

# FOX CHAPEL BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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## LIBRARY PROGRESS

Construction of the new library is well underway on Fox Chapel Road. The General Contractor, R.D. Stewart Company, continues to make steady progress. The red brick will match that of the federalist-style Borough Building. The library will be completed by summer 2011.



Over \$5.8 million is pledged toward the \$6 million goal to cover costs for the new library. Named the Cooper-Siegel Community Library after receiving a lead gift from the Cooper-Siegel Family Foundation, it will be run by the independent Community Library Association. It will boast the latest technology, an increased book collection, expanded children's room, and study, reading,

and meeting rooms. The Borough of Fox Chapel has provided the land as well as leadership support for the project.

Fundraising continues on the project. If you are interested in learning more about charitable gifts, naming opportunities or the project in general, contact Stephanie Flom, Executive Director, Community Center and Library Association at 412/828-8566 x 16. 🐾

## NIXLE

The Borough has begun using a new communications service that allows important Borough information to be sent directly to residents. The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to deliver messages to those who subscribe. Messages may include road closures, public safety issues and other relevant Borough information. The service is free, reliable and has no hidden costs. Residents can choose how they wish to receive the information: e-mail, text message or over the web. Visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) for additional information or to register for this service. 🐾

## A CHILD IS MISSING ALERT

In the Police Department's ongoing efforts in pre-planning for missing person incidents, the Department has teamed up with the "A Child is Missing" program. Once activated by the Police Department, this service will call residents who have listed phone numbers in the phone book and alert them of a missing child, elderly person or disabled person within the Borough. Residents who wish to receive this information via text message or by e-mail can register on-line at [www.achildissing.org](http://www.achildissing.org). 🐾

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## GARBAGE SURVEY

The Borough recently conducted a garbage collection survey to determine whether residents were willing to change collection methods due to the escalating costs associated with back door service. The results are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Keep Current Collection	256
Curbside Unlimited	177
Curbside Unlimited – Cart	60
Remove from Tax Base	63

Borough officials have met with the garbage consultant and have instructed her to proceed with the preparation of the specifications based on the premise of keeping the current collection system with some modifications to improve service to all residents and reduce costs. If the bids result in higher than expected costs, Council may need to consider other collection options. The Borough is also interested in expanding the current recycling program and will investigate the possibility of including more items and looking into ways of making the recycling process easier for residents. We'll keep you posted! 🐾

### RECYCLING LEAVES

The 2008 Fall Newsletter contained an extensive front-page article on leaf recycling. If you are interested in reading this article again, you can find the Newsletter on the Borough's website at [www.fox-chapel.pa.us](http://www.fox-chapel.pa.us). The Borough encourages its residents to leave or place leaves on the wooded areas of their property as this is a more environmentally sound practice than having leaves picked up and hauled to a compost facility. 🐾



### DEER MANAGEMENT

During the 2009-2010 hunting season, a total of 134 deer were removed, 34 by archers, 83 by police sharpshooters and 17 by vehicles. This compares with 178 deer removed the year before, 33 by archers, 127 by police sharpshooters and 18 by vehicles.

Saturday, September 18th, marked the beginning of archery season for white-tailed deer in Pennsylvania. As in previous years, the Borough will assist residents who want to have a hunter on their property by providing a pre-qualified archer as long as there is an adequate safety zone on the property. While the law allows you to give permission to any licensed archer to hunt

on your property, we strongly encourage you to obtain a pre-qualified archer through the Borough by contacting Chief David Laux. Experience gained over the years clearly shows that the archers in the Borough's pool of archers are much more proficient at removing deer than non-pool archers.



The second part of the Borough's deer management program will involve the use of police officers to shoot deer at night at selected sites throughout the Borough. All meat obtained in this manner will be donated to the needy. The permit for this aspect of the program extends from February 1st to September 30th but generally all such activity ceases from April through August.

If you have any questions about the Borough's program, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Laux at 412/963-7220 x 16. 🐾

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Shorter days and cooler temperatures once again signal that autumn is here, marking the beginning of yet another leaf season. It is recommended that residents take the environmental approach by having the leaves blown into the woods to allow for natural decomposition. Collection will begin on Monday, October 18th, and will continue into December (brush and decorative grasses are not included). Once a complete pass has been made through the Borough, the crews will start over on the first street and continue again throughout the Borough.

All leaves should be deposited on the lawn BEHIND the curb or road edge, not on the pavement or in the gutter. This is important because leaves placed in the street can become soggy from street runoff which makes them extremely difficult to vacuum and increases the time required to vacuum them up. It also creates a safety problem by reducing the cart way available to motorists. (Ordinance No. 535 prescribes a penalty of \$1,000 for anyone placing such materials on a road.) Due to time and manpower, leaves placed further than 6 feet from the curb will not be collected. Borough personnel will not rake leaves down to the curb that are located outside the 6-foot limit. The final collection will start the week of December 6th and all leaves must be placed at the curb before December 6th. Due to the need to convert our trucks from collecting leaves to plowing snow and spreading salt, any leaves placed after that date will not be picked up. Please make certain to notify landscapers of the cutoff date and the need to keep the leaves off the street.



A note to all residents. Last year, the public works department experienced great difficulty collecting leaves because the leaves began falling early and steady causing longer than normal delays between collections. Please be aware that should the Borough experience the steady falling of leaves again this fall, and most likely will due to the extremely dry summer we experienced, it could take as long as three weeks between collections. (Sometimes it takes Borough personnel an entire day to collect one street.) The public works department keeps a daily log of streets collected so the Borough is aware of the number of collections made on a particular street. Your patience during leaf collection is greatly appreciated. 🐾

## FALL TRASH COLLECTION

A fall rubbish and trash collection will be made the week of October 11th on the same day that your garbage and recyclables are normally collected. Please be sure to have all rubbish at the street by 7 AM on the day of your regular garbage collection. (Unlike weekly garbage collection, the fall trash collection is not backyard.)



“Rubbish” means all normal household rubbish or trash including old furniture, appliances (limited to what two men can lift onto a truck (no big-screen TVs)) rags, crockery, bicycles and other such items. Materials such as rocks, broken concrete, bricks, dirt, ashes, grass clippings, lawn debris, tree or brush trimmings and materials resulting from repairs, alterations or building construction will not be collected. Furthermore, no Freon-containing appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners or dehumidifiers will be collected unless the appliance bears a certification that the Freon has been removed.

(For a limited time, the Allegheny Health Department and the PA Resources Council are partnering to provide free curbside pickup and disposal of Freon-containing appliances. Call Appliance Warehouse at 1-888/GO-FREON to schedule a pickup.)

All rubbish must be set behind the curb or street edge. In the event of inclement weather during the collection period, it is possible the collection could be delayed, and your patience with the collection crews will be appreciated. One pass will be made through the Borough, and it is important that materials be set out on the day of your regular garbage collection since there will be no return trips. 🐾

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Borough will provide a curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All trees must be brought to the curb by Wednesday, January 12th, with the cut end facing the street. All trimmings must be removed. Inclement weather could delay collection. You can still bring your trees to the bins behind the Borough Building during normal bin hours (10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday & Sunday). 🐾

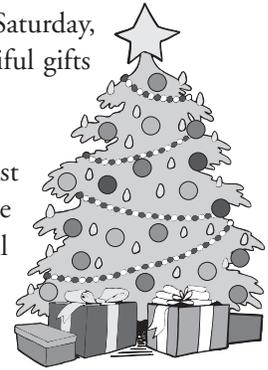
## GARBAGE COLLECTION/RUBBISH BIN HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Garbage collections normally scheduled for November 25th and 26th will be pushed back one day to Friday and Saturday, November 26th and 27th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There is no change to the collection schedule for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Rubbish bins are normally open Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. However, the bins will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. 🐾

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Fox Chapel Episcopal Church Guild will hold its 65th annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 13th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be many unusual specialties and beautiful gifts including homemade baked goods and intricate and original holiday treasures for everyone.

Members have been working hard to make this year's Bazaar as special as those in the past by featuring fascinating accessories and assorted Christmas items. As always, there will be wonderful white elephant treasures, antiques and many jewelry items. The plant booth will feature hard-to-find bulbs and exotic house plants. This year's Guild members are also selling raffle tickets for a handmade "Garden Trellis" quilt. Don't miss this holiday tradition in Fox Chapel. Come browse and enjoy the delicious refreshments at the complimentary tea table. You're sure to be put in a festive holiday mood! 🐾



## GARBAGE PICKUP

Residents are reminded that garbage must be placed outside the garage door by 7AM. Driveways are to be kept clear of vehicles on the day of trash collection. If garbage is not out by 7 AM or if the driveway is blocked resulting in trash not being collected, Waste Management will not return until the next weekly collection. With winter weather approaching, Waste Management would also like to remind residents to keep driveways clear of snow and ice. If the driveway is not accessible due to dangerous/slippery conditions, garbage will not be collected. If bad weather is predicted on collection day, it is recommended that the garbage cans be placed at the curb to ensure pickup. Your cooperation is appreciated. 🐾

## UNSOLICITED NEWSPAPERS

If you want to stop receiving unsolicited materials from the Pittsburgh Tribune Review including the Sunday Trib Express, please call 1-800/909-8742 and request that your address be removed from the circulation list. 🐾

## HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31st, from 6 PM – 8 PM. The Police Department will be out in force patrolling Borough streets to make certain that all speed limits are being obeyed. Parents should dress their children in light or reflective clothing and an adult or older child should accompany the very young. 🐾



## FOX CHAPEL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The leaves are changing, the kids are back in school, the air is becoming brisk – fall is here and in the year 2010 that can mean only one thing – the Follies are coming!! In only two short months, your friends and neighbors will be taking the stage to sing and dance their way through an enchanting evening of entertainment, extolling the virtues of living in this fabulous place that we call home.

This year for the first time ever, the Follies will be presented over two weekends in November. The dinner and show will be held at the Pittsburgh Field Club on November 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th and 20th. All monies raised will be split equally between the trail system and the new library and community center. Members of the Fox Chapel District Association have already received their invitations. If you are not a member, please check our website at [www.foxchapedistrictassociation.org](http://www.foxchapedistrictassociation.org), to join and secure your seat at what will surely be the hottest ticket in town! Keep in mind that the Fox Chapel District Association is committed to enhancing the quality of life in our area, and the Follies are the primary fund-raiser that enables us to continue to support projects not fully funded by taxpayer dollars. Hope to see you there! 🐾

## THE WOMEN'S BOARD OF PITTSBURGH

The Women's Board of Pittsburgh presents "A Trot Through Tuscany", on Friday, January 28, 2011 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club to benefit Riding for the Handicapped of Western Pennsylvania. Doors open at 10 AM for raffles and auctions. Enjoy a cooking demonstration at 11 AM by Chef Joseph Tambellini of Joseph Tambellini Restaurant in Highland Park followed by a luncheon at noon. For more information, contact Kathy Wiley at 412/963-0513. 🐾

## TENNIS SHOE RECYCLING



The Fox Chapel Garden Club is announcing the kick-off of its fourth tennis shoe recycling event. The drive will be done in partnership with Girl Scout Brownie Troop 50139. The campaign will run through October 31st. The goal is to collect 1000 pair of shoes which will be sent to Nike for their Reuse-a-Shoe-Program. Nike has been joined by Everlast and Converse in this project. The shoes are slit and ground and sorted into hard rubber for running tracks, soft rubber for playground mats, and the uppers (canvas and leather) into a layer used for shock protection in basketball courts. The project prioritizes supplying this material to schools in need. The recycled material is also used for other products such as clothing trim and floor tiles.

The program brings together a variety of local schools, businesses and organizations in a single cause. Brightly painted collection boxes can be found at the Fox Chapel High School, Fox Chapel Country Day School, Shady Side Academy, Fox Chapel Borough Building, most local schools, health clubs, churches and the Boyd Community Center. Shoes that are unable to be re-sold are also being collected at several thrift shops.



All brands of athletic shoes are accepted. No cleats, shoes with a large amount of metal (shanks) or wet shoes can be sent. The purpose of the program is to keep these used shoes out of the waste stream, to create awareness about unusual recycling programs and to engage young people in a beneficial environmental community program.

Fox Chapel Garden Club has been awarded a National Garden Club Federation Award for the Tennis Shoe Recycling. For more information, please contact Susie Williams (412/963-6912), Amanda Schaeffer (412/781-2291) or Marguerite Hannon (412/828-9401). 🐾

# Lauri Ann West Memorial Library

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www.lauriannwestlibrary.org

## Library Programs for Adults

**For more information on any of these programs, please send an email to lawestref@einetwork.net or call the Reference Dept. at 412-828-9520 x 15.**

A walking program for those over 50 is being held at the Lauri Ann West Memorial Library during the fall. The program is called **Wise Walk** and includes free programs about health and fitness. Those who sign up early are eligible for free gifts. No commitment to a time or a place to walk is required and walkers participate whenever they want and how much they want.

**The Cancer Project** is an organization led by *Dr. Neal Barnard* that provides information on the power of nutrition to reduce cancer risk. Beginning on **October 4th**, this organization will present four sessions of nutrition and cancer information titled Food for Life with live cooking demos followed by light meals. Registration before the event is required.

**Whole Foods Store** will present a healthy eating cooking demo and tasting in **October**.

The history of the **Pittsburgh Pirates** will be featured in an October talk titled B HYPERLINK "<http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/exhibits.aspx?ExhibitID=30>" eat'em Bucs – The Story of the 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates. Presented by Heinz History Center, the talk will allow the audience to re-live the Pirates improbable World Series win against the New York Yankees including Bill Mazeroski's shot heard "round the world".

A **UPMC Physician Lecture Series** begins **October 6th at 6:30 PM** featuring physician *Shirley Brandon* who will discuss strokes.

Local mystery author *Kathleen George* will speak at the library on **October 7th**. A wine and cheese reception will be held at **7:00 PM** followed by a talk by the author. A small fee will be charged for the reception.

The library will host a tea, coffee and chocolate tasting on **Saturday, October 9th, at 11:00 AM**. The event is free and will be presented by Margaret's Fine Imports in Squirrel Hill.

*Flavio Chamis*, a Brazilian composer and conductor nominated for a Latin Grammy award and was an assistant to Leonard Bernstein, will perform with his wife, **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** associate principal viola player Tatjana Mead Chamis, in a presentation titled Bach and Jazz, **October 21st, at 7:00 PM**.

On **November 7th at 7:00 PM**, the **Heinz History Center** returns for 57 Reasons to Visit Heinz History Center that includes local history, a brief overview of the Vatican exhibit, pickle pins and a trivia quiz with a prize.

On **November 27th** at the **Waterworks Barnes & Noble**, support the library at our Book Fair upon making purchases. Several authors will make appearances.

Flavors of **Cheesecake Factory** cheesecake will be sold as a library fundraiser beginning in October and continuing through Thanksgiving weekend.

Other Adult Programs and information include Computer Classes, Book Group Leader Kits, Knitting Group, Library Delivery to Homebound Residents, Book Discussion Groups and Book Group Leader Packets.

**Library Programs for Children include the following:**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Toddler Story Times     | Star Wars Fan Fest II                 |
| Preschool Story Time    | Spooky Stories                        |
| Baby Lap-sit Story Time | Get Crafty This Fall                  |
| Pajama Story Time       | Decorate a Mini-Gingerbread House     |
| Let's Build It!         | Who's the Best of the Best?           |
| Lego Days               | Happy Birthday Mickey Mouse!          |
| 2nd Annual Pumpkin      | Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows  |
| Decorating Contest      | Seasonal Story Time with Sally Aiken. |

For information regarding any of the adult programs, please contact the Reference Department at 412/828-9520 x 15 or email [HYPERLINK "mailto:lawstref@einetwork.net"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:lawstref@einetwork.net) lawstref@einetwork.net.; children's programs, 412/828-9520 x 18 or visit the library website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.lauriannwestlibrary.org"](http://www.lauriannwestlibrary.org) http://www.lauriannwestlibrary.org for information. Information on teen programs can also be found on the website.



**Parent Advocates for Learning Support**  
**P.O. Box 38022**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15238**

**Does your child have trouble with reading, writing, attention or organization?  
 Is school a daily struggle? Have questions about the special education process?  
 Are you struggling with the implementation of your child's I.E.P?  
 Do you need additional resources or help for your child?**

**We invite you to attend PALS meetings. We provide resources and opportunities to speak with other parents who listen, discuss and lend support about learning issues related to your child's educational needs.**

2010 - 2011 MEETING DATES			
September 7	(Tuesday)	7PM	LGI - High School
October 12	(Tuesday)	7PM	Boyd Community Cener
November 9	(Tuesday)	9AM	Panera
January 11	(Tuesday)	7PM	Boyd Community Center
February 8	(Tuesday)	9AM	Panera
March 8	(Tuesday)	7PM	Boyd Community Center
May 10	(Tuesday)	7PM	Boyd Community Center
June 2	(Thursday)	4-6PM	Longvue Country Club

Details about upcoming meetings can be found on the PALS website at [www.palsinfo.org](http://www.palsinfo.org) and also on the school's website at [www.fcasd.edu](http://www.fcasd.edu) , then click on Edline, and then select "FLYERS".

**For additional information contact:** Sarah Nickel – 412-977-9690 - [scncpa@aol.com](mailto:scncpa@aol.com)  
 Chris Baldwin – 412-963-9860 - [gebaldwin@aol.com](mailto:gebaldwin@aol.com)

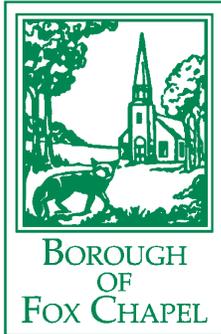
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**BOROUGH OF FOX CHAPEL  
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Walter A. Scott, III  
Peggy G. Jayme  
Daniel H. Sliger

Meets each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
at 7:30 P.M.

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Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March, June,  
September and December at 9:00 A.M.

**ZONING  
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Meets as needed each month on the  
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**Extensions:**

Administration .....0  
Building Permits/Zoning .....13  
Public Works .....19  
Sewer Department.....26

**Police Dept. 412-963-7220**

**MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.  
ALL RESIDENTS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.**