

You're at home in
Forest Hills





"It's like living in the country, with all the advantages of an urban environment nearby."

John and Lynne Clark – with daughters Charlotte and Kelli – were drawn to their contemporary home's park-like setting on a wooded hillside.

Welcome to Forest Hills

Nestled in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, Forest Hills is a perfect balance of intimate neighborhoods and major metropolitan access. We're a friendly community of 6,800 people, rich in services and amenities.

Named "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation every year since 1986, Forest Hills' natural, quiet beauty is striking.

Close to it all

Forest Hills is just off the Parkway East – within a 15-minute drive to Oakland's universities and hospitals, downtown Pittsburgh's commercial and cultural districts, and regional attractions such as Kennywood and Sandcastle theme parks. Residents working in the greater Pittsburgh area commute by car or take advantage of express bus service (with a convenient Park 'N Ride lot) to downtown.

In addition to our own business district along Ardmore Boulevard, the area features a variety of shopping experiences, including the Waterfront, Monroeville Mall, Edgewood Towne Centre – and the more eclectic shops of Squirrel Hill and Shadyside.

Want to get away from it all? We're only an hour from ski resorts and state parks in the Laurel Highlands.

Affordable, gracious living

Homebuyers are attracted to a wonderful variety of architectural styles – ranging from Arts & Crafts and Tudor designs of the 1920s and 30s to the contemporary designs of today.

Our hills remind many visitors of other "trend-setting" cities where comparable properties sell for significantly higher prices. Whether you're looking for a start-up or an upscale dwelling, a home in Forest Hills ensures you a tremendous buy for your housing dollar.



A vital business district

Many people live *and* work in Forest Hills, including merchants, real estate brokers, business and medical professionals. The community has attracted a number of local and national corporations that have also found it advantageous to call Forest Hills “home.” With more than 28,000 cars traversing the business district on a daily basis, our community provides unlimited opportunities for those who seek to “grow a business” in a thriving, supportive economic environment.

Safe, secure neighborhoods

Our community is protected by a full-time professional police force and ambulance service, along with a dedicated volunteer fire department. We have a professional borough manager and staff assistants who pride themselves on their responsiveness to citizen concerns and requests. Whether driving snowplows at 5 a.m. on a snowy winter morning or building a new deck at the pool lodge, our public works crew keeps the borough shipshape year ‘round.

Excellent schools

Forest Hills is one of 12 communities that comprise the Woodland Hills School District, which has earned accolades for academic excellence and wide recognition for its high school sports and performing arts programs.

The district includes a range of outstanding elementary, intermediate and middle schools, and the high school is within walking distance of many Forest Hills neighborhoods. Students may also choose from among several quality private and parochial schools – as well as preschools – within the borough of Forest Hills.



“We love the sense of community in Forest Hills.”

Sara and Josh Haynes purchased the home built by Sara’s great-grandparents in the 1920s, which makes daughter Madelyn the fifth-generation of her family to live there.



Dedicated people = Strong community

Forest Hills residents give of themselves because they care about their neighbors and their community. Local volunteer efforts include Meals on Wheels, Flivver bus service, Late Bloomers and Forest Hills garden clubs, Lions Club and Rotary.

Places to play

The “crown jewel” of our parks system is the beautifully landscaped pool and tennis court complex that residents consider to be one of our finest amenities.

The Main Park on Braddock Road includes two ball fields, a large playground, basketball courts and picnic pavilions. Parents with small children can walk to five neighborhood playgrounds that are just a stroller ride away.

The Forest Hills/Westinghouse Recreation Center on Greensburg Pike includes regulation-size ball fields and a charming lodge that can be rented for corporate meetings and private celebrations for up to 500 guests.



At the Forest Hills branch of C.C. Mellor Library, residents can check out the latest best sellers or research a school project. Preschoolers and their parents participate in interactive storytelling and crafts activities.

“This has been a wonderful place to live and raise children. We wouldn’t change a thing about it.”

Ann and Harold Milton discovered Forest Hills 40 years ago while seeking an affordable city alternative.

Check us out on the Web at
www.foresthillspa.org



Staying fit, having fun

Beginning in early June, the Recreation Department offers learn-to-swim classes, water aerobics, adult-only swim times – and the opportunity for young people to join our championship swimming, synchro and tennis teams. Borough kids also participate in community soccer and baseball leagues that are staffed by enthusiastic – and dedicated – parent volunteers.

Some of our most popular events are the Fourth of July Community Day and Biathlon, Fall Hayride, Light-Up Night and Concerts in the Parks. There are also numerous “just for fun” activities – such as neighborhood block parties, sand volleyball games and family social nights at the pool – that keep residents connected to one another and their community.



“As a first time home buyer, I was looking for a reasonably priced home in a safe neighborhood that is convenient to the city.”

Rebecca Watkins – with Mokie – learned about Forest Hills from a friend who grew up here.



Rooted in tradition

Incorporated in 1919, Forest Hills was a stopping place along the historic Lincoln Highway system (U.S. Route 30), America's first transcontinental highway. Many early "settlers" of the borough worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation, which provided a livelihood for thousands of local employees in research and manufacturing. In the late 1920s, radio broadcast technology was pioneered by KDKA at its facility on Greensburg Pike.



*When you think of "Home"
think Forest Hills*

Find out more about Forest Hills at
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