



Woodland Hills School District  
Dr. Daniel Castagna, Superintendent

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Dear Churchill Borough residents,

As valued members of our community, the Woodland Hills School District would like to alert residents that demolition of the former Shaffer Elementary at 37 Garden Terrace in Churchill is about to begin. Contractors anticipate being on site at the end of October/beginning of November to begin the demolition process.

Woodland Hills is excited to begin this long-awaited project. The demolition of Shaffer Elementary is a critical step for the rehabilitation of the property. The Woodland Hills School District and its contractors will ensure that the demolition of the building is conducted in a fashion that ensures the health and safety of our neighbors. The process will include thorough asbestos removal and abatement, deconstruction of the building, landscaping and asphalt removal, sewage and waterline work, potential pest control, and more.

We understand that major construction projects in residential neighborhoods can be disruptive. The district and its contractors will take every possible step to mitigate the impact on our neighbors, including limiting truck traffic, suppressing construction dust, constructing protective fencing and signage, and monitoring stormwater drainage.

The plan for the future development of the site is a collaboration between the borough and the district. This project will help transform the site into an attractive parcel that can be utilized to benefit the neighborhood and the community as a whole.

The Woodland Hills School District appreciates the patience and understanding of our community members during this project and asks that all residents be mindful of any fencing or blocked off areas to ensure their safety. If you have questions or concerns about the demolition of the Shaffer building, please contact Daniel Bridge, Director of Buildings and Grounds for the Woodland Hills School District, at [briddda@whsd.us](mailto:briddda@whsd.us) or 412-731-1300 ext. 0192.

Sincerely,  
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