



FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES

A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills



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Borough Ordinance Updates— What Residents Need to Know

The following are ordinance changes made in the past few months. For the full detailed ordinances, visit the borough's web-site: www.foresthillspa.org or view at the borough office.

Ordinance No. 1037 – Chapter 15 is amended to insert the following: Marked on-street parking spaces shall be provided in the following locations: Between Halsey Avenue West, Marion Avenue and Lenox Avenue.

Ordinance No. 1036 – Chapter 1, Part 5 is amended to insert the following: To establish reasonable attorneys' fees as the cost of collection for delinquent real estate tax and municipal claims accounts and imposing said fees, charges and expenses incurred for such collection upon the delinquent party.

Ordinance No. 1038 – Chapter 20, Parts 1 and 2: To amend the standards and regulations for the collection of disposal charges for solid waste and recycling. Penalty of late payment—Any service charge not paid on or before the last day of the month during which such a charge becomes payable shall bear interest at the rate of two percent per month on the amount

of such unpaid charge, for each month or fraction thereof during which such charge remains unpaid and said penalty for late payment shall be added and collected. The following is no longer in effect: Limitation—In the event that a unit is vacant and unoccupied from January 1 through December 31, no service charge shall be collected. Provided, however, it shall be the duty of the owner of the unit to establish the vacancy by facts furnished to the Borough Manager within the due date set forth in sub-section 2.

Pets Running Loose

The borough has also received complaints about cats running loose in the borough, and would like to remind residents of the borough ordinances in place with regards to keeping cats (and dogs). The borough asks each resident who does own animals to be considerate and neighborly when it comes to your pets. The following are excerpts of ordinances with regards to cats.

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FOREST HILLS TENNIS COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

The borough will be doing major construction on the tennis courts this year. Even though we will try and do everything possible to make the upcoming process run as smooth as possible, there are going to be changes mainly around the upper level of the facility—the lodge and grass areas near the entrance booth and some of the parking lot due to transporting construction equipment back and forth to the courts. Also, the volleyball court will be closed this season. This construction is scheduled to begin at the beginning of July and will continue beyond Labor Day. The lower level (swimming pool) will most probably not be directly affected other than construction noise.

We apologize for this inconvenience and hope all that visit the pool this year will understand that the outcome will produce new and safe courts for everyone to enjoy the game of tennis.

Additional information on this year's tennis program can be found on page 17. Thank you.

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? 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.

Borough Ordinances Continued from page 1

§2-202 – Owner's Responsibility

1. No person shall keep, harbor, or maintain a cat that roams freely. The owner must identify the cat or cats by adorning each cat with an identification collar or tag that clearly and legibly states the cat owner's name, address and telephone number.
2. The owner of a cat must provide proof of a cat's current rabies vaccination upon request of the Borough.
3. No person or resident shall own, harbor or maintain a non-domestic feline or hybrid within the Borough limits.

§2-204 – Seizing Cats Running at Large

The animal control officer or any borough police officer or constable may seize any stray cat, abandoned cat, or cat running at large within the limits of the Forest Hills Borough to the annoyance or inconvenience of the residents or pedestrians or operators of motor vehicles. Such cats are to be taken and impounded in a place provided for that purpose.

To view the entire ordinances, please visit the borough's web-site: www.foresthillspa.org, or at the borough office.

Fixing the Tax Rate on Real Property for the Year 2013

Forest Hills Borough Council exercised extreme caution and consideration in determining the millage rate for 2013 in spite of the obstacles placed in front of it by the assessment process implemented by the county and the courts. The budget process is detailed and ordered and is not undertaken lightly.

Council used the information it had from the county based on the assessed value it was given, the numerous appeals that were heard and continue to be heard and the estimates of where our total assessed value might fall once the full appeal process ran its course. The number it developed by ordinance included those estimates and attempted to predict the final value once the process ends. As part of its ordinance, council included a five percent windfall provision as well as an escrow account that by law will only be used for two things:

1. Payment of any change orders from 2013 appeals and;
2. A tax credit once the appeal process is completed and a final value established.

Council established as tax revenue in the budget the same number it budgeted in 2012. Dollars received in excess of that number will be placed in that escrow account.

Disposition notices sent to the borough by the county regarding appeals show that through the end of March, the overall 2013 assessed value had decreased by 77.5 percent based on 364 appeals settled (*to clarify this, does not reflect the actual reduction in value overall but only on these 364 appeals*). Almost 61 percent of these properties have had their assessment changed. The last round of reported appeals in March featured the first of the commercial appeals which settled in the owner's favor decreasing the taxable assessed value of those four properties by \$11,500,000.

2013 Taxable Assessed Value as reported by the county for reference:

Original reported Assessed value: \$421,815,300 (as of February 2012)

Certified Value as of 12/20/12: \$414,169,815

Value as of 4/26/13: \$398,320,415 (according to the county's real estate web-site)

At the same time, the borough's budget process has been fully transparent conducted as part of its finance committee meetings from September through December and into January, and announced at its public business meetings. The full budget is available on the borough's web-site, published every year in the spring issue of the *Tree City Times*, as well as advertised as required in the newspaper.

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Credit Card, Debit Card and Electronic Checks Now Accepted

Starting soon, the Forest Hills Borough Office will now accept credit cards, debit cards and electronic checks for payments on sewage, fire and refuse. Anyone (residents or non-residents) renting the borough facilities and/or parks will now be able to use their credit cards, debit cards and electronic checks for reservation deposits and any of the rental fees (but not for security deposits). Residents will also be able to pay for their pool and tennis passes when submitted their applications before the pool opens. Once the pool opens, you will only be able to pay for the passes with a paper check and/or money order. All fees associated with using these cards/checks will be paid by the customer, not the borough. For your convenience, all payments can be made in person at the borough office or over the phone. There will also be a link on the borough's web-site: www.foresthillspa.org that you will be able to use to make payments. Please call 412-351-7330 if you have any questions. If you have any questions regarding the payments on the rental facilities, contact Cindy Simm, Recreation Director at 412-351-7330 x220.

Link-Age-to-Age

Link extends its reach to newcomers—Link-Age-to-Age has added another service for borough residents. Its volunteers now are preparing and delivering Welcome Kits to help new homeowners acclimate to the community. They greet newcomers at their doors—or leave kits there for them—with information about Forest Hills' parks, facilities, services and more.

As to continuing its primary mission of helping older adults: On April 22, aging residents and their families discussed legal issues with attorney Colleen Bratkovich at another of Link's free forums on elder law at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. And Link-Age-to-Age is enrolling more and more people in its ongoing Neighbor-to-Neighbor Campaign, providing yellow postcards for sharing emergency contact details with friends, neighbors and police.

A year ago, the group began by assembling lists of reliable home repair and service providers that older adults may call when they need help with small household chores. These include plumbers, electricians, painters, handymen and others with proven reputations. Names and numbers are available at the Forest Hills Senior Center.

To get connected to Link-Age-to-Age, stop by the senior center on Avenue D or call 412-824-5610. And on July 4, talk with Link volunteers during Community Day at the Forest Hills Park and Arboretum.



RECYCLING

Some Recycling Facts

According to the Public Recycling Officials of Pennsylvania, for every ton of paper that is recycled, the following are saved:

- 17 trees
- 275 pounds of sulfur
- 350 pounds of steam
- 60,000 gallons of water
- 225 kilowatt hours
- 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space

Almost every hour, nearly 250,000 plastic bottles are dumped. Plastic bottles make up close to 50 percent of recyclable waste in the dumps. The average time taken by plastic bottles to decompose in a landfill is close to 700 years.

Glass is one of the very few products that can be completely recycled again and again. But most often times, it ends up on landfills and never decomposes. A Styrofoam cup discarded today will remain in landfill space for close to 500 years.

-Information provided by the Department of Environmental Protection.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Welcome summer! Punxsutawney Phil lied to us this year and the winter weather covered the flowers forcing their way through the soil this March. But now its summer and the members of **The Late Bloomers Garden Club** are ready to spend some time in the sun. After some planning, clearing and planting the median plots along Ardmore Boulevard are ready to wear their summer colors for everyone to see. Slow down and enjoy the display in your travels through the borough.

The Late Bloomers are also ready to meet and greet the community at the Farmers' Market located at the Presbyterian Church parking lot starting Friday, June 7 through October 25. Now in its 11th year, the members are always anxious to hear comments, suggestions and, of course, compliments on what this year's market has to offer. There are a few surprises planned for this year so join them!

Now in their 14th year, The Late Bloom-

ers Garden Club always welcomes new ideas and new members. If you think you'd like to get involved with The Late Bloomers and join them for their monthly meetings you can read more about the club at www.latebloomersgardenclub.com. You can also see photographs of their past median plot designs on Facebook. Don't forget to "like them" when you visit the site.

If you decide that this is the year to get involved in a local organization please consider joining The Late Bloomers Garden Club. You can email them at latebloomersgardenclub@gmail.com for the location of the next meeting. Their meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at one of the member's homes.

The **Forest Hills Community Day** this year will be held on Thursday, July 4. There will not be a rain date so the annual event will be held rain or shine on July 4.

There will be various activities for young and not-so-young-as-they-used-to-be's, including, bingo, a petting zoo, games, races, prizes and, of course, good food.

The committee can always use volunteers for who would be willing to work for an hour or less on Community Day, to help staff the information booth or to assist with an event. Volunteering is a great way to meet new community folks and neighbors. For more information, send an e-mail to Pat Lanigan at laniganfh@aol.com or call at 412-824-8800.

Children's Fingerprinting at NCRC Community Day Booth—On Thursday,

July 4, during Community Day, stop by the NCRC's Crime Alert booth to have your children fingerprinted by a Forest Hills Police Officer from Noon to 2 p.m. Parents will receive their children's fingerprints to keep for family records.

Hope Lutheran Church of Forest Hills continues to host a Taize Prayer Service on the first Friday of each month at 7 p.m. Although there will be no Taize in July and August, the monthly service resumes on Friday, September 6. Taize is a spiritual prayer service featuring beautiful music and times of meditation that vary from traditional Sunday morning worship. It is a time to step back and reconnect spiritually and to offer prayers for others, either out loud or silently. At the same time as Taize, Hope offers a kid's hour for children. Located in the lounge, just down the hallway from the Taize Service, kid's hour is a time for a craft, short lesson and fun.

Hope is located at 353 Ridge Avenue at the intersection of Braddock Road and all are invited to Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m.; and occasionally during the summer, the members of Hope have the opportunity to worship outdoors. Call the church office for more information about these outdoor services. The Rev. Susan C. Schwartz is pastor. Contact Hope at 412-242-4476 or Hopeforesthills@aol.com or visit their website at www.HopeForestHills.com.

The Forest Hills Community Service operates a free bus service within the Borough

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

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 90 meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church (FHPC). It is open to all boys ages 11-18. Cub Scout Pack 90 meets Thursdays at 7 pm at FHPC. It is open to all boys ages 6-11. For more information contact Beth Brucker at bruckerfamily@verizon.net. For more information, visit the scout website: www.foresthillspack90.us.

For over 50 years, the **Forest Hills Lions Club** has served the communities less fortunate. They supply glasses to the needy, and collect your used glasses for distribution to third-world countries. The collection boxes are found in Bob's Barber Shop in Chalfant, Churchill Vision Center, Beulah Church, Cost Building-Optical Shop (second floor), Jodi-B's Restaurant, Lanigan Funeral Homes, Peter Paul's Hair Salon, Forest Hills Senior Center and Toby's Pub in Chalfant. Their fund-raisers include White Cane Days, Sight Seal Mailing and Holiday Nut Sale. Over the years, the club has provided seeing-eye dogs; a Braille writer and an eye implant operation for a child. They help to support Beacon Lodge, a summer camp for the blind. They also constructed a War Memorial and assisted some needy war veterans. Men and women interested in becoming a member should call 412-829-7888.

Upcoming Neighboring Community Events

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

Wilkins Township Farmers Market

Every Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. Starting June 12 through October 23 at the Community Center.

Signing up for 2013 team sports?

Most sports programs for children in the neighboring municipalities of Wilkins, Edgewood and Forest Hills welcome participation by Churchill residents. Many other activities and events for all ages are also open to the public (nominal "non-resident" fees may apply). For current listings and fees, contact their borough offices or check out the following web-sites: www.wilkinstownship.com/deptpark-srecreation.htm (Wilkins Township Office, 412-824-6650) www.edgewood.pgh.pa.us/edgewood-recreation.htm (Edgewood Recreation Director, 412-242-4824)

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Municipal News

Forest Hills Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator—Keith Morse, BS, EMT-P

Working for the Fire Department and EMS for the last 12 years has been challenging and very rewarding, but I always had an interest in disasters and how we prepare for and respond to them. This interest pushed me towards Millersville University's Master's Degree in Emergency Management and I started the program in the fall of 2010.

At about the same time I was appointed the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the borough and in late 2012 was promoted to the Emergency Management Coordinator. It has been a great opportunity to apply what I learn in my studies directly to better prepare the borough for a disaster.

One of those areas is communication and to have a better flow of information for residents before and during a disaster. The borough has utilized the Swift-Reach Calling System in the past, but we have added Facebook and Twitter as a way to push information about preparing for disasters, impending weather and other threats. You can find us on Facebook at: Forest Hills Emergency Management and follow us on Twitter @FHEMGT.

In addition to my role at Emergency Management Coordinator, I have worked for the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department and Woodland Hills EMS for years as a Supervisor/Paramedic and I have been acting as the Interim Manager of Woodland Hills EMS since February.

I reside in the borough with my wife, a kindergarten teacher for the Woodland Hills School District and our two-year-old son. I look forward to graduating in May, training for the Marine Corp Marathon which I plan on running in the fall, and working to better prepare Forest Hills for the next storm or disaster we all hope won't happen.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

PennDOT Emergency Contact Programs

by Police Chief Chuck Williams

With the summer travel season starting, PennDOT has initiated several new programs to assist police, fire and EMS through the Emergency Contact and Yellow Dot Programs. In many accident situations, vehicle operators are unable to communicate pertinent information to emergency personnel. PennDOT has implemented these new programs to assist in acquiring contact information during these difficult situations. The PennDOT web-site at: www.dot.state.pa.us can link you directly to the Emergency Contact site where you can upload your contact information.

Project Yellow Dot was created for senior residents to ensure that information such as medical conditions, history and medications are available to emergency responders. Information packets are placed in the glove-box and a yellow dot decal is placed on the lower rear windshield. Additional information about this program is also available through the web-site mentioned above.

Summer is a time for children, so please drive slowly and keep your eyes on the road. Young children at play may not see or hear approaching vehicles; it only takes a few seconds for a tragedy to occur. The Forest Hills Police Department will be monitoring traffic in problem locations and using our speed timing equipment to help enforce the speed limits throughout the borough. Please drive safely.

Crime Alert and Borough-wide Emergency Messages

Forest Hills uses Swift-Reach Program to call every household in the borough within 10 minutes when there is a crime alert or borough emergency message. To receive these messages, please use form below and fill out your name, address and phone number and mail to:

NCRC c/o Forest Hills Borough Building, 2071 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

Please include me in the Borough-wide Emergency Alert System.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

National Night Out—Continuing a tradition

On Tuesday, August 6 from 7 to 10 p.m., the Neighborhood Crime Resistance Committee (NCRC) encourages residents to participate in National Night Out, an event that has taken place in the borough for 27 years. NCRC is asking neighbors to turn on their porch lights, sit out on your front porches watching out for your neighborhood, and even have a block party. On that evening, members of the police department, the fire department and ambulance service will be patrolling the streets to show their support for National Night Out. It is more important than ever to send a message to criminals that Forest Hills is actively involved in a neighborhood crime resistance program.

The application to participate in the block party is found on page 17.



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The 2013 Woodland Hills School District Real Estate Tax Bills are scheduled to be mailed around July 1. Detailed information regarding the optional school tax installment plan will be included with the tax bill.

If you mail your real estate tax payment or place your payment in the borough drop box, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt returned to you.

If you are expecting a school real estate tax bill and do not receive your bill in July, please notify Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector, at (412) 351-7348. Also, if you have refinanced or paid off your mortgage, please call the tax collector as soon as possible with the updated information.



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CODE ENFORCEMENT IN FORCE

Grass, weeds and other vegetation to be cut or removed

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

The Borough reminds everyone that residents are responsible for repairing the existing sidewalks in front of or around the perimeter of their property.

COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY

*Saturday, June 22 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—at the Forest Hills/
Westinghouse Lodge Parking Lot (Barclay Avenue between
Greensburg Pike and Perry Street)*

Bring your unwanted computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, cell phones, digital cameras, chargers, adapters, microwaves, stereo systems, VCRs—and any other hard-to-recycle electronic waste.

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

TRASH COLLECTION—HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

*Trash will not be collected on Thursday, July 4;
instead collection will be Friday, July 5.*

Forest Hills **AARP** #2556

Members and friends of the Forest Hills AARP #2556 gather at the Forest Hills Pool Lodge on the second Monday of the months of January, February, March, April and May. During the summer months, meetings are suspended except for June when members gather for a picnic. In September, regular meetings resume each month for October and November, and then in December the Christmas/Installation Luncheon will be planned. The September 12 meeting will feature an informative discussion of Consumer Affairs presented by Mary Bach who is the outstanding Consumer Advocate in Pennsylvania.

UPCOMING TOURS ARE:

Wednesday, October 9, Winning Wine Trail

This is a one-day trip—"Cruising down the Wine Trails of Erie", eating at Erie's most unique restaurant and a winning opportunity at Presque Isle Downs and Casino. Drive through wine country during grape growing and autumn leaf season. First stop along the trail is Penn Shore Winery and Vineyards tasting fine wines and an outdoor patio and vineyards open for your pleasure. Then go to Penn Shore Mission for reasonably-priced wines. Next stop the old world charm of "Mazza Vineyards" and samples of six premier wines. This is a Mediterranean structure and "Old World" ambience in rolling hills and vineyards. Then dine in an historic atmosphere, The Pufferbelly Restaurant, in the restored fire station with fascinating firefighters artifacts. The restaurant is named after steam pumpers of the 1800's You will enjoy a hot entrée, salad, dessert and beverage, Final stop is Presque Isle Downs and Casino.

Reservations and checks are due by the September 10 meeting. Contact Betty Dunn, 412-243-8795.

On Tuesday, December 3, A "Nat King Cole Christmas

Bring in the Christmas Season" with a trip to the Ramada Inn in Ligonier for lunch, followed by the show, "A Nat King Cole Christmas." Then travel to Seven Springs Mountain Resort for a warm holiday dessert and hot chocolate, Christmas shopping, browsing and outdoor holiday displays.

Please contact Betty Palermo, 412-351-0760.

The business meeting each month is conducted by President, Gary Skerlec. The tours committee reports on upcoming tour opportunities, and Doris Hoffman provides a program each month for entertainment or information of benefit to the members. Each month, members receive a newsletter with a reminder of the meeting date and time as well as tour information. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information call Mary Smith, 412-273-1943.

More for the older adults

Forest Hills Senior Center/ Forest Hills AARP #2556

Second Annual Summer Picnic

**Join them on Monday, July 8
at the Westinghouse Lodge
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Reservations are required.

**Contact the center for information
and to purchase tickets:
412-824-5610**

Please be advised as of July 1, the Senior Center's operating hours will change, please contact the center for schedule details.

The senior center is located at 444 Avenue D, and is a part of the Eastern Area Adult Services which helps older adults remain as independent as possible by providing an array of services that enrich and support their everyday lives:

- Home Care Services
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Forest Hills Nursery School

Forest Hills Nursery School offers three classes: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays—five days a week. The school is a private, state-licensed pre-school, operating at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church since 1964. Classes begin the Wednesday after Labor Day and conclude the Friday before Memorial Day. There are fifteen children per class with one Pennsylvania licensed pre-school teacher and at least one other adult. Classes are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the children may bring a lunch and stay until 1 p.m. More information is available by calling Sally Sabino at 412-351-5054 or Betsy Wolf at 412-241-9414 or 724-744-1061.

Last year, the Forest Hills Nursery School's Car Cruise made \$1,600, all of which was donated to Forest Hills Presbyterian Church and going toward feeding the homeless, supporting two battered Women's Shelters, along with other charitable organizations. They had approximately 100 vehicles attend the event.

Christ Lutheran School is open for tours during the summer. Christ Lutheran School has grades Pre-school 3 through grade 8. Their school is the School of Choice for many families in the area because of the Christian atmosphere (which includes zero tolerance for bullying), quality academics and the small class sizes. 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 Mrs. Linhart at 412-271-7173.

Free Lunch

Christ Lutheran is part of the government feeding program for children in the summer. Children up to the age of 18 may come Monday through Friday for free breakfast and lunch. The program runs from Monday, June 10 through August 16.

East Catholic School

Did you know?

- East Catholic is committed to providing an outstanding academic education with solid study skills as well as establishing strong personal development rooted in Catholic values.
- East Catholic is accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools.
- East Catholic School has a pre-school at the St. John Fisher site.
- East Catholic School offers full-day kindergarten and an extended day program for working parents.
- East Catholic School has a band, Robo-Club, fine arts club, and a student council. The students participate in the following activities: a Shakespeare play, a variety show, a Christmas Pageant, and living stations. It also provides class field trips, dances (Grades 6-8), Junior Achievement activities for all classes, school assemblies, a Scholastic Book Fair, field days, a yearbook, and a Buddy Program that enables older students to assist younger ones. A monthly story time for preschoolers is held in the library.
- East Catholic is involved in academic and arts competitions such as the Diocesan Forensic League, National Geography Bee, Diocesan Honors Band, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, Pittsburgh Regional Science Fair, Diocesan Spelling Bee, Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest, Racial Justice Essays, Allegheny County Adoption Poster Contest and the Americanism Essay sponsored by the Elks.

- East Catholic School children participate in year-round service projects such as visits to nursing homes, cards to the homebound and the veterans, book collections for the needy, food drives for the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Parish Food Bank, Project Linus (which provides blankets for children in hospitals and who have experienced other traumas), and the Sister of Mercy Sandwich Program by collecting peanut butter and jelly to feed the homeless in Pittsburgh.

- East Catholic encourages competitive basketball, cross country running, football soccer, volleyball, cheerleading and intramural teams.

Financial aid is available. Join the East Catholic Team and have your child be a part of the great tradition of Catholic education that lasts a lifetime. For more information or to register, call the East Catholic School Office at 412-351-5403.

This year, **Trinity Christian School** is celebrating 60 years of providing outstanding Christian education to students from the greater Pittsburgh area. Located at 299 Ridge Avenue in Forest Hills, Trinity is now accepting applications for Kindergarten through grade 12 for the 2012-2013 school year, which begins on August 21.

The school follows a classical approach to learning, combining knowledge,

reasoning and communication across the spectrum of subjects. In addition to strong academics, Trinity Christian School offers extracurricular activities such as drama, band, choir, and sports. Visit the Trinity Christian School web-site at: www.trinitychristian.net to learn more about the school and its mission, faculty, curriculum, and programs. For more information or to schedule an appointment to visit, call 412-242-8886.

Woodland Hills High School—Congratulations to Mrs. Maria McCool who won a diamond necklace—donated by William Penn Jewelers and Watchmakers—for the second year in a row at the Woodland Hills Foundation’s Fourth Annual Chocolate & Diamonds Affair, which took place on Saturday, February 16. Make sure you save the date for their fifth annual event which will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Edgewood Country Club. Please visit: www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org for more information on this event and others.

Mini-Grants: This year, 10 mini-grants were awarded to teachers throughout the Woodland Hills School District. Since 2002, the Foundation has awarded 128 Mini-Grants, totaling over \$63,000 to educators in the school district who have creative and impactful teaching ideas.

Student Scholarships: This year, the Foundation added a fourth scholarship to

its growing catalogue. The Hospital Albert Schweitzer Scholarship was offered for the first time this year to graduating seniors interested in pursuing a career in health-care or a service profession. It joins three other scholarships offered by the Foundation: The Julia Anne McCool Memorial Scholarship, The Debbie Thames Spahr Memorial Scholarship and The Woodland Hills Foundation Senior Scholarship. Since 2003, the Foundation has awarded scholarships to 23 seniors totaling \$19,000. Tax-deductible donations can be made to: The Woodland Hills Foundation, P.O. Box 321, Turtle Creek, PA 15146; or on-line at: www.woodlandhillsfoundation.org



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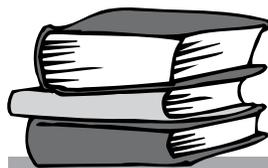
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In addition to tracking all the books that you read, young readers can participate in the improved *QUESTS!* With *QUESTS* you get to choose your own experiences. It's all about exploring what interest you. Most of all, it's for fun. Come into the library to join and get a needed game pass with a secret code so you can begin your on-line games and events.

Programs for Children

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

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

Please note that the summer reading program replaces the Science Fridays in July and August; however, come September, the second Friday of the month will be back to Science Fridays. This is a program geared toward primary home-schooled children. Come learn a wide variety of science topics through hands-on programs. It starts at 10:30 a.m. and registration is required by the previous Wednesday.

Programs for Adults

The PALS Book Club meets in the library on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. Books for discussions are provided by the library. The dates and books for this summer are:

July 23- *Garden of the Beast* by Erik Larson

August 27- *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

September 24- *Thomas Jefferson: Art of Power* by Jon Meacham

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On Line- Electronic databases are available to C.C. Mellor Library patrons. In the *Testing and Education Reference Center* there are features available for high school students which contain information and support materials necessary to make informed and confident choices about college. The Family College Guide Center has test preparation materials, financial aid information and related materials. Students can take practice tests for such exams as PSAT, ACT, SAT, and SAT subject test. Students can also take the DSST and CLEP practice tests.

To access *Testing and Education Reference Center* go to C.C. Mellor web-page and click on *Teen Testing and Educational Tools* on the left hand side of the home page; enter your library ID when prompted; click on the drop down menu for College Prep Tools.

Upcoming Closings

The library will be closed on Monday September 2.

Volunteering

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

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Still time to join—Summer Session—10 weeks

*Dates: Tuesdays, June 11 to August 20
(no class on July 2)*

Time: 6 to 10 p.m.

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

Fee: \$55

Fall Session—10 weeks

*Dates: Tuesdays, September 10 to
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There's still time to join—

Summer Session—8 weeks

Dates: Saturdays, June 22 to August 10

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

Class is limited to 10 dogs

Location: Pool Lodge Parking Lot

Fee: \$30

Fall Session—12 weeks

*Dates: Thursdays, September 12 to
December 5 (no class on November 28)*

Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

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Location: Pool Lodge

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End of Summer-Fall Session—12 weeks

Dates: Mondays, July 15 to October 7

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Pool Lodge

Fee: \$40

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

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SUMMER REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

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Name of Participant	Name of Class / Session	Fee
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Name of Participant	Name of Class / Session	Fee
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It's time to register for the 2013 Forest Hills Basketball Program

The Forest Hills Borough is once again calling all boys and girls, ages seven to 15, who are interested in joining the basketball program this summer, so don't miss out on this fun-filled activity.



Registration is \$35 for residents; \$45 for non-residents. The fee will go towards purchasing t-shirts and equipment, and each registered player will receive their own basketball. Please fill out the registration form shown below and send in with your check or money order by June 17. The program will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m. starting July 9 through August 1 at the Forest Hills Park located on the corner of Ardmore Boulevard and Braddock Road. For more information, call 412-351-7330 x220.

Coaches Joe DeGregorio and Barry Layton will once again be back to run the program, and will include all forms of exercises, clinics and games, so whether you've played before or haven't tried it yet, this program is just right for all the kids.

Please make check or money order payable to the **Borough of Forest Hills**, and mail to the **Forest Hills Borough, Cindy Simm, Recreation Director, 2071 Ardmore Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15221**.

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Player's age _____

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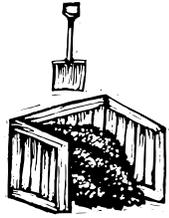
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The tradition continues on Tuesday, August 6—6:30 to 10 p.m. with Mayor Marty O'Malley riding through the community to pick this year's block-party winners. So turn on your lights and join in on a night filled with good food and lots of fun. The judging will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the winner will be selected by the mayor around 9:30 p.m.

If you would like to participate in the festivities, please fill in the registration form and either bring or mail it to:

Forest Hills Borough
2071 Ardmore Boulevard • Pittsburgh, PA 15221
Attention: Mayor's Contest.

Mayor O'Malley welcomes and encourages residents to send him an e-mail at, martybomalley@yahoo.com with ideas, comments or suggestions on National Night Out or any other issue you would like to discuss.

National Night Out—Mayor's Block Party Contest Registration Form

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2013 Tennis Program

By now, residents may have heard that this year's tennis program will not be played on the borough's tennis courts due to the resurfacing of the courts. Even though the courts will not be available this summer, we have been informed by representatives at the Hosanna House, located in Wilkinsburg (near Bryn Mawr), that our tennis team is welcome to play on their courts this season. Coach Abdelwahab will be in touch with all registered tennis team players (including anyone registered for clinics) to discuss the schedule and answer any questions regarding the program. If you haven't already registered, please do so by filling out the application that appeared in the spring issue of the *Tree City Times*. If you don't have a copy of the newsletter, you can find it on the borough's web-site: www.foresthillspa.org, go to the Recreation/Rental tab at the top of that page and scroll down until you come to the 2013 Tennis Program Application.

We apologize for the inconvenience this season, but now that the borough has the necessary funding to resurface the courts, we hope that everyone who has played on the courts will understand that safety is a main concern, and that the courts next season will be much better and safer to play the game of tennis.

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We hope that you and your family have taken the opportunity to visit the Forest Hills Pool. This hidden treasure offers the single largest borough amenity that differentiates our community from others, while providing safe, family-oriented summer recreation that everyone from toddlers to seniors can enjoy.

As you can imagine, expenses continue to increase in order to maintain our community pool. In order to support this priceless and irreplaceable asset, and maintain it for borough residents' use only, the Forest Hills Recreation Board is reaching out to YOU—our friends and neighbors. Please consider making a donation to the Forest Hills Pool Fund.

If you are currently a member, we thank you for your support. We hope we can count on you as a partner and supporter of the Forest Hills Pool.

Sincerely,

The Forest Hills Recreation Board

Yes! You can count on me as a supporter of the Forest Hills Swimming Pool.

Please accept my tax-deductible gift at the following level:

- Jellyfish (up to \$25) Dolphin \$26-\$50 Barracuda \$51-\$100
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**This level includes an engraved brick at the pool. A separate form will be mailed to you.*

The plan is to reconstruct the existing and new bricks by replacing them as a sidewalk design near the entrance to the pool, so the more donations the borough receives for bricks, the design will turn out bigger and better.

Thank you for your support.

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Attention: Cindy Simm, Recreation Director

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 Arborist: *Ted Gilbert x205*
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Bill McChesney x204
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 Public Works Foreman: *Jim Theilacker x207*
 Recreation Director: *Cindy M. Simm x220*
 Assistant Recreation Director: *Lynn Cassidy x206*

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor: *Marty O'Malley x240 or 412-351-7349*
 Tax Collector: *Janet Sullivan x203 or 412-351-7348*

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 Planning & Zoning Chair: *William Burleigh x247*

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Borough Council Meetings:

7 p.m. in council chambers, borough building, 2nd floor
 Third Wednesday of each month, July 17, August 21, September 18

Committee Meetings:

Meet in council chambers, borough building, 2nd floor

Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy: July 9, August 1, September 3

Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole: July 11, August 8, September 5

Shade Tree & Shrub Committee: July 10, August 14, September 11

Planning Commission: September 25

Recreation Board Meetings: July 1, September 9

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For Your Information

Members of the Garden Club of Forest Hills celebrated the club's 90th birthday with a party at the Restaurant at Grandview on April 11. Over 60 guests attended the festivities, many in "proper" garden party attire of hats and gloves. Special guests from the Borough of Forest Hills included Mayor Marty O'Malley and Arborist Ted Gilbert. Members of other garden clubs in the area also joined in the festivities; they were especially honored by the presence of Gail Corle, President of the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania. After enjoying a delicious lunch and a program entitled "Flowers on Broadway," members and guests mingled and enjoyed the beautiful views from the Grandview.

Although spring was late in arriving (despite the groundhog's prediction), members have been busy tending the Hillside Garden at the Forest Hills Park and perennials in several borough parklets as well as the plantings in their own yards. In celebration of Arbor Day (April 26 this year), the club purchased a columnar maple tree for planting in the Forest Hills Park. They also had a successful plant sale on May 4 at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church and their first ever evening plant auction on May 8, also at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to the members who contributed plants from their gardens and generous donors who provided plants for the auction.

Club members will be staffing their usual table at the July 4 Community Day activities at the Forest Hills Park. Look for them there and be sure to buy raffle tickets for some unique garden-

related items. They also will be selling Palm Flex gardening gloves, an ongoing fund-raising activity for the club.

Summer meetings will feature programs "Bog Garden Workshop" by member Margaret Reed on June 6 and "How to Make a Terrarium" by Carolyn Monyok, President of the McKeesport Garden Club and a member of the Rose Society of Pittsburgh, on August 1. They also look forward to their annual picnic in the park on September 5, during which they will have a program by Doug Oster, Horticulture Editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, on "Extending the Growing Season."

They are excited to present a standard flower show, "90 Years of Celebrating Women," at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church on August 16 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, so please join them and bring friends and neighbors.

The Forest Hills Garden Club always welcomes interested gardeners to their meetings on the first Thursday of each month at Hope Lutheran Church. Business meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are followed by educational programs and light lunches. For further information, contact Kathy Gaberson, 412-271-4650.

Editor's Note: I wish to thank Keith Morse and Police Chief Chuck Williams for their contribution to the newsletter.