



FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills



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PLEASE NOTE:

It is the borough's long-standing policy that we do not accept cash for payments of any kind, and will only accept checks or money orders. The borough office does not have cash on hand nor can staff make change. We appreciate your cooperation.

What Residents Need to Know—Millage Tax Credit

by Stephen Korbel, Attorney-at-Law

In 2012, pursuant to an order of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, the county completed a county-wide reassessment of all residential and commercial property values. These newly reassessed property values took effect in 2013. Municipalities, including Forest Hills Borough, are limited in collecting no more than five percent in additional revenues than they collected in 2012 pursuant to the Anti-windfall Statute (16 P.S. Section 4980.2). When borough council passed the property tax levy that set the millage rate for 2013, council took a five percent windfall, but set up an escrow account to collect any unintended and unanticipated property tax revenue collected in 2013.

The taxpayers must understand that council faced a quandary. They were required to set a millage rate without knowing the final assessed value of the property in the borough because most of the large commercial properties and many of the residential properties were under appeal. Therefore, if council set the millage too low, there would not have been enough revenue to pay the refunds and run the borough. As a result, council set the millage at 8 mills and any revenues over 105% of the revenues collected in 2012 were deposited in an interest-bearing escrow account. By law, the funds in this escrow account can only be used for two purposes:

1. To pay refunds for appeals on 2013 assessments or,
2. To provide a refund or tax credit to the tax payers once all appeals related to 2013 assessments have been finalized.

At this point, most of the appeals have been heard and council is considering providing a tax credit to residents for a portion of the funds in the account for the 2015 tax year and the remaining portion for the 2016 tax year. By doing so, the millage rate will remain at 8 mills, but each resident will see a tax millage credit on their annual property tax bill which will reduce their property taxes below 8 mills for each of the next two years.

“I am pleased that borough council and the borough manager carefully examined the county evaluations and weighed all the pros and cons of the property tax assessments and found a solution that is fiscally sound and fair to our residents. Every dollar received above the budgeted revenue will be given back to the residents in 2015 and 2016,” states borough council president Markus Erbeldinger.

BE WARY OF FOXES, and other potentially rabid animals around your house

The Allegheny County Health Department is cautioning people to be wary of wild animals in yards, driveways and wooded areas around their homes.

Health officials are warning everyone to always be completely aware of creatures in the environment whenever outdoors and to frequently look around for wild animals, particularly foxes and raccoons, which may be infected with the rabies virus.

When you see a wild animal, don't go near it and chances are it will go away. If the animal looks threatening, slowly back away and go indoors or to a protected area. If it stays around, call your local animal control service, the police or the game commission.

If your pet is ever involved in a fight with another animal, never get into the middle of it and use your bare hands to separate them. If your pet gets another animal's saliva on its body or in its mouth, handle your pet with gloves, bathe it carefully with soap and water, and call your vet for advice.

If you are ever bitten, scratched or otherwise exposed to saliva from a fox, raccoon or other animal, cleanse the contact area with soap and water, seek emergency medical treatment and call the Allegheny County Health Department at 412-687-ACHD (2243) to report the incident.

Rabies is almost always fatal when exposures go untreated. The anti-rabies vaccine is highly effective when given promptly after an exposure, but is still a major expense and inconvenience that can be avoided by not having contact with potentially rabid animals.

Nowadays the rabies treatment consists of relatively painless injections in the arm instead of the excruciating stomach injections given many years ago.

Information provided by: *The Allegheny County Health Department. Visit their website: www.achd.net.*

Cold weather have you blue? Consider going green!

Twenty tips for winter-time energy conservation

Cold weather not only brings ice and snow, it also increases energy usage. The dark days of winter cause people to turn on their lights earlier and leave them on longer. People drive cars more and walk or ride bikes less in colder temperatures.

Cars burn more fuel in winter due to colder air temperatures and longer warm-up times. Regardless of the home heating method used, energy consumption for heat increases. As consumers, it is important for us to take advantage of every energy-saving opportunity. Think green, save money and help to protect the environment. There are ways to act NOW to reduce energy usage:

1. Purchase energy efficient light bulbs. They will last longer, reduce operating costs, save money and still provide light quality comparable to conventional bulbs.
2. Turn off incandescent lights when you leave a room.
3. Use timers for your lights for safety and efficiency when you come home late or take a vacation.
4. Save time and gas—before shopping for special items, call to see if they are available or can be ordered by phone.
5. Reduce air pollution and conserve gas by carpooling when:
 - Shopping for food
 - Running errands with a friend
 - Going to work
 - Taking the kids to school
6. Shop through cost-effective mail-order catalogues, when appropriate.
7. Install a day/night thermostat which lowers temperatures at night or when you are not at home. It will also turn on the heat before you wake up. Note: According to the U.S. Department of Energy, fuel savings range from 9-18% when thermostats are set back 10 degrees for a period of eight hours.
8. Reduce the amount of heat going to rooms that are rarely occupied. Check with a professional heating expert if you are unsure of how to do this, or if you have a heat pump system.
9. Take time to caulk around drafty windows, especially near the thermostat.
10. Cover outside window air conditioners or remove them all together when possible. If you cannot reach the outside, use heavy-duty plastic sheeting to cover the inside of the unit. Caulk or use weather-stripping around window frames where air conditioners must remain.

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11. Consider winterizing your windows. If you need to replace windows, read the October 1993 Consumer Reports to get more information on the practicality of double-glazed or Heat Mirror windows which use a special coating to retain interior heat. Do a little research and also check with an architect to see which type is best and most economical to install.
12. Purchase rolls of reflective film in different shades of darkness which adhere to windows and save up to forty percent heat loss in the winter. Choices include film with self-adhesive backing that is not reusable after removal or "wetables" in which a spray bottle is used to wet one side of the film before application to windows.
13. Use insulated drapes to improve energy efficiency. These window treatments help to keep the heat in and cold out.
14. Repair or replace old or inefficient storm windows and doors.
15. Add insulation between attic beams, where the insulation is worn or exits in insufficient amounts. Eight inches of fiberglass insulation or about five inches of foamboard are needed to achieve an R-26 rating recommended by the Department of Energy. Before purchasing insulation, check

to determine the most cost-effective method for your home. Remember to wear gloves and a mask when installing insulation.

16. Apply weather stripping to attic doors and areas around fold-down attic stairs.
17. Keep your heating units clean and in good operating condition by vacuuming them and periodically having a maintenance check-up.
18. Close flue dampers when not using your fireplace to avoid drafts. Use insulated plywood to close off unused fireplaces and decorate the wood to match your room.
19. Check your car frequently during the winter months for toxic chemical leaks and make repairs as soon as possible.
20. Improve your car's fuel efficiency by having the engine tuned regularly and by changing the oil every three months or 3,000 miles. Monitoring fuel efficiency is easy. Just set your trip odometer to zero before filling the tank. The next time you fill up, divide the number of miles on your trip odometer by the number of gallons you purchased.

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Arborist Corner by Ted Gilbert, Borough Arborist

We frequently receive inquiries as to how we determine if a street tree is on borough or private property.

The process is based on the width of the right-of-way (r.o.w.) previously assigned to each street. The right-of-ways vary from 100' (Ardmore Boulevard) to 33' on part of Filmore. The assigned r.o.w. number is available at the borough office.

Once you have the r.o.w. of the street in front of your home, everything else is fairly easy. First you need a measuring tape at least 50' long; then measure across the street from curb edge to curb edge. The mid-point of that measurement will be the center of the street. Mark the center with a twig or small stone. Then measure one half of the established r.o.w. from the center toward your property and/or the tree in question. On a street with a r.o.w. of 40' that would be a 20' measurement. If most of the main trunk is within the 20' mark, it is on borough property. If most is outside the 20' then the tree is on private property.

Alleys do not have a numbered r.o.w. Their r.o.w. is the width of the paving. Recreational walkways are all 5' r.o.w. If you don't have a curb then measure the width of the paving to establish the center of the street.

If you have trouble with these measurements, please call the borough's Department of Public Works and they will be happy to help.

If you do your own measuring, remember to be careful as cars will continue to use the street. Also remember, trees are valuable so treat them kindly.

Tree Burning Ceremony

Starting December 26 through January 9, 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 16 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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2014 Hayride Wrap-up

This year's hayride was another great success. The turnout was outstanding as was in the previous 16 years. All who attended rode along on three newly-acquired borough wagons; of which two were purchased from Wilkins Township, and the third wagon was constructed with the help of the Forest Hills Public Works Department.

Forest Hills Borough Council Members and the mayor would like to thank the following groups who participated, volunteered and came out to enjoy a crisp autumn evening:

- Forest Hills Public Works Department
- Forest Hills Police Department
- Forest Hills Auxiliary Police
- Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department
- Emergency Medical Services



Forest Hills Public Safety would like to thank the following sponsors for their support and generous donations to this year's hayride

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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The **Late Bloomers Garden Club** would like to thank everyone in the community that supports the Forest Hills Farmers Market. The weekly visits are what sustains this wonderful Farmers Market and keeps them offering it every year. They had a very successful year and look forward to more of the same next summer.

They also had a victory on the Ardmore. Their flower beds were a spectacular hit with the motorists and community. They wish to thank you all so much for the kind comments. It's what they live for. They cleaned up the beds in November so they can rest till the spring thaw.

This year, their trip to Longwood Gardens in August included a visit to the Brandywine Museum featuring the Andrew Wyeth Gallery. What more could you ask to experience on a trip than beautiful flowers and exceptional art?

Winter gives them time to mull over the year and come up with some new ideas about future projects, trips and parties. Join them if you love to garden, have a few free hours a month and enjoy taking an excursion now and then.

The meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at a member's home. They have a few new members and are always open to increasing their numbers. If you have a desire to make a difference in this Tree City USA Borough, e-mail them at: latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com, or call Jerianne at: 412-999-3525 for the location of the next meeting. They look forward to seeing you there!

Hope Lutheran Church of Forest Hills will hold mid-week services on Wednesdays during Advent—December 10 and 17. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer Vespers Service at 7 p.m. A candlelight service will be held Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, December 14, Worldwide Candle Lighting Sunday will be observed at Hope in remembrance of all children who have died (gathering at 6:30 p.m. - candle lighting at 7 p.m.).

Hope 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 celebrate-like music, times of silence and an opportunity to offer prayers for others. The January 2 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 17 at 6 p.m. The evening features a special blend of pancakes, jambalaya and zydeco music. Hope's Ash Wednesday service is the following evening, February 18 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,

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The Forest Hills Rotary News

2014 Forest Hills Rotary Directories are still available. Directories are just \$12 and can be purchased at Juniper Village at Forest Hills and Wolfe Funeral Home; or by contacting Nina Stahlberg at: 412-242- 5360.

Looking for a great way to become involved with your community? Join the Rotary! Since 1947 The Rotary Club of Forest Hills has been making a difference in high schools, local communities and around the world. The rotary meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the back room at Drew's Restaurant on Ardmore Boulevard.

For more information contact Bonnie at 412-244-9901. Everyone is welcome!

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—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 inter-

ested in volunteering three hours a day, twice a month, can call Don Newcomer at 412-708-0511.

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 over 50 years, the **Forest Hills Lions Club** has served communities less fortunate. They supply glasses to the needy, and collect your used glasses for distribution to third-world countries. The collection boxes are found at the borough building office, at the 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.

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. For more information, visit the scout web-site: www.foresthillspack90.us.

Bryn Mawr Wall Splendor

Weren't the flower boxes on the Sherwood Road wall spectacular this year? Cascading nasturtiums, petunias, begonias and impatiens all combined to create a colorful focal point that local residents enjoyed all summer long.

Bryn Mawr Farms Organization would like to thank Paul Kimicata Landscaping for donating and planting all of the annual flowers. Jane Freund and Mary Garty assisted with trimming and weeding.

Anyone wishing to help next year can call Jane at 412-241-4043—or just pull a weed or deadhead a flower when you're walking by!

See What's Happening in the Neighboring Communities on page 8

Here's What's Going on Around the Neighboring Communities

From the Churchill Area Environmental Council (CAEC)

2015 Environmental Scholarship

Each year the CAEC and its member municipalities (Chalfant, Churchill, Forest Hills, and Wilkins) award an environmental scholarship to a Woodland Hills High School senior. If you know a senior who is planning to do a project or has completed one within the schools or the communities they serve, please advise him/her to submit an application to the CAEC by the March 31 deadline.

Application forms are available from the high school guidance office and from the department chairmen. They can also be downloaded from www.Churchillborough.com. Go to "Around Town" on the tool bar and click on "Churchill Area Environmental Council." The top of the simple application form has more information on the types of projects that are acceptable, as well as specific examples of such projects. Call 412-241-7113 with any questions.

Last year's winner of the CAEC Environmental Scholarship was Jacob Burke, a resident of Wilkins Township. Jacob earned his scholarship and his Eagle Scout award by designing, constructing, and installing an environmental information kiosk in Churchill Borough's Bullock-Pens Park.

Environmental Advisories Available

The CAEC issues periodic advisories on topics of local environmental importance or interest to our residents. The two latest advisories, "Energy Efficient Lighting Update-2013" and "Invasive Alien Weeds: Right Here in River City-2014" are available free of charge from the municipal office during regular business hours. A complete list of other advisories issued during past years is available from the CAEC web-site at: www.Churchillborough.com.

Would You Like to Represent Forest Hills on the CAEC?

There is a position open on the Churchill Area Environmental Council for a representative from Forest Hills. This is a four-year position (renewable) that is made by borough council. The CAEC meets three times a year on the third Monday of January, May, and September from 7 to 8 p.m. in

the Yagle Room at the Churchill Municipal Building—2300 Wm. Penn Highway, corner of Beulah Road. If you are interested in working with this local environmental group or know someone who might, contact the Forest Hills Borough Office, 412-351-7330, or attend the next CAEC meeting as a guest on January 19.

Got E-Waste?

Is your computer or other electronic devices acting up, comatose or dead? What can you do?

What you cannot do is put it out as trash. But, thanks to Pennsylvania's "Covered Devices Recycling Act 2010," the manufacturers of most electronic devices must support a system of accessible collection and recycling opportunities.

Such items are not accepted at landfills so municipal waste haulers will not pick them up at the curb.

Churchill Area Residents can recycle most items no charge at High-Tech Recycling, in the Allegheny County Police Building behind Construction Junction at 400 N. Lexington St. Homewood, 412-731-

5805, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at Best Buy, 200 Monroeville Mall Circle Drive, 412-856-7344 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is always wise to phone before going just to verify that your items are acceptable.

You can also check Best Buy's web-site: www.bestbuy.com/Recycling-Electronics. Both places will take desktop computers, laptops, tablets, all-in-one computers, netbooks, LCD and CRT monitors, digital cameras, cell phones, etc. The "Geek Squad" folks who share space at Best Buy will check your computer for hardware and software problems that are repairable. If your item is out of warranty they will replace hardware parts at and sweep software at modest cost for any viruses or similar "infections." If the device is beyond resuscitation it can be recycled on the spot. Home pick-ups can also be arranged. Call for details and costs.

If your item is not acceptable, these places will help you find alternate locations to recycle it.

Or call 1-800-RECYCLING; check their web-site: www.1800/recycling.com.

For more information on the recreation programs in the neighboring communities, visit the following web-sites

Wilkins Township: www.wilkingstownship.com/deptparksrecreation.htm
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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.

The USFA's Install. Inspect. Protect. 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 fire fighters, 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.
- 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.

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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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Be Alert During Holiday Shopping by Police Chief Chuck Williams

The winter season always comes with additional concerns; fewer daylight hours and holidays create opportunities for criminals to take advantage of unsuspecting victims. When shopping, cover purchased items so they will not easily be seen or place them in the trunk of your vehicle. Always remember to lock your car doors, look into your vehicle before entering to ensure that a person is not inside. Walk to your car with others if possible keeping your cell phone handy should you need it in a hurry. But keeping your cell phone handy does not mean texting or looking at your cell phone while walking as this puts you at a disadvantage should an encounter occur.

If you observe a suspicious person or vehicle call 911 immediately and if possible get a description and license plate if it can be done safely. I have mentioned this in previous articles and it has been helpful to us in identifying suspects and making arrests.

Finally, crime prevention is a primary goal for our department. Reducing opportunities could prevent a crime. For additional crime prevention tips go to www.crimepreventiontips.org.

The Forest Hills Police Department and I would like to thank all of you for your continued help and support.

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Link-Age-to-Age volunteers are on a mission, connecting Forest Hills residents to home services and providers.

They continue to evaluate Link's effort to keep people safe in their homes; free forums for discussion of pertinent issues; provision of Neighbor-to-Neighbor cards for sharing emergency contact information, and distribution of Welcome Kits for new homeowners.

Written comments and suggestions are welcome; these may be sent to Link-Age-to-Age in care of the Forest Hills Senior Center, Avenue D, Forest Hills, PA 15221.




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CURB THOSE LEAVES

The Public Works Crew asks that you do not place any other debris (sticks, grass clippings, dead flowers, etc.) in with the leaves because they tend to clog the machine and will take extra time to clean the equipment.

The crew also asks to not place leaves on top of any rock gardens due to the fact that the rocks will also be lifted by the vacuum along with the leaves, and because the vacuum is so powerful it could damage the machine.

If you cover leaves (with a tarp, etc.) and then place bricks on that covering, the piles must be placed behind the curb and not on the roadway which will prevent any type of road hazard.

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 which is during the month of October through mid-December—weather permitting.

DON'T BLOCK THE 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.

The due dates for refuse/recycling are: March 5, June 5, September 5, December 5

The due dates for sewage are: March 20, June 20, September 20, December 20

The due date for fire protection services fee is: February 15

TRASH COLLECTION—HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1

Trash will be delayed one day during that week

When the holiday falls on a weekday, no trash or recycling is collected on these holidays. The trash collection day for those whose scheduled day falls on 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.



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Due at discount by August 31
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TAX TIME

The 2015 Forest Hills Borough Real Estate Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed to property owners on February 27, and will be collected at the discount amount until April 30. Beginning May 1, any unpaid 2015 borough real estate taxes will be collected at the face amount until June 30. If you send your payment by mail or place your payment in the borough drop box and would like a receipt, please include a stamped, addressed return 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 at: 412-351-7348.

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Forest Hills Swim Team Breaks Records



The 2014 Forest Hills Stingrays

The 2014 Forest Hills Stingrays season is one for the record books. Building off of the momentum created from back-to-back championship wins, the Stingrays came back to the pool with a determination—rise to a new height of success. Within the first week of swim meets, Forest Hills faced a familiar rival—the Edgewood Eels. Even with a number of last-minute changes to the line-up, the Stingrays cheered their loudest, swam their hardest, and emerged victorious. This win meant much more to the coaches and the team because it was the first win over the Eels for a long, long time. The Stingrays would go on to win out the rest of the season giving them a perfect 7-0 record for the summer. **This marked the first perfect season in the history of the team.**



Some members of the Forest Hills Stingrays receiving a certificate of accomplishment for the 2014 Championship win from Mayor O'Malley and Borough Council President Markus Erbeltinger.

The coaches marveled at the individual success of each swimmer over the course of the summer, in particular one of their eight and under swimmers, Channing Brook. Channing was able to not once, not just twice, but three times break the pool record for the 8 & under, 25-meter freestyle with her fastest time being 16.03 seconds. She also now holds the championship meet record for the 8 & under, 25-meter freestyle with a time of 16.06 seconds. Channing's hard work and team spirit personifies what it means to be a Forest Hills Stingray.

The Stingrays capped off their season with a third championship victory in a row... a feat that only one other team in Division II has achieved. The Stingrays are looking ahead to next summer with ambition. Finishing at the top of the division means that they will be moving up to Division I next summer. With the same determination FHST showed this summer, the Stingrays are ready for any chance to prove they can give those teams a run for their money.



Laina Cross, assistant synchronized swim coach, was presented the Girl Scout Award for her work with the Wilmerding YMCA's Aquatic Program. Laina introduced synchronized swimming to the YMCA Community running a free clinic for children ages 7 to 14. Since Laina's Gold Service Award Project, the YMCA has incorporated synchronized swimming into its regular swim lesson plan.



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- ✓ **Pool**—Manager, assistant manager, lifeguards, concession-stand workers, cashiers, maintenance and utility workers, swim team coach, assistant swim team coaches synchronized swim team coach and assistant synchronized swim team coaches. *Applicants must be at least 15 years old and have required certification. Positions run from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend.*
- ✓ **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 1**. Applications will also be available on the borough's web-site: 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. The borough office will be closed on December 31 but applications can be put in the borough's overnight box located on the side of the building next to the pay phone. Please make sure the application is in an envelope and is addressed to: Cindy Simm, Recreation Director.

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

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Forest Hills Nursery School will hold registration for the 2015-16 school years on Saturday, February 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the classroom. Forest Hills Nursery School is a private, state-licensed pre-school established at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in 1964. Teacher, Betsy Wolf, is a state-licensed pre-school teacher.

Three classes are offered: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays; and five days a week. Classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There are sixteen children in each class, with one teacher and at least one other adult. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the children may bring a lunch and play until 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Secretary Sally Sabino at: 412-351-5054; or Education Director Betsy Wolf at: 412-241-9414 or 724-744-1061.

The Forest Hills Nursery School is celebrating fifty years at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. The school was founded in 1964 by the Junior Women's Club of Forest Hills. On Saturday, May 16, the school will hold an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. in the classroom to celebrate the last 50 years. They are inviting all that have attended Forest Hills Nursery School to help celebrate this special occasion.

R.S.V.P. is requested to: Betsy Wolf, 724-744-1061; Sally Sabino, 412-351-5054; or Bill Krizan, 412-241-7532. They hope to see you there.

Located at 299 Ridge Avenue in Forest Hills, **Trinity Christian School** provides strong academics with a Christ-centered focus for students in Kindergarten through grade 12. The public is invited to attend the following upcoming events at the school:

December Events

The Elementary Christmas program will be held on Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. It will be an enjoyable time of songs celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Before and after the program, the annual Christmas Shoppe will be open in the school library, with quality

gifts, handcrafted items, and baked goods available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the school.

The school will host another evening of music on Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m. for the school band and choir concert, also in the school auditorium.

School Open House

On Saturday, February 21, Trinity will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for anyone wishing to learn more about the school and tour the facilities, including the state-of-the-art biology and science labs. Trinity follows a classical approach to learning, combining knowledge, reasoning, and communication across the spectrum of subjects. The school also offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, such as drama, band, choir, and sports.

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 website at www.trinitychristian.net to learn more about the school and its mission, faculty, curriculum, and programs.

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

Free Family Movie Nights

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

Free Family Fun Nights

The community is invited to join them on the fourth Saturday of the month for Free Family Fun Nights. The theme of Fun Night will change each month. Watch

their Facebook page for upcoming themes, www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranPTO.

Live Nativity

Come and experience what Christmas is all about on December 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Children and adults will enact the Christmas story live. Weather permitting it will be held outdoors, so dress warm. This is an experience you won't want to miss. Bring a friend and enjoy the evening together sipping hot chocolate and eating holiday goodies, too.

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 Boulevard in Forest Hills, PA - 412-351-5403.

The Sounds of the Christmas Season

Music is in the air as the students at East Catholic School prepare for a variety of musical performances in December.

Kennywood Park Holiday Lights

Once again this year, the fourth grade students are working on putting together a special Christmas program with singing as part of Kennywood Parks' Holiday Lights which runs November 29 through December 22. This program is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit!

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 4 at 6:30 p.m. Come hear some of your childhood favorites as the students' singing will be sure to put a smile on your face. Also, 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 16 with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Boulevard.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

Celebrating Catholic Schools' Week

Each year the Catholic Schools in the United States celebrate their schools and students. Typically Catholic Schools' Week will include masses, open houses and ac-

tivities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large. This year, Catholic Schools' Week will be held from January 25 until January 31.

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. First, schools are communities—small families in their own right, but also members of the larger community of home, church, city, and nation. Faith, knowledge, and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

The logo features a swirl of colors interacting around a cross, which is at the center of all Catholic education. The vibrancy of the colors and the movement and shadows in the logo portray the inner-connectivity and community life that are present in their Catholic school.

The East Catholic School Community is planning a different focus for each day of Catholic Schools' Week that includes their entire mission. The following is the schedule:

Sunday January 25 - 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 Castello, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, Word of God and St. Maurice. The entire Forest Hills Area is welcome to attend. The East Catholic School Open House will be from 1 to 4 p.m.

Some of the events for the week are:

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, each class will concentrate on a particular theme.

Vocations Day

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

"It is for God we serve the poor, not for thanks" said Catherine McAuley 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.

Pitt Mobile Science Lab

Mr. Lamanti is very pleased to announce that the Mobile Science Lab is returning to East Catholic School for an entire week February 3 to 6. This year the fifth grade science class will participate along with the sixth, seventh and eighth grade science classes. The Mobile Science Lab is part of The University of Pittsburgh and the CTSI Clinical + Translational Science Institute. The Mobile Science Lab is an 80-foot long truck that is equipped as a sophisticated science lab that can go to schools and community events to teach students and the public about new biomedical findings. Mr. Lamanti, along with Barbara Paul, the University of Pittsburgh/ CTSI Mobile Lab Education Facilitator, will have the students take part in a lab titled Zebra-fish Caffeine Lab for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The fifth grade lab is entitled "Living With Bugs." Mr. Lamanti will separate the students into groups, researchers and pathologists. The Researchers will learn about micro-organisms that live in symbiotic relationships by using a computer activity that was developed by the CTSI staff. The students will scroll over the human body and pop-ups will show them what micro-organisms live there, their scientific name, and the beneficial role that they play in our health. The pathologists will use the light microscopes to identify their patient's lung infection (either by a bacteria or a fungus). As the students finish their assignment, they will switch roles and see what each other has been doing. They will conclude with a discussion.

Upcoming East Catholic School Events

January 20-26—Eighth Grade Science Fair

January 27-February 2—Seventh Grade Science Fair

February 3-9—Sixth Grade Science Fair

January 27 and February 4-6—

Pitt Mobile Lab

March 16-20—Fourth and Fifth Grade Science Fair

March 24- Living Stations

The Woodland Hills Foundation - 2015 Chocolate & Diamonds Affair—Saturday, February 14

You can make Valentine's Day special by sending in your R.S.V.P. to this year's Chocolate & Diamonds Affair, Saturday, February 14. Attend their extravagant affair and enjoy all the chocolate your heart desires, and a fabulous dinner at the Edgewood Country Club. Best of all, one lucky Valentine will take home a dazzling diamond necklace—and all proceeds go toward student scholarships and Mini-Grants.

For more information on how to R.S.V.P., visit: www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org, or call 1-888-281-3241.

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Alumni Cabaret

Entering its 10th year in 2015, the Alumni Cabaret welcomes back Woodland Hills Alumni to serenade attendees with some of their favorite songs, and songs from past musicals. For information on this year's event visit: www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org.



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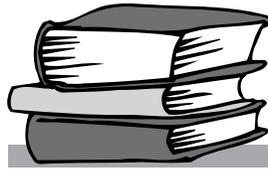
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C. C. Mellor Memorial Library

C.C. Mellor Memorial Library has something for everyone. Here's a sampling of all they offer. Visit their web-page for more details. www.ccmellorlibrary.org.

For Kids – Story Hours

Join Branch Manager Jennifer Bell for weekly Pre-school 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:

- C.C. Mellor Edgewood, Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.
- Churchill Borough Building, 2400 William Penn Highway, Fridays 10:30 a.m.
- C.C. Mellor Edgewood Baby Lapsit birth to 18 months 11:30 a.m.

They have a new program funded by a grant from Target for "pre-K" and "K" children. Called Growing Readers, it's designed to give emergent readers the skills necessary to begin reading. The programs are held:

- C.C. Mellor Edgewood Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
- Wilkins Community Center, 110 Pef-fer Rd, Second Monday each month at 6:30 p.m.

Science Fridays

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.

Special Events for Kids and Families at Edgewood. Register in Advance - 412-731-0909

Make a Gingerbread House - Wednesday, December 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus includes stories and a pancake on Saturday December 20, 10:30 a.m.

Almost Camp Out! Friday January 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come to the library in your pajamas for campfire stories, fort building and s'mores.

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Princess and Me Tea - Ages 3-8 Saturday February 28 at 11 a.m. Come enjoy a fancy tea, princess dancing lessons, princess craft and stories with your favorite grown-up.

Kid Yoga (pre-schoolers) Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Join local yoga guru for kid yoga in the library. No registration necessary.

Eco-Geeks 5-8year olds Second Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Explore the world of nature with local experts.

Crazy 8's - K-2 Second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. at C.C. Mellor Library. Join their Crazy Math Club where you build stuff, run, jump, make music and make a mess—A totally NEW kind of club for math!

Mother Daughter Book Club - 8 - 12 year old girls and their special grown-ups, come share books together. 10:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month starting in January.

For Adults in Forest Hills - Fourth Tuesday 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 *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci. In December, members will finalize their 2014 reading list. Visit their web-site for the updated list.

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 the loyal crew of teen and adult volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, call the library to find out when you are needed.

Special Events for Adults at Edgewood

Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, December 6 and Sunday December 7 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. Edgewood Garden Cub (items should be ordered in advance) will be selling holiday greens and the Edgewood Fire Department will be selling luminaire kits. Shop locally and benefit the library.

Downton Abbey Tea on Saturday January 24 at 1 p.m. in the living room of the Edgewood Community House. Join them for tea and scrumptious goodies and a program on life during the Downton Abbey era. Cost is \$20. Proceeds benefit library programming.

Income Tax Preparation will once again be done by volunteers who will help 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.

The Annual Book Sale will kick off the weekend with a Preview Party on Friday, March 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for area residents. Cost is \$20 per person. No scanners allowed. Main Sale Days are Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bag sale runs on Monday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. The library is accepting donations

for the sale, and needs volunteers to help. Contact Sally Bogie if you can lend a hand. Mark your calendars for this big event, one of the best book sales around!

Drop Dead Mystery Book Club meets on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. of each month in the Board Room at the Library in Edgewood. There is always lively discussion of books by popular mystery writers.

C.C. Mellor 2015 Annual Appeal

Please consider a gift to the library during the 2015 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 then click on "donate." If you are designating your gift for the Forest Hills Branch, please make a note. Your gifts are welcomed throughout the year.

LIBRARY LOCATION AND HOURS

C. C. Mellor Memorial Library: 412-731-0909

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Forest Hills Branch: 412-824-3567

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Tuesday, Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m.

**Visit their web-site at
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**HOLIDAY HOURS:
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Winter & Spring Recreation Programs

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-deserved attention. Each class includes: free idea sheets and attendance gifts, free use of cropping tools and ideas books. Workshop supplies and variety scrap-booking sets are available for purchase. For more information or if you have any questions about the class, call Fran at 412-824-7197.

Winter Session – 10 weeks

Dates: Tuesdays, January 6 to March 10

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

Location: Forest Hills Senior Center
(Avenue D)

Fee: \$55

Spring Session – 10 weeks

Dates: Tuesdays, March 17 to May 19

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

Location: Forest Hills Senior Center
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Fee: \$55

Yoga

As a certified yoga instructor for over 21 years, Theresa Trojanowski will spend 90 minutes helping you relax and unify your mind, body and spirit while improving your health, and easing away stress using breathing exercises, special postures and meditation.

The fall session is currently underway until December 15.

End of Winter/Start of Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Mondays, December 22 to March 9

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Mondays, March 16 to June 15

(no class on May 25)

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

NOTE: Zumba and Ballroom Dancing will start up again in the spring; the class dates and times will be featured in the spring issue.

Dog Obedience

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

Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Thursdays, March 5 to May 21

Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

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

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

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

Forest Hills Borough: 2071 Ardmore Blvd. • Pittsburgh, PA 15221

Attention: Recreation Department

If registering for more than one class please submit separate checks or money orders for each registration. Please also identify the class name on your payment. The borough does not accept cash transactions.

WINTER REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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

Name _____ Phone _____

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Name of Participant	Name of Class / Session	Fee
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 Planning & Zoning Chair: *William Burleigh x247*

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 Ambulance Services: *Keith Morse*
 412-351-9111 Fax: 412-351-5475
 For a listing of all police officers and their voicemail, call 412-351-7330, then press 9.

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7 p.m. in council chambers, borough building 2nd floor

Third Wednesday of each month, January 21, February 18, March 18 (or March 25 as an alternate date)

Committee Meetings*:

7 p.m. in council chambers, borough building 2nd floor

Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy: January 6, February 3, March 3

Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole: January 13, February 10, March 10

Shade Tree & Shrub Committee: February 11, March 11

Planning Commission: January 28, February 25,

Recreation Board Meetings: January 5, February 2, March 2

***Final dates will be approved by council at the December Meeting.**

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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 90th 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 year-long birthday celebration was—the luncheon at the Restaurant at Grandview, the tree planting in Forest Hills 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, 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 Brad-dock Road, through December 2015. 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.

The Garden Club of Forest Hills has put the gardens to rest until the springtime. They look forward hopefully to a mild winter and that all their plantings will survive and thrive in the spring. The club had successful fundraisers in 2014 – from their annual plant auction, plant sale, and raffles at Community Day and poinsettia sales, to their newest Coffee and Tea Fundraiser. The club had a wonderful Holiday Luncheon Event, sharing treasured memories of holidays past. Their "in-house" choir delighted them with holiday songs while enjoying their yearly "pot-luck feast." They encourage borough residents to stroll through the club-maintained garden areas in Forest Hills.

During the month of December, the Garden Club of Forest Hills will be participating in "The Celebration of Trees" at Juniper Village in Forest Hills, so stop by and vote for your favorite tree.

The club will be off in January and February, but will resume their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 5.

They are always excited to have guests (men and women) attend their meetings. Meetings are at 10 a.m., (coffee served at 9:30 a.m.), the first Thursday of the month (March-December), usually at Hope Lutheran Church, 353 Ridge Ave.

For further information, contact: Amy Shugerman Glasser, Publicity/Marketing Chair - asg59@juno.com or (412) 271-1697.

To learn more about the club, go to: www.foresthillspa.org, or "like" them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheGardenClubOfForestHills.