



# FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

*A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills*



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## New Borough Ordinance—Collection of Solid Waste and Recycling Official Borough of Forest Hills Ordinance No. 1028

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, PART 1 OF THE FOREST HILLS BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING, AS AMENDED, TO AMEND THE STANDARDS AND REGULATION FOR THE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1202(8) of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 53 P.S. §46202(8), as amended, authorizes the Borough of Forest Hills (the "Borough") to regulate the removal of garbage and other refuse materials in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 20 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Solid Waste and Recycling, as amended, regulates the collection and storage of solid waste, recycling and the registration of solid waste and recyclable material collectors within the Borough, and

**WHEREAS**, the improper storage of garbage attracts and harbors insects, wild animals and vectors, creates conditions harmful to public health or creates, or may reasonably be expected to create safety hazards, odors, unsightliness or public nuisances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to amend the time and manner in which garbage may be stored and placed at curbside prior to collection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council desires to amend the regulations regarding the placement of garbage at curbside in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare by preventing insect, wild animals and vector infestation and harborage, safety hazards, odors, unsightliness or public nuisances; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills thereby ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the aforementioned recitals by reference:

**SECTION 1.** Section 20-106 of Chapter 20 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Solid Waste and Recycling, is amended as follows:

- 8. Garbage which is stored or placed in a disposable plastic bag or sack meeting the requirements specified in §20-105.3.D of this Part may be placed at curbside no earlier than 6 a.m., prevailing time, on the designated collection day.** Municipal waste, including but not limited to, garbage, garbage which is stored or placed in a disposable plastic bag or sack and refuse, which is placed in reusable approved storage containers which meet the requirements specified in §20-105.3.A-C of this Part and other properly wrapped or contained materials for collection may be placed at curbside no earlier than 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day prior to the designated collection day, and must be removed from curbside to the usual storage place no later than 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day of collection. All licensed haulers and haulers under contract with the Borough shall not be required to collect and

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## Borough Ordinance

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remove such material if the container or other receptacle or packaging shall be so waterlogged, weak or otherwise insufficient as to break, rupture or split and spill its contents in the course of normal handling by the hauler. Said haulers shall not be required to collect and remove such material if it contains materials which are identified as source separated recyclable materials, lead acid batteries, agricultural waste, hazardous waste, construction demolition waste, paving materials, cement, stones, sand, dirt, sod, concrete, concrete washtubs, ashes (e.g., from wood or coal burning stoves), sewer pipes, automobile parts (except tires without wheels), flammable liquids and/or 55-gallon metal drums (except owned by the Borough). Placement for collection under this Part of materials identified as source separated recyclable materials shall be a violation of this Part.

**SECTION 2.** All prior ordinances are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.

The entire ordinance can be found on the borough's web-site: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)

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## Rwanda, Africa—far from home

Back in August, borough council presented a proclamation to Patricia Brown, from Spiritworks Yoga here in the borough, Tom Nunnally and Nina Stahlberg, long-time members of the Forest Hills Rotary, who were all instrumental with a project in Rwanda, Africa along with former Williamsport resident, Arlene Brown. Approximately eight years ago, Arlene did something extraordinary—she sold her home and most of her belongings, and moved to Rwanda to start the Urukundo Orphanage and School. The orphanage houses children who became orphans as a result of the genocide in Rwanda. Under her care and after all these years, there are now 47 orphans and 350 students at the school.

Brown worked tirelessly for the years she lived in the area and the results are truly amazing; while working alongside volunteers from the Forest Hills Rotary and Spiritworks, they have accomplished installing three water tanks and collection gutters at the orphanage, school and village in Rwanda. Working in unison with the rotary, which donated the solar-powered pumping system, the new pump now transports water from a spring at the bottom of the Cyakabri Mountain, which was not an easy task—transporting 8,800 gallons of clean water per day to about 2,500 citizens of Rwanda.



*Pictured from left to right: Mayor Marty O'Malley and Council President Frank Porco Jr. present a proclamation to Patricia Brown and Forest Hills Rotary Members Tom Nunnally and Nina Stahlberg for their volunteer work in the Rwanda region of Africa. The basket that Ms. Brown is holding was made at the Urukundo Village in Rwanda and is one of many available to purchase at Spiritworks Yoga. All proceeds benefit the village.*



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Brown and the volunteers were instrumental in tying this very complicated process together. And even though there were many obstacles getting in their way—the project is almost complete and the village now has the clean water they so desperately needed. The rain water tanks are installed at the guest house, the barn (to water the livestock), and the gutters are being put in for the third tank at the nursery and girl's residence. There will be additional devices eventually installed to complement the solar powered pumping system.

A second project by the Forest Hills Rotary is underway at the village; constructing a bio-gas generator that will provide methane gas for cooking and for incubation of eggs so that they can sell the chickens to a business in Kigali to raise money for the school. This will replace using wood, which is becoming scarce as the trees are being chopped down for fuel.

The farm is a teaching farm with goats, pigs, cows, and chickens. The chickens will be raised, with some being sold under a contract with a Kigali distributor.

This helps the area in two ways—new income for the school and saves the forest from being depleted of wood for fuel.

Spiritworks continues to support the Urukundo Home for Children and school through sales of baskets made in the village. Check out their progress on the web-site: [www.hopemadereal.org](http://www.hopemadereal.org).

## Neighbors helping neighbors

With the winter weather upon us, heavy snowfall puts the elderly and those with health conditions physically unable to handle the daunting task of keeping the snow off sidewalks and paths, thus leaving many stranded in their homes. To ease the situation, the borough asked volunteers or others to allow us to place their name on a list so that those in need of help know who they might call. The list is posted at the borough office. It is up to those in need of help to make arrangements with a volunteer or paid snow removal service on that list. The borough only compiled the list as a service and takes no responsibility beyond that, including making arrangements for help, for the quality of work done, etc. Others who may be interested in helping will be added to the list if they contact the borough office at 412-351-7330. Those who think they may need this type of service should review the list in advance of winter weather. Let's all try to be a good neighbor and help when help is needed.

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There's something about the Ardmore plots during the winter months. The perennials are bending in the chilly air, the grasses offer an architectural element and the hint of spring gives us the first sign of returning blooms.

Another planting season will be starting soon and **The Late Bloomers Garden Club** will be discussing plans to beautify the community at their monthly meetings. The last time these hard working women gathered at the plots, they were placing tulips and daffodils for the early spring burst of color. As the weather gets warmer, keep your eyes open for these beauties as you travel through the borough.

Now in their 13<sup>th</sup> year, The Late Bloomers are constantly thinking of ways to make the plantings different each year as well as utilize plants that will stand up to Pittsburgh's hot summer months. The club always welcomes new ideas and new members. If you think you'd like to get involved with The Late Bloomers and join them for their monthly meetings, you can read more about them at [www.latebloomersgardenclub.com](http://www.latebloomersgardenclub.com). You can also see photographs of their past median plot designs on Facebook. Don't forget to "like them" when you visit the site.

Discussions and new ideas for the **Farmers' Market** (which will be in its 11<sup>th</sup> year starting in June) will also be on the priority list as the club gets ready for this popular community activity.

If you decide that this is the year to get involved in a local organization please consider joining The Late Bloomers Garden

Club. You can email them at [latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com) for the location of the next meeting. Their meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at one of the members homes.

**Hope Lutheran Church of Forest Hills** will hold mid-week services on Wednesdays in Advent—December 5, 12 and 19. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer vespers service at 7 p.m. On Sunday, December 9, at 6 p.m. Worldwide Candlelighting Sunday will be observed in remembrance of all children who have died. A candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, at 9 p.m.

Hope continues their Taize Prayer services normally on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. This spiritual and meditative worship experience is for people of all Christian faith traditions, and includes easy chant-like music, times of silence and an opportunity to offer prayers for others. The January 4 service will celebrate Epiphany with a candle-blessing. Refreshments follow each service.

The Forest Hills community is invited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Mardi-Gras theme at Hope on February 12 at 6 p.m. The evening features a special blend of pancakes, jambalaya and zydeco music. Hope's Ash Wednesday service is the following day, February 13, at 7 p.m. Each of the Wednesdays in Lent will be marked by a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. A light supper at 6 p.m. will precede the service. Members of Hope remember the Last Supper in an Agape Meal on Holy Thursday, March 28. The celebration is a joint event with Hope and St. John Lutheran Church of Swissvale. Please call the church office, 412-242-4476, for more information about the traditional Agape Meal. Hope continues the observance of Holy Week with the remembrance of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Fri-

day, March 29 with a special Taize Prayer service at 7 p.m. followed by a Tenebrae service at 8 p.m. The Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection takes place at 9:30 a.m. on March 31.

Visitors are always welcome to join Hope's family of faith at worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. Susan C. Schwartz is pastor of Hope, located at 353 Ridge Avenue at the corner of Braddock Road. For more information, call 412-242-4476 or e-mail [Hope@Lutheran.com](mailto:Hope@Lutheran.com).

**Christ Lutheran Church** will hold a Live Nativity on Saturday, December 8, from 6 to 8 p.m., and all are welcome. This annual event is a beautiful and inspiring portrayal of the first Christmas. The Nativity is portrayed with vignettes, Bible readings and Christmas carols sung by the school children at every station. After viewing the Live Nativity, visitors come into the warmth of the fellowship hall to enjoy hot cocoa and cookies. It's an uplifting way to spend a cold winter evening at Christmas time.

The **Forest Hills Rotary** will be producing the 17th Edition of the Forest Hills Telephone Directory which will be available in the spring of 2013.

If you are a new resident of Forest Hills and would like to be listed with your neighbors in the book, please call 412-242-5360 to give the names, address and phone number(s) that you would like listed.

If you want to change your listing as it appeared in the last directory, please call and let them know the changes. If you would like to place an ad, contact any Rotarian, or call the number mentioned for more information.

This convenient directory has been produced by the Forest Hills Rotary for many years. It provides residents with valuable information about your neighborhood, a quick and easy tool for finding local businesses and professionals, in addition

to the names and numbers of your neighbors. All information for publication must be produced by December 31.

**Share the Road East** is an advocacy group that is working to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in municipalities east of Pittsburgh. Currently the group is comprised of elected officials and individuals from Edgewood, Swissvale, Forest Hills, Churchill, Wilkins Township, Wilkesburg and Monroeville. Anyone interested in working with the group or learning more can contact Michael Boyd at [mboyd50@gmail.com](mailto:mboyd50@gmail.com).

**Link-age-to-age**—With its focus on helping older adults age comfortably in their homes, Link-Age-to-Age has begun offering open forums to address common concerns of the elderly and their families. First up, on October 17 at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, was a discussion with attorney Jeanne Marquette on “Elder Law: What YOU Need to Know about Finances.”

Future programs in the series will cover other aspects of “Elder Law,” including estate planning, power of attorney appointments and medical directives. Forum times, dates and places will be posted at the Forest Hills Senior Center and around the borough.

Link-Age-to-Age volunteers are also working with the borough to package and provide Welcome Packets to introduce all new homeowners and renters to services available in Forest Hills. These will include the bright yellow Neighbor-to-Neighbor postcards for sharing emergency contact information, which are available at the senior center and the municipal building.

For more about Link-Age-to-Age or its resource listings, visit the Forest Hills Senior Center on Avenue D.

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 stated 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.

**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 FHPC. It is open to all boys ages 6-11. For more information contact Beth Brucker at [bruckerfamily@verizon.net](mailto:bruckerfamily@verizon.net). For more information, visit the scout web-site: [www.foresthillspack90.us](http://www.foresthillspack90.us).

For over 50 years, the **Forest Hills Lions Club** has served the communities less fortunate. They supply glasses to the needy, and collect your used glasses for distribution to third-world countries. The

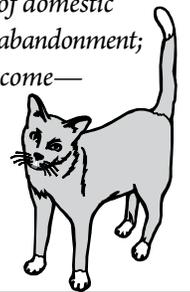
collection boxes are found in Bob’s Barber Shop in Chalfant, Churchill Vision Center, Beulah Church, Cost Building-Optical Shop (second floor), Jodi-B’s Restaurant, Lanigan Funeral Homes, Peter Paul’s Hair Salon, Forest Hills Senior Center and Toby’s Pub in Chalfant.

Their fund-raisers include White Cane Days, Sight Seal Mailing and Holiday Nut Sale. Over the years, the club has provided seeing-eye dogs; a Braille writer and an eye implant operation for a child. They help to support Beacon Lodge, a summer camp for the blind. They also constructed a War Memorial and assisted some needy war veterans. Men and women interested in becoming a member should call 412-829-7888.

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# Businesses: Why Recycle?

## It's the law

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The Forest Hills Recycling Ordinance requires businesses to recycle high-grade office paper, aluminum, corrugated paper, glass containers, bi-metal containers, ferrous containers, newspaper, plastic containers (#1 and #2) and leaf waste (if generated).

## Reporting

Forest Hills Ordinance No. 935 requires businesses to report to the borough the amount of materials they recycle each year. Establishments may use the Annual Recycling Report form to report their tonnages. **This form is located on the borough's website—[www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)—under the Environmental Issues section, click on the "Businesses: Why Recycle?" link and print out the form there.**

It is not necessary to submit the form if the borough receives a letter or statement from your recycling hauler that certifies recyclable material is being collected from your business and provides the total amount of material recycled from the previous year. Contact your hauler to determine if it is currently submitting this information to the borough.

## Completing the Annual Recycling Report Form

All businesses must complete this form whether they have recyclables or not.

1. Complete your establishment's contact information and sections' one, two and three.
2. Contact your recycling hauler and send them the report form. If you or an employee takes your recyclables home or to another location, please indicate that on the form.
3. Have your recycling hauler fill out the tonnages of the materials your business recycled from the previous year on the second page. If material recycled is less than one ton, round to the closest quarter of a ton.
4. The hauler must sign and date the bottom of the first page.
5. Once completed, have your hauler mail or fax the form back to your establishment.
6. Submit the completed Annual Recycling Report form to the borough by March 31 of each year.
7. You must show amounts collected in pounds or tons. A check-mark indicating that certain materials are recycled is not acceptable.

For questions regarding the report form or to request additional copies, call 412-351-7330.

## Financial Incentives

Reducing the amount of material in your solid waste dumpster by separating out recyclables can reduce the frequency of hauler pick-up, thus potentially cutting disposal costs.

Moreover, recycling may result in the need for smaller or fewer solid waste dumpsters leading to additional cost savings.

Remember—recycling is not just the law; it also creates a positive public image for your business and demonstrates good citizenship to the community.

## Practical Recycling for Small Businesses

A small office or retail establishment may not be able to effectively recycle by itself, due to producing too little volume to justify the costs of collection.

**Team up**—Adjoining businesses and complexes may jointly manage recycling cost-effectively.

**Reduce waste**—As much as ninety-three percent of all office waste is paper, most of it recyclable. Typical business offices generate almost two pounds of waste paper per employee each day.

- Eliminate junk mail—remove company name from direct mail lists
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- Re-use packing peanuts or donate them
- Inform and educate
- Familiarize current and new employees with company policy and recycling procedures



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- Iron Mountain**—724-742-1360
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# Municipal News

## Winter tips from the Forest Hills Fire Department

The high cost of home-heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood-burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man-made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

### Kerosene Heaters

- Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (e.g., coal, kerosene, or propane) can produce deadly fumes.
- Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- Never fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing night

gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.

- When using a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

To use them safely:

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be laboratory tested.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out,



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## FOREST HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

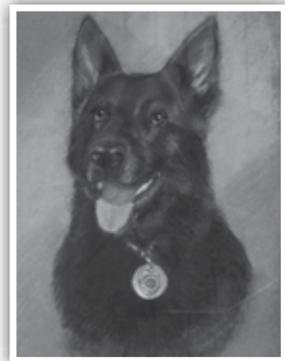
by Police Chief Chuck Williams

### Forest Hills K-9 Dog Nomos—we'll always remember

I am sad to report the passing of our retired Police K-9 dog, Nomos, a German Shepard imported from the Netherlands who trained and worked side by side with his handler Officer Brian Armstrong. Nomos, our first K-9 served the borough from 2004 to 2006 until he was injured during training.

He lived out the remainder of his retired life with Officer Armstrong and his family.

Many in the community helped to bring Nomos and the K-9 program to our police department and all of us will miss him.



Portrait by Forest Hills Resident Nina Stahlberg is hanging in the Forest Hills Borough Building.

### Importance of Bike Helmet Safety

An unfortunate tragedy occurred in September when a 16-year-old boy was seriously injured after falling from his skateboard striking his head and dying days later. With the help of Chris Vitale of Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Program, I was able to secure helmets for children who need them. Officers, while on routine patrol, were able to identify children who did not wear a helmet, while additional helmets were distributed at the annual hayride in October. I would like to thank Chris, UPMC Children's and Kohl's Department Store that partners in the injury prevention program for all their generous support.

unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.

- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.

### Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors; burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

### Furnace Heating

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.

- Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

### Other Fire Safety Tips

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. TIP: *Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.*
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand-held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

### ...and finally

Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.

Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

Contact the Forest Hills Fire Department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety

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### CURB THOSE LEAVES

Residents are reminded that raking their leaves into the streets and catch basins or sewer grates may seriously clog and damage the borough's sewer system, resulting in sewage backup into homes and streets. Leaf collection signs are posted in various neighborhoods letting residents know when the Public Works Department will be collecting leaves in the area. Residents may rake leaves to the curb only during leaf collection - beginning of October through mid-December—weather permitting.

### DON'T BLOCK SNOW PLOWS

The Public Works Crew asks that residents not park cars in the street or in cul-de-sacs when it snows. Plowing equipment cannot operate safely or efficiently. Another reminder—do not shovel snow from sidewalks or driveways into the street. This is a violation of Pennsylvania Law. Check the borough's web-site for winter weather tips.

## Trash Collection—Holiday Schedule:

Trash is not collected on the following holidays:

**November 22, December 25 and January 1**

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The simple, one page application form is available from the high school counseling office, the office for education of the gifted, all academic subject department chairmen and most science teachers. Or, you may call 412-241-7113 for a copy of the newly revised application (2012) form. All completed applications must be received by March 31, at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Highway, Pittsburgh PA 15235 by regular mail, by Fax (412-241-0503) or via email: [office@churchillborough.com](mailto:office@churchillborough.com)

The **OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program** promotes literacy with a proven approach that helps high-need children build the skills they need to read grade level. Adults, 50 years and older, are their volunteer tutors.

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children. The volunteers work one-on-one with their students twice a week, for 30-minute sessions, throughout the school year as tutors, mentors and friends.

They provide in-depth training—tutors complete 12 hours of training in the six-step approach before they begin working with students. They provide free materials for the tutors to use. They also provide ongoing support with additional training, mentoring and networking opportunities throughout the school year.

If you are interested in becoming an OASIS Tutor, contact John D. Spehar, M.Ed., Pittsburgh, OASIS Tutoring Coordinator at, 412-232-2021, or Carol Congedo, M.D., M.A. Curriculum and Instruction, OASIS Tutor Trainer at [dccarolq@gmail.com](mailto:dccarolq@gmail.com)

**Forest Hills Nursery School** will hold registration for the 2013-14 school year on Saturday, February 2, in the classroom from 9 to 11 a.m. Parents registering their child need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and a \$50, non-refundable registration fee, payable to Forest Hills Nursery School. Three classes are offered: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays; and five days a week. There are sixteen children per class, with one certified pre-school teacher and at least one other adult. Classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, children may bring a lunch and stay until 1 p.m. For more information, contact Sally Sabino at 412-351-5054; or Betsy Wolf, at 412-241-9414 or 724-744-1061.

**Trinity Christian School**, located at 299 Ridge Avenue in Forest Hills, has been providing an outstanding Christian education for kindergarten through grade 12 for more than 50 years. The public is invited to attend the following upcoming events at the school:

**Holiday Drama Production:** *A Christmas Carol*. The Trinity Drama Department will present the holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, on Thursday, December 6; Friday, December 7; and Saturday, December 8. All shows will be presented in the school auditorium and will start at 7 p.m.

**December Musical Programs:** On Friday, December 14, at 7 p.m., the Elementary Christmas Musical Program will be held

in the school auditorium. Before and after the program, the Christmas Shoppe will be open in the school library, featuring quality hand-crafted items and baked goods. Proceeds benefit the school. On Thursday, December 20, at 7 p.m., the Band and Choir Concert will be presented in the school auditorium.

**School Open House:** On Saturday, February 23, Trinity will host an Open House from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for all interested families wishing to learn more about the school and tour the facilities, including the newly renovated, state-of-the-art science lab. Trinity follows a classical approach to learning, combining knowledge, reasoning and communication across the spectrum of subjects. The school also offers extra-curricular activities such as drama, band, choir, and sports.

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).

**Christ Lutheran School** will hold their annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and everyone is welcome. When you enter the Cookie Walk, you will be greeted by the sight of trays and trays of beautiful cookies, the smell of baking cookies and the sound of Christmas carols. You purchase a container, and meander down the tables, choosing the cookies to fill your container. It is that simple, and it is an enjoyable way to spend some time on a Saturday morning.

**Operation Christmas Child:** At Christ Lutheran School they value helping and sharing with others. Each year they have a theme for their chapel offerings. This year's theme is Operation Kids to Kids. All this year, they will use the offerings to help children here in the U.S. and around the world. This fall they are collecting hygiene items (such as toothbrushes and toothpaste), school supplies, small toys and wrapped hard candy.

These items will be put into shoe boxes that will be wrapped in Christmas paper, and then the boxes will be sent to children in third-world countries for Christmas. Their goal was 50 boxes, but they have already exceeded that, so they will have 65 or more boxes to send to children.

## **National Lutheran Schools Week**

National Lutheran Schools Week is from January 27 to February 2. During this time, Christ Lutheran School will hold special activities. Each day of National Lutheran Schools Week has a theme, such as pajama day, or beach day. A trip to the Carnegie Science Center is one of the highlights of the week. Another special time is the chapel service on the 30th when each class performs songs or readings, with a reception after the service. On January 28, the Accelerated Reader Challenge begins, in which their students compete against students from other Lutheran schools to see whose class can read the most in six weeks.

The **Woodland Hills Foundation** would like to announce it's fourth annual Chocolate & Diamonds Affair, Saturday, February 16, at the Edgewood Country Club. Indulge yourself in chocolate, visit their silent auction and spend some time with your "valentine." Visit [www.woodlandhills-foundation.org](http://www.woodlandhills-foundation.org) for more information on this year's event and how to RSVP.

Their goal is to continue to support public education, and its educators, so students can enhance their knowledge, work with the latest technology, and utilize their skills in and outside the classroom. In order to reach their goal, they will offer mini-grants to creative teachers, scholarships to graduating seniors, work with district departments to showcase student work and so much more.

**Mini-grants:** Since 2002, the foundation has awarded 118 mini-grants totaling \$58,000 to educators in the school district who have creative and impactful teaching ideas.

**EITC:** The Pennsylvania Earned Income Tax Credit Program (EITC) offers tax credits to eligible businesses that donate to a scholarship or educational improvement organization. Thanks to EITC, the foundation donated \$2,000 worth of musical instruments to the Woodland Hills School District in 2012.

**Student Scholarships:** Three scholarships: the Julia Anne McCool Memorial Scholarship, Debbie Thames Spahr Memorial Scholarship, and Woodland Hills Foundation Senior Scholarship are awarded to

graduating seniors from Woodland Hills High School each year. Since 2003, the foundation has awarded scholarships to 23 seniors totaling \$19,000.

**All-District Art Show:** Every year, the foundation works in conjunction with the school district's art department to proudly display artwork created by both students and faculty. The event usually occurs two weekends parallel to the high school's spring musical.

Each year, the Catholic Schools in the United States celebrate their schools and students. Typically Catholic Schools Week will include masses, open houses and activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be held from January 27 to February 2.

The theme is Catholic Schools Raise the Standards. The 2013 theme highlights the recent launch of a new initiative, the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, to ensure consistent high standards at Catholic Schools across the country. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education.

Since East Catholic is a new entity, the theme will be Great Beginnings Last a Lifetime.

The **East Catholic School** community is planning a different focus for each day of Catholic School's week that includes their entire mission. The following is the schedule:

**Sunday January 27 - Parish:** Catholic Schools Opening Mass will be celebrated at Noon at St. Maurice Church followed by an Open House in the school. Students will make cards for the Parishioners thanking them for their support of the school. There will be a representative from East Catholic speaking at each of the consortium parishes. East Catholic School is comprised of the six local parishes which include Good Shepherd, Madonna del Castillo, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, Word of God and St. Maurice. The entire Forest Hills Community is welcome to attend.

**Monday, January 28- Faculty/Staff:** The faculty and staff will have a dress down day. Other activities are being planned.

**Tuesday, January 29- Nation:** All will wear red, white and blue. Students will make congratulatory notes to be sent to the newly elected President and Vice-President. The day will end with a Patriotic Concert given by the students.

**Wednesday, January 30—Volunteers:** This is a school Spirit Day and the students will wear their East Catholic shirts. Also, Wednesday is their day to say 'thank you' to all those who volunteer in the school or do special things to benefit the school. A prayer service will be held in the Church at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the cafeteria.

**Thursday, January 31- Students:** Thursday will be "Decade Day." Students will be concentrating on the various decades which will include inviting readers to come in from the community.

**Friday, February 1- Vocations:** The pastors from each of the consortium parishes will be invited to come and celebrate the 9 a.m. mass. Seminarians and Sisters, together with the pastors, will be invited to speak to the students about vocations. They will also be invited to stay for lunch.

"It is for God we serve the poor, not for thanks" said Catherine McCauley 1778-1841, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. It is with this quote in mind that the students of East Catholic School will participate in a service project. They will collect peanut butter and jelly that will be used by the Sisters of Mercy Sandwich Project to feed the homeless in conjunction with Operation Safety Net.

**Other Events:** On Thursday January 31, East Catholic will have a special "Perfect for Preschooler's Story-time" at 7 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. The theme of the Story-time will be a "Winter Wonderland Adventure." Children and parents will enjoy stories, rhyme, songs, craft, finger-plays and other activities that will delight and entertain as well as encourage a love of reading. Reservations are required no later than January 28 by calling the school office at 412-351-5403 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

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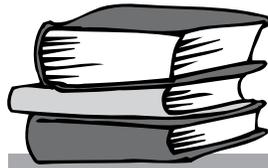
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### Programs for Children

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

Wednesday evening programs will continue on the third Wednesday of each month. School-age children can join them for stories, crafts and games. This is a great opportunity for children who cannot attend daytime programs. Programs run from 5 to 6 p.m., and you can sign up in advance at the library or call 412-824-3567. Registration is required by the Monday previous to the scheduled date.

Friday Morning Science is a new program geared toward home-schooled children in the primary grades. Once a month they will have a hands-on exploration of science topics. This program takes place on the second Friday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Please register at the library by the previous Wednesday.

### Book Clubs for Adults

The PALS Book Club finishes up the year with the December 18 meeting and will discuss *Enslaved Ducks* by Bob Tarte. Make a new year's resolution to join a reading group. On the fourth Tuesday at 1 p.m., community members gather to discuss recent fiction and non-fiction titles. Conversation is lively and books cover a broad spectrum from mysteries to historical fiction or contemporary topics to U.S. history. The group will finalize its 2012 book list in December. Visit their web-site for the updated list.

### Volunteering

The library could always use volunteers to join their great team. Thanks always to Ron, Hank, Eileen, Gwen, Paul, Norm, Ester and Connie. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call the library at 412-824-3567 to find out when you are needed.



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This is a great opportunity to pick up a one-of-a-kind item for everyone on your shopping list. Items will include pottery, jewelry, scarves and hats, watercolors and much more. In addition, there is a raffle for craft items which are on display in the Fred Roger's Children's Room. Raffle tickets are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 7 and \$10 for 20. Winning tickets will be pulled December 15 by Mrs. Claus. Shop locally and benefit your community library.

## Income Tax Preparation

Once again volunteers will be helping senior citizens and those with low incomes with their Federal and State income taxes at no charge. Tax preparation assistance is done by appointment only, with morning, afternoon and evening slots available. Space is limited so call the library in Edgewood (412-731-0909) after January 2 to make an appointment.

## Annual Book Sale

Mark your calendar for the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, March 22 through 26. It promises to be bigger and better than ever! Readers of all ages and interests will find lots to choose from among the thousands of items in the sale: books, movies, books on tape and CD, music CDs and tapes, magazines and children's games. Everything is at bargain prices and proceeds benefit C.C. Mellor.

The weekend kicks off with a Preview Party for area residents and their guests on Friday, March 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Hosted by the Drop Dead Book Club, this is a great time to join your friends and neighbors in browsing and purchasing books in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of good food, drink and conversation. The cost per person is \$20. No scanners permitted. Call library for reservations.

Weekend hours for the sale are Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Books are \$2 for hardbacks (5 for \$8), \$1 for paperbacks (5 for \$4) and \$.50 for kids' books (5 for \$2). Monday and Tuesday are Bag Sale Days. Fill a bag for \$6 (the library provides the bags). Bag Sale hours are Monday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.

They are happy to take donations of books and other items up through the sale. Also needed are milk crates to store books between sales. They are also looking for volunteers; they need help setting up the sale, running the sale and tearing down the sale. To volunteer, call Sally Bogie at 412-731-0909.

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## Forest Hills AARP #2556

Members and friends of the Forest Hills AARP Chapter #2556 will meet at the Forest Hills Pool Lodge at noon on January 14 for the first meeting of the New Year. Coffee and cookies will be served by Marge Yagodzinski and her committee. The president will call the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Minutes and reports will be presented and the Tour Committee will report on up-coming trips. Program Chair, Doris Hoffman has arranged to have a program presented by the County Sheriff.

During the February meeting, a Valentine Party will be the feature of the month. Entertainment will be provided by a special country band—everyone will want to be present for this event. The meetings during March, April and May will be held on the second Monday of each month. Occasionally there will be a hot dog sale which will be announced during the previous month. A picnic will be planned for the June meeting.

All members and friends are encouraged to be present during these meetings to hear news of tours and other matters. In addition, all members receive a monthly newsletter with chapter news and tour opportunities. For further information call Mary Carretta at 412-823-0577, or Mary Smith at 412-273-1943.

# Juniper Village—CELEBRATION OF TREES

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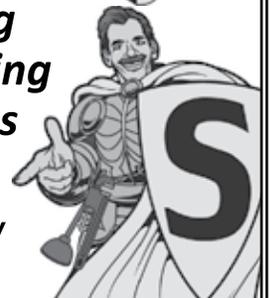
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## Forest Hills Basketball Coach teams up with Surgicorps



Forest Hills Recreation Board Member and Forest Hills Basketball Coach Joe DeGregorio traveled recently to Zambia, Africa with the Surgicorps Organization. DeGregorio formed a basketball camp there and had over 100 kids participate in the program. His son David donated basketballs to the kids there, as he has to the participants in the borough's basketball program.

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**Forest Hills Swim Team Wins Championship!**

**Message from the Coaches—Head Coach Graham Bodner, Assistant Coaches  
Nick Ricci and Shea Shovlin**

Congratulations to the Forest Hills Stingrays for one of the best swim seasons we have ever experienced! This summer the team entered the annual ESA Division II Championship Meet with one purpose: to come out champions and that's exactly what the team accomplished. For only the third time in the forty-four year history of the swim team, the Stingrays brought an ESA Championship title back to the community of Forest Hills. For a small team to accomplish this feat, required a great deal of team work, dedication, commitment to excellence and pure athletic talent. In the annual meet, there are a total of 30 events; only 10 of the events are classified as individual events (that is, only require one swimmer). But the other 20 events require the participation of four swimmers to come together and try to earn those elusive points. Because of this, the championship title is above all a team effort, and that is exactly what the swim team exemplifies and what we pride ourselves on.

On top of this great achievement, the Stingrays had another fun-filled summer with their teammates. The team carried on such great team traditions as Movie Day and everyone's favorite: the Pizza Party. For the coaches, one of our goals was to add to the great long standing traditions of the team. For instance, this year the swim team and tennis team pitted against each other in a game of kickball. During our annual inter-squad swim meet, the coaches decided to add a little game show flair to choosing the events. Even though Mother Nature had a little to say about our practice that day, that didn't stop our swimmers from having a great time.

The coaches would like to congratulate all of the swimmers on their amazing accomplishments this summer. We would also like to thank all of the parents who do so much for our team and especially the swimmers. Good luck over the school year, and we look forward to repeating our success next summer!



*Members of the Forest Hills Swim Team—the Stingrays—celebrating their  
Championship win.*



Forest Hills Swim Team Head Coach Graham Bodner and Assistant Coaches Shea Shovlin and Nick Ricci celebrate their championship win.

Pictured below: Mayor O'Malley also presented members of the Forest Hills Swim Team Stingrays a proclamation for the win this past season.



Mayor Marty O'Malley presents a proclamation to the Forest Hills Swim Team Head Coach Graham Bodner and Assistant Coaches Nick Ricci and Shea Shovlin for the team's championship win this past season.

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#### Spring Session—12 weeks

Dates: Thursdays, March 7 to May 23  
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 22 to August 10  
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**Winter Session - 10 weeks**

*Dates: Tuesdays, January 8 to March 12*

*Time: 6 to 10:00 p.m.*

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

*Fee: \$55*

**Spring Session— 10 weeks**

*Dates: Tuesdays, March 19 to May 21*

*Time: 6 to 10:00 p.m.*

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

*Fee: \$55*

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Applications will be available at the borough building on and after December 3. Applications will also be available on the borough's web-site: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org). Applicants must fill out the borough application and the recreation application to be considered. **Also, the borough requires all part-time and full-time applicants to have a background check done. The borough will pay any fees associated with the background checks. However, any individuals seeking full- or part-time employment or a current employee seeking a promotion which involves regular contact with children must obtain an Act 33/34 clearance at his or her own expense.**

The background check form is also available on the borough's web-site: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)

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## For Your Information

### Garden Club of Forest Hills

A gardener's work is never done - just ask members of the Garden Club of Forest Hills, who are busy cleaning up this year's gardens and planting and planning next year's gardens. Better still, join them for a meeting and educational program at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month (March through December), usually at Hope Lutheran Church on Ridge Avenue at Braddock Road.

Members also are urging high school and college students from the Woodland Hills School District to apply now for 11 scholarships—with \$1,000 minimums—offered through the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, to which the Forest Hills Club is a member. Applicants must be furthering their education in horticulture, agriculture, floriculture, biology, botany, or related fields, and be sponsored by a federation club. The deadline is February 15. Applications are available online at, [www.pagardenclubs.org/](http://www.pagardenclubs.org/), from the school guidance counselor or by phoning club scholarship Chairwoman Joyce Kareem at 412-480-4308.

Younger students, and especially those in Tree City USA, are benefiting as well from club members' work. To promote the importance of trees in our environment, the club has donated copies of *My Mother Talks to Trees* by Doris Gove to the six elementary schools in the Woodland Hills district and to the C.C. Mellor Memorial Library and the Braddock Carnegie Library. Check it out!

Forest Hills members' proud smiles are wider than ever this year because District VII of the state federation has recognized their exceptional efforts, awarding the club first place for overall performance and naming Joyce Peterson of Overdale Road as winner of the coveted Hummingbird Award for extraordinary service.

But members are not resting on their laurels. They've already begun preparations for a very special celebration next year—the club's 90th birthday. Watch for more about the party.

For more information about the Garden Club of Forest Hills, talk with any member or call club President Carolyn Reuter at 412-243-8384.



*Pictured: Garden Club of Forest Hills Members Sally Sabino and Sallie Bogie. Sabino is presenting a copy of My Mother Talks to Trees to Bogie who is the librarian at C.C. Mellor Memorial Library.*

*Editor's Note: I wish to thank Rick Colella, Police Chief Chuck Williams and Tom Nunnally for their contribution to the newsletter.*