



FOREST HILLS TREE CITY TIMES



A newsletter for the community of Forest Hills

Meet Seth Abrams, the New Borough Manager for Forest Hills

Welcome to our new Manager of the Borough of Forest Hills, Seth Abrams. Prior to his appointment in May 2024, he held the manager position in Munhall Borough and East Pittsburgh Borough. Seth's work in East Pittsburgh as their first municipal manager was to bring forward best practices and transparency to municipal operations. He also began the efforts to form what is now the Eastern Mon Valley Regional Police Department and with efforts to construct a new municipal complex.

While in Munhall, Mr. Abrams spearheaded the move to a new facility, efforts to revitalize the parks, and to receive a grant for electric refuse trucks from the Commonwealth. Prior to his municipal work Seth spent over 18 years working for both private non-profits and county government in the areas of developmental disabilities and homelessness/housing needs.



Seth holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management (MPPM) from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and is a member of the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA).

Seth currently resides in White Oak with his wife Rebecca. They have two adult daughters. Seth enjoys trail running, paddleboarding and spending time with his wife and three dogs. He can be reached at manager@foresthillspa.gov.

With the community, FHCA looks to move Forest Hills Forward!



**FOREST HILLS
COMMUNITY
ALLIANCE**

Forest Hills Community Alliance (FHCA) is your neighborhood's nonprofit community development corporation. They envision an increasingly vibrant and prosperous Forest Hills.

FHCA was formerly known as Forest Hills CDC, which was established in 2000. The organiza-

tion recently rebranded and launched a community engagement initiative called Forest Hills Forward. The program, which has also been referred to as Ecodistrict, was made possible by FHCA and funding from PA's Keystone Communities Program, and has been facilitated by their partners evolveEA, who possess a proven track record in sustainable economic development and urban planning.

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Pictured, from left to right - Forest Hills Forward Committee members Leon Harper, Susan Englert, Lauren Heidingsfelder, and Gail Harper, with FHCA Board President Jackie Dempsey in the center.



FHCA looks to move Forest Hills Forward *Continued from page 1*

The Forest Hills Forward Community Conversation Series took place January through April of 2024, where collectively over 200 neighbors attended. The discussions centered around a framework composed of six key quality-of-life themes: Access, Energy, Water, Food, Air Quality, & Equity.

Community members are encouraged to attend the final event for 2024, scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westinghouse Lodge. The evolveEA team will present an action plan and proposal of catalytic projects meant to boost the community's resiliency and sustainability in the future. All are welcome. Food will be provided courtesy of FHCA Board member Patty DeMarco and Main ST. Register at fhcommunityalliance.org/fhf. More information can be found on FHCA's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Pruning Techniques Explained

by Mark Haibach, Tree and Shrub Committee Chair

Thank you to Borough resident and certified arborist, Jason Rihn for the workshop on tree and shrub pruning. This past June, fourteen participants learned ways to prune trees and shrubs in order to promote healthy growth. Mr. Rihn emphasized that the key to success is to understand your goals for pruning a tree or shrub. He suggested that the primary concerns were the health of the plant, its beauty, personal safety, traffic clearance, flowering, and fruit production.

Participants were offered safe guidelines for the correct use of pruning tools. They learned about the practical aspects of pruning; the best time of year to prune different species; growth responses to pruning; envisioning the desirable mature growth; the form of a tree or shrub; and the damaging effects of aggressive, improper methods. An important take-home message was Jason's assurance that plants are resilient to our initial learning attempts at pruning.

Mr. Rihn recommended several resources, including *An Illustrated Guide to Pruning* by Dr. Edward Gilman and *Tree Pruning Basics* by Dr. Alex Shigo. There are also several helpful on-line resources on the basics of pruning, including extension.psu.edu/pruning-landscape-trees, www.bartlett.com/pruning.cfm, and blog.davey.com/when-is-the-best-time-to-prune-trees/.



Pictured: Arborist Jason Rihn explains pruning basics to Borough residents.

Earth Day is Every Day in Forest Hills

by Mark Haibach, Tree and Shrub Committee Chair

The Forest Hills Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) hosted a productive Earth Day 2024 cleanup with friends and neighbors on April 20. With 22 participants from the community, all hands were on deck to pick up litter around our community.

In keeping with this theme, the EAC hosted the February event focused on reducing garment waste. Darn It! featured presentations and training from Kate Harris, educator at CAPA and Beth Shari, expert seamstress and proprietor of Proxima Vintage. Twelve participants from the neighborhood learned basic mending techniques and took home helpful tips and tricks in the form of a custom "zine."



Earth Day then continued into May, as 10 residents learned helpful storm-water management and erosion prevention tips at *Holding Up Our Hills*, hosted by EAC secretary, Elise Yoder and neighbor/Master Watershed Steward, Laura Heidingsfelder.

Earth Day Check-in at the borough building (on right)

Kate Harris presents to Darn It! Participants on February 24 (on left)



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Retirement of Code Enforcement Officer Don Branzel—Time to Tee Off

The Borough of Forest Hills had to say goodbye to Don Branzel when he retired at the end of May 2024.

Don worked for the Borough since 2011 as the Code Enforcement Officer as well as being the Chair of the Shade Tree and Shrub Committee.

He and his family were long time residents of Forest Hills. Don is an avid lover of both the Pirates and Steelers and will have more time to play golf.

Your service to the Borough was exceptional and we will all miss you. Fare thee well, Don.



Photograph taken by Patricia Harris at Arbor Day, 2024.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Effective August 1, the Turtle Creek Valley COG will be providing code enforcement services to the Borough. By contracting with the COG, Forest Hills will be better positioned to provide the necessary code enforcement services and to collaborate with our neighboring communities to fight the 'bad actors' that have been purchasing single family homes as sub-standard rental housing. Alex Coyne from the COG will be our primary contact. He can be reached at 412-351-7330 x211 or via email at acoyne@tcvcog.com.

Borough Trees Replaced on Rockwood

by Pat Harris Member of the Forest Hills Shade Tree and Shrub Committee

The Tree and Shrub Committee recently planted 18 new trees and shrubs along Rockwood Avenue, including Red Buds, Dogwoods, Ivory Silk Lilacs, Highbush Blueberries, and Allegheny Serviceberries. Committee members were assisted by members of Scout Troop 90, Rockwood neighbors, and the Public Works Department. These ornamental trees replaced trees that Duquesne Light Company had removed. The utility provided vouchers for the purchase of the new plants. Prior to site preparation and planting, residents of Rockwood near the planting area were informed about the plan.

The response was positive, with some residents “adopting” the trees to help with watering and care. Additionally, Borough Council approved the purchase of two 55-gallon water barrels and deer protection fencing to support the young plants during their first years of growth. The committee has organized a watering schedule and will install the deer fencing.

Residents interested in the health of Borough trees may apply to join the committee or the Borough’s Tree Tender Crew. For information about membership, check the Borough website: www.foresthillspa.gov. Interested in becoming a Tree Tender? Contact Mark Haibach at markhaibach90@gmail.com.



Boy Scout Volunteers Bennett Crawley (pictured left) and Acher Holleran (on right).



Service Above Self



Forest Hills Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to two local high school seniors who were awarded \$1,000 each by the Rotary Club of Forest Hills to further their educations.

Caitlyn Cooley, Forest Hills resident and senior at Serra Catholic HS was awarded the 2024 Medal of Honor Scholarship in the name of Sergeant Leonard Funk. Caitlyn a dean’s list student, four-year member of the girls’ volleyball and basketball teams, a member of the National Honor Society and VP of Student Government will attend St. Vincent College majoring in nursing and playing basketball.

Mia Damico, a Forest Hills resident and senior at Woodland Hills HS was awarded the Rotary Club of Forest Hills “Service Above Self” Tom Nunnally Memorial Scholarship. Mia, a high honor student with over 120 hours of community service will attend the University of South Carolina (honors college) to study Marketing/Business with a goal of using that in the world of theater. Throughout high school she has been a part of the Mock Trial Team, Marching Band, Student Council and FBL, Student Summit, Junior High Musical Director, and a lead in six Woodland Hills Musical Productions.



Patricia DeMarco (left) awards the Rotary Medal of Honor Scholarship in the name of Sergeant Leonard Funk to Caitlyn Cooley, standing with proud parents Amy and Ken Cooley

Interact Club and Rotary Scholarships

Several of the Rotary Clubs who operate within the Woodland Hills School District are coming together to mentor and support the Interact Club at Woodland Hills High School. One of the new initiatives will be a scholarship program for eligible members of this service club. The WHSD staff advisor, ESL teacher Catherine Andrews has met with Rotary several times to facilitate growing the club and providing opportunities for students to gain service hours and be mentored by Rotarians. Swissvale, Braddock, Forest Hills and Turtle Creek and Churchill/Wilkins Rotary Clubs are participating.



Rotarians Michael Testen (left) and Arron Thompson (right) award Mia Damico the Tom Nunnally Memorial Scholarship

Rotary in the Community

In addition to regular borough weeding, litter clean ups, the Rotary Club of Forest Hills participated in the Community Day 4th of July Celebration by giving out children’s books and temporary tattoos, and the C.C. Mellor Library Summer Block Party providing free children and teen books. Service hours and funding also went to Guardian Angels Service Dogs, Forest Hills Borough Memorial Day Remembrance Program, Hope Made Real in Rwanda (graduation awards of sewing machine and sewing kits) and the Rotary Club of Latrobe Food Insecurity Program.

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, come to a Rotary meeting and see what it’s about—they meet on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. at Jodi B’s Restaurant in the Forest Hills Plaza, Ardmore Boulevard. For more information: fhillslotary@gmail.com.



Veterans attending Memorial Day Remembrance

COMMUNITY NEWS

Use your Smartphone to click on the code here to access the borough's website.



Forest Hills Nursery School is a private, non-profit, state-licensed "pre-K" school established in 1964 by the Junior League of the Forest Hills Women's Club and is located in the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. The school offers three classes: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; Tuesdays-Thursdays; or five days a week. Classes are held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. every day. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, children may bring lunch and stay until 1 p.m. There are fifteen children per class with one PA licensed "pre-K" teacher and at least one other adult helper. For more information, contact Sally Sabino at 412 351-5054 or Betsy Wolf at 724 744-1061.

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, located at 1840 Ardmore Boulevard, invites you to join them for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., led by Pastor Nancy Titus.

Their Bible Study groups, which focus on exploring God's Word and sharing fellowship, will start up again in mid-September.

The Virtual Bible Study meets on Mondays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Contact the church office for the link.

Women in the Word meets on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Join them as they study God's Word and share fellowship and mission in the love of Christ.

Their In-Person Bible Study also meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Be sure to check out their website at fhpcpa.org, and their Facebook page.

Hope Lutheran Church has moved to a new location. Worship and programs are now taking place at 200 Church Street, Turtle Creek (home of McMasters Methodist Church). Visitors are welcome to join Hope's family of faith for worship and study opportunities. In-person Sunday morning worship is at 11:15 a.m.

Hope is planning their Pet Blessing and Trunk or Treat events for this fall. Details for these events as well as other news and updates can be obtained at www.plumofpa.com.

Hope is a member of PLUM, Pittsburgh Lutheran United Ministries... Living Christ's Light of Hope in Our Communities.

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish (SJW) is a welcoming, vibrant Catholic community uniting people to God and each other through prayerful, sacred liturgy; strong ministries; and loving, generous outreach. In August, the parish welcomed Rev. Michael J. Stumpf as its new pastor.

Daily and weekend Masses are celebrated at St. Anselm, St. Colman, St. John Fisher, and St. Maurice Churches, along with Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction, recitation of the Rosary, and Bible Study (times and locations on the parish website). A monthly Sensory Friendly Mass, open to all, enriches the worship experience for children and adults with intellectual and developmental challenges.

Faith formation programs begin new cycles in the Fall. The parish office and website provide information for the Reli-

gious Education classes for children K-8, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and the 8-week ChristLife series for those interested in deepening their faith.

The SJW Music Ministry invites musicians of all ages to share their talents. Please contact Norm Chapman (412-271-0809) for information.

Throughout October, donation bins for the Knights of Columbus Socks Drive will be located at the four parish churches before and after weekend Masses. New crew, athletic, and winter weight socks for men and women will benefit Red Door Ministries.

Food distribution at the SJW Food Pantry occurs on the second Wednesday of each month, 3 to 4 p.m., on the lower level of the former East Catholic school building at St. Maurice.

The annual, SJW Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 7, and Saturday, September 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Maurice. Treasures will abound—household items, collectibles, jewelry, toys and games, holiday items, books, and much more.

The Parish Library and Gift Shop, at St. Maurice, carries a variety of religious items, publications, and cards and gifts for weddings, ordinations, graduations, and other special celebrations. The shop is open on Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The parish website (sjwpitt.org) and Facebook page provide information on worship opportunities and other activities. The parish office is located on the St. Maurice campus at 2001 Ardmore Boulevard (412-272-0809).

Boy Scout Troop 90 meets

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church and is open to all boys ages 11-18. For more information, please contact the Scoutmaster at



scouter.troop90@gmail.com or visit the troop website, www.bsa-troop90.org.

Cub Scout Pack 90 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the FHPC and is open to all boys ages 6-11. For more information, please contact the Cubmaster at cubmaster90@gmail.com, or visit the pack website at www.foresthillspack90.us.

The Forest Hills Community Service operates a bus service within the Borough for senior citizens and people with special needs. The **FliVver Service** was started in 1974 and continues to operate through contributions from individuals, various charities, and businesses within the Borough.

The bus is a 13-passenger vehicle (but does not have handicapped lifts) and takes eligible senior citizens ages 55 and older and persons with special needs to grocery stores, drug stores, banks, doctor's offices, hairdressers, and anywhere else within the Borough of Forest Hills.

The FliVver operates Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Riders can call the FliVver at 412-519-3955 to be picked up usually within 15 minutes. Additionally, the Flivver will provide transportation on primary and election days from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. so riders can vote in person at their designated polling places.

FliVver is always looking for volunteer drivers. You do not need to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and you can be trained in a matter of hours. Those who are interested in volunteering three hours a day, twice a month, can call Don Newcomer at 412-708-0511.

The Garden Club of Forest Hills members have planned, planted and nurtured the club's new Pollinator Garden over the summer. It's on the east side of the driveway into

the borough's main park, with the decades-old Hillside Garden across the drive. The club invites visitors to check out late-season plantings in both. (See map on back cover).

This past summer club members also focused on "Four Seasons in the Garden" in August; swapped plants and garden tales at the potluck picnic in September; and showcased Gardens of the Month around the borough. They will end the year learning "The Importance of the Cocoa Plant" on October 3; enjoy Floral Design Demonstrations on November 7; and finish with a Winter Solstice Celebration of holiday food and friendship on December 5.

Guests are welcome at meetings of this century-old organization, now at Christ Lutheran Church, 400 Barclay Avenue, Forest Hills. For more information, talk with any current club member or contact Carolyn Reuter at 412-243-8384 or cbreuter@verizon.net. You may also check out the club at [Facebook.com/TheGardenClubOfForestHills](https://www.facebook.com/TheGardenClubOfForestHills) or on the borough website.



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Woodland Hills EMS News

Woodland Hills EMS continues to provide quality Emergency Medical Service to Forest Hills residences with the cooperation of a volunteer Board of Directors and a paid staff of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics. Over the summer, they participated in several activities in the borough. They are available for CPR Classes and to provide demonstrations to groups upon request. Please contact Frank Mastandrea, EMS Manager, at 412-351-9111 to schedule a class or demonstration..

With schools back in session, they urge everyone to be mindful of students walking to school and the bus stops. When approaching a school bus with the RED lights flashing be sure to stop in both directions until the RED lights are no longer flashing and the students are clear of the roadway.

Remember, it's not only good safety practice—it's the LAW!

Municipal News

911 Facts and Fiction by Police Chief Chuck Williams

As many residents may remember, police departments like ours had their own dispatch centers, calls were received, and officers were sent by radio to the location they were needed.

With current technology used by County 911, dispatchers know who is calling and their location. The center's equipment can track calls from cell phones even while in motion.

Residents still seem hesitant to call 911. It may be that you feel your call is not an emergency or you are concerned you will have to give your name and answer too many questions. These concerns are not uncommon, but if a situation occurred and you feel it necessary to notify the police for whatever reason you should follow through and make the 911 call. Some residents are still calling the Borough numbers for assistance only to find a recorded message. Messages left especially on weekends and evening hours are not going to be answered, WE NEED YOU TO CALL 911. The police department often receives reports of suspicious activity after the crime was committed and we miss valuable opportunities to stop a crime as it is occurring.

Another important fact about calling 911 is that they DO TAKE CALLS THAT ARE NON-EMERGENCY. We do not have a separate non-emergency number. For example, overnight parking, dog complaints, requests to speak to officers are all examples of non-emergency calls that can be taken by dialing 911. The communication officers at the 911 center are well trained to priorities any type of call. Please remember Calling 911 is the best way for residents to communicate information to the Police Department in emergency or non-emergency situations.



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GROUP A

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Ave B	Fairview Rd.	LeBeau Pike.
Ave F	Fall Run Rd	LeGrande Dr
Ave L	Fieldcrest Dr.	Lenox Ave.
Barclay Ave.	Filmore Rd.	Marion Ave.
Braddock Rd.	Forest Glen Dr.	Morrow Rd.
Cara Lin Dr.	Forest Hills Rd	Newport Rd.
Carl Ave.	Forest Ridge Dr.	(2/3/400 Block)
Carmel Ct.	Glasgow Rd.	Pacific Ave. (400 Block)

GROUP B

Ashley Ct.	Edgewood Rd.	Overdale Rd.
Batavia Rd.	Fairfax Rd.	Parise Rd.
Berkley Ave.	Geisler Dr.	Ridge Ave.
Berlin Rd.	Hawthorne Ct.	Roberta Dr.
Bevington Rd.	Hawthorne Rd.	Roxbury Rd.
Burlington Rd.	Hazel Pl.	Sylvan Way
Cascade Rd.	Lee Ave.	Washington Rd.
Castlegate Rd.	Main St.	Wellington Rd.
Cedar Ave.	Newport Rd. (double digits)	Williams Pl.
Dinell Dr.	Norway Rd.	

POSTED STREETS

Posted- No Parking 7am-3pm

Ave A (100 Block)	Kenmore Ave.	Radnor Ave.
Braddock Rd. (1/200 Block)	Lafayette Rd.	Rockwood Ave.
Bryn Mawr Rd.	Marwood Ave.	Wilkins Rd.
Elmore Rd.		

If your street is not listed, please call 412-351-7330 x207 to schedule a pickup.

SCHEDULE

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| • Week of October 14 - Group A | • Week of November 11- Group A |
| • Week of October 21 - Group B | • Week of November 18 - Group B |
| • Week of October 28 - Group A | • November 25/26/27 - Posted Streets |
| • Week of November 4 - Group B | • Week of December 2 - Final Sweep |

After the "Final Sweep" is completed there will be no more collection of leaves until the following season.

TRASH COLLECTION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Labor Day, Monday, September 2
& Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28

Trash will be delayed one day due to the Labor Day Holiday and again for Thanksgiving. Pickups will be on September 6 and 7 for Labor Day, and on November 29 and 30 for Thanksgiving.

To Forest Hills Residents
Refuse, sewage, fire payments and local service tax (LST) should be placed in an envelope marked: **Borough of Forest Hills**

Real Estate Taxes can not be accepted at the borough office, drop-off box or in person

All Real Estate Taxes Must be Mailed to:

JORDAN TAX SERVICE
102 Rahway Road
McMurray, PA 15317

Questions Should be Directed to:
Jordan Tax Service - 724-731-2311

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

CLIP-N-SAVE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEWAGE, REFUSE AND FIRE FOR 2024

- REFUSE/RECYCLE PAYMENT DUE BY:**
March 5 • June 5
September 5 • December 5
- SEWAGE PAYMENT DUE BY:**
March 20 • June 20
September 20 • December 20
- FIRE FEES ARE DUE BY:**
March 31

Please make payments by check, money order, or through the Electronic Bill Paying page on the borough's website using a credit or debit card - www.foresthillspa.gov.

2024 Community Day Wrap-up

The 2024 Forest Hills Community Day on July 4 was another successful event as it provided a gathering of joy and celebration for residents and friends. It was the 77th Community Day in Forest Hills.

The weather provided a perfect summer day of warm temperatures and white puffy clouds. Shady areas of Forest Hills Park were cooler spots for folks. Food and refreshments were plentiful, and everyone enjoyed some time at the park.

Community Day Raffle/Drawing

- Bonnie Pantlik—Television
- Olive Magnotta—Ceiling Fan
- Kish Family—Silverware
- Jim Davis—Steeler Tickets
- Terri Clark—\$100 Amazon Gift card
- Carol Roarabaugh—Mixer
- Susan Glasser—Lottery Tree of Tickets
- Coula Karystinos—Picnic Basket
- Robert Rhys—Dinner and a Movie
- Anita DeChancie—Sheets and Pillows
- Marge Matesa—Fishing Rod and Tackle Box
- Josephine Cuccaro—Kennywood Tickets
- T. Kelley—Golf Bag
- Karen Marron—Texas Roadhouse Gift Basket

Kids Raffle/Drawing

2 Bikes and 4 Gift Certificates were won by 6 different kids including, Will Benedum, Ellie Willson, Antonio Evans and Brynn Hettinga.

Men's Horseshoe Pitching Contest

John D'Amico and Sean McPherson ... 1st
 Frank Kish and Mat Rodrigues..... 2nd
 Justin and Peter Rodrigues 3rd

Women's Rolling Pin Toss

Place Sierra Ford 1st
 Place Jamie Glasser..... 2nd
 Place Liz Estep..... 3rd

Hole-in-One Contest

Rick Morgan 1st
 3ft and 1 inch from the hole
 Jay Grimes, Sr 2nd
 16 ft. 11 inches from the hole
 Jay Grimes, Jr 3rd
 17 ft. 9 inches from the hole

Hoop Shoot

Antoni Kristin..... 1st
 John Ryan Ebbitt..... 2nd
 Chelsea Connolly 3rd

Kids Races and Games

The following kids won races and Events. They include Sack Races, Dashes, 3 Legged Races, Leap Frog Races, Wheelbarrow Races, Tug-O-War and Water Balloon Toss. There are age brackets from 4-12.

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| Nicholas Rodrigues | Lydia Palmieri |
| Alessia Cravotta | Tessa Taylor |
| Anna Rodrigues | Anna Taylor |
| Philip Kelly | Ruth Rose |
| Alan Hoffman | Enzo Estep |
| Kael Hoffman | Kael Jones |
| Anna Wirtz | Brodi McPhearson |
| Lily Martin | Rocco Wirtz |
| Sam Pitler | Kaitlyn Moric |
| Matthew Wirtz | Evie Kelly |
| Maggie Brown | Lorelai Russo |
| Kaitly Pittler | Jonas Brown |
| Winston Wyman | Kage Jones |
| Eddy Kelly | Cash Charles |
| Blaze Wile | Cooper Morse |
| Spencer Mori | Eli Pittler |

The boys won the Tug-O-War for the second straight year. The girls won the first 75 years of Tug-O-War contests at Community Day. Prizes were also awarded for the Pizza Eating Contest and the Watermelon Eating Contest.

Forest Hills Trivia Contest—Correct answers are in bold

- What year was the Atom Smasher erected?
 a. 1928 **b. 1937** c. 1942 d. 1945
- How many blue Pennsylvania Historical Markers are located in Forest Hills?
 a. 1 b. 2 **c. 3** d. 4
- Name the first mayor of Forest Hills?
 a. Elmer Incheck b. Ken Gormley
 c. Frank Sabino **d. Al Koch**
- What was the name of the auto dealer at Ardmore and Kenmore?
 a. Forest Hills Dodge b. Ardmore Ford
 c. Kenny Ross Chevrolet **d. Forest Hills Ford**
- What brand of automobile did Kliment Bros. sell where Roman Bistro is now located?
 a. Edsel **b. Studebaker**
 c. Rambler d. Plymouth
- In 1975, how many gas stations were located on Ardmore Boulevard in Forest Hills?
 a. 8 **b. 9** c. 10 d. 11

- What was once located where the "new" Pacific, "new" Atlantic and Sharon Drives are now?
 a. Roller Rink b. Airport
 c. Amusement Park **d. Golf Course**
- Which local club facilitated the design and location of the Borough's War Memorial?
 a. Women's Club b. Rotary Club
 c. Garden Club **d. Lions Club**
- What year did the Forest Hills Garden Club form?
 a. 1919 **b. 1923** c. 1929 d. 1933
- A 3' tall, 6" wide cement historical marker stands at the intersection of Ardmore & Yost Boulevards. What does this marker signify?
 a. **The Lincoln Highway**
 b. French & Indian War Battleground
 c. Site of Ardmore's first gas station
 d. A Forest Hills time capsule
- Which of these surnames was NOT the last name of owners of gas stations on Ardmore Boulevard?
 a. Brusco b. Forkosh
 c. Parise **d. Wissman**
- What was the name of Drew's Restaurant before it was "Drew's"?
 a. Denise's b. Spiro's
 c. Tasso's **d. Dennis'**
- Name the 2 grocery stores that were located in the Ardmore Shopping Center during the 1960's
 a. Foodland b. A&P
 c. Kroger **d. Thoroughfare**
- What was the route number of the former Ardmore Streetcar?
 a. 61 b. 56 c. 78 **d. 87**
- What former Forest Hills resident now plays football professionally with the Carolina Panthers?
 a. Rontez Miles b. Mike McAllister
 c. **Miles Sanders** d. Rob Gronkowski

Highest scorers..... # Correct
 Rick Glasser 13
 Rick Collella/Jim Theilacker 12
 Jay Grimes 12
 Gary Campbell..... 12
 Rick Morgan 12
 John D'Amico 12
 Frank Porco 11
 Larry Hershman..... 11

The 2024 Ed Bunyan Memorial Biathlon Wrap-up by Nick Ricci, Biathlon Organizer

The 77th Forest Hills Community Day celebration began with a burst of energy as nearly 100 residents gathered to partake in the annual Ed Bunyan Memorial Biathlon, Fun Run, and Dog Walk. This event has kicked off Community Day in Forest Hills for decades and combines a 200-meter swim with a 2.5 mile cross-country run through the streets of Forest Hills. The event set the stage for a day filled with fun, camaraderie, and community spirit.

Early in the morning, participants, ranging from seasoned athletes to parent-child team participants to casual dog-walkers, assembled to partake in the event. The biathlon race not only highlighted the athleticism and competitive spirit of the participants but also brought the community together in a celebration of shared joy and enthusiasm. This year there was a record 23 teams registered to compete in the Stars and Stripes team bracket. For a team registration, one member completes the swim and then tags off to a team member who completes the run.

Following the race, the top participants from each age group were recognized by Borough Mayor, Frank Porco during a brief awards ceremony. The first-place male and female from each age group received a trophy, and the runner up from each age group received a certificate. Below is a listing of each of the top finishers from each age bracket:

- Firecracker Age Group (20 & Under) Female Champion: Annabell Johnson (21:40)
- Firecracker Age Group (20 & Under) Male Champion: Eli Pittler (27:29)
- Patriot Age Group (21-39) Female Champion: Allison Goldstein (22:33)
- Patriot Age Group (21-39) Male Champion: Matt Hartman (26:21)
- Yankee Age Group (40 & Over) Female Champion: Joanne Foerster (39:11)
- Yankee Age Group (40 & Over) Male Champion: Paul Raff (26:05)
- Stars & Stripes Team Champion: Kira Gaunt & Ben Guant (20:46)
- Stars & Stripes Team Runner Up: Maya Hunter & Eilidh Edgar (21:53)
- Stars & Stripes Team Runner Up: Rick Stein & Jared Deibel (22:23)

The race concluded with a warm sense of unity and pride, embodying the very essence of what Community Day is all about. With many more of the traditional activities and events following, the 77th Community Day was another memorable celebration for the community of Forest Hills.





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SAVE the DATE!!! FOREST HILLS HAYRIDE 2024

On Saturday, October 12, the community of Forest Hills will once again celebrate a 23-year tradition.

At 6 p.m., the borough's annual hayride, sponsored by the Forest Hills Police Department, the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department, and the Forest Hills Public Works Department, will begin at the Forest Hills/West-inghouse Lodge on Barclay Avenue. Everyone of all ages will be entertained with a three-mile ride on decorated hay wagons.

Free refreshments will be served in the lodge, so come and enjoy a fun-filled evening under the autumn stars and meet and thank those who protect and serve our community.



Show your Library Love this September

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CCM will also be holding the third annual Adopt-a-Book party on September 27. Join them for an evening of food, drink, fun, and community and support your library by adopting a new title for the collection.

Fall Programming

At CCM, they know that there is always more you can learn. Join them this fall for a variety of educational programs including Medicare 101, AARP Smart Driver Classes, WQED Portraits on the Homefront, First-Time Homebuyers workshop, nature programs, and more. Keep an eye on their website and monthly newsletters for information on dates and registration as they become available.

Their full slate of regular programs will continue through the fall including Baby Talk, Family Storytime, Music and Movement Storytime, Tween Club, Teen Group, Makerspace Monday, The Wanderers, Forest Hills Social Hour, Knitting Group, Conversation Salon, Fourth Tuesday Book Club, Century Book Club, Drop Dead Book Club, Great Outdoors Book Club, Mahjong, and Crating Circle.

Head to the website, ccmellorlibrary.org, to see the special fall programs and events.

Congratulations to the Forest Hills Stingray Swim Team!

On Saturday July 27 our Stingrays were crowned the 2024 Eastern Swim Association (ESA) Division 1 Champions. It has been 54 years since our last Championship title in 1970. The Stingrays overcame an early deficit to defeat powerhouse Murrysville 264-259 with Meadowink, Park and Garden City placing third through fifth in the standings.

Head Coach Noah Marini and Assistant Coaches Jackson Manns and Channing Brook were outstanding in training and motivating their team to victory!

The day was filled with record breaking events for our team and for ESA.

- Sam Peretti broke his 50-meter freestyle record from last year by swimming a new time of 27.54 (his previous time was 28.37). This is also a new ESA Champs record, beating the previous record of 27.83 from 1986.
- Cameron Peretti swam a new team record of 27.62 in the 50-meter freestyle, besting the record held by Chelsea Stein of 27.81 from 2007.
- The girls 4x100m freestyle relay team, consisting of Audra Iddings, Molly Henninger, Kinley Ebbitt, and Cameron Peretti, swam a new team record of 1:56.75. The previous record was 1:57.30 held by Gia Bodner, Emily Scuiли, Chelsea Stein and Tara Stein (we know her today as Tara Bondarenka!).

At the banquet which immediately followed the event, several of our swimmers received awards, including:

- Cecilia Sokolowski and Levi Vrcic for the Justine Clougherty Award
- Brennan Clinkscales for the Brendan Foley Award
- Jade Powell for the Lindsey Manns Award
- Charlotte Brake-Hoffman and Francesco Porco for the Joseph A. Gabella Award

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Fall Session (8 weeks)

Thursdays, September 5 to October 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. • Location: Pool Lodge • Fee: \$30

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Fall Session (10 Weeks)

Tuesdays, September 10 – November 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. • Location: Pool Lodge Fee: \$40 (no class on November 5 – Election Day)

Registration for the recreation classes can now be made on the borough's website (www.foresthillspa.gov) by clicking on the Recreation and Rental tab, and follow the instructions listed there.

If you do not have access to the website, forms are available at the borough office. Send in the form with your check or money order made payable to:

Forest Hills Borough
4400 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221
Attention: Recreation Director.

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.

FALL /WINTER REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Email _____

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

Indicate either fall or winter classes.

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Borough Manager: *Seth Abrams dial 0*
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Recreation Director: *Walt Reamer x272*

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Council no longer uses extensions. The best way to reach them is to call the borough office and leave a message with the administrative staff. The Mayor continues to use his extension.
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Woodland Hills EMS and Non-Emergency Ambulance Services: *Frank Mastandrea 412-351-9111 Fax: 412-351-5475*

For a listing of all police officers and their voicemail, call 412-351-7330, then press 9.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All 2024 meetings are also listed on the borough's website: www.foresthillspa.gov, or contact the borough office for meeting dates, 412-351-7330 x0.

7 p.m. in Council Chambers or via zoom: August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18
Committee Meetings:

Borough Property, Public Works, Public Safety, Operations & Policy: September 3, October 1, November 7, December 3

Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

Shade Tree & Shrub Committee: August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13

Planning Commission: August 29, September 26, October 24, December 4

Recreation Board Meetings: September 4, October 7, November 4

Zoning Board: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

Environmental Advisory Council: August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

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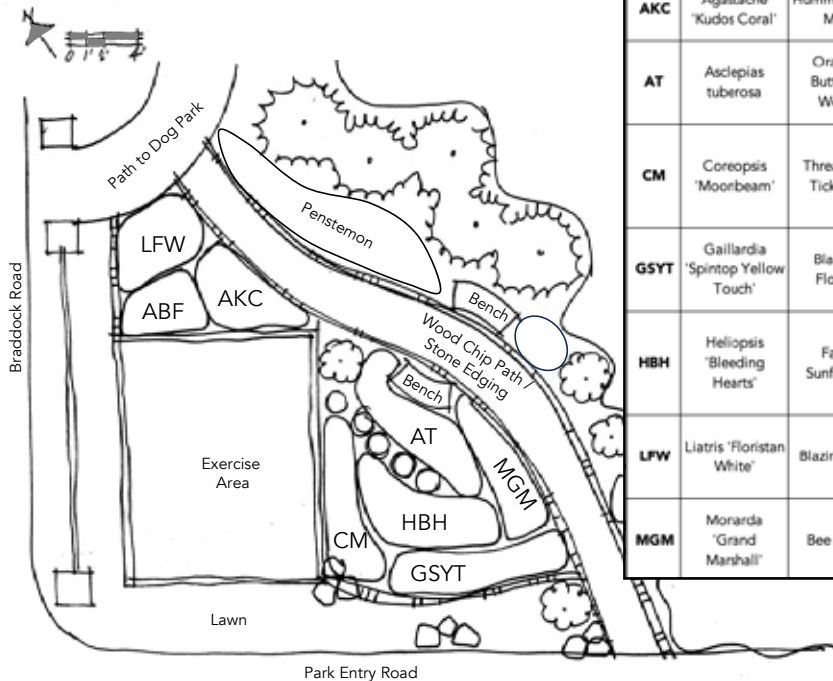
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Key	Botanical Name	Common Name	Aspect	Description
ABF	Agastache 'Blue Fortune'	Hummingbird Mint	Sun, part sun	Upright, violet-blue spikes. Pollinator magnet. Native and deer resistant.
AKC	Agastache 'Kudos Coral'	Hummingbird Mint	Sun, part sun	Upright, coral-orange spikes. Pollinator magnet. Native and deer resistant.
AT	Asclepias tuberosa	Orange Butterfly Weed	Sun	Dry to average soil. Orange blooms. Pollinator magnet. Emerges late in spring. Native and deer resistant.
CM	Coreopsis 'Moonbeam'	Threadleaf Tickseed	Sun	Dry to average soil. Mounded habit. Pale creamy yellow blooms. PPA winner. Native and deer resistant.
GSYT	Gaillardia 'Spintop Yellow Touch'	Blanket Flower	Sun	Great option for hot, dry spot in lean soil. Long blooming. Native and deer resistant.
HBH	Heliopsis 'Bleeding Hearts'	False Sunflower	Sun, part sun	New variety with sunset orangish-red petals. Grow 2'-4" tall, average soil. Native and deer resistant.
LFW	Liatris 'Floristan White'	Blazing Star	Sun	Tall spires of pure white blossoms, pollinator magnet, great cut flower. Native and deer resistant.
MGM	Monarda 'Grand Marshall'	Bee Balm	Sun to part shade	Deep purple-red, 28" tall, mildew resistant. Mt. Cuba Center favorite. Native and deer resistant.

Pollinator-friendly specimens in the new garden are:

- Agastache "Blue Fortune" and "Kudos Coral" (Hummingbird Mint);
- Orange Butterfly Weed; Coreopsis "Moonbeam" (Threadleaf Tickseed)
- Galardia "Spintop Yellow Touch" (Blanket Flower)
- Heliopsis "Bleeding Heart" (False Sunflower)
- Blazing Star; and Monarda "Grand Marshall" (Bee Balm).