



# FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills



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## What Residents Need to Know—Ordinance on Bee-keeping

The following are excerpts from the Ordinance on Bee-keeping—to see the entire ordinance, visit the borough's web-site ([www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)) or view it at the borough office.

“The Borough of Forest Hills desires to amend Chapter 2 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Animals, as amended, to permit and regulate the keeping of bees and chickens within the Borough.”

### §2-310 Bees

A. Bee-keeping It shall be unlawful to keep any bees in the Borough except as provided herein.

B. Definitions. As used in this Section, all terms shall be defined in the manner set forth in §2102 of the Pennsylvania Bee Law, 3 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §2102, as amended, unless a different definition is stated below or a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- Africanized Honeybee—Hybrids of the African Honeybee with various European honeybees that are aggressive compared to the European subspecies.
- Apiary—Any place where one or more colonies or nuclei of bees are kept.
- Bee—Any state of the common hive or honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) or other species of the genus *Apis*.
- Bee-keeper—an owner of an apiary or a person who has charge of an apiary or one or more colonies of bees in the Borough.
- Bee Disease—Any American or European foul brood, sac brood, bee paralysis or other disease or abnormal condition of eggs, larval, pupal or adult stages of the honeybee.

- Best management practices—The policies, procedures and methods contained in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Compliance Agreement for Bee-keepers.

- Colony—An aggregate of bees consisting principally of workers, but having, when perfect, one queen and at times many drones.

- Department—The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

- Flyway—A barrier composed of dense vegetation or man-made materials which direct the bees quickly into the sky.

- Hive—Any frame hive, box, barrel, log, gum, skep or other receptacle or container, natural or artificial, or any part thereof, which may be used or employed by a bee-keeper as a domicile for bees which are expected to establish a permanent nest.

C. Registration, Certification and Permits

- i. No bee-keeper may own or maintain an apiary within the Borough without first registering all apiaries with the Department as required by the Pennsylvania Bee Law, 3 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. §2101 *et. seq.*, as amended.

- ii. No bee-keeper may own or main-

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tain an apiary within the Borough without first obtaining a Best Management Certification from the Department and executing the Department's Compliance Agreement for Bee-keepers.\*

iii. No bee-keeper may own or maintain an apiary within the Borough without first obtaining an annual permit from the Borough Zoning Officer. An application for an annual permit shall be made in writing and upon such form or in such format as established by the Borough, and shall be accompanied by the prescribed permit fee in the amount established from time to time by resolution of Borough Council.\*

iv. Non-property owners that wish to own or maintain an apiary on property

that the non-property owner is renting must include written permission from the property owner or landlord that explicitly indicates that the non-property owner has permission to own or maintain an apiary on the subject property.\*

D. Maximum Number of Colonies—For property with a minimum of two-thousand (2,000) square feet of lot area, a bee-keeper is permitted to keep two (2) hives.\*

E. Hive Type—No bee-keeper shall keep or maintain bees in any hive other than a modern movable frame hive which permits thorough examination of every comb to determine the presence of bee disease.

F. Location of Hives—Location of hives must comply with the following criteria:

i. Hives shall not be located within ten (10) feet of any side or rear property line.

ii. Hives shall not be located within a front yard; and

iii. Hives shall not be located within fifty (50) feet of a swimming pool or permanently kenneled animal.

iv. Apiaries may be located in any zoning district.

*\*To read the entire sections missing in this article, visit the borough's web-site ([www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)) or view the complete ordinance at the borough office.*



*Master Bee-keeper and Burgh Bees President Stephen Repasky discussing the art of bee-keeping.*

and the average colony has approximately 30,000 bees. The bees will only travel approximately three miles from their hives in order to bring back nectar/pollen. Honeybees are made up of the queen, the workers and the drones; the workers are not reproductive but without the worker bees, the colony would not exist. What is not considered grouped with the honeybees are yellow jackets, wasps and hornets. These groups are very aggressive in nature and will sting multiple times; they produce no honey but love picnics.

The first step to become a bee-keeper would be to get educated, and that would be to attend seminars on bee-keeping, It's suggested to start small—possibly one or two hives at first, which will cost upwards of \$1,000, so this isn't an investment to take lightly. Don't try it on your own, get as much help and education as possible before undertaking this time-consuming project. And Repasky says don't buy anything from the Internet! Also be aware of the borough ordinance on bee-keeping—make sure you don't violate any laws already in place—check with the borough office for more information. For additional information on the process of bee-keeping, visit the Burgh Bee Web-site: [www.Burghbees.com](http://www.Burghbees.com).

In order to make it easy for the honeybee to pollinate, plant the right wildflowers that produce the nectar/pollen necessary. The following are some of those flowers that will preserve the native pollinators, and planting the right ones is a great start:

**Aster • BeeBalm • Common Deerweed • Fireweed • Goldenrod • Lupine • Milkweed • Rosinweed • Sunflower • Wingstem**

This information was compiled from the book, *The Xerces Society Guide: "Attracting Native Pollinators."* There is a copy of the book at the borough office.

## Are you Bee Curious?

Back in September, the borough had an introduction to bee-keeping seminar with Master Bee-keeper and Burgh Bees President Stephen Repasky. The seminar covered everything residents needed to know about the process of what's needed to keep bees.

Mr. Repasky founded Burgh Bees in 2008 and now has over 200 members. The first community apiary (bee hives) was erected here in Pittsburgh in 2010. Some of the topics covered at the seminar were: the biggest misconception of honeybees is that they're aggressive and will attack for no reason. The truth is that honeybees are the most docile and will only sting if their hives are being compromised. Their only purpose is to produce honey. The pollination efforts of the honeybees are responsible for over one-third of the food humans consume—directly and indirectly (almonds, apples, pumpkins, strawberries, peppers and cucumbers—just to name a few). The honeybee nest is made of what is produced by the bees. The colonies are perennial,

## A Forest Hills Resident Raising Honeybees

Resident Suzanne McColloch, who lives on Overdale Road, started her apiary recently, and even though she may be considered a novice bee-keeper, she was exposed to the art of bee-keeping from her father and grandfather who were bee-keepers for many years. Until this year, McColloch spent her time working full-time and raising her family, but once she retired last June she decided with an old friend, Tom Beattie, who kept bees in North Carolina, that they would try this journey together.

When walking in her small but finely manicured backyard, you notice right away that this is the perfect setting for an apiary (hive); surrounded by what Forest Hills is known for—the abundance of trees and foliage—and as you walk up a few pebbled steps and off to one side of the hillside behind a bamboo screen is the hive. You know it right away because there are honeybees swarming all around; and even though the first thing you instinctively want to do is swat them away, you don't because for some strange reason it doesn't bother you; and only because the bees are not being aggressive. Right away you get the sense McColloch and Beattie have a genuine love for this fascinating hobby because while standing around the hive, bees are continuously swarming with one even landing on Beattie's nose—it is something to experience.

And it seems like the perfect fit—a garden of wild flowers and bushes and the hive right in the middle of all the beauty; even McColloch's cat gets right up to the hive, but knows when to pull back—just natural instinct at work.

Some interesting facts McColloch shared was that the Duquesne Club in Downtown Pittsburgh has two bee-keepers; the chef and assistant chef. In fact, the club has bee-hives on the club's rooftop, along with a vegetable garden. And bee-keeping is also politically correct for everyone—the governor's wife, Sue Corbett, and First Lady Michelle Obama are bee-keepers!

She says that in the last seven to eight years, honeybees have been in decline by dramatic numbers nationwide, experiencing Colony Collapse Disorder. While the exact cause is not known, it is likely a combination of urbanization, pesticides and parasites. And wild honeybees are almost non-existent at this point, so becoming a bee-keeper is part of the solution to replace those lost colonies. Suzanne also says that keeping bees can reduce stress; they are beautiful, docile animals and seeing them flying around the garden and watching them work is a pleasure to behold.

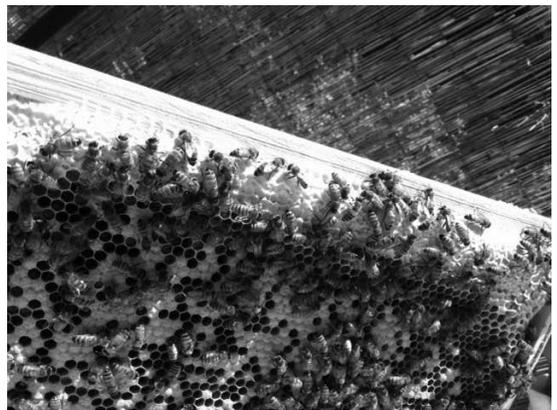
Now as far as the honey the bees produce; she says that in the first year honey is not ready for human consumption; year one allows time for the hive to become established and hopefully for the bees to produce enough honey to let them "over-winter." If her bees survive the winter, they may have honey to eat by year two.

She advises anyone who is thinking about keeping bees that they read the borough ordinance carefully and make sure they meet all the requirements in terms of lot size, fly-ways and distance from property lines. She also advises anyone interested to call the code enforcement officer at the borough office in order to obtain the necessary permit to keep bee-hives. Also, a bee-keeping 101 class is required and really important in helping a new bee-keeper get off to a good start.

The art of bee-keeping is not one to take lightly, but if some residents are considering this—it's a fascinating endeavor to undertake with care and a lot of love for these small, harmless creatures.



*Honeybees at work in the apiary*



*McColloch's and Beattie's bees at work*

*"What nature delivers to us is never stale. Because what nature creates has eternity in it."*

*Isaac Singer, Author  
(1904-1991)*

**Coming in the next issue: Ordinance on Chickens in the Borough and How to Keep Them**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Late Bloomers Garden Club** wrapped up the 11th season of the Forest Hills Farmers' Market in October. It was a tremendous season with the introduction of four new vendors along with all of their returning favorites. They want to thank the community, friends, neighbors, the Presbyterian Church and everyone who stopped by to shop and chat. They loved having the musicians play. The club extends an invitation to anyone who plays an instrument or sings to come join them on any random evening. Its good practice and the shoppers like the ambience. Thank you to Chef Jeff from New Life Kitchen for some yummy recipes using the ingredients from the market to create some incredible dishes. Also special shout-outs to Darrell Matthews for helping them build the new storage shed, and to Dave Letson for building some new sandwich board signs for the boulevard. They can't wait to use them next year. Don't forget to "like them" on Facebook. Mark your calendars for Friday June 6 for opening day of season 12. They'll see you then!

**Hope Lutheran Church of Forest Hills** continues their Taize Prayer services 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 3 service will celebrate Epiphany with a candle blessing. Refreshments follow each service. At the same time as Taize, Hope offers kid's hour for children, a time for a craft, a short lesson and much more fun.

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West Penn Multi-List

The Forest Hills Community is invited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Mardi Gras theme at Hope on March 4 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, March 5, 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.

Visitors are always welcome to join Hope's family of faith for Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday morning followed by worship at 10:30 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 [Hopeforesthills@aol.com](mailto:Hopeforesthills@aol.com).

**Christ Lutheran Church and School** Live Nativity will be December 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. The church and school's PTO are pleased to invite the community to their comedy night at Christ Lutheran Church located at 400 Barclay Avenue, February 8. For more information, please contact Christ Lutheran Church and School at 412-271-7173.

**Forest Hills Presbyterian Church**, on behalf of Pastor Ben Black and its congregation, invite you to visit with them. They offer Sunday school for all ages on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., and worship at 10:30 a.m. They share in a variety of activities within the community as well—such as feeding the homeless, outreach to needy families and support of depressed communities. They offer an exciting music program as well. For more detailed information, visit their web-site: [fhpcpa.org](http://fhpcpa.org), or e-mail them at [foresthillspa@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillspa@gmail.com); or call the office 412-241-1647.

The **Women's Business Network, Inc.** (WBN Inc.) consists of a group of local enthusiastic women business owners and professionals who meet twice monthly. The East Chapter meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 8 a.m. at Drew's Restaurant, 2060 Ardmore Boulevard in Forest Hills. They

encourage guests to come to see if this great networking group could meet your needs. Contact Donna Meshanko at 412-351-7374 or Nancy Mancuso at 412-855-5480 if interested in being a guest to learn more about WBN.

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.

**The volunteers of Forest Hills Community Service's Flivver recently received the 2013 Jefferson Award presented by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Other sponsors for this award are Highmark, BNY Mellon and The Pittsburgh Foundation. Congratulations to all who volunteer and work for the community Flivver.**

**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

Use your Smartphone to click on the code below to access the borough's web-site.



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.

For over 50 years, the **Forest Hills Lions Club** has served the community's less fortunate. They supply glasses to the needy, and collect your used glasses for distribution to third-world countries. The collection boxes are found at the borough building, 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. Men and women interested in becoming a member should call 412-829-7888.

### Neighbors helping neighbors— REMINDER

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.

### Here's What's Happening in the Neighboring Communities

The 2013-14 school year is under way and the CAEC is sponsoring a new environmental scholarship round. Any Woodland Hills High School senior who completes an environmental project by the deadline of March 31 is eligible to apply. Application forms are available from the department chairmen or from the guidance office. The forms can also be downloaded from the Churchill Borough web-site churchillborough.com. Select the "Around Town" option on the menu bar, then "The Churchill Area Environmental Council" bullet item, the section on "Environmental Award..." and click on "Download an application." Projects must involve an actual hands-on effort by the student on a topic of environmental interest/importance in the school or the community. The top of the application form contains more information and some examples. A class term paper is NOT acceptable as an entry.

Free copies of the latest environmental advisory are available at the municipal building. Ask for "Energy Efficient Lighting" from the CAEC. It contains useful information on all those confusing, new light bulbs - their cost to operate, the best places to use them, and some background material on the history of electrical lighting.

**The Woodland Hills Varsity Softball Program** has been running an instructional fast-pitch program for girls 1st grade through 12th. Practices and conditioning will continue over the winter months. Teams will be forming in late February/early March. This is a recreational program and not part of the Woodland Hills School district. All girls that live in the district are welcome to join. For more information and to be placed on their contact list, call or e-mail Anthony Paganico (412-427-7270 / pghtornados@gmail.com) or Anne Hussman (412-824-1242 / wilkinsbbsb@gmail.com).

*Check out the following web-sites for more information on recreation programs from the municipalities of Wilkins and Edgewood; some of the other web-sites are still under construction but will be added in the future.*

Edgewood: [www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-recreation.htm](http://www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-recreation.htm)  
(Edgewood Recreation Director, 412-242-4824)

Wilkins: [www.wilkinstownship.com/deptparksrecreation.htm](http://www.wilkinstownship.com/deptparksrecreation.htm)  
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# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Winter is here—Drive Safely by Police Chief Chuck Williams

The winter season is upon us, snow, sleet and the threat of icy roadways are again a consideration for everyone's daily commute. So here are just a few things to remember this time of year.

- Leave a little earlier than you would normally.
- Operate your vehicle at a slower speed.
- When following vehicles leave additional space as you may encounter slippery conditions.
- Pennsylvania State Law requires all vehicles to be cleared of snow and ice prior to operating.
- Daily snow and ice melt can refreeze overnight.

Another common problem we encounter this time of year is vehicles left unattended on the roadways. If you break down or your vehicle becomes stuck in snow or ice conditions, please call 911 for assistance. In many instances the police come upon vehicles that are disabled on the roadways, the operator leaves the scene and we are forced to tow that vehicle. A simple call to 911 could solve a potential problem for both the owner of the vehicle and the responding police officer.

A lot of fun outdoor activities are created when snow is on the ground. Motorists should always be on the look out for children who may be distracted while riding sleds or just playing in the snow.



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# Municipal News

## USFA Install. Inspect. Protect. Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Every year, more than 3,000 people die in home fires in the United States; most of whom are in homes without a working smoke alarm. To prevent these deaths, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is sponsoring a nationwide Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign designed to raise awareness about how working, properly installed smoke alarms can lower a person's chances of dying in a fire.

This campaign is aimed at encouraging Americans to practice fire safety by 1) installing and maintaining smoke alarms and residential fire sprinklers, which can help save the lives of residents and firefighters, 2) practicing fire escape plans, and 3) performing a home safety walk-through to remove fire hazards from the home. Install. Inspect. Protect. also recognizes firefighters and stresses the fact that the children of firefighters want their fathers and mothers to come home safely. The campaign is promoting fire safety through a free Campaign Tool-kit disc; educational materials; print, radio and television PSAs; children's materials, community organization-sponsored events and a consumer-friendly campaign web-site.

When both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers are present in a home, the risk of dying in a fire is reduced by eighty-two percent, when compared to a residence without either. According to the National Fire Protection Association, between 2003 and 2006, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

### The USFA offers a few helpful tips on smoke alarms and sprinklers:

- Place properly installed and maintained smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Get smoke alarms that can sound fast. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends that every residence and place where people sleep be equipped with both ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor smoke alarms, which contain both ionization and photoelectric smoke sensors.

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- Test smoke alarms monthly and change alkaline batteries at least once every year, or as instructed. You can use a date you already know, like your birthday or when you change your clocks as a reminder.
- If possible, install residential fire sprinklers in your home.
- Avoid painting or covering the fire sprinkler, because that will affect the sensitivity to heat.

Organizations in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration's *Install. Inspect. Protect. Campaign* include the American Fire Sprinkler Association, Burn Institute, Everyone Goes Home, Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association, Fire Department Safety Officers Association, Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition, Home Safety Council, International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Women in Fire & Emergency Services, NASFM Fire Research and Education Foundation, National Association of Hispanic Firefighters, National Association of State Fire Marshals, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Fire Protection Association, National Fire Sprinkler Association, National Volunteer Fire Council, and SAFE KIDS Worldwide.

For more information on the "Install. Inspect. Protect." Campaign and other fire prevention information, please visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms). Remember to *Install. Inspect. Protect... Smoke Alarms Save Lives*.

## Link Is a Neighborly Connection

Link-Age-to-Age is on a mission to connect Forest Hills residents to services and amenities in the borough. At a third open forum in September, it welcomed an agent from the state attorney general's office, as well as Forest Hills Police Chief Chuck Williams, to discuss scams and fraud, especially those that target seniors.

Richard A. Shaheen, senior supervisory special agent with the AG's education and outreach program, cautioned residents to just hang up on unknown callers requesting money or personal information; to re-register often for "Do Not Call" lists; to check for state licenses when hiring home improvement contractors; to wait until the check that came in the mail clears at the bank before writing one of your own; and always to check ID for any utility worker who shows up unannounced at your door.

One of the participants at Link's crime prevention forum, Merlyn Trilli of Barclay Avenue, wrote afterward:

"Thank you (Link) for planning the consumer crime seminar for all borough residents. The speaker was an expert who was able to cover so much material within that short time.

"It was such a valuable presentation that I left there with a current brochure, covering more than was possible at the meeting. It is helpful to know how to prevent being a victim of slick criminals, and to share such information with family and friends."

In addition to educational programs, Link-Age-to-Age provides Welcome Packets to new residents, Neighbor-to-Neighbor cards for sharing emergency contact information and a list of reputable home service providers. Check it out at the Forest Hills Senior Center on Avenue D or call 412-834-5610.

## The Fall Run Road Trail

Recently, the borough completed work on the nature trail that starts at Fall Run Road (near Juniper Village) and ends at Newport Road (near Elmore Road) making it more convenient for anyone who lives near the area of Juniper Village to walk towards Newport Road and get back on Ardmore towards Braddock Road. Before, people were walking down Ardmore Boulevard where a small stretch of that area didn't have a sidewalk.

And thanks to the efforts from the Public Works Department, the project took just eight months to complete. Bonnie Caripolti, Director of Community Relations at Juniper Village, was extremely helpful in having the property near there donated; and Resident Sean Twomey, generously donated a right-of-way to a portion of his property on Elmore Road as well. Councilman Bill Tomasic, who was also pivotal in moving the project along said it was important to get this done because, "it's a path that is useful and much safer compared to people trying to walk on the section of Ardmore that doesn't have a sidewalk."



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**School real estate tax bills are mailed July 1**

**Due at discount by August 31 or due at face by October 31**

## TAX TIME

The 2014 Forest Hills Borough Real Estate Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed to property owners on February 28, and will be collected at the discount amount until April 30. Beginning May 1, any unpaid 2013 Borough Real Estate Taxes will be collected at the face amount until June 30. If you send your payment by mail or place your payment in the borough drop box and would like a receipt, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

If you are expecting a Borough Real Estate Tax Bill and do not receive your bill 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 412-351-7348.

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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:

*Wednesday, December 25 & Wednesday, January 1*

*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 any of the recognized holidays 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.*

## ATTENTION: Forest Hills Business Owners who pay Forest Hills Property Taxes

By the end of this year, borough council will vote on whether to allow those business owners to buy Forest Hills Pool Passes which would include their immediate family members. A decision will be made at the beginning of 2014, so look for more information in the *Tree City Times* spring 2014 issue.

**Please be aware that the borough office does not accept cash payments—only checks and money orders.**

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# Forest Hills Rotary News

## The Forest Hills Rotary—Four Young Girls made a Huge Difference

For two years, four young ladies from Bellport, New York, have gone to Cambodia to distribute water filters to people whose only sources of water are polluted rivers. They raise the funds, travel to Siem Reap, Cambodia, and distribute the filters.

This coming February, they will pay their own way to go to Cambodia to dig wells and give away sufficient filters to provide water for an entire village.

The Forest Hills Rotary Club here is assisting the young ladies by putting up a matching grant to help raise the necessary funds. For every dollar donated, the club will match a dollar.

If you are interested in helping these caring and proactive young ladies, please send a contribution to: Rotary District 7300 Foundation, 310 Newport Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15221. Please mark the check for Cambodian water project.

For more information, call 412-241-1822 and see their web-site at: [www.fourgirlsforfamilies.org](http://www.fourgirlsforfamilies.org). For more information, contact Tom Nunnally, Forest Hills Rotary Club at: 412-241-1822 or e-mail him at: [tomnunnally@aol.com](mailto:tomnunnally@aol.com)



## Forest Hills Rotary Club Members Support WQED-TV

Members from the Forest Hills Rotary Club District 7300 recently took time from their busy schedules to help answer phones and take pledge donations for WQED-TV in Pittsburgh.

Pictured from left to right are Rotary Club members: Marlene Gumbert, Janet Elder, Club President, Dr. Bob Dove, Nina Stahlberg and Tom Nunnally

## 2013–14 Community Directories Are Now Available

The new 2013-14 Forest Hills Rotary Club Community Directories are now available. Directories are just \$12 and can be purchased at Wolfe Funeral Home, Antiques on Ardmore, The Forest Hills Coffee Shop, and Fazio's Hair Salon, or from any Forest Hills Rotary Club member. For more information or to purchase a book by phone, contact Nina Stahlberg at 412-242-5360. All proceeds from the sale of the directories supports the Rotary Club's many local community and educational programs including scholarships.

Reminder for fee collection/billing in 2014

*Mark your calendar...*

### Due dates for refuse/recycling:

March 5, June 5, September 5  
December 5

### Due dates for sewage:

March 20, June 20,  
September 20, December 20

### Due date for fire protection services fee:

February 15

## Correction from the fall 2013 issue on sewage/refuse payments

The last paragraph in that article should have read: "It is important to remember payments that Andrews and Price collect (only) should be mailed to them (1500 Ardmore Boulevard, Suite 506, Pittsburgh, PA 15221); all other delinquent fees should be mailed to the borough office."

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# School happenings

**Forest Hills Nursery School** will hold Registration for the 2014-15 school year on Saturday, February 1, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 20 at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. This will be the 50th year for FHNS. It was started in 1964 by the Women's Club of Forest Hills in the same classroom at FHPC as it occupies now. Three classes are offered: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays, five days a week. Classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. every day. On Wednesdays/Thursdays, the 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.

### Car Cruise

The Forest Hills Nursery School and Forest Hills Presbyterian Church are preparing for their tenth Annual Car Cruise on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the upper parking lot at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Goodie Bags will be given out to the first fifty registered cars. For more information, contact Rick Wolf at 724-744-1061 or send an e-mail to: EWOL6@comcast.net



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### Trinity Christian School Open House

On Saturday, February 22, Trinity will host an Open House from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for anyone wishing to learn more about the school and tour the facilities, including the newly renovated, state-of-the-art biology and science labs.

### Trivia Night—a Blast from the Past

Don't miss Trinity's second annual Trivia Night on Friday, March 21. In keeping with the school's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the theme is "Blast from the Past," with questions from the 1950s to the present. Start brushing up on your doo-wop and disco knowledge, and contact the school at 412-242-8886 for more details about Trivia Night.

### To Learn More about Trinity

Trinity is now 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).

**The Woodland Hills Foundation** would like to announce it's fifth annual Chocolate & Diamonds Affair, Saturday, February 8, at Edgewood Country Club. Join them in 2014 at the Chocolate & Diamond's Affair. Visit [www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org](http://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org) for more information on this year's event and how to RSVP.

- **Mini-Grants:** Since 2002 the Foundation has awarded 128 Mini-Grants totaling over \$63,000 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 \$4,500 worth of musical instruments to the Woodland Hills School District in 2013.

- **Student Scholarships:** Four scholarships: the Julia Anne McCool Memorial Scholarship, Debbie Thames Spahr Memorial Scholarship, Woodland Hills Foundation Senior Scholarship, and NEW! The Hospital Albert Schweitzer Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors from Woodland Hills High School each year.
- **All-District Art Show:** Every year the Foundation helps the school district's Art Department proudly display artwork created by both students and faculty.

You can help grow these programs by making a tax-deductible donation to the Woodland Hills Foundation through their web-site [www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org](http://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org).

The official registration and financial information of The Woodland Hills School District Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.

The winter months at **East Catholic School** will be alive with the many activities of the Christmas Season, Public Speaking and Catholic School's Week. East Catholic School is located at 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, PA—412- 351-5403.

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Catholic School prepare for a variety of musical performances in December.

### Kennywood Park Holiday Lights

Once again this year, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are working on putting together a special Christmas program with singing and playing the recorder as part of Kennywood Parks' Holiday Lights which runs November 29 through December 22.

### Barnes n' Noble at the Waterfront

The primary students will be filling the Barnes n' Noble Store at the Waterfront in Homestead, PA with the carols of Christmas on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. East Catholic School will receive a percentage of the sales that evening, so come support their great school.

### The Living Nativity

The beauty of the Christmas season comes alive on December 17 with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Blvd. in Forest Hills, PA. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

### East Catholic School to sponsor Diocesan Forensics Tournament

East Catholic School in Forest Hills is a member of the Southwestern PA Forensics League. The league is composed of approximately 27 schools ranging in the south with East Catholic and stretching all the way north to Butler Catholic. Forensic tournaments are held five times a year at various school sites within the leagues jurisdiction. This includes the finals and the "Best of the Best" Tournament at the end. Students compete in the categories of Drama, Prose, Poetry, Declamation, Impromptu and "Group." This year they have approximately 32 students who are vying for a position on the team. East Catholic will sponsor a tournament here on Saturday, January 11. They expect approximately 150 speakers along with parents and coaches.

### Catholic Schools Week

Each year the Catholic Schools in the United States celebrate their schools and students. This year, Catholic Schools Week will be held from January 26 to February 1, which will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this annual event.

The theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education.

The new logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education.

### Schedule as follows:

#### Sunday January 26 - Parish

Catholic Schools Opening Mass will be celebrated at noon at St. Maurice Church followed by an Open House in 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 East Catholic School Open House will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

#### Volunteer Recognition Day

On this day students, faculty and staff 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 and will be followed by a reception in the cafeteria.

#### Students Day

On Student Day is "Decade Day". Each class will concentrate on a particular decade. Students will study the dress and historical events of that time period.

#### Vocations Day

Seminarians and Sisters, together with the pastors, will be invited to speak to the students about vocations. 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.



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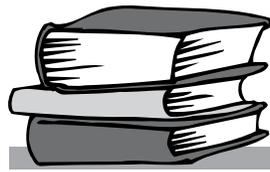
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The library has something for everyone. Here's a sampling of their offerings. Visit their web-site for more details. [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org).

### C.C. Mellor Annual Arts and Crafts Fair—Great Gifts for the Holidays

Do your holiday shopping at C.C. Mellor's Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday December 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Edgewood Community House, 1 Pennwood Avenue. Items from local artisans and crafters will be for sale and a portion of sales will benefit C.C. Mellor. In addition, the Edgewood Garden Club will be selling holiday greens and the Edgewood Fire Department will be selling luminaria kits.

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.

#### Holiday Hours Closed:

Tuesday, December 24  
Wednesday, December 25  
Tuesday, December 31  
Wednesday, January 1

#### Regular Hours:

Mondays, Fridays, Saturdays—10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays—4 to 8 p.m.  
Thursdays and Sundays - Closed

### PALS Book Club

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. On December 17, the group will discuss *Paris Wife* by Paula McClain. Members will finalize their 2014 reading list in December. Visit the web-site for the updated list.

### 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 14 through 18. 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 CC Mellor.

The weekend kicks off with a Preview Party for area residents and their guests on Friday, March 14 from 6:30 to 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 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 16 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 17 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, March 18 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.

### For Kids Story Hours

Join Branch Manager Brenda Joyce-May for weekly Preschool Story Hours at the Forest Hills Branch at 10:30 a.m. every Monday. There will be plenty of stories, finger plays, songs, games and a craft. No sign up is necessary. If you can't make this program, there are story hours at:

**CC Mellor Edgewood**, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Churchill Borough Building**, 2400 William Penn Highway - Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Wilkins Community Center**, 110 Peffer Road - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

### Special Programs

Evenings programs will be held the third Wednesday of the month. School-age children can join them for stories, crafts, games and a snack. 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 Tuesday previous to the scheduled date.

On the second Friday afternoon of each month at 12:30 p.m., come to the Forest Hills Library to participate in hands-on science experiments. This program is geared toward school age, home-schooled children. Call by the previous Wednesday to secure your spot.

### C.C. Mellor Annual Appeal - 2014

Please consider a gift to the library during the 2013 Annual Appeal. Your gift makes it possible to operate a branch in Forest Hills and to provide the materials and services that residents depend upon. Make your contribution by check or by credit card through PayPal. Check contributions should be sent to C.C. Mellor Library, 1 Pennwood Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15218. Go to [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org), and click on "donate." If you are designating your gift for the Forest Hills Branch, please make a note. Your gift is welcomed throughout the year.

### Volunteering

The library could always use volunteers to join their great team. They are in particular need for someone willing to learn the library computer system. Thanks always to Hank, Eileen, Gwen, Paul, Ester and Connie. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call the library to find out when you are needed.

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- ✓ **Tennis**—Head coach and assistant coach. Both positions involve lessons—both private and public—clinic sessions, tennis matches (home and away) and overall coaching of a youth team. Interested parties must be available during the summer months every day 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (no exceptions to this schedule) with youth clinics either before or after times mentioned. Coach is free to schedule private lessons or adult clinics at their convenience but the coaching of the team takes priority.

Applications will be available at the borough building on and after **December 2**. 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.

Completed applications must be returned to the borough office by **December 31**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

For more information on any of these positions, please call Cindy Simm, Recreation Director at 412-351-7330 x220.

## Thank You...

Thank you to the students from Pitt who came to Forest Hills to do volunteer work with cleaning up the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge and Field areas. Borough Manager Steve Morus collaborated with our Public Works Department to assign the work duties and supervise the students. They cleared several bags of trash from the lodge, field and green space, pulled weeds, raked leaves, and swept the parking lots. Thanks also goes to Senator Jay Costa who came by and provided lunch. We look forward to having them back in the future. Councilman Steve Karas

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# Tennis Court Resurfacing Update

The borough is happy to announce that the work on the tennis courts is ahead of schedule with the demolition of the existing courts complete, new lighting installed, and paving of the surface almost finished.

The borough is looking forward to having all players enjoy the new courts, and appreciate everyone's patience during the last few years when the courts were in desperate need of repaving. We hope now with the new and safe surface to play on, that we see a lot of new faces—not only playing with friends and neighbors, but young players joining the tennis team.



Existing courts being demolished back in July 2013.

every practice and game they played. During his 20-year run as coach, he instilled such a strong foundation with team members that we hope this spirit will live on and thrive for future generations. "As someone who grew up on the Forest Hills Courts and saw so many excellent players come up through the system, it's really exciting to know that the next generation of stars will be honing their craft on the newest set of hard courts in Western Pennsylvania!" stated Paull.

This project would not have been possible without the combined efforts of the Public Works Department, the contractor, Glenn Engineering and most of all, borough council who after many years of having to put this project aside, acquired the necessary funding to complete it.

Also new next year will be the installation of a code-access system. This means that only players who purchase passes will have access to the courts.

And because the borough has not increased tennis pass prices for a number of years, there will be increases in 2014. Those will be listed in the tennis application that will be on the spring 2014 issue.

There are plans to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony when the courts are complete. More information will be featured in a future issue of the newsletter.



Paving the new courts—September 2013.

The tennis program was a major part of why it was crucial to get the courts redone. We want to encourage young people to join the team next year because the history of this program is second to none; and that is due in part to the excellent coaching of former coach Mark Paull, who put his heart and soul into making sure each young person did their very best with

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**Winter & Spring Recreation Programs**

**Health Talk Series**

Churchill and Forest Hills Boroughs are sharing a partnership in a series of Health Talks. Seating is limited, so RSVP is encouraged.

**Health Talk #1**

**Core and Postural Strengthening, Balance Training for Seniors**

Forget about your “guns,” think about your “core!” Learn how to strengthen and engage core and postural muscles, move and walk with better balance. After this one hour interactive seminar, you will be able to perform simple exercises at home to improve and mobilize function, reduce your fall risk, and enjoy an active life.

The guest speaker we have for this session will be Dr. Steve Karas, who is a professor at Chatham University where he teaches in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. He is currently heading an international research group evaluating the use of spinal manipulation. Dr. Karas continues his clinical practice where he treats a variety of orthopedic and neurological diagnoses.

When: Saturday, February 15

Times: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge

Free to the public but seating is limited

R.S.V.P. to Cindy Simm, Recreation Director, Forest Hills Borough, 412-351-7330

x220 no later than February 1

**Health Talk #2**

**Living and Dealing with Arthritis**

Join our panel of health care professionals as we talk about arthritis. We’ll discuss the current use of medications, therapy, and surgical intervention to deal with degenerative joint disease.

On the panel will be an orthopedic doctor discussing conservative non-operative care, injections and total joint replacement. Also on the panel will be a physical therapist and a pharmacist.

This seminar will be scheduled sometime in April at the Yagle Room at the Churchill Municipal Building. It will be an hour-long session, and free to the public.

When: Saturday, April 5

Times: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Yagle Room, Churchill Borough Building

Free to the public but seating is limited

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An Invitation to Forest Hills Residents

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#### **Session—12 weeks**

*Dates: Mondays, January 6 to March 24*

*Time: 6 to 8 p.m.*

*Location: Pool Lodge*

*Fee: \$40*

### **Spring/Beginning of Summer**

#### **Session—12 weeks**

*Dates: Mondays, March 31 to June 16*

*Time: 6 to 8 p.m.*

*Location: Pool Lodge*

*Fee: \$40*

## **Guts and Butts—Feel the burn!**

Bust those guts and butts doing a 60-minute workout with Instructor Miriam Mes-sick who will lead you in a program of squats, leg lifts and overall toning of the lower body and core.

### **End of Winter/Spring Session—12 weeks**

*Dates: Wednesdays, February 5 to April 23*

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

*Location: Pool Lodge*

*Fee: \$40*

## **Dog Obedience**

This class is open to dogs of all ages and tai-lored 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 6 to May 22*

*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*

## **Scrap-booking**

Looking for quiet time to do what you love? Traditional and digital scrap-bookers and also other hobbyists are welcome. Organize your photographs with this intuitive program taught by Creative Memories Consultant Fran Vislay. This class is geared towards beginners and intermediate participants who want to learn how to preserve their most cherished photographs. Beginner and advanced croppers are also welcome. To get started on the project, please bring two to three photos to the first class, and learn how to create a Short Story card using simple, quick tools. The completed story card can be displayed or added to an album. Learn tips on simple card making, specialty pages, traditional and digital organizing and cropping techniques. Vislay will help you to start a memory album with those

photos that may have been sitting in a closet or an attic and need some well-de-served attention. Each class includes: free idea sheets and attendance gifts, free use of cropping tools and ideas books. Work-shop 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.

### **Winter Session—10 weeks**

*Dates: Tuesdays, January 7 to March 11*

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

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

*Fee: \$55*

### **Spring Session—10 weeks**

*Dates: Tuesdays, March 18 to May 27*

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

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

*Fee: \$55*

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

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**Attention: Recreation Department**

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*Right: Pictured left to right—Mayor O'Malley, Assistant Swim Coach Greg Sorek, Swim Team Head Coach Nick Ricci and Assistant Swim Coach Shea Shovlin.*

**Tree Burning Ceremony**

Starting December 27 through January 10, the Public Works Department will collect resident's discarded Christmas trees at curbside in preparation for one of the borough's most popular annual events. The Forest Hills Civic Association, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department, WHEMS and the Auxiliary Police, invite you to the Annual Tree Burning Ceremony on Friday, January 10 at the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge off of Greensburg Pike. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments and a display of the fire trucks and ambulances. Come and enjoy another great annual event in the community.

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### Borough Council Meetings:

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Third Wednesday of each month\*

### Committee Meetings:

Meet in council chambers, borough building 2nd floor

Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy\*

Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole\*

Shade Tree & Shrub Committee\*

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Recreation Board Meetings (first Monday of the month): January 6, February 3, March 3

\*At the time of this publication, Borough Council has not established meeting dates for 2014.

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## For Your Information

**The Garden Club of Forest Hills** will begin the new year with new officers: Kathy Koroskenyi will serve as president, Iris Cisarik as first vice president, Sally Sabino as second vice president, Joyce Kareem as recording secretary, Kathy Bauer as treasurer and Lynne Gawlas as corresponding secretary.

As members reflect on their accomplishments during 2013, the club's 90<sup>th</sup> year, they'll continue to aim high. The sky's the limit when it comes to recruiting applicants for 10 state federation scholarships as it is for signing up new club members. Informative programs, community service projects and camaraderie are big draws for the Forest Hills club.

They'll also remember what fun that yearlong birthday celebration was—the luncheon at the Restaurant at Grandview, the tree planting in the park on Arbor Day, the balloons and cookies at Community Day, the first evening plant auction and, of course, the public flower show, "90 Years of Celebrating Women."

Perhaps the greatest milestone in the banner year was opting to preserve 90 years of club records and memorabilia in the University of Pittsburgh Archives.

After Dorothy Buchanan and Kathy Bauer organized meeting minutes, photographs, awards and more, some dating to the 1920s, these materials were deposited in the archives. There, anyone interested in almost-a-century-of-community-service can learn how it was planted and grew in Forest Hills.

Regular meetings will resume in March, and continue on the first Thursday of the month at Hope Lutheran Church, Ridge Avenue at Braddock Road, through December 2014. Coffee is ready at 9:30 a.m., the gavel comes down at 10, with an educational program and light lunch to follow. Guests are welcome. For more information, go to the Forest Hills web-site or "like them" on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheGardenClubOfForestHills](http://www.facebook.com/TheGardenClubOfForestHills).

Members and friends of **Forest Hills AARP #2556** meet at the Forest Hills Pool Lodge on the second Monday of each month, except for June, July, August and December. Each meeting begins at noon with coffee and cookies served by the committee. Occasionally a light lunch will be served for a nominal cost. In case of school being delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

At 12:30 p.m., the meeting is called to order by the president. After recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, reports are submitted by the officers, and the Tours Committee outlines tour opportunities for the members and their friends. The programs are planned by Doris Hoffman and are either entertaining or provide pertinent information for the members.

For the meeting on January 13, the speaker will be the Forest Hills Borough Manager Steve Morus who will bring us up to date on borough business. During the meeting on February 10, they will enjoy a Valentine's Party and be entertained by singer, Sue Gartland. At the meeting for Monday, March 10, members will be informed of healthy exercise practices by Jeanette Cochman, Doctor of Physical Therapy, coming from Lifeline--a Forest Hills service.

Visitors are welcome to all events. For more information call Mary Smith at: 412-273-1943.

*Editor's Note: I wish to thank Forest Hills Resident Suzanne McColloch, Tom Beattie and Police Chief Chuck Williams for their contribution to the newsletter.*

**Here are some of the stories to be featured  
in the 2014 spring issue:**

*2014 Borough Budget • Pool and Tennis Applications  
Chicken Ordinance and How to Keep Them*