

# FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

*A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills*



## Attention Residents—PennDOT Culvert Replacement

PennDOT and its contractor have announced replacement of the culvert underneath the intersection of Ardmore and Braddock, scheduled for summer 2016. This will affect traffic and could affect activities at the Forest Hills Park. Please review the documents including maps of the area and a questionnaire on use of the park. We are informed that they may hold a public meeting on the issue and, if so, we will add that information on the borough's web-site ([www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org)). The information, maps and questionnaire are found at: [www.prapidbridges.com/bridgesbycounty/allegHENYcounty/bridge398.html](http://www.prapidbridges.com/bridgesbycounty/allegHENYcounty/bridge398.html), and also on the borough's web-site.

## What Residents Need to Know—Community Workshop for New Forest Hills Municipal Building

by Rob Pfaffmann, AIA, AICP, President, Pfaffmann + Associates

On September 26 the first community workshop was held to explore opportunities for the new Forest Hills Municipal Building; which included focusing on green-design techniques and gathering ideas for the new facility. Pittsburgh architects Pfaffmann + Associates guided residents through an overview on sustainable design and the preliminary space requirements for the new building. A walking tour of the site was conducted after the orientation to allow residents to get familiar with environmental conditions (sun, views, grading, trees, etc.) as well as opportunities to create safe circulation for pedestrians and vehicles. After the tour, participants had the opportunity to break into smaller discussion groups to brainstorm ideas for the project. The architects gathered the group's ideas on blank-site plans nick-named "placemats." Architect Rob Pfaffmann closed the workshop with a 3-D massing study that previewed some of the goals and principles of the project. Ideas from residents included a flexible community room that also supports senior activities and a new reading room / library space to replace the existing facility. Support was strong for green features such as geo-thermal and solar that can reduce the operating costs of the new municipal building. A well landscaped site with great tree plantings and storm-water management (rain-gardens and bio-swales) was strongly supported.

The input and ideas that have been collected will be incorporated into a final building program and schematic design. The preliminary design options were presented to the Council's Building Committee and municipal staff in October, culminating with a

schematic design presentation to council on November 5. A preliminary recommendation of sustainability strategies were provided along with an initial estimate of construction costs.

After the schematic design is approved by council, further design development and additional community input will be gathered, with a goal of beginning construction in mid-2016.

*Jimmy Dececco, Associate from Pfaffmann & Associates, the architect firm designing the new borough building, met with residents back on Saturday, September 26 at the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge.*



*See preliminary drawings on page 2*

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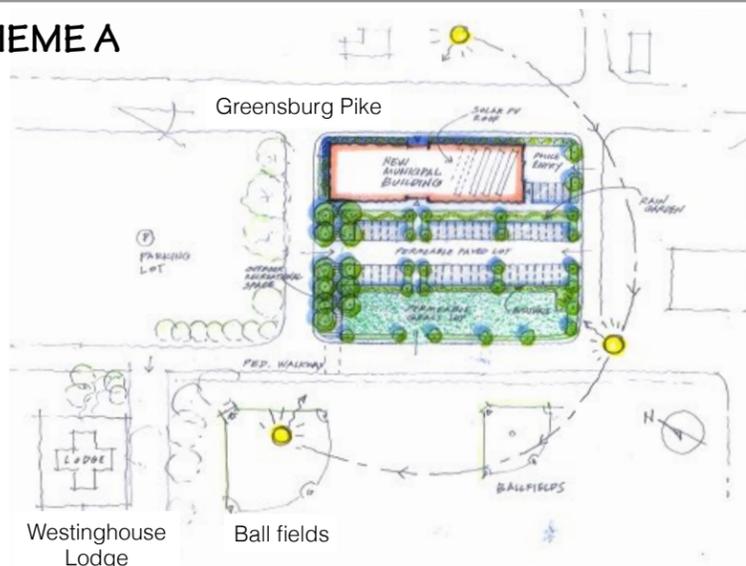
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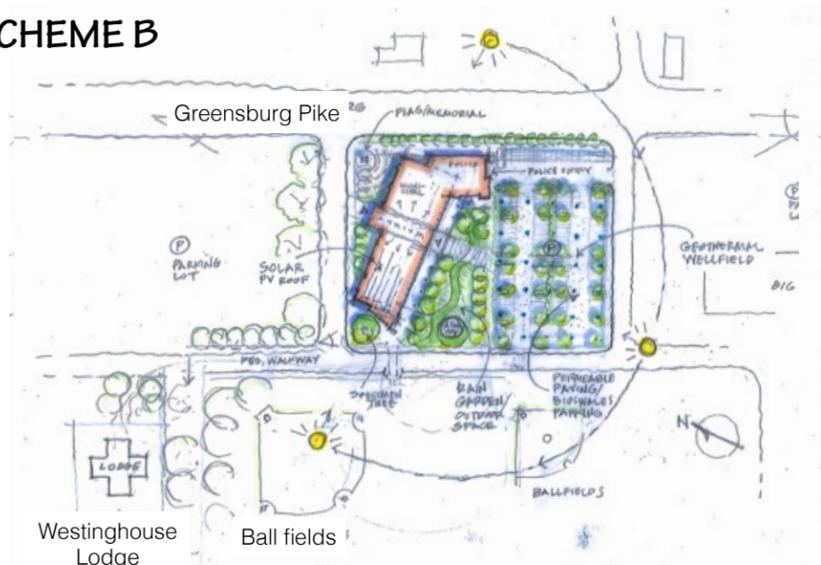
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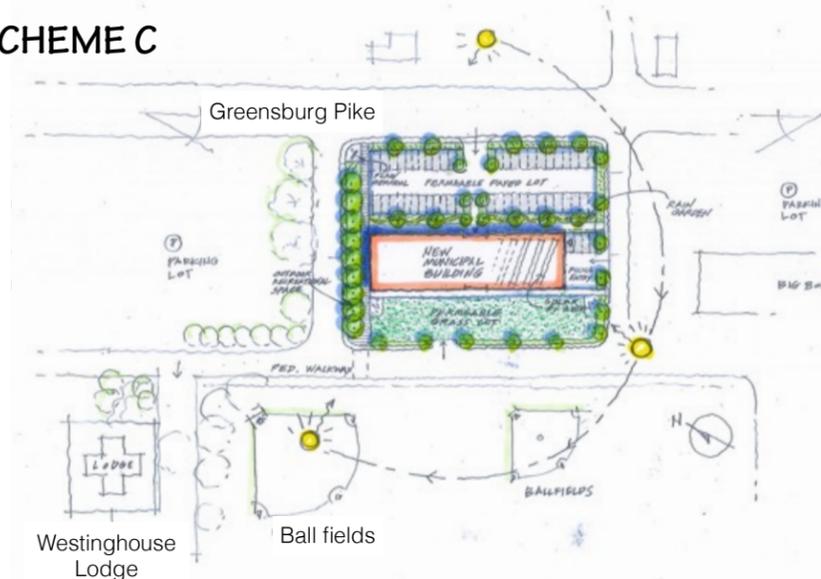
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## Forest Hills Borough Fire Protection Services Fee

Reminder: The Fire Protection Services Fee will be billed to all property owners beginning in December and due no later than 60 days from the date of the bill (a specific due date will be indicated on the bill). The fee is mandatory under Chapter 7.601 of the borough's code of ordinances and remains unchanged:

**Single-Family Property - \$45/unit**

**Multi-Family Property - \$22.50/unit**

**Commercial Property - \$90/per property**

The fee is used only for the following purposes:

- Lease payments on the aerial ladder truck
- Fire-related costs (e.g., insurance, fuel, utilities, etc.)
- Administrative and billing costs related to the fire fee

Any funds unused from year to year remain exclusively by law in the fire fee fund for future expenses as outlined above. The borough's fire services fee budget along with all other budgets can be found on-line at: [www.foresthillspa.org/fhpa-budget.html](http://www.foresthillspa.org/fhpa-budget.html).

Late fees and penalties are assessed for failure to submit on or before the due date. The fee is payable by check or money order to the Borough of Forest Hills and must be submitted to the borough office. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

### Discontinuation of the Tree Burning Ceremony

Last year, the Allegheny County Health Department notified Forest Hills Borough that starting in 2015 they were no longer going to issue permits allowing the borough to burn Christmas trees. Effective immediately, the Tree Burning Ceremony has been discontinued.

According to the borough's Public Works Department, after the holidays, you will now discard your trees along with other garbage and Waste Management will pick up those trees on the designated trash pick-up days.

## Forest Hills in Need of Volunteers

Forest Hills is a strong community but without the necessary volunteers that are needed to serve on a board or committee cannot stay that way without your help.

Listed below are some of the boards and committees that need volunteers; for more information on getting involved, call the borough office at: 412-351-7330.

- Forest Hills 2019 Centennial Committee
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Recreation Board
- Environmental Advisory Council
- Tree and Shrub Committee
- Bird and Wildlife Committee
- Neighborhood Crime Resistance
- Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department  
*(Maybe you don't want to be or can't be a firefighter, but is there something else you can do to help those volunteers who protect our homes and businesses so that they don't have to? Can you help them raise funds, assist with their subscription drive? Donate time and money? Maintain the building?)*

- Forest Hills Garden Club
- Late Bloomers Garden Club
- Forest Hills Community Service
- If you can drive, Flivver drivers are always needed.
- Forest Hills Civic Association  
*(Help to make this year's Community Day the best ever or assist one of the other functions the association does to make Forest Hills a great community.)*

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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This year's **Farmers Market** was an amazing success! With the inception of Harvest for the Hungry, they were able to reach out to the less fortunate with the donations of fresh vegetables and fruit and the occasional sweet treat. The Late Bloomers Garden Club would like to send a huge thank you to all of those wonderful folks who donated food or money each month to this great cause.

This season they added a few new faces and products and are thrilled that they are a part of the market. Why not join them on Facebook. They've written some interesting bios of the vendors so you can get an idea of the backgrounds of these fascinating people and how they got to where they are. Just go to Forest Hills PA Farmers Market and "Like" them. Any comments or suggestions are always welcome. They were also able to connect to more patrons about events and happenings via text message alerts.

They can also be found at [www.forest-hillsfarmersmarket.com](http://www.forest-hillsfarmersmarket.com) for vendor information, recipes and photos. If you know anyone interested in joining the market as a vendor, the application link is there with the instructions and rules.

Most of all they'd like to thank everyone for a fantastic market season and hope to see you all back again the first Friday of June 2016. Happy Holidays everyone!

**Hope Lutheran Church** of Forest Hills will hold mid-week services on Wednesdays in Advent—December 16 and 23. 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 on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, December 13, 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 8 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 9 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 10 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.

Hope will gather on Maundy Thursday, March 24 for an Agape Meal at 6:30 p.m., the meal begins at 7 p.m. The observance of Holy week continues as we gather with the remembrance of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on Good Friday, March 25 with a special Taize Prayer service at 7 p.m. followed by a Tenebrae service at 8 p.m. The Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection takes place at 10:30 a.m. on March 27.

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).

Reverend Ben Black of **Forest Hills Presbyterian Church** invites you to join them

for Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Sunday Worship at 10:15 a.m., and Wednesday Life Group at 7 p.m.

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

Advent begins November 29 and will begin a four-week series of sermons on Christmas carols. Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m., December 24. Then on December 27, there will be a scripture and carols service during the regular worship hour. The Lenten season will begin with an Ash Wednesday dinner at 6:30 p.m. and communion service at 7:30 p.m. The first Sunday of Lent is Sunday, February 14; Palm Sunday, March 20; Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. on March 25. Christ's resurrection will be celebrated on March 27.

For more information contact them at: 412-241-1647, e-mail: [foresthillspc@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillspc@gmail.com), web-site: [www.fhpcpa.org](http://www.fhpcpa.org).

The Forest Hills Community Service operates a free bus service within the Borough of Forest Hills for senior citizens and persons with a handicap. **The Flivver** service was started in 1974 through contributions from individual citizens, various local charities and the borough itself. The Flivver continues to be free because of donations made by the citizens, the riders and the volunteer drivers.

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

The Flivver operates Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Riders can call the Flivver at 412-519-3955 to be picked up

usually within 15 minutes of their call. This is a great and well-needed service for the community.

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

**Boy Scout Troop 90** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church (FHPC) and is open to all boys ages 11-18. For more information, please contact the Scoutmaster ([sctmaster90@gmail.com](mailto:sctmaster90@gmail.com)) or visit the troop web-site ([www.bsa-troop90.org](http://www.bsa-troop90.org)). Cub Scout Pack 90 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at FHPC and is open to all boys ages 6-11. For more information, please contact the Cub-master ([cubmaster90@gmail.com](mailto:cubmaster90@gmail.com)), or visit the pack web-site ([www.foresthillspack90.us](http://www.foresthillspack90.us)).

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, 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 and the Forest Hills Senior Center.

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.

## And here's what's happening around the communities of Forest Hills:

**The Churchill Area Environmental Council ("CAEC")** is interested in filling two openings as representatives from Forest Hills Borough. The CAEC meets three times a year on the third Monday of January, May and September from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Yagle Room at the Churchill Municipal Building at 2300 Wm. Penn Highway, at the corner of Beulah Road. Anyone interested in environmental issues should contact the Forest Hills Borough office at 412-351-7330.

The latest CAEC advisory, "Sewage Overload Solutions ("SOS")," is available at no charge from the Forest Hills Borough Office. You may also read it on-line as well as other advisories at CAEC's web-site: [www.churchillborough.com](http://www.churchillborough.com).

### Western PA School for the Deaf

The success of the annual Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf's Community Block Party on September 19 was due, in part, to Forest Hills community organizations and residents. The goal of this friend-raising event is for neighbors to get to know each other and strengthen the bonds between our communities.

Forest Hills K-9 Officer Brian Armstrong and his partner Loki introduced themselves to the attendees, building a stronger relationship between the Forest Hills Police Department and the surrounding communities.

Forest Hills Mayor Frank Porco, Jr. also participated in the event helping to judge the youth talent show. Forest Hills residents pitched in and painted faces, made



balloon animals, showed off their classic cars, took part in the talent show, or just came out to enjoy a sunny day.

Thank you to all of the people and organizations that donate their time and their talents in support of this event.

*Western PA School for the Deaf Community Day—Forest Hills Police K-9 Officers Brian Armstrong and Loki, in addition to Mayor Frank Porco, Jr. attended the annual event.*



Check out the following web-sites for information on their communities.

[www.wilkinsborough.com/deptparksrecreation.htm](http://www.wilkinsborough.com/deptparksrecreation.htm)  
(Wilkins Township Office, 412-824-6650)

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

## 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.

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## Link Tackles 'Senior Crime' again

Link-Age-to-Age guest speaker Rick Shaheen suggested ways older adults can protect themselves from con artists at another of the local service group's free community forums September 17 at Centurion Commons. Shaheen, a former agent with the state Attorney General's Office, spoke to more than 40 participants at the "Senior Crime" presentation.

Rated "excellent" by all who attended the forum, Shaheen focused on the growing risk of identity theft, and addressed issues of telephone and mail fraud, home repair scams, even family dishonesty.

Link will sponsor another open forum in April, working with the Forest Hills AARP. Watch for details in the spring.

Volunteers also participated in St. Maurice's health fair, and they continue to deliver Welcome Kits to new homeowners, to provide Neighbor-to-Neighbor cards (see form below) for sharing emergency contact information, and to post information about reliable home repair services at the Forest Hills Senior Center on Avenue D.

To learn more about Link-Age-to-Age, call the senior center at: 412-824-5610.



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## Municipal News

### Winter has arrived by Police Chief Chuck Williams

The winter season is upon us—snow, sleet and the threat of icy roadways are again a consideration for our daily commute.

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 lookout for children who may be distracted while riding sleds or just playing in the snow.

— PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY —

## Snow Emergency Routes

Borough Council, the Public Works Department and police have designated several roadways as Emergency Snow Routes during the winter season.

The following streets will now meet that designation:

- Avenue F
- Braddock Road
- Bevington Road
- Filmore Road

Anytime a snowfall reaches approximately four inches, all vehicles will need to be removed from the above listed streets. The reason these roads were chosen was based upon their strategic locations and traffic volume. No over-night permission to park will be granted when weather conditions create a four-inch or more accumulation of snow. The police department may ticket or tow vehicles in violation of the new ordinance.

A second part of the new ordinance requires all vehicles to be removed from cul-de-sacs when a covering of snow occurs.

The reason for this new snow plan is to better enable our Public Works vehicles to clear the roadways in a prompt and efficient manner.



## Clip-n-save

### REAL ESTATE TAX DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Borough real estate tax bills are mailed March 1
- Due at discount by April 30 or due at face by June 30
- 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 2016 Forest Hills Borough Real Estate Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed to property owners on February 29, and will be collected at the discount amount until April 30. Beginning May 1, any unpaid 2016 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 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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**REFUSE PAYMENT DUE BY: March 5  
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Please make payments by check, money order or on the borough's web-site at "Official Payments" using an e-check, credit or debit card. The borough will not accept cash for any of the transactions. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve you of the responsibility for payment. Please notify the borough office if you do not receive a bill.

## THE BOROUGH BULLETIN BOARD

### From the Code Enforcement Department

Storage containers and other property wrapped or contained materials for collection may be placed at curbside no earlier than 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day prior to the designated collection day, and must be removed from curbside to the usual storage place no later than 6 p.m., prevailing time, on the day of collection. All licensed haulers, and haulers under contract with the borough, shall not be required to collect and remove such material if the container or other receptacle or packaging shall be so waterlogged, weak or otherwise insufficient as to break, rupture or split and spill its contents in the course of normal handling by the hauler. Said haulers shall not be required to collect and remove such material if it contains materials which are identified as source separated recyclable materials, lead acid batteries, agricultural waste, hazardous waste, construction demolition waste, paving materials, cement, stones, sand, dirt, sod, concrete washtubs, ashes, (e.g., from wood or coal burning stoves), sewer pipe, automobile parts (except tires without wheels), flammable liquids and/or 55-gallon metal drums (except owned by the borough). Placement for collection of materials identified as source-separated recyclable materials shall be a violation of this Part.

### 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 (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—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.

## 2015 Hayride Wrap-up

This year's hayride was another great success. The turnout was outstanding as was in the previous 17 years having the annual event. Everyone who attended was driven around the neighborhood on three wagons—two of which were purchased from Wilkins Township, and the third was actually built by the borough's Public Works Department. Even though the borough will no longer be permitted to have the bon-fires as with previous years, there was still a lot going on during the evening. The borough would like to thank everyone who participated, volunteered and came out to enjoy a crisp autumn evening in Forest Hills.



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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](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.

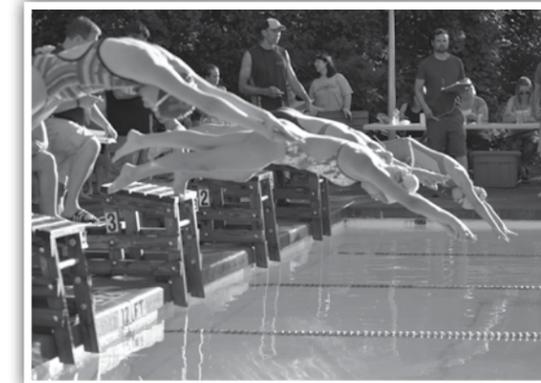
Completed applications must be returned to the borough office by December 31. Applications received after this date will not be considered. The borough office will be closed on December 31 but applications can be put in the borough's overnight box located in front of the building next to the pay phone. Please make sure the application is in an envelope and 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.

## 2015 Forest Hills Swim Team Wrap-up

The swim team was back at it again this past summer having a great time competing with other eastern suburb teams. They had 96 swimmers on the team from 54 families. The team was led by Head Coach Greg Sorek and Assistant Coaches Katie Bunyan and Sara Kennedy. All three coaches are life-long residents of Forest Hills and long-time members of the swim team. It's great to see the swimmers become coaches!

After several years swimming in ESA Division II (and winning Champs three years in a row), they moved back up to Division I and faced a tougher challenge. They swam against the likes of Edgewood, Gateway Heights, Haymaker, Meadowink, Murrysville, Plum Aqua and White Oak. Despite finishing with a record of 2-5 for sixth place in the division, they beat their main rival Edgewood. Now that was an exciting meet!



But a new day dawned at Champs on Saturday, July 25. Once again the swim team hosted the big event for Division I at the Forest Hills Pool and all pulled together to make it a great day. They swam their hardest and came in fourth place (out of eight teams) and just missed tying for third place by four points! It was one of their very best efforts at the Division I Championship meet in a long time which shows how much stronger the team has become over the years. Thanks to the great coaches and hard work of all of the swimmers—the team has much to be proud of this year.



No new records were broken this year but several swimmers sure tried their hardest. The award winners included Sophia Mamakos, who won the Brendan Foley Award for best team spirit; Charlotte Brake-Hoffman and Noah Marini, who won the Justine Clougherty Award for the hardest worker; and Katie Fisher and Tyler Goldinger, who won the Joseph A. Gabella Award for best role model. Also, congratulations to all of the "Beast of the Meet" winners. The swim team said goodbye to three senior swimmers: Katie Fisher, Sarah Letson and Elizabeth McKay.

They could not have had such a successful swim year without the help of the parent booster board, parent volunteers, Pool Manager Lynn Cassidy, and all of the great pool staff—a huge thank you goes out to all these special people.



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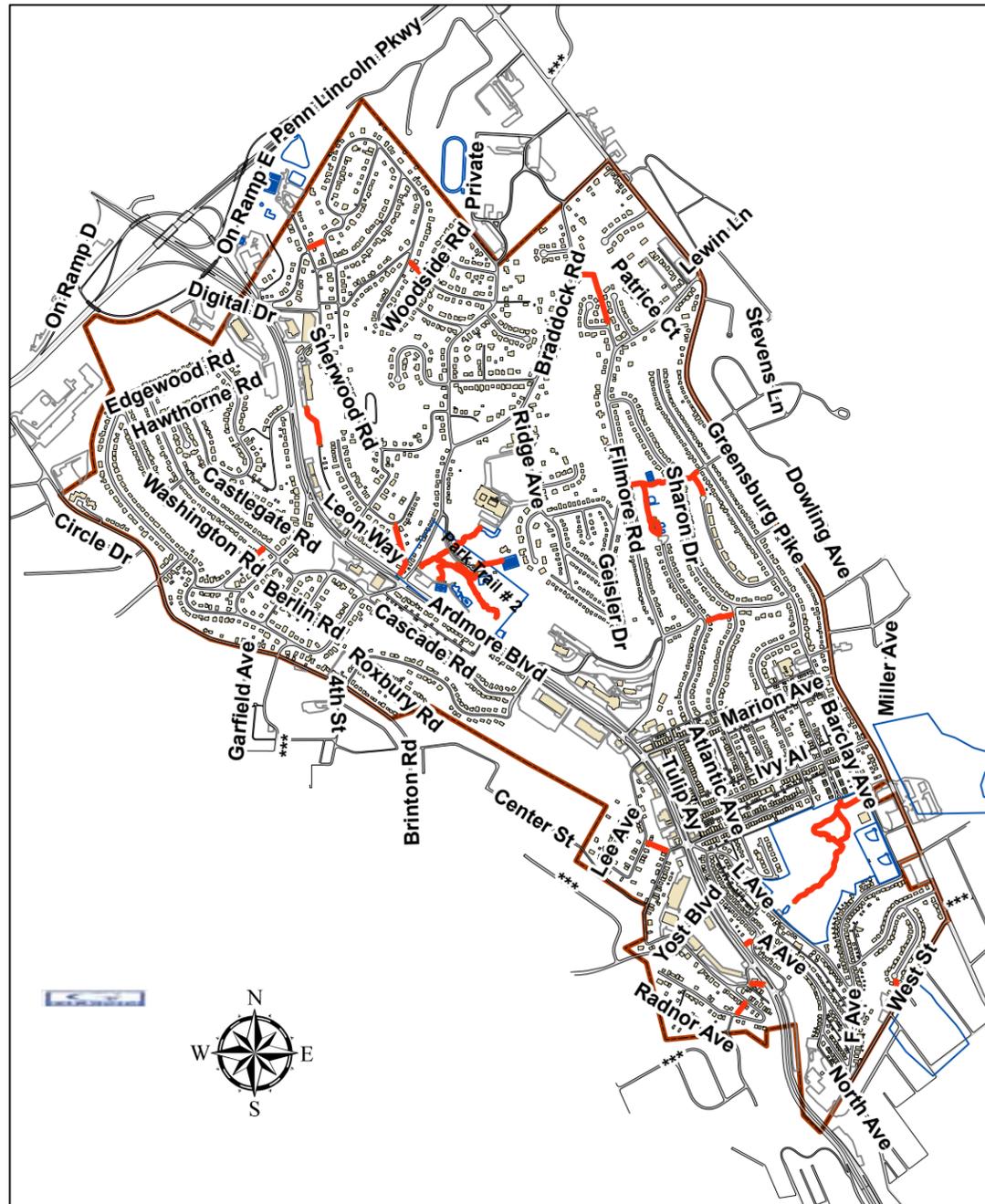
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# Proposed Forest Hills Dog Park—Update

There have been exciting developments over the summer for the dog park initiative. The Friends of Forest Hills Dog Park have been working with Forest Hills Borough Council to develop a plan for the park. The Borough's Property Committee considered the possibilities that the group presented in the spring. The proposed site located above the Forest Hills Park was deemed to be the most suitable location for the dog park. The borough engineer, David Gilliland, conducted a feasibility study for this site and concluded it appears to be an ideal location for a dog park in the borough. The study details the work required and estimated cost for the creation of two fenced areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs, and access for the disabled. The Friends of Forest Hills Dog Park voted unanimously to approve the plan described in the feasibility study and so did the Borough Property Committee.

Concurrently, the Friends of Forest Hills Dog Park maintained a regular presence at the Forest Hills Farmer's Market informing the community about the plan and its progress. They circulated a petition asking for the creation of a dog park in Forest Hills. They obtained over 300 signatures on this petition, which they presented at the council business meeting in September. At this meeting, council approved the dog park plan laid out in the feasibility study—funds pending. They also approved opening a borough account to accept donations for the project. Donations made to the borough for this project are tax-deductible.



The current challenge for the Friends of Forest Hills Dog Park is raising the funds for its construction. The group kicked off their fund-raising campaign at the Hayide Community Event in October. With a strong community response, construction of the dog park could start as early as spring 2016.

To contribute to the dog park fund, send a check payable to *Borough of Forest Hills*. Please note "Dog Park" in the memo section of the check to insure deposit into the proper account. Mail payment to: Borough of Forest Hills Dog Park, 2071 Ardmore Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

Information on the project can be found on the Friends of Forest Hills Dog Park Facebook page [www.facebook.com/foresthillsdogpark](http://www.facebook.com/foresthillsdogpark). The group meets monthly at the C.C. Mellor Library located at 444 Avenue D. The date of the meeting is announced via e-mail, on the Facebook page, and on [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com). Contact the group at: [foresthillsdogpark@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillsdogpark@gmail.com).

Yes, I would like to show my support for the Forest Hills Dog Park. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation in the amount of:

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Please make check payable to: *Borough of Forest Hills* and note "Dog Park" in the memo section. Mail this card and payment to: **Borough of Forest Hills Dog Park, 2071 Ardmore Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15221**

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**Forest Hills Nursery School** will hold Registration for the 2016-17 school years on Saturday, February 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the classroom at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Forest Hills Nursery School offers three classes: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays, five days a week. There are sixteen children per class with one state certified pre-school teacher and at least one other adult. Classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. On Wednesdays/Thursdays, the children may bring a lunch and stay until 1 p.m. For more information, contact Sally Sabino: 412-351-5054, or Betsy Wolf: 412-241-9414 or 724-744-1061.

The school-house is always open to the community. **Christ Lutheran School and Early Learning Center** is open for tours Mondays through Fridays. The school has an extended STEM program known as STREAM because they also include the fine arts and religion to their strong academic program. Call for your personal tour today with Mrs. Donna Einspahr, Principal at 412-271-7173.

**Holiday Dessert Fair**—More than just a Cookie Walk. Christ Lutheran School will hold their annual Holiday Dessert Fair on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and fill up on holiday desserts. You will be greeted by the sight of trays and trays of beautiful holiday goodies, the smell of baking cookies, and the sound of Christmas carols. You purchase a container, and meander down the tables, choosing yummy goodies to fill your container. It's just that simple, and it's an enjoyable way to spend some time on a relaxing Saturday morning—and then later nibble your sweet treats at home in the afternoon.

**Jesus Birthday Party** Christ Lutheran School will host a Jesus Birthday Party on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. until noon. The community is welcome to join them. There will be Christmas music, crafts and activities in a carnival-birthday style. This new event will share the Christmas story in a fun and festive way. They ask

that people bring an unwrapped "birthday gift" for baby Jesus. The gifts will go to needy children/families in the local area community. Canned food is also welcomed.

**Operation Christmas Child** Each year they support a local and global project for their chapel offerings. This year's theme is to "Imitate me, as I imitate Jesus Christ." This fall they collected hygiene items (such as toothbrushes and toothpaste), school supplies, small toys and wrapped hard candy. Those items were then put into shoe boxes and wrapped in Christmas paper, and then the boxes were sent to children in other countries for Christmas. The school's goal was 100 boxes.

**Family Movie/Craft Night** On Saturday, February 13 their PTO will host a craft/movie night. Students will get to make their own cardboard box-car and then use it to watch the movie.

**Accelerated Reader Challenge** Their students will participate in the National Accelerated Reader Challenge beginning January 25 until March 4. Their students compete against students from other Lutheran schools to see whose class can read the most in six weeks.

**National Lutheran Schools Week** They are celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week - February 28 to March 5. During this week, Christ Lutheran School will hold special activities and school spirit events each day. A special field trip is planned and is one of the highlights of the week. Another special time is their chapel service on Wednesday when each class will perform songs or readings, with a reception after the service.

**Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt** On Saturday, March 26, Christ Lutheran School will serve a delicious breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. and then until noon there will be Easter crafts, egg decorating and an egg hunt.

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. For more information, call 412-351-5403.

**The Sounds and Events 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 Event which runs November 29 through December 22. East Catholic students will be performing on December 5 at 6:15 p.m.

**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 2 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 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 15 with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church, located at 2001 Ardmore Boulevard. The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders of East Catholic will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

**Christmas Story-time** Wednesday December 16 is "Perfect for Pre-schoolers Story-time" at East Catholic. This is a free story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is for children 2-1/2 to 5 years old and is designed to give them a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading.

The theme of this story-time is "Christmas." There will be one session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. They invite all children along with their parents or guardians to come and visit story-time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling East Catholic School office, 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Final date for registration is Monday, December 14.

**East Catholic to Celebrate 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 31 until February 5.

The theme is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.

The East Catholic School community plans for Catholic Schools Week are inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, On Care for Our Common Home, *Laudato Si'*. The following is the schedule:

**Sunday January 25, "The Gospel of Creation" Parish** Catholic Schools opening mass will be celebrated at noon at St. Maurice Church followed by an open house in the school. 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 East Catholic School Open House will be from 1 to 4 p.m. The entire Forest Hills area is welcome to attend.

Some of the events for the week are:

**Monday, February 1, "Protecting God's Creation" door decorating contest** Students will decorate their home-room door using used/recyclable items. They will also decorate their own t-shirts using recycled or re-purposed materials. The theme of the shirt is to show respect for the environment.

A prayer service will be held in the church and will be followed by a reception in the cafeteria.

**Tuesday, February 2, "Appreciating Community" Musical** The East Catholic School Fine Arts Club will perform a musical for the school during the school hours.

**Wednesday, February 3, "Vocations Day" All God's People need a Purpose (work)** The day will begin with mass at 9 a.m. with special Celebrant Father Joe Freedy, Director of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Office for Priestly Vocations. Father Freedy will then have a special session with the seventh and eighth graders. Other speakers will be available to speak to the lower grades.

**Thursday, February 4, "Caring for God's Creation"** Students will travel from room to room. Teachers prepare interactive lessons on caring for God's creation, starting with our own health and including the world around us.

**Friday, February 5, "Respecting God's Creation"** There will be a "Read In" and movie on the environment for students. The PTG will provide an ice cream treat for the students.

**Upcoming East Catholic School Events**

- December 1 to 4: Santa's Workshop
- December 9: Christmas Concert (Grades 3-5)
- January 13: Pre-school Story Time
- January 16: Diocesan Forensics Competition
- January 31: East Catholic School Open House, 1 to 4 p.m.
- January 31 to February 5: Catholic Schools Week
- February 17: Pre-school Story Time
- March 13: "A Very Special Story-time" School Open House 2 p.m.
- March 15: Living Stations

Join the **Woodland Hills Foundation** at the Seventh Annual Chocolate & Diamonds Affair, Saturday, February 13. Attend their extravagant affair and enjoy all the chocolate your heart desires, wine, a silent auction and a fabulous dinner at the Edgewood Country Club. Best of all, one lucky attendee will take home a dazzling diamond necklace—and all proceeds go toward student scholarships and "mini-grants." New this year, RSVP on-line at:

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**Alumni Cabaret** Entering its 11th year in 2016, the Alumni Cabaret welcomes back Woodland Hills alumni to serenade attendees with some of their favorite songs, and songs from past Kelly Award winning musicals. This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 11; at The Pittsburgh Mennonite Church on South Braddock Avenue. Tickets can be purchased at: www.showclix.com.

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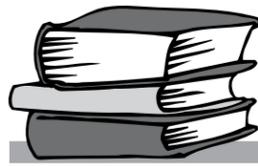
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- Churchill Borough Building, 2400 William Penn Highway, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
- C.C. Mellor Edgewood Baby Lap-sit—birth to 18 months Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

**Science Fridays** On the second Friday morning of each month at 10:30 a.m., come to the Forest Hills Library to participate in hands-on science experiments. This program is geared toward school-age, home-schooled children. You can register on-line or by calling the branch during opening hours at: 412-824-3567

**Homework Help** Available Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Drop in with your assignments.

## For Kids in Fred Rogers Children's Room - Edgewood

**Growing Readers** This is a story time especially for children learning their first reading skills. Growing Readers focuses on beginning reader skills through the lens of play. They have scoured current best practices to bring you a story time based on early reading skills, followed by several hands on activities to put it into practice. This program is recommended for children ages three-five. No registration necessary. Growing Readers is offered every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

**Creative Movement** Bend and stretch and so much more! Join them every Friday at 10:30 a.m. in the Fred

Rogers Children's Room for a parent-led creative movement group open to all kids ages zero to six. If the parent leading the session is unable to make it they will post information on their Facebook page. CC Mellor Memorial Library.

## Special Events for Kids and Families—Fred Rogers Room Edgewood

Register on-line for programs below [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org)

**Make a Gingerbread House** Wednesday, December 2, 6 to 8 p.m. Please register on-line; there will be a \$5 charge per family for supplies.

**Messy Art Madness** Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. to noon. Get messy, make art. Homemade holiday gifts. Register on-line.

**Breakfast with Mrs. Claus** Saturday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. Includes stories and pancakes.

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

**Eco-Geeks** Five to eight year olds, Saturdays, January 9, February 20 and March 20, 11 a.m. Love animals, nature and the natural world? You'll love this program!

**Crazy 8's** Kindergarten to second grade - Saturdays, January 9, February 20, and March 20, 10 a.m. Running, hopping, dancing and bouncing. Math as you have never seen it.

**Books and Brunch** Eight to 11 year olds, December 19, January 16, February 20 and March 20. Grab a book and your favorite grown-up for this inter-generational program.

## For Adults in Forest Hills 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Book Club

Make a new year's resolution to join a reading group. On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22, the group will discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Members will finalize its 2016 reading list in December. 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 teach computer classes and help with special events. Thanks as 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 Arts and Crafts Fair and Greens Sale

Once again they're hosting this popular event that lets you do holiday shopping in a relaxed atmosphere. Held on Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House, 1 Pennwood Avenue, you can shop for one-of-a-kind craft items, holiday greens and luminaria kits. Thirsty local artists will display and sell a wide range of original work. The Friends of the Library will be selling wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and flowers. You can order in advance on the library's web-site. Luminaires' kits of 10 candles, 10 bags and sand will be sold for \$10 to benefit the Edgewood Fire Department.

**Lifeline Screening** On Tuesday December 15, Lifeline Screening will conduct preventive health screenings by appointment only in the ballroom of the Edgewood Community House. Five screenings will be offered that scan for po-

tential health problems related to blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit: [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

**Downton Abbey Tea** Join them on Saturday, January 23 at 1 p.m., in the living room of the Edgewood Community House as they celebrate the PBS hit, Downton Abbey. Join them for tea and scrumptious goodies and a program on life during the Downton Abbey era. Period dress encouraged but not required. 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 and fills quickly so call the library in Edgewood, 412-731-0909, after January 1 to make an appointment. Taxes will be done—February 1 to March 31.

**The Annual Book Sale** will kick off the weekend with a preview party on Friday, March 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for area residents. Cost is \$20 a person. No scanners allowed. Main sale days will be Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bag sale runs on Monday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, March 22 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. Check the library's web-site for upcoming titles.

## C.C. Mellor Annual Appeal - 2016

Please consider a gift to the library during the 2016 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, or go to: [www.ccmellorlibrary.org](http://www.ccmellorlibrary.org), then click on *donate*. If you are designating your gift for the Forest Hills Branch, please make that notation. Your gift is welcomed throughout the year.

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# Winter & Spring Recreation Programs

Due to low registration, the Scrap-booking Class has been canceled.

## Ballroom Dancing

Have you ever watched *Dancing with the Stars* and wished you knew how to dance? Or gone to a wedding or social event and saw people on the floor that looked like they were having so much fun? Then you should come and learn the basics to the most popular social dances in a beginner ballroom dance class. This class is for beginner students so there is no experience necessary! Can't convince anyone to come with you? That's fine because a partner is not necessary! In this class you will learn a mix of Foxtrot, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Cha-Cha, and the Hustle. As far as footwear, some sort of shoe that is comfortable for you; something you would typically wear to an evening event. If you want to invest in dance shoes, the instructor can help you with that investment after a class. The instructor has been a professional ballroom teacher for 12 years and specializes in helping make non-dancers into dancers. Teaching has been a passion and joy in her life. Dancing is a great way to connect with people and to enjoy life a little bit more. There are many places to go out socially dancing, so why sit at home when you can be out dancing every weekend! So please join us in this fun journey of learning how to become the dancer you've always wanted to be!

## Spring Session – 10 weeks

Location: Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge  
When: Thursdays, March 10 to May 12  
Times: 6 to 7 p.m.  
Fee: \$40 per person  
Registration is required by: February 29

## Zumba

This Zumba class will be a Latin-inspired dance/aerobics class, and no experience is necessary. Over the 10-week course, you will move to fun rhythms that will help melt away

the pounds and stress of everyday life. Wear comfortable fitness clothes and shoes. Wear tennis shoes that are easy to maneuver in. The instructor has been involved in Latin dancing for many years and is excited to bring a Zumba class to the community.

## Spring Session – 10 weeks

Location: Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge  
When: Mondays, March 7 to May 9  
Times: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$40  
Registration is required: February 29

## 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 November 30.

Winter/Start of Spring Session – 12 weeks  
Dates: Mondays, December 7 to February 22  
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

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

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

### SPRING REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Location: Pool Lodge  
Fee: \$40

## Spring Session – 12 weeks

Dates: Mondays, February 29 to May 16  
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.  
Location: Pool Lodge  
Fee: \$40

## 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 3 to May 19  
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

# Keeping current with the 'Times'

## BOROUGH DIRECTORY

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7 p.m. in council chambers, borough building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Third Wednesday of each month, To be Determined

### Committee Meetings:

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

Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy: To be Determined  
Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole: To be Determined  
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Recreation Board Meetings: To be Determined

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 a fresh slate of officers and they look forward in having innovative ideas and programs for 2016. As Kathy Bauer will serve as president, Amy Shugerman Glasser as first vice president, Judy King as second vice president, Joyce Kareem as recording secretary, Carolyn Reuter as treasurer and Dorothy Buchanan as corresponding secretary. As they look over the past year, the garden club has done a lot. They had an array of topics for their programs ranging from listening to a speaker from the University of Pittsburgh and how they create their gardens using over 40,000 plants, going to a bee farm, car-pooling to the Pittsburgh Zoo and experiencing their unique gardens, to finishing off making holiday decorations. They also had their own in house speakers that shed their knowledge in floral design and they also put together a fabulous flower show for the public to view. They cannot wait for another year filled with inspiring programs...be a guest and experience it first-hand. Other responsibilities were tending to the grass and lily beds on Ardmore and making sure the Hillside and Butterfly Gardens were in tip-top shape for Community Day. Since the Forest Hills Park Parking Lot was repaved, it has made it easier for community residents to stroll through the garden and look at all the picturesque plants and flowers. The club also had successful fundraisers in 2015—from their annual plant auction, plant sale, raffles at Community Day and poinsettia sales, to their newest “Holy Moly” and RADA Cutlery Fundraiser. Please note their fundraisers are open to everyone, not just to club members. The club had an awesome holiday luncheon event featuring their yearly “pot-luck feast.” 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 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. They take a small break in January and February and regular meetings will resume on Thursday, March 3, and continue on the first Thursday of each month (March to December), usually at Hope Lutheran Church, 353 Ridge Avenue. Coffee is ready at 9:30 a.m., the gavel comes down promptly at 10 a.m., with an educational program and light lunch to follow prepared by some of their creative hostesses.

Would you like to join the garden club? Be a guest at one of their meetings. They look forward to seeing new faces with new ideas.



For further information, contact: Amy Shugerman Glasser, Publicity/ Marketing Chair at [asg59@juno.com](mailto:asg59@juno.com) or 412-271-1697. To learn more about the club, go to: [www.foresthillspa.org](http://www.foresthillspa.org), 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.

