillspa.org/fhpa-garbage.html](http://www.foresthillspa.org/fhpa-garbage.html)).*



## Program: How Borough Government Works

**H**ave you ever written or called the borough office with an anonymous complaint then wondered why no one ever did anything about it? Are you interested in volunteering to serve in some capacity but don't know how you may help? Have you ever wondered if it wouldn't be simpler if the borough manager would just tell everybody what to do including council and the mayor? The answers to these and other questions may be obvious if you understand exactly how borough government works, and that's the purpose of this program. Over four sessions lasting 90 minutes each, Borough Manager Steve Morus, will take you through the basics of the operations of borough government, discuss what legal requirements and restrictions there are and review basic financial issues.

The class will provide an overview of borough government through a review of the following topics:

- How a borough operates in Pennsylvania
- The job of council and the Mayor
- The role of Manager and Staff
- Conducting council and committee meetings and related rules
- An overview of borough departments and committees
- Financial planning and budget preparation

The class is intended to provide a general look at the government of Forest Hills and participants may ask questions to guide the direction of the class. If there is sufficient interest, an in-depth look at the above topics will follow in a subsequent class. Individual, personal or political issues will not be addressed.

You must register in advance so that we know how many copies of class materials to provide. In the event that there is not sufficient registration to hold the class, money will be refunded. This class has been previously offered but in a slightly different format.

Dates: April 8, 16, 22 and 30  
Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Location: Borough Building, Council Meeting Room  
Cost: \$10 (to defray the cost of handout materials)  
by check payable to Borough of Forest Hills

Registration deadline: March 27. Class size will be limited

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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The **Late Bloomer's Garden Club** is now under new leadership! Since its inception in 1999, Jerianne Benish has been the club's creator and leader. Jerianne has guided the club through thick and thin, grass and weeds, storms and sun, flowers and fun. The presidency was magnificently co-hosted for the past few years with Linda Leasure-Maddox, and at a recent meeting, their double resignation was announced. Everything has a season and both of these lovely ladies decided it was their season of change. While they will remain in the club, they have passed the office to Rebecca Glasser who joined the club seven years ago. Having just moved to Forest Hills, she knew "nothing about gardening" and was looking for information to tend to her yard which hosted several established flower gardens. She had read about the Late Bloomers in the Tree City Times and was thrilled to meet a few club members on a neighborhood walk. They invited her to a meeting and she joined immediately. Rebecca is sharing her leadership with the new vice president and a relatively new member, Patricia DeMarco. Patty has a remarkable resume in the garden arena as she has served as the Director of the Rachel Carson Institute at Chatham University and currently retains a position of Senior Scholar. They appreciate the new insights and fresh perspective Rebecca and Patty bring to the club and welcome them as their new leaders.

Looking past, they had an excellent *walking* progressive dinner for their holiday party in December. Three members who live in close proximity warmly invited them into their homes for an evening of fun, friends and food—a perfect way to ring in the New Year.

Looking forward, they hope you enjoy the presence of color this spring from the bulbs they planted in the fall. They have fun placing the bulbs differently every

year, only to be surprised months later by the patterns they have created. The club is bringing more speakers to their meetings this year—join them for fun and information-filled meetings.

They are always seeking residents who enjoy gardening, learning and offering up some time to give color and beauty to Ardmore Boulevard. If you have a desire to make a difference in this Tree City USA Borough, come join their next meeting held on the second Thursday of every month (7 p.m.) at a member's home. E-mail them at: [latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com), or call Rebecca at: 412-427-8662, or Patty at: 412-708-9277 for the location of the next meeting. They look forward to seeing you there.

The Late Bloomers Garden Club would like to welcome you back to the 13th season of the **Forest Hills Farmers Market**. This year you can expect a few new surprises as well as your returning favorites. They have been revamping their Facebook account so if you use social media, please visit their site and "like" them. They can be found at Forest Hills Pa Farmers Market. They would love it if you visit the Facebook page for Late Bloomers Garden Club also. Their web-site is: [www.latebloomersgardenclub.com](http://www.latebloomersgardenclub.com) for links to both of these sites. Opening day this year is **Friday June 5**. The market operates from 4 to 7 p.m., and runs every Friday until the end of October. They can be found at 1840 Ardmore Boulevard in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church (just look for the tents). Plenty of parking can be found behind the church on Cascade Road. There are two parking lots with easy access from either entrance to the market. The Late Bloomers always have a table and would love to have you stop by with your comments and suggestions or just to say hi. They look forward to seeing all of you and to another wonderful season.

At **Hope Lutheran Church** a Lenten series will continue on Wednesdays March 11, 18 and 25 with a light supper at 6 p.m. which will precede a service at 7 p.m. Hope will

gather on Maundy Thursday, April 2 for an Agape Meal at 6:30 p.m., with the meal beginning at 7 p.m. The observance of Holy Week continues as they gather with the remembrance of the death of Christ on Good Friday, April 3 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 10:30 a.m. on April 5.

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 10:30 a.m. Hope is a welcoming congregation and they invite 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. Contact Hope at: 412-242-4476, or send an e-mail: [Hopeforesthills@aol.com](mailto:Hopeforesthills@aol.com), or visit their web-site: [www.HopeForestHills.com](http://www.HopeForestHills.com).

Reverend Ben Black of **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church** invites you to join them for Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesday Life Group at 7 p.m.

On the second Saturday of the month they will meet at the church at 5 p.m. to car pool Downtown Pittsburgh to feed the homeless. All who are interested are welcome to join them.

Lent will begin with an Ash Wednesday Service on February 18 at 7 p.m. During Holy Week, a Good Friday service is scheduled on April 3 at 7 p.m. The Resurrection will be celebrated on Easter Sunday April 5 at 10:15 a.m. May Market is on May 2.

For more information, contact the church at: 412-241-1647, or send an e-mail: [foresthillspc@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillspc@gmail.com), or check their web-site: [www.fhpcpa.org](http://www.fhpcpa.org).

The Forest Hills Community Service operates a free bus service within the Borough of Forest Hills for senior citizens and persons with a handicap. **The Flivver** service was started in 1974 through contributions

from individual citizens, various local charities and the borough itself. The Flivver continues to be free because of donations made by the citizens, the riders and the volunteer drivers.

The bus is a 10-passenger vehicle—but does not have handicapped lifts—and takes eligible senior citizens (those 55 and older) and handicapped persons to the Forest Hills Senior Center, doctor's offices, hairdressers, banks, drug stores, grocery stores, etc. On Sundays, the Flivver takes people to church service.

The Flivver operates Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Riders can call the Flivver at 412-519-3955 to be picked up usually within 15 minutes of their call. This is a great and well-needed service for the community.

The Flivver is always looking for new drivers. You can be trained in a matter of hours. There are so many people in the borough who are grateful for the freedom the Flivver provides. Those who are interested in volunteering three hours a day, twice a month, can call Don Newcomer at 412-708-0511.

For over 50 years, the **Forest Hills Lions Club** has served 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 are found at the borough office, at the Churchill Vision Center, Beulah Church, Cost Building-Optical Shop (second floor), Jodi-B's Restaurant, Lanigan Funeral Homes, 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.

**Computer and Electronics Collection Day** Will take place on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge Parking Lot.

Bring your unwanted computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, cell phones, digital cameras, chargers, adapters, microwaves, stereo systems, VCRs—and any other hard-to-recycle electronic waste. They will no longer accept TV's. They will also collect clothing and household goods, such as: baby items, dishes, baking dishes, pots and pans, curtains and rods, bedding, silverware, toys and decorative items. They will NOT collect furniture.

Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania is the non-profit of choice for safe,

easy and free recycling of computers and electronics. All data hard-drives are data destroyed to Department of Defense standards. By donating your unwanted computers, you are helping Goodwill provide employment to those who refurbish and salvage them. Goodwill also offers expert services to help people overcome physical, mental, educational, social and economic barriers that stand between them and having a meaningful job.

**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).

Mitchell Mroczkowski, son of long-time residents, Tim and Joyce, recently earned his Eagle Scout rank by building a "Sacred Heart of Jesus Grotto" at St. Maurice Church. The grotto was made possible by raising funds from parishioners, community businesses, as well as friends and family. Mitchell, a member of Troop #90 in Forest Hills, raised close to \$1,800 along with donations of some of the materials that were needed. He designed the grotto as well as leading fellow scouts in building it this past summer. A blessing service to dedicate it was held last September by Father John Skirtich. The project is the culmination of many years of scouting and community involvement. Mitchell is a junior and an honor student at Woodland Hills High School.



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## TAX TIME

The 2015 Forest Hills Borough Real Estate Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed to property owners on February 27, and will be collected at the discount amount until April 30. Beginning May 1, any unpaid 2015 borough real estate taxes will be collected at the face amount until June 30. If you are expecting a borough real estate tax bill and do not receive it in March, 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.

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# Municipal News

## Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Co. No.1 and Relief Organization

by Rick Colella



The year 2014 was another busy year for the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department in the terms of emergency responses. In 2014, the department responded to 322 calls for assistance, these calls ranged from structure fires, rescue calls, vehicle accidents, alarm calls and a variety of service calls. The department answers calls 24 hour a day seven days a week.

Besides the emergency calls, the department holds weekly drills and meetings as well as attending association meetings and training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy and other formal training sessions. This year we had two members attend the Structural Burn Classes at the State Fire Academy in Lewistown, and one member attended training in Pueblo, Colorado.

The department also participates in a wide range of community activities, to include the Annual Tree Burning, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community Day, Hayride, National Crime Alert Night Out, the borough's Halloween night and the Lion's Club Memorial Day service. We also hold fundraising and community events with other departments as well as participating in the Forest Hills Rotary Annual Chili Cook-off.

This past year, the members have accumulated 1,436 hours responding to emergency calls, 1,346 hours for non-incident activities and 1,927 training hours for a total of 4,709 hours for the year.

For the fourth year, this past December 6, we committed to grin and "bear" it for the athletes of Special Olympics of Pennsylvania by taking a frozen dip into the Allegheny River alongside hundreds of other warm-hearted people. Seventeen members, family, and friends of the FHVFD joined members of the Swissvale Police Department along with their family and friends and helped donate over \$23,000 to support this worthy cause. Our team also supported two "Super Plungers" from the FHVFD. These individuals raised over \$2,500 each and began their PLUNGE experience on the morning of December 5, by plunging every 30 minutes for 12 hours before joining the team on Saturday.

If you want to learn more about this spectacular winter event, visit [www.specialolympicspa.org](http://www.specialolympicspa.org) to find out the details.

### Borough Council Meetings:

**7 p.m. in council chambers, borough building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

Third Wednesday of each month, April 15, May 27 and June 17

### Committee Meetings:

**7 p.m. in council chambers, borough building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

*Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy: April 2, May 5 and June 2*

*Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole: April 7, May 12 and June 9*

*Shade Tree & Shrub Committee: April 8, May 13 and June 10*

*Planning Commission: April 29, May 20 and June 24*

*Recreation Board Meetings: April 6, May 4 and June 1*

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## 2014 Police Activity Report by Police Chief Chuck Williams

Forest Hills continues to be an extremely safe community with a very low crime rate. In 2014 the Forest Hills Police Department received 3,534 calls for service, a slight increase from 2013. Officers responded to many types of calls, from a robbery that had just occurred to a dog who had got away from its owner. Providing quick response to emergency situations and the highest level of protection to resident's year in and year out is our primary goal. Ensuring safety to the community 24-7 and 365 days a year requires well trained professionals who are conscientious and willing to step up to the tasks at hand.

We also have the added benefit of our Neighborhood Crime Resistance Committee who for many years has promoted safety and brought us our current phone notification system Swiftreach. In years past, they funded this system by seeking out grants. This year the system is being funded by the borough as our elected officials have seen the benefit of its use and feel it is a necessity to provide timely information to the community. We also appreciate the help we receive from the general public who call 911 when they notice suspicious people or vehicles. In one instance, a caller observed a robbery which had just occurred and called 911 from their cell phone. The information they provided helped our officers track the suspects and take them into custody. These particular suspects were involved in multiple robberies in our borough as well as others in neighboring communities.

### Here is a general summary of police activity for 2014:

Reportable Accidents .....	31
Burglaries .....	14
Robberies .....	6
Murders .....	0
Rapes .....	0
Adult Arrests .....	119
Juvenile Arrests .....	30
<b>Total Arrests .....</b>	<b>149</b>
Traffic Tickets .....	637
Non-traffic Tickets .....	81
Parking Tickets .....	379
<b>Total Tickets .....</b>	<b>1,097</b>

The Forest Hills Police Department and I thank you for your help and support.

**Chief Williams**

## Link-Age-to-Age

A joint venture: Link-Age-to-Age will team with Forest Hills AARP to sponsor an open discussion of "Options for Senior Care" at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Forest Hills Swimming Pool Lodge. Panelists will include senior care professionals from local programs and facilities. Lunch will be available. For more information, call the Forest Hills Senior Center, 412-824-5610—a volunteer will return your call if you leave your name and phone number.

Link volunteers are on a mission to connect older Forest Hills residents with home services and providers. They also welcome new homeowners to the borough, provide Neighbor-to-Neighbor cards for sharing emergency information (shown below) and post local resource information to a bulletin board at the senior center on Avenue D.



**Display on your refrigerator door, share a card with your neighbor and mail or bring in the card to the borough office so the police can store this information. Sharing this information with your neighbors will enable them to help you in case of an emergency.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRASH COLLECTION— HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

Trash will be delayed one day during that week

When the holiday falls on a weekday, no trash or recycling is collected on these holidays. The trash collection day for those whose scheduled day falls on one of these six days occurs the day after the holiday. The scheduled collection day for all others that fall after the holiday is then delayed one day. Collection days prior to a holiday in a given week are unaffected.

If residents are in need of recycle bins, they are available at the borough office at a cost of \$18 each. Please make check or money order payable to the Forest Hills Borough and mail to the borough office—2071 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221—we will not accept cash.

## EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Monday – Friday.

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No person, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property within the Borough of Forest Hills, shall permit any grass or weeds of any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six (6) inches, or throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the borough in violation of any of the provisions of this Section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the borough.

The borough reminds everyone that residents are responsible for repairing the existing sidewalks in front of or around the perimeter of their property. The Borough's Code Enforcement Officer Don Branzel is conducting a survey of sidewalks throughout the borough to ensure compliance and encourage correction of damaged or unsafe sidewalk areas.

### 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 13 and June 20 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.

### THE BOROUGH NOW PERMITS LEASHED DOGS IN ALL BOROUGH PARKS.

Please read the borough ordinance on maintaining your dog on a leash when visiting any of our parks.

Visitors to the park can read the entire ordinance on leashed dogs; which can be found on the borough's website: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org).

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# Rotary News



## The Rotary Club of Forest Hills Is Currently Seeking New Members

Would you like to make a difference in your local schools? Would you like to make your community a better place to live? Would you like to create lasting relationships with other business professionals in the area? Would you like to help eradicate Polio, provide safe drinking water and improve the lives of those less fortunate? If so, then you should join the Forest Hills Rotary Club.

The Forest Hills Rotary Club is a multi-racial, non-political, non-faith based group that works to improve the world locally, nationally and internationally. Since 1947, the Rotary Club of Forest Hills has: hosted foreign exchange students in four area high schools; promoted the benefits of education by providing funds for scholarship programs; supported Rotary's ideals on a high school level through Interact Clubs; and distributed dictionaries to students at local public, propel and parochial schools.

Their fundraising efforts allow them to donate money to families at a time of crisis, help the less fortunate at the holidays, and assist local service organizations such as: the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank; the Forest Hills Flivver Van Service; the Forest Hills Fire Department; the Forest Hills Police Department, and many other local community projects.

Internationally, the Rotary Club of Forest Hills has funded projects that bring clean, bacteria-free water to thousands of children and adults in Honduras, Rwanda, Nigeria and Cambodia. And, thanks to the club, Rotary International, and many other Rotary Clubs around the world, Polio has practically become an illness of the past.

For more information about how you can make a difference, join them for breakfast, or contact Bonnie at: 412-244-9901. The Rotary Club of Forest Hills meets Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. at Jodi B's Restaurant in the Forest Hills Plaza.



*(left) Jake Rusbridge, Foreign Exchange Student, from White Hills, Australia, displaying all of the buttons and badges he collected while here in the United States. Jake attended class at the Woodland Hills School District this past year, and returned to Australia in January 2015. Jake's stay was sponsored and subsidized by the Rotary Club of Forest Hills.*

*(Above, left) On December 15, three members from the Rotary Club of Forest Hills volunteered to collect food donations for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's Market Square Food Drive in Pittsburgh. All of those who donated received a free photo with Santa. Pictured (from Left to right) are the Forest Hills Rotary Club's volunteers, Marlene Gumbert, Guy Russo and Bob Dove.*

## Forest Hills Borough 2014 Citizen of the Year



Tom Nunnally is one of the oldest Forest Hills Rotary Club Members. He has been an active member, supporter and leader with the rotary for over 35 years. As a former bank executive he has helped numerous small businesses prosper. He is a Paul Harris fellow (Rotary Club distinction for generous donations) and was named Rotarian of the Year for Forest Hills Rotary in 2013. Tom has received the Service above Self Award from Rotary International. He has been a driver for the Forest Hills Flivver since 1978, volunteers at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, helped build a fresh water-well for an orphanage in Rwanda, a clinic in Nigeria, and water projects in Nicaragua, Honduras, and Cambodia. He is currently helping to build a third-grade classroom for a school and orphanage in Rwanda that he has at times provided with financial support (along with the Rotary and other donators).



*(Above) Borough Council President Markus Erbdinger, 2014 Citizenship Award Recipient Tom Nunnally, and Mayor Marty O'Malley.*



**Forest Hills Nursery School** offers three classes: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays—five days a week. There are fifteen children per class, meeting from 9 to 11:30 a.m. On Wednesdays/Thursdays, the children may bring a lunch and stay until 1 p.m. The school is a private, state licensed school with one pre-school state certified teacher and at least one other adult per class. For more information, contact Secretary, Sally Sabino, 412-351-5054; or Teacher/Director, Betsy Wolf, 412-241-9414, 724-744-1061.

**Forest Hills Nursery School's 50th Anniversary**

On Saturday, May 16 from 1 to 3 p.m., the Forest Hills Nursery School will hold an open house in the classroom at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church for former students and parents of the school to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. The school was started in 1964 by the Junior Women's League of Forest Hills. Those attending are asked to bring any pictures from the school when they attended. For more information, please contact: Bill Krizan, 412-241-7532; Sally Sabino, 412-351-5054; or Betsy Wolf, 412 241-9414, 724-744-1061.

**Trinity Christian School**, located at 299 Ridge Avenue in Forest Hills, will host the following events this spring. Please contact the school at 412-242-8886 for more information.

**Work-a-Thon**

On Thursday, May 7, students, faculty, staff, and parent volunteers will conduct service projects throughout the community during the school's 19th 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 for donations in support of 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.

**Spring Drama Production**

The spring drama production will be on Thursday, April 23; Friday, April 24; Saturday, April 25; Thursday, April 30; Friday, May 1; and Saturday, May 2. All shows start at 7 p.m.

**Choir and Band Concerts**

The spring choir concert will be presented on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. The spring band concert will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.

**About Trinity Christian School**

For 60 years, Trinity Christian School has been providing quality Christian education to students from Kindergarten through Grade 12. The school follows a classical approach to learning, combining knowledge, reasoning, and communication across the spectrum of subjects. Trinity also offers extra-curricular activities such as drama, band, choir, and sports. The school is accepting applications for Kindergarten through Grade 12. For more information or to schedule an appointment to visit, call the school at 412-242-8886. You can also visit the web-site at [www.trinitychristian.net](http://www.trinitychristian.net) to learn more about the school and its mission, faculty, curriculum, and programs.

**East Catholic School's "Living Stations"**

Looking for a way to deepen your Lenten experience this year? If you're in the Forest Hills area, consider attending a performance of "The Living Stations of the Cross" at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, on Tuesday March 24. The "Living Stations" will be presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, who are members of the East Catholic School "Fine Arts Club", under the direction of Miss Mary Beth Koontz. The "Living Stations" is an experiential musical journey through Christ's Passion, as well as a spiritual wake-up call that provides a visual realization of what Christ went through on his way to the cross. The music evolves and propels the participants through the story so that each feels present at the foot of the cross, not just as an observer, but as an active participant in salvation history. The Living Stations is an ideal way to grow in love for each other and for Christ. These stations reflect deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Jesus Christ's Passion to help us prepare for Holy Week.

The presentation is scheduled for Tuesday March 24, at St. Maurice Church at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Join them as they proceed on the Lenten Journey. Admission is free.

**East Catholic School's 31st Annual Shakespeare Play**

The 31st Annual Shakespeare Play at East Catholic School will be "The Taming of the Shrew." The play will be presented by the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. This Shakespeare play is under the direction of 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Sue Zitelli.

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The Taming of the Shrew is a comedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written between 1590 and 1592.

The play begins with a framing device, often referred to as the "Induction," in which a mischievous nobleman tricks a drunken tinker named Christopher Sly into believing he is actually a nobleman himself. The nobleman then has the play performed for Sly's diversion.

The main plot depicts the courtship of Petruchio, a gentleman of Verona, and Katherina, the headstrong, obstinate shrew. Initially, Katherina is an unwilling participant in the relationship, but Petruchio tempers her with various psychological torments—the "taming"—until she becomes a compliant and obedient bride. The subplot features a competition between the suitors of Katherina's more desirable sister, Bianca.

Plan to attend Friday April 24 or Saturday April 25. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. in Keane Hall (East Catholic School Cafeteria), 2001 Ardmore Boulevard. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. If you have never seen this Shakespeare classic, mark your calendar so you can come and enjoy their interpretation. Shakespeare wrote for everybody, and 423 years later, people still enjoy his art.

### Christ Lutheran School & Child Care Center

Christ Lutheran School is open for tours all year round. Christ Lutheran School and Child Care Center has programs for infants and toddlers as well as pre-school through grade 8. Come and see them in action and why families are choosing them to be their "school of choice." Families like the Christian Family Atmosphere, the quality academics and the small class sizes that promote quality learning for their child. Each child is treated as an individual, created by God, with individual talents and gifts. If you are interested in visiting the school or would like more information, please call the school 412-271-7173.

### Free Family Movie Nights

The community is invited to join them for monthly family movies on the second Saturday of the month starting at 6 p.m. Families are welcome to come in their "PJ's" and bring a blanket/pillow for comfort.

For upcoming movie titles check: [www.facebook.com/ChristlutherPTO](http://www.facebook.com/ChristlutherPTO).

### Free Family Fun Nights

The community is invited to join them on the fourth Saturday of the month for Free Family Fun Nights. The theme of Fun Night will change each month. Their final activity for the school year will be June 13. Join them for their End of School Year Extravaganza! Follow their Facebook page for upcoming themes: [www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranPTO](http://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranPTO).

Do you know of a student in need of financial aid for college or vocational school? **The Woodland Hills Foundation** is proud to offer eight scholarships to students graduating from the Woodland Hills School District.

- **NEW!** The Nancy Lazaro Memorial Scholarship
- **NEW!** The Eileen Lazaro Memorial Scholarship
- **NEW!** The Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship
- **NEW!** The Barrie and Arleen Bartulski Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- The Hospital Albert Schweitzer Scholarship
- The Julia Anne McCool Memorial Scholarship
- The Debbie Thames Spahr Memorial Scholarship
- The Woodland Hills Foundation Senior Scholarship

Students interested in applying for any of these scholarships can go to their website: [www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org](http://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org), or visit the guidance office at the high school.

**Mini-Grants:** The Woodland Hills Foundation would like to congratulate the teachers who received mini-grants for the 2014-15 school years. This year's recipients were:

*Engineering Physics Electronic Education Initiative*

Andrew Heffner (High School)

*Lunch & Learn Series: HBCUs - Educating Tomorrow's Leaders*  
Ebony Taylor (Jr. High)

*Hands on Science*

Rochelle Seigfield (Edgewood)

*Chickens Aren't the Only Ones*

Lauren Walter & Robin Frederick (Edgewood)

*Supporting Communication in the Classroom*

Juile Tucker (Fairless)

*Mentoring with Garden Club*

Valerie Alchier (Fairless)

*Make your Mark*

Jolene O'Leary (Academy)

*The Breakfast Club*

Ashley Fosnaught (Fairless)

*Reading in Art*

Bethany Wagner (Dickson/Fairless)

Since 2002, the Foundation has awarded 147 mini-grants totaling over \$75,000 to educators in the school district who have creative and impactful teaching ideas.

Alumni Cabaret: Entering its tenth year in 2015, the Alumni Cabaret welcomes back Woodland Hills Alumni to serenade attendees with some of their favorite songs and songs from past musicals. For ticket information visit [www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org](http://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org).

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# 2015 POOL APPLICATION

(Proof of Forest Hills Residency Required)

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 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.

Last Name	First Name	Relationship	Age*	Pass/Package	2015 Swim Lessons	
					Time (Circle one)	Session**
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg. <input type="checkbox"/> Plus	10 a.m. 10:35 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	# _____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg. <input type="checkbox"/> Plus	10 a.m. 10:35 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	# _____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg. <input type="checkbox"/> Plus	10 a.m. 10:35 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	# _____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg. <input type="checkbox"/> Plus	10 a.m. 10:35 a.m. 11:10 a.m.	# _____

(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.

\*\*The swim lesson sessions are listed on page 16 of the newsletter.

**Make checks (or money orders) payable to Forest Hills Borough.**

**Mail application and payment to:**

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

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## 2015 FOREST HILLS POOL PASSES

	Paid before or on 4/1/15	Paid on or after 4/2/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Pass:.....	\$295	\$310
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Pass:.....	\$165	\$180
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Pass: (age 65 and over) .....	\$95	\$110

## 2015 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 4/1/15	Paid on or after 4/2/15
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Plus*: .....	\$315	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Plus*: .....	\$185	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Plus*: (age 65 and over) .....	\$115	\$130

\*Only one set of plus tickets will be sold to one address.

**ATTENTION: Forest Hills Small Business Owners Who Pay Forest Hills Taxes—Business owners and their immediate families are now permitted to purchase pool passes at a cost of \$200 above the regular and plus packages prices listed above. Employees of those business owners are not eligible for the passes.**

## DAILY ADMISSION RATES

	Residents	Non-residents (or guests)
<b>Times: Noon to 5 p.m.</b>		
Adult (11 & over)	\$7	\$9
Child (3-10)	\$5	\$7
Senior Citizen (65+)	\$4	\$5
<b>Times: 5 to 8 p.m.</b>		
Adult (11 & over)	\$3.50	\$4.50
Child (3-10)	\$2.50	\$3.50
Senior Citizen (65+)	\$2	\$2.50

## 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.
  - Synchronized Swim Show August 2—Closes at 5 p.m.
- Rain Date: Tuesday, August 4

**The Forest Hills Swim Team will not be hosting championships this year.**

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 2 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 23 through August 9 from noon to 8 p.m. every day (weather permitting). Due to staffing limitations from August 10 through September 7 (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 starting on August 15 through September 7 – noon to 8 p.m.
- The refreshment stand is open noon to 7 p.m. with the grill closing at 6:30 p.m.
- You may purchase your passes on Saturday, May 2 at the Pool Lodge (noon to 2 p.m.), and on the first day the pool is open—May 23.

## 2015 TENNIS APPLICATION

Residents applying for a pass agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the 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 / _____

**Make all checks (or money orders) payable to: Forest Hills Borough**

**Mail application and payment to:**

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

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**Discount Rate: If paid before 4/1/15**

- \$160 Family Pass\*
- \$110 Individual Pass\*
- \$65 Youth Pass (under 18)\*



**If paid after 4/2/15**

- \$170 Family Pass\*
- \$120 Individual Pass\*
- \$75 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)

Check out the tennis schedules and other important information on the Tennis Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/groups/417823981582317/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/417823981582317/)

The tennis web-site is currently under construction; once that is complete, we will add the web-site address to the Facebook Page.

You can also get tennis updates on the borough's hot-line number: 412-351-7330 x272.

Updates will be added sometime during the month of May.

*\*All tennis pass buyers will now be required to submit a separate check in the amount of \$25 to be used as a security deposit for the new card-access system. This check will only be good this year, and if it hasn't been used for a lost card, then it will be destroyed. If you would rather have the check mailed back to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the application and payments.*

**Please fill out both applications for the tennis program—this application and the other on page 21/22, and send both in with the required payments. Also, if you haven't already done so, please call Cindy Simm, Recreation Director, 412-351-7330 x220 or send an e-mail: [csimm901@aol.com](mailto:csimm901@aol.com) with your card access number (first five numbers on the card) so you can be put into the system to gain access to the courts. Please do so before March 15.**



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## 2015 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

### Senior Splash Aerobics

Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
Session 1: June 8 to July 10  
Session 2: July 13 to August 14  
Times: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.  
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

(Mondays to Thursdays)  
Session 1: June 8 to June 19  
Session 2: July 6 to July 17  
Session 3: August 3 to August 14  
Times: 10, 10:35, 11:10 a.m.  
Fee: \$50 (residents); \$80 (non-residents)\*\*

*\*To register for the Swim Team and Synchronized Swim Team, use the applications found on pages 17-20 of the newsletter; or go to the borough's web-site: [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 and a phone number.*

### Private Swim and Dive Lessons

Must be scheduled directly with lifeguard/  
Instructor.  
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 have no pool pass.  
Times: 5 to 8 p.m.  
Fee: \$6 per person

### Family Fun Night

Dates: Wednesday, June 17  
Times: 8 to 10 p.m.  
Fee: \$2 per person

### Dog Swim

Date: Monday, September 7  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Fee: \$3 per dog



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## 2015 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.

**There is no smoking anywhere on the pool premises—including the parking lot.**

**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 23.**

# 2015 Forest Hills Swim Team Registration Form

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

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

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

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

Other 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 2014	Pool Pass No. (if known)	Swimmer: Return or New?	Swimmer's Birth Date

What school does your swimmer(s) attend and when is the school 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 2015 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 2015 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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!**

TASK	VOLUNTEER
Meet Set-Up	
Referee	
Stroke Judge	
Turn Judge	
Timers	
Starter	
Announcer	
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Ribbons	
50/50 Raffle	
Post-Meet Cookies	
Hoagie/Pop Sales	
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July 4: Hole-in-One	
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July 4: Biathlon	
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## 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, life guards, insurance, and pool use expenses. The parent booster club activity fee (**\$40 per family**) helps pay for swim team expenses, such as lodge rental fees, food for parties, team gifts, special meet registration fees, and related equipment needs. Sign-up is due by June 8.

	Registration	Activity Fee	Total
Swim Team Registration Fee	(\$ x No. of swimmers)	+	(\$40 per family) + (\$ Total)
\$50 per swimmer on/before June 10	_____	+	\$40 = \$_____

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

Please make checks payable to: **Forest Hills Swim Team**. If not paid at registration on Saturday, May 2, please mail check and registration form to Peggy Edinger, 428 Pacific Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15221.

# 2015 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Problems (Ex. Physical, respiratory, allergies, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*My child(ren) has/have no known medical conditions 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 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 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 2015 "Synchro" 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 27 – Saturday, August 1: Synchro Week  
(ALL MORNING AND EVENING PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY)
- Thursday, July 30: Dress Rehearsal
- Saturday, August 1: Luncheon and Run Through
- Sunday, August 2: Show – Rain Date: Tuesday, August 4

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

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



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**2015 Synchronized Swim Team Volunteer Sign up**

The Synchronized Swim Team is a volunteer-run organization that depends on the assistance of all of 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 (7/30 & 8/2)	
Luncheon (8/1)	
Decorations Setup (8/2)	
Flower Sale at the Show (8/2)	
Bake Sale (8/2)	
50/50 Raffle (8/2)	

Team Registration Fee (\$40 per swimmer)

Make checks payable to: **Forest Hills Borough**

Please return registration forms to:

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

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For official use only, verifying initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Forest Hills is one of the only communities in the region that has a Synchronized Swimming Program for swimmers ages 6-18. Synchronized swimming is an artistic sport that allows swimmers to express themselves through music and movement while having fun working together as a team.

The new season, beginning the first week of June, with practices running on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, as well as daily practices the week before



the show (held on the first Sunday in August). The “Synchro” Team encourages new swimmers of all ages and abilities to join. They are looking forward to another successful and fun-filled summer.

*The 2014 Forest Hills Synchronized Swim Team—completing their 44<sup>th</sup> annual show, Wild Thing.*

# 2015 Forest Hills Tennis Team Registration Form

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## TENNIS PLAYERS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade and when are players finished with school?

Grade/school: \_\_\_\_\_ Date finished: \_\_\_\_\_

May we place your family's name and contact information (address, telephone numbers, e-mail, tennis player(s) name and ages) in the 2015 Forest Hills Tennis 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 tennis team. I give my permission for my child(ren) to participate on the Forest Hills Tennis 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 Tennis Team, as well as their board members, employees, officials, agents, coaches and volunteers (the "Release") 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 Release or otherwise. I agree to abide by the coaches' decisions as set forth for the 2015 tennis season, as well as adhere to the Tennis 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 player will not be available. If you know this now, please indicate below:

Name of tennis player: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates not available: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOREST HILLS TENNIS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**

The Forest Hills Tennis Team needs to be a volunteer-run organization. Each family must volunteer to help with at least one activity during the regular season. Also, **every family must drive to at least one away match. Please indicate below how you would like to help!**

TASK	VOLUNTEER
DRIVING - making calls	
Actual driving* <i>*Please indicate dates you may be available.</i>	
July 4: Lemonade Stand	
Team Photo	
Stat Sheet Recorder	
Team Banquet	
Trophies	
Set Up for Matches	
Snack organizer for Matches*	
<i>*Each family will be asked to donate snacks for matches</i>	

**FOREST HILLS TENNIS TEAM REGISTRATION FEES**

The borough is also asking for an activities fee to offset some of the equipment and supplies needed during the season, and also going towards the end-of-season party. The cost is **\$25** per team member, or **\$40** for family members (more than one team member in one family) Please include with your pass payment and security deposit check. The activities fee can be combined with the pass payment check but not the security deposit—that must be a separate check. Thank you.

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# Forest Hills Tennis Courts Receive United States Tennis Association Grant

The Forest Hills Borough has recently been awarded a grant from the United States Tennis Association for the reconstruction of the borough's tennis courts which were completed back in September 2014.

The refurbishing of the courts, which began November 2013, was needed due to a drainage issue under the court's surface reaching a point making it unsafe to play tennis. At the beginning of 2013, borough council approved the construction project, bids from contractors were received, and Northern Athletic Association won the bid to do the work. Once the contractor was selected, the borough's engineering company, Glenn Engineering, worked with Northern Athletic on the design of the courts along with the massive undertaking of solving the drainage problem.

The courts were completely dug up by September 2013 so that the drainage system could be replaced, and by December, the contractor finished up for the year. They resumed with re-asphalting in April of 2014, along with the painting of the courts, which consisted of certain colors and lines required by the USTA – gearing specifically towards one of the requirements for the grant consideration and that was to have a 10 and Under Program – which the borough initiated at the beginning of the season.

Completion of the courts took place mid-June of 2014, and the Forest Hills Tennis Team started their season right away. Tennis players who were anxious to start playing were extremely happy with the new courts. In addition, the borough had a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 4, 2014; local dignitaries, Senator Jay Costa and Congressman Mike Doyle, along with borough council and the mayor were present to cut the ribbon at the courts. The event drew quite a crowd due to the fact that it took place on the same day as one of the borough's popular events—the 4th of July Community Day—which attracts people from around the borough and neighboring communities, and where they come to the Forest Hills Park and enjoy a day of games, demonstrations from both the police and fire departments and even a petting zoo.

A few months before the court project began, and with borough council's approval, Recreation Director Cindy Simm, looked into finding ways to subsidize the enormous cost of this project. She found that the USTA had programs available to organizations that needed funds for recreation programs of which also included refurbishing tennis courts. Mrs. Simm then started the process of requesting these funds which were quite extensive and took months to process, in addition to reporting back to USTA on the progress of the work being done and the completion of the courts.

With all the construction done and the grant funding requests in; the borough received notification on November 20, 2014, that the USTA was granting the Forest Hills Borough \$20,000 for the tennis court project.

Mrs. Simm, working with representatives from USTA, is now in the process of implementing a marketing campaign which will hopefully draw even more tennis players – kids and adults – to enjoy the game of tennis on their brand new courts.

For more information on how borough residents can join the Forest Hills Tennis Team, and players who would like to purchase a tennis pass, visit the borough's website: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org), or contact Mrs. Simm at: 412-351-7330 x220.

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## Ballroom Edgewood Community House

1 Pennwood Avenue Edgewood  
Friday, March 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**Preview Party** \$20 a person. No scanners.  
Saturday, March 21 & Sunday March 22,  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday March 23, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and  
Tuesday March 18, 9 a.m. to Noon  
(Bag sale)

For more details, check out their web-site:  
[www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

## Programs at Forest Hills Branch

**4th Tuesday Book Club**—Join the conversation of recent fiction and non-fiction at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome!

- March 24 - *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death at a Storm Ravaged Hospital* by Sheri Fink
- April 28 - *The Light in the Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian
- May 26 - *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

## Programs for Children

- Story Times for pre-schooler's every Monday at 10:30 a.m.
- Home Work Help for elementary students every Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.
- Science Fridays for elementary students second Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. (March 13, April 10, May 8)

Library closed Friday, April 3 and Monday, May 25.

## One Book One Community

Join them as they celebrate the thirtieth year of One Book, One Community with this year's featured book, *Five Days at Memorial* by Sherri Fink.

On Monday, March 2, Dr. Fink will be at Woodland Hills High School for a videoconference event for students county-wide. You can also participate via live streaming at the library in Edgewood between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. If you are interested, call the library at 412-731-0909 so they can reserve a computer for you.

Fink will be speaking on Monday evening at the Pittsburgh Arts and Lecture Series Program. The library will be raffling two tickets for the program on Monday March 2. Stop by the library to enter.

The **4th Tuesday Book Club** will discuss *Five Days at Memorial* on Tuesday March 24, at 1 p.m. in the library. Or you can join the discussion in Edgewood on Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room. Copies of the book in a variety of formats will be available for check out. Book clubs that want to discuss the book can reserve kits of 10 books by calling the library.

The **Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child** selection for 2015 is *Number One Sam* by Greg Pizzoli. The book strikes a bargain between empathy, competition and sportsmanship as Sam races to the finish. *Number One Sam* also emphasizes the importance of read-

ing early and often to children as well as engaging in conversations and activities around books.

**Children's Choice Awards** Children grades 3-6 all across Allegheny County are coming together to choose their favorite book. You can view a complete list of the titles through the library's web-site. Sponsored by the AIU this is a cooperative program between schools and public libraries. If you have a third to sixth grader in your family and want to read along or you're looking for a book as a gift, check out these great titles. Students read February to April and the awards ceremony is in early May.

## Other Events for Children

### Story Times for Children—birth to five

- Forest Hills Library, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
- Fred Rogers Children's Room Edgewood, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Fred Rogers Children's Room Edgewood, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- Churchill Borough Building, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
- Baby Lap Sit Fred Rogers Children's Room Edgewood, Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

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**Growing Readers** - A new program for children learning their first reading skills. Sponsored by Target, this focuses on beginning reader skills through the lens of play. They have scoured current best practices to bring you a story-time based on early reading skills, followed by several activities to put it to practice. This is recommended for children ages 3-5.

- Fred Rogers Children's Room Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Wilkins Township Recreation Building second Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.

**Programs in the Fred Rogers Children's Room Edgewood**

**Eco-Geeks** – Five to eight year olds explore the world of nature with local experts on Saturdays—March 14, April 11 and May 9 at 11 a.m. Registration is required.

**Crazy 8's** - A math club for kindergarten to second graders who build stuff, make music, run and jump and more on Saturdays March 14, April 11 and May 9 10 a.m. Registration is required.

**Books and Brunch** - A book club for 8-12 year old girls and their special grown-up who come together to share books on Saturdays March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 11 a.m. Pick your book up at the children's desk. Registration is required.

**Block Parties!** - Two to five year olds can construct and build with their new collection of blocks on Saturdays, March 21, April, 18 and May 16 at 10 a.m. This play session builds math, language and cooperative skills. Registration is required.

**Art Party!** - Kids from kindergarten to 5th grade can experiment with different art mediums—clay, mosaics, sand art and more on Saturday March 7 at 10 a.m. Registration is required.

**Teen Reading Lounge** - Each month they will feature a different book—and loads of activities to go along with it. Final

dates are still being decided, so please check out their web-site for details.

**Summer Reading!** - Come kick off your Summer Reading on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at CC Mellor Library. Programs will be announced. Registration is required.

**Other Activities for Adults**

**Author Visit** - Pittsburgh author J.J. Hensley will talk about his books—*Resolve* and *Measure Twice*, on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Edgewood Community House Living. Hensley a former policeman and Secret Service Agent draw on his experience to write suspenseful, insightful crime novels and thrillers. Both books are set in Pittsburgh.

**Wise Walk** - Join them at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for an hour-long walk on the trails of Frick Park. They'll meet in the parking lot at the bottom of Lancaster Avenue. Walkers can go at your own pace.

**Drop Dead Book Club** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Edgewood Board Room to discuss current mysteries. Upcoming titles are;

- March 4 - *Visitation Street* by Ivy Pochoda
- April 1 - *The Dinosaur Feather* by Sissel-Jo Gazan
- May 6 - TBA

**Knitting and Crocheting Club** meets on the third Wednesday of the month, March 18, April 15 and May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Edgewood Board Room. The group shares project ideas, gives informal instruction and tips, and has great discussions. They are also working on items to donate to local non-profits. Bring your unfinished projects and join the group.

Adult residents living in Edgewood, Braddock Hills, Forest Hills Churchill and Wilkins Township are invited to apply for an opening on the Board of Trustees of the C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

and Edgewood Community House. The trustees are responsible for providing quality library service to residents as well as maintaining its historic building in Edgewood.

The Board of Trustees is interested in receiving letters of interest from individuals who:

- Have a passion for literacy and learning.
- Will act as an advocate for the C.C. Mellor Library and Edgewood Community House.
- Will work to ensure adequate library and building funding.
- Will help develop library and building use policies and strategic plan.
- Are knowledgeable about the community they represent.
- Will serve as a liaison with their community
- Are able to work with others on common goals and challenges.

Applicants for the position must be at least 18 years old, able to attend six meetings a year, be active in library projects and events, and able to work as a liaison with the community. This is a two-year volunteer position.

Letters of interest should be sent by March 31 to Christine Probert, President Board of Trustees, C C Mellor Memorial Library and Edgewood Community House, 1 Pennwood Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15218.

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# Spring & Summer Recreation Programs

## Ballroom Dancing

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### Spring Session—6 weeks

Location: Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge

When: Thursdays, April 9 to May 14

(additional classes may be added)

Times: 6 to 7 p.m.

Fee: \$40

Registration is required – by March 27

## Zumba

This Zumba class will be a Latin-inspired dance/aerobics class, and no experience is necessary. Over the eight-week course, you will move to fun rhythms that will help melt away the pounds and stress of everyday life. Wear comfortable fitness clothes and shoes. Wear tennis shoes that are easy to maneuver in. The instructor has been involved in Latin dancing for many years and is excited to bring a Zumba class to the community.

### Spring Session – 6 weeks

Location: Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge

When: Mondays – April 6 to May 11

(additional classes may be added)

Times: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$40

Registration is required – by March 27

## Yoga

As a certified yoga instructor for over 20 years, Theresa Trojanowski will spend 90 minutes helping you relax and unify your mind, body and spirit while improving your health, and easing away stress using breathing exercises, special postures and meditation.

The winter class is currently underway and will end on March 9.

### Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Mondays, March 16 to June 8

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

### Summer Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Mondays, June 15 to August 31

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

## 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. 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.

Beginners' classes for adults and kids are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; workshop is from 6 to 10 p.m.

Workshop is from 6 to 10 p.m.

### Spring Session – 10 weeks

Dates: Tuesdays, March 17 to May 19

Time: 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Forest Hills Senior Center (Avenue D)

Fee: \$55

### Summer Session – 10 weeks

Dates: Tuesdays, June 9 to August 11

Time: 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Location: Forest Hills Senior Center (Avenue D)

Fee: \$55

## Dog Obedience

This class is open to dogs of all ages and tailored to cover all stages of training. Arlene Halloran, certified dog trainer and breeder, will give a basic introduction to obedience commands, teach basic disciplines such as house breaking and chewing, and show you how to develop an enjoyable relationship with your new puppy. Class size is limited to 10 dogs; if necessary, a second class will be added.

### Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Thursdays, March 5 to May 21

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: Saturdays, June 20 to August 22

(no classes on July 4 and 25)

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

Class is limited to 10 dogs

Location: Pool Lodge Parking Lot

Fee: \$30

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. The borough does not accept cash transactions.

## SPRING REGISTRATION FORM

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant	Name of Class / Session	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

## SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Participant	Name of Class / Session	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

# Juniper Village – Upcoming Event Schedule

For more information on the following events, or to RSVP, contact Juniper Village at 412-244-9901 unless otherwise noted.\*

## Caregiver Support Group Meeting March 11, 1:30 p.m.

Caring for a loved one with memory loss? Gain support and education with their monthly caregiver support group meetings. This month they will discuss ways to help you treasure the moments with your loved one. Juniper Village's monthly support group meetings are approved by the Greater Pennsylvania Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and are affiliated with the National Alzheimer's Association.

## Wear-in of the Green March 13, 3 p.m.

Join them in the lobby for an afternoon of Irish jokes, music and of course green treats. Entertainment will be provided. Free for residents and guests, however RSVP's are required.

## Trash or Treasure--Antique Appraisal March 22, 10 a.m.

Discover if your antique items are trash or treasure. Bring your treasures in for a free appraisal by local Pittsburgh area antique shop owner and appraiser, Ernest Grindle. Free appraisals are limited to two items per guest and RSVP's are required. (Due to the complexity, we will not be appraising military items, stamps or jewelry) **Space is limited so call today.**

## Seniors For Safe Driving Course March 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. -

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## Basketball Coaches Needed

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Applicants must have experience with running a basketball program for kids (both boys and girls) ages 6 to 14, and would include teaching clinics, exercises and drills. The borough will supply all equipment and shirts for the players. This will be a paid position; interested candidates must fill out an application and also a background check and an Act 33/34 which is a requirement by the borough when interacting with children under the age of 18. All the applications/forms can be picked up at the borough office, or are found on the borough's web-site: www.foresthillspa.org—under Employment. For more information, contact Cindy Simm, Recreation Director at: 412-351-7330 x220.

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## For Your Information

**The Garden Club of Forest Hills** has been in existence for over 92 years and still going strong. Their mission today is the same as it was in the beginning—to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening in our community, to aid in the protection of native plants, trees and birds and to encourage civic plantings. The club has waited patiently for the winter to end so they can start on their local gardening in the park, and with the lily and grass beds along Ardmore Boulevard.

Their 2015 monthly programs will prove to be interesting and a learning experience for club members and guests. In addition to their programs, they have two field trips planned. The club is busy planning for their Flower Show that the community is always anxious to see (more details to follow). The club still does fundraising to support their ongoing projects such as their Plant Sale, Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (while supplies last so get there early!), and their ever-so popular Plant Auction—Wednesday, May 13 from 7 to 9 p.m., with the riveting Jack Glasser as auctioneer for the second year. Both fundraisers are free and open to the public and will be held at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. They continue to sell Palm Flex Gloves, have their spring and fall bulb sales, coffee and tea sales and poinsettia sales. Club members also have their “Ways and Means Table,” which includes door prizes at their monthly meetings that earn money for their philanthropic budgets and community beautification. The club is always looking for new members (men and women) and guests are always welcome. They meet the first Thursday of every month (except January and February) at Hope Lutheran Church, 353 Ridge Avenue at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and mingling, and then at 10 a.m., the business meeting promptly starts. The program follows



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and then a light lunch is provided by their culinary-inspired garden club hostesses. Their first meeting of 2015 is Thursday, March 5.

For more information, please contact Publicity Chairperson Amy Shugerman Glasser at: 412-271-1697, or send her an e-mail: [asg59@juno.com](mailto:asg59@juno.com). Other club information and monthly programs are listed on their web-site: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org), and “like” them on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/TheGardenClubOffForestHills](http://www.facebook.com/TheGardenClubOffForestHills).

Members and friends of **Forest Hills AARP #2556** meet at the Forest Hills Pool Lodge on the second Monday of each month, except for July, August and December. Coffee and cookies are served at noon. A light lunch is sometimes available at a minimum cost. Meetings are called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Gary Skerlec. Reports are presented by the officers, and the Tours Committee report on opportunities available for interesting and entertaining trips.

At the May meeting, Program Chair Doris Hoffman has scheduled a singing duo, Liz and Duke. The June meeting will feature a catered picnic lunch and games for those attending. The Tours Committee has been busy with various plans and in conjunction with the Tour Director at St. John Fisher. Plans are being set up for several interesting excursions: On July 21, a trip to the Mountain Playhouse will include a luncheon followed by the saucy show, “Nana’s Naughty Nickers” which should provide some side-splitting laughs. For more information, or to add your name to the roster, call Nina Stahlberg, 412-242-5360. Later in the year, in September and November, other places of interest - the Erie wine trail and a show at the Palace Theatre will be featured destinations.

For additional information, call Betty Dunn 412-243-8795. Anyone who would enjoy taking part in these tours will be welcome; participation is not limited to members. However, it is necessary to sign up for the tour as early as possible in order to insure that there is enough interest.